

# Saint Paul the Apostle

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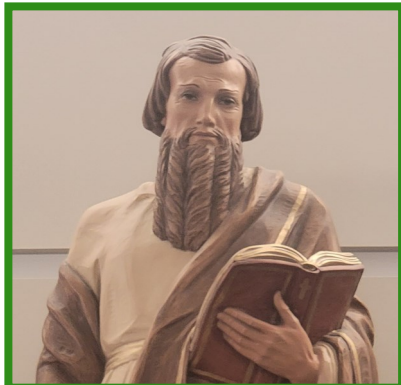
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**January 21, 2024 –Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Jesus said to them,  
“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”  
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.



## Mass Intentions January 21, 2024

**Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM**

+ Lawrence Medina by the Medina Family  
+ Leroy Mascarenaz by Mable & Joe Mascarenaz  
Todd Patterson for a successful surgery and health  
by Carol Holman

**Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**7:30 AM**

+ Bill Sprouse by Connie Deahl-Smith

**10:30 AM**

+ Larry Martinez by Margo Thompson  
+ Liz Trauscht by the Bereavement Ministry

**(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**9:00 Am No mass intentions)**

**Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM**

A word service will be celebrated with Deacon Pat  
4:00 PM Divine Mercy and Adoration  
but no confessions

**Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM**

+ George Carmona by Frances Aragon  
+ Clifford Benson by Gaylene

**Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 AM Mass**

+ Bill Sprouse by Connie Deahl Smith

**10:30 AM Mass**

+ Elizabeth Trauscht by Mike & Debbie Fiorenzi  
+ Conrad Kok Chimum by the Kok Chimum Family  
+ Susanne Alston by Tochter

### Hour For Life

Pro-Life of Southern Colorado will hold their Annual Hour for Life this Sunday, January 21, at 1 pm. Oasis Church, 347 S. Del Norte Avenue in Pueblo West will host the event. Attend and learn the facts about the two initiatives being proposed. See the flyers on the bulletin boards in the Narthex for more information. Bring a friend too!



Our Confirmation class on their Youth Net Retreat on 1/13/24



Left: Father and the congregation bless Tina and Gil Orr on their 58th anniversary

Below: Father baptizes Isla Rose Martin, daughter of Ashley & Jerney



### Rosary

Come join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary for Life **BEFORE** the weekend Masses



### Bingo

The Knights have Bingo @12:30 every Friday & St. Paul's has Bingo every Wednesday @12:30 pm. Bingo is also held the first Sunday every month at 5 pm & the 4th Friday of every month at 7pm. All are located at the Bingo Casino 4109 Club Manor Drive, Pueblo, CO 81008.

### Announcements

#### Ministry Schedule

All lectors, eucharistic ministers, and ushers please sign up on the February schedules posted in the Narthex. Thank you for your dedication to this ministry. If you are unable to serve, please call the office 719-647-1500 ASAP. Thank you!

#### Sacraments

Please call the office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or in need of any sacraments. 719-647-1500

We are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers PLEASE contact the office if interested.

### Legion of Mary... Mary undoer of knots presidium

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 5:30 in classroom C. If you know any Catholic living in Pueblo West who is homebound and wants to receive Holy Communion, please contact Carla Begel at 904-655-7501. If you wish more information about the LOM contact Carla or Robert Begel at 904-866-5065

## Youth Corner

The Giving Tree was an amazing success! Over 100 kiddos received multiple gifts and 16 families got full Christmas meals. We assisted children from our parish, Minnequa Elementary, Belmont Elementary, and Franklin Elementary. We also donated gifts to kiddos at the YWCA, filled blessing boxes in the neediest places in Pueblo, and loaded up those who directly work with our homeless community, especially our homeless youth. We would like to extend our deepest thanks to all those who prepped, shopped, donated, wrapped, and delivered all these Christmas blessings. We would especially like to recognize and thank Deacon Pat, Barbara & Ed Israel, and PW Safeway's Family Helping Families for their very generous donations. We are so grateful and appreciative to all those who helped us bless so many this Christmas season.

We would like to thank the members of our parish for a very successful Cookie Walk! We raised \$1,007 which will be used to send our teens to Steubenville of the Rockies retreat in June. Thank you to all who baked, donated, and purchased these tasty treats for a great cause!

SPA Religious Ed students performed for Christmas Eve Mass. We would like to especially thank Presley Johnson, Violet & Lily Peltier, and Tommy, Jack, Peter, Frank, and Rebecca Raphael for performing in the prelude as well as all of the students who participated in the Living Gospel, served, and sang in the choir. You did a beautiful job.



## **Gospel Mediation for January 21, 2024 ©LPI**

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies. — *Father John Muir*

## **Please remember our Sick and Homebound**

**Connie Billinger**  
**Patricia Cordova**  
**Cortese Family**  
**Janet Cruz**  
**Olga Dick**  
**Char Finch**  
**Robert Hayman**  
**Lloyd Jacquez**  
**Mary Lontine**  
**Isiah Maez**  
**Cameron Martin**  
**Dorothy Orr**  
**Kirsten Pachek**  
**Kai Pedersen**  
**Shirley Palacio**  
**Christine Dickson**  
**Tony Torres Jr.**  
**Judy Howard**  
**Martha Archuleta**  
**Steve Olsen**  
**Kathy Krueger**  
**Angela Vigil**  
**Mary Jo McDermott**  
**Renee Hadad**  
**Cichon**  
**James Hiner**  
**Carol Edgeworth**

**Norman Kuhns**  
**Carol Kuhns**  
**Cheryl Salay**  
**Frank Palacio**  
**John O'Day**  
**Jack Mattingly**  
**Linda Wilson**  
**Linda Welte**  
**James Derr**  
**Claudia Schopf**  
**Any Huth**  
**Alejandra Escheveste**  
**Gordon Messer**  
**Jason Bilberry**  
**Gina Hedquist**  
**Marvin Odefey**  
**Candice Taravella**  
**Claude Hayward**  
**Sophia Doran**  
**Joe Ortega**  
**Don Carlson**  
**Charles Marmolejo**

## **Readings for the week of January 21, 2024 ©LPI**

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/  
 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

**Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28