



# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*“be doers of the word not hearers only.....” James 1:22*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FEBRUARY 21 & 22, 2026**



“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.’”

But the serpent said to the woman: “you certainly will not die!

No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.”

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. The the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loin cloths for themselves. (Gen 3:1-7)

## WELCOME TO ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH!

**PASTOR**

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

**Saturday:**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday:**

**8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.**

**12 p.m. (Español)**

### DAILY MASS TIMES:

**Monday-Saturday:**

**8:15 a.m.**

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday—Friday –10a.m. to 4p.m.**

**Saturday: 10 a.m. to 12Noon**

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Saturday:  
8:00 p.m.  
Sunday:  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.  
2 p.m. (Español)

**DAILY MASS TIMES:**

Monday-Saturday:  
8:15 a.m.

**DEVOTORY HOUR:**

Monday-Saturday:  
8:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

**CONFESSIONS:**

Monday-Friday, (not Wed.)  
7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.  
Saturday:  
3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.  
Or by appointment

**ADORATION CHAPEL:**

Monday—Thursday  
12 p.m. –10:00 p.m.  
Friday All Night Adoration  
8:00 a.m. to Sat. 8:00 a.m.

**SAINT JAMES**  
Catholic Church & School

**LENTEN PARISH TALKS****On the 7 Capital Sins:****PRIDE, LUST, GREED, ENVY, SLOTH, WRATH, GLUTTONY**

To help with our Lenten journey, Father Angel, is giving meditation times several Tuesdays in Lent - beginning on **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6pm in English and 7pm in Spanish - in the church.** The first theme: *The Heart Turned Away: Pride, Envy & Wrath*

Come and spend some time reflecting on what impact sin has on our relationship with the Lord and with each other. These following talks are scheduled for:

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, & March 17<sup>th</sup> ending with a Parish Penance Celebration on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - 6pm.** with several priests helping.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Each Friday during Lent  
**7:00 p.m. in the Church**  
Come and walk the stations of  
the Cross with our Lord.

**ST. JAMES LENTEN FISH FRY**

Our Knights of Columbus work very hard to provide a delicious fish meal each Friday. Bring your family and come and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners. See back of bulletin for more details!

**Want to do something good for Lent?**

The Rosary Team has been coordinating parishioners to volunteer to pray the Rosary in nursing facilities near St. James.

Volunteers usually pray weekly in a group setting with the residents:

Ruth Schmuki, | Facility: Sunrise At Cherry Creek | CO Denver

"Meet the Team" and "Volunteers": <https://therosaryteam.org>

**LENTEN-INSPIRED PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS FROM SAINTS,**

**St. Augustine of Hippo...**"Lord, my heart is restless until it rests in You. In this season of Lent, quiet my distractions and draw me into Your peace, so that my soul may find its true home in Your love."

**St. Teresa of Ávila...**"Jesus, my Beloved, teach me to let go of all that keeps me from You. May my fasting be not only from food, but from pride, impatience, and self-will, so that I may walk more freely in Your light."

**St. Francis of Assisi...**"Most High and Glorious God, cleanse my heart of all that is not of You. In this holy season, help me to embrace humility, love my neighbor, and see Your face in the poor and forgotten."

**St. John Chrysostom...**"Lord, let my fasting be a feast of kindness. May my prayers rise like incense, my words be gentle, and my hands be quick to serve, so that my Lent may be pleasing to You."

**St. Catherine of Siena...**"Eternal Father, through the precious blood of Your Son, wash me clean. Let my heart burn with love for You, and may my Lenten journey lead me deeper into the mystery of Your mercy."

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE:**

Invite someone and come and listen  
to the Good News that God has  
a plan for your life and knows your  
worries and struggles.

Monday at 8:00pm in Parish Hall

**Childcare is provided!**

**MARRIAGE PREP CLASSES**

Begin: **Monday, 2/23/26**  
**at 6:00 p.m.**  
**in the Parish Hall**

You do not need to pre-register - just come to the class.

**ENCOUNTER JESUS: Listening with the Heart**

Incerpts from Archbishop Aquila, Lenten message

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we begin this holy season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, the Church marks our foreheads with ashes and speaks the ancient words: “**Repent and believe in the Gospel.**” These words are not merely a ritual formula; they are a personal invitation. Lent is a time of conversion, a time to return to the Lord with all our hearts.

This Lent is unique for us in the Archdiocese of Denver. In God’s Providence, we are living through a moment of transition in episcopal leadership. The Lord, who is always faithful to his Church, has blessed us with a new shepherd, Archbishop-designate James R. Golka. Transitions can stir many emotions: gratitude, hope, uncertainty, even a sense of loss. Yet they can also bring moments of grace. They remind us that the Church belongs not to any one man, but to Jesus Christ. He is the Good Shepherd who never ceases to guide his flock.

Our God is not distant or indifferent. He hears. He sees. He knows. He loves us even when we are far from him. Divine listening precedes divine action. And if God listens to us, how much more must we learn to listen to him first before we speak or act?

Lent invites us to create space for this listening. In a world filled with noise — constant news, endless commentary, social media and hurried conversations — silence can feel uncomfortable. Yet silence is the soil in which the Word of God takes root. Without silence, the Word remains on the surface of our lives. With silence, it penetrates our hearts. When you pray with the Gospels this Lent, I encourage you to ask: Do I hear Jesus speaking to me personally? When he addresses the disciples, the crowds, the sick, the sinners, do I also recognize that he is speaking to me, in a deeply personal way? Is Jesus the one who is my true teacher, forming my heart and mind? Is he enlightening my decisions, not only in church, but also in my family life, my work, my friendships, [archden.org](http://archden.org) | 1 Pastoral Note | Lent 2026 how I treat my enemies and those who persecute me, my use of time and resources? Or do I listen more attentively to the voices of culture, politics, the evil one or my personal preference? Conversion begins when we allow Jesus to become more than just an admired figure or distant Lord. It begins when we allow him to speak directly to our lives, and when we are willing to obey.

The more intimate we become with Christ, the more we are freed from sin. Through relationship with Jesus, we experience more than mere self-improvement. We allow Jesus to love us and to heal us in his grace, rather than our own willpower. As we draw near to him in prayer, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and in the Eucharist, we find that our attachments to earthly things and behaviors begin to loosen. What once seemed irresistible begins to lose its power.

This is the heart of Lent: deeper friendship with Jesus.

In this season, I encourage every family and parish in our Archdiocese to take up concrete practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Spend time each day with the Word of God. Approach the Sacrament of Confession with renewed trust. Attend Mass not out of obligation, but with a longing to worship the Father and to receive the One who gives himself completely for you. Consciously offer your life with the one sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross to the Father.

Finally, to learn to pray from the heart, do not be afraid to ask Jesus for a deeper faith, trust and confidence in him. The simple prayer we find in the Gospel, “I do believe, help my unbelief” (Matthew 9:24), can be made by every disciple.

In closing, as we journey together through this holy season, let us entrust ourselves to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who listened perfectly to the Word, allowed it to become flesh within her and stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross. May she teach us to listen with open hearts, to trust in God’s Providence and to offer our own faithful “yes.” May this Lent be a true time of conversion for each of us and for our archdiocese, so that in this season of transition and grace we may grow in deeper faith, firmer hope and more ardent charity and find our hearts renewed by the mercy of Christ. With gratitude for your faith and with my heartfelt prayers for each of you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila Archbishop  
Emeritus of Denver Apostolic Administrator



Please join the St. James Knights of Columbus for our annual

# LENTEN FISH FRY

St. James  
Catholic Church  
13th & Oneida

Friday Nights  
Feb. 20 - Mar. 27  
4:30 - 7:00

Family  
(Immediate)  
\$50.00

Adults  
\$17.00

Kids  
(12 & Under)  
\$5.00



## Parishioners & Friends Who Need Our Prayers

Opal Every, Virginia Royce, Tom Dobler, Terry Lenzo, Gary Slaven, Paul Lamb, John Howe, Sean Howe, Donny Higgins, Larry & Grace Schnackenberg, Patricia Janin, Darrell Welsh, Regina Reaves, Mila Koch, Loretta Salazar, Victor Salazar, Janea Davis, Michael Black, Joan Dotson, Fran Combs, Robin Oye, Anna Gonzalez, Kenneth Stegman, Lynette Stegman, Rosemary Bunzel, Mick Rice, Allen Gould, Cecilia Mandujano, Michael Williams, Randolph Gurule, Kelly Malone, Jane Hakala, Julian C de Baca, Santiago Adame, Levi Mondragon, Matilda Soto, Fred & Eddie Fyles, Michael Danahey & Family, Lucy Ambriz, Carol Hovell-Genth, Pat Nash, Leticia Vitervo, Dominic Paolucci, Thomas Glatfelter.

If you know of someone who is sick and needs of prayers, please call: Cathy at 303-322-7449.

## Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions—either for a living person or for a deceased person. To request a Mass intention, please call the parish office.—303-322-7449

### SUNDAY, 2/22/2026 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m.....Debbie Grossmann

10:00 a.m.....+Antonio Alamillo, Jr.

12 Noon.....+Isaac & Dolores Lopez & Family

### Monday, 2/23/26-Lenten Weekday - St. Polycarp, bishop, martyr

8:15 a.m..... +Phyllis Brooks

### Tuesday, 2/24/26 - Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m.....+Laurie Jerin

### Wednesday, 2/25/26—Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m.....+Tina Giesler

### Thursday, 2/26/26—Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m.....+Isaac & Dolores Lopez & Family

### Friday, 2/27/26 - Lenten Weekday/St. Gregory of Narek, abbot

8:15 a.m.....Anthony & Haley Paolucci

### Saturday, 2/28/26—Lenten Weekday

8:15 a.m.....Celeste Thomas

4:00 p.m..... +John J. Kowalski



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Preparation classes for Baptism in English—children under seven years old are held each month.

Call Jim Winders at 303-854-4446 for the English Class.  
Spanish Baptism Class, – call Parish Office—303-322-7449



### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

For Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, or a visit by a priest, please call 303-322-7449.



### SACRAMENT OF MARRIGE

Arrangements are made at least **twelve months in advance.**  
Call Parish Officefordetails.