



# SAINT JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**MAY 16 & 17, 2026**



***“...as they were looking on,  
He was lifted up,  
and a cloud  
took Him from their sight.  
While they were looking  
intently at the sky  
as He was going,  
suddenly two men dressed  
in white garments  
stood beside them.  
They said,  
‘Men of Galilee, why are  
you standing there looking  
at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been  
taken up from you  
into heaven will return in  
the same way  
as you have seen Him  
going into heaven.’”***  
*Acts of Apostlse 1:9-11*

## WELCOME TO ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH!

### 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  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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**HOLY HOUR:**

Monday-Saturday:  
7:00 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  
9:00 a.m. to Sat. 8:00 a.m.

Big THANK YOU to all who participated in the Mother’s Day Brunch fundraiser for St. James, last weekend - all those who attended and especially those who cooked, served and cleaned up! It was a great success!

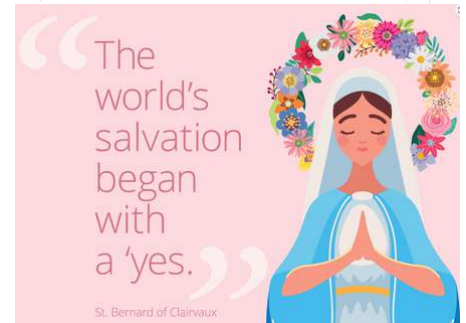
**A MONTH THAT MIRRORS MARY**

May is when the world comes alive again.

Flowers bloom, trees turn green, and sunshine warms things up after long months of cold. It makes sense that the Church chose this month to honor Mary, the woman through whom Life Himself entered the world.

Mary’s “yes” to God changed everything.

Just as spring brings fresh beginnings, Mary brought hope, mercy, and Christ into a world starved for light.



*Piano*  
**RECITAL**

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m.

Parish Hall  
by Joseph Ritzer



Merry-Go-Round of Life (from Howl’s Moving Castle)

Joe Hisaishi  
Arranged for piano by Animenz

Kiss the Rain  
Yiruma

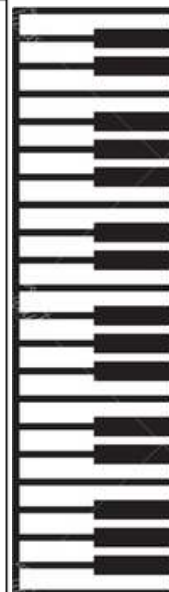
Confessions in the Moonlight (from Castle in the Sky)

Joe Hisaishi  
—Intermission—

Liebestraume No. 3 In A-flat Major, S.541/3  
Franz Liszt

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 846  
From the Well-Tempered Clavier, Book 1  
Johann Sebastian Bach

Polonaise in A-flat Major, Op. 53 (Heroic)  
Frederic Chopin




**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

**Mr. Pedro Moncada**

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*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*




Honoring Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila’s  
50 Years of Priesthood

Friday, June 5, 2026 | 4 PM | John Paul II Center  
1300 South Steele Street, Denver

Archbishop Aquila will celebrate a special outdoor Mass in thanksgiving for this milestone anniversary. The liturgy will be followed by fellowship, food, and refreshments as we gather in gratitude and celebration.

All are welcome to join this joyful occasion.

- Admission is free

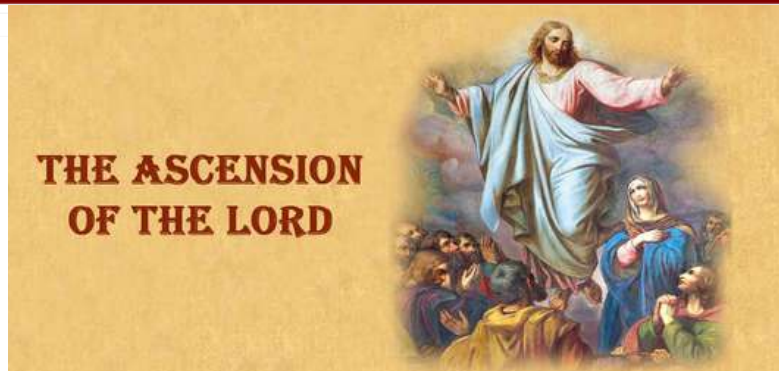


**Saturday, June 6, 2026, 5:30 PM**



Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**Eucharistic Procession**  
through the streets of Denver



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

We celebrate our Lord's Ascension, which took place forty days after his Resurrection. We recount with joy the day when Christ completed his earthly mission and returned to the Father to reign in majesty and to be the judge of the living and the dead.

**Christ completed the Father's work on earth as a mission of obedience to the will of God. Its purpose was and is to bring eternal life to every human being.** We may ask: how do I feel about Christ's obedience unto death, how does it touch me, and what role do I play in the mystery being celebrated on Ascension of the Lord? **What is being asked of me as a follower of Christ?**

Perhaps we may feel little or nothing of note to reply to these questions, but we must not think for a moment that the saving events of Christ's life, death, Resurrection and Ascension have no meaning in our lives. We are all united to Christ and one another in the great mystery of salvation in Jesus Christ.

**We have "put on Christ,"** Saint Paul tells us, **by the fact of our Baptism,** so we cannot so easily walk away from the light and life being offered us in the Church. Of course, we have free will and cannot be stopped from rejecting God's call, but **the challenge is to cultivate God's life within us in order to bear lasting fruit.** We all must learn throughout our earthly sojourn what it means to really belong to Christ, to forget ourselves that others may have and to take up our cross each day and embrace our vocation without compromise. We are asked to follow the Lord without fear or regret.

**This is no easy task, but with the help of God's Holy Spirit, the promised Comforter, we can make progress in virtue and humility, asked of us by our having "put on Christ" at baptism.**

In the celebration of the Lord's Ascension we rejoice greatly for the assurance that future glory is realized in Jesus Christ and offered to the human race. This gift encourages us to desire deeply and always the glory of heaven. We wish to go to heaven where Christ has gone.

The apostles are asked by the angels, "Why are you gazing in astonishment at the sky? Just as you have seen Him ascend into heaven, so, in like manner, shall He return" (Acts 1.11).

**In the meantime, we are asked to put our hands to work and our hearts to God, doing the will of God,** in preparation for the return of our Savior at our death and at Christ's second coming in glory.

**The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the source of strength for those who witness to Christ.** We celebrate the Eucharist to dispose ourselves more completely to all that God has in store for those whom God loves and who love God. We ideally gather in a place of worship, where we ponder God's mercy, learning how the suffering of Christ becomes a way to glory.

Where Christ has gone we hope to follow. Each liturgical action is meant to lift us up further in joy and wonder for everything that God has accomplished on our behalf in Jesus Christ.

The risen and ascended Christ now reigns over creation, enabling the followers of Jesus to use their spiritual gifts for building up the body of Christ, the Church. The Ascension is linked to the Church's mission in all ages and is part of the dynamism that makes Christ known from generation to generation, to the ends of the earth.

May we never cease to thank God for bestowing such great gifts upon us individually and as a Church.

**ST. JAMES GALA**

Join us for an evening of fun and fundraising!

07 June | 5:00pm  
2026 | 10:00pm

Hors d'oeuvres 5:00PM  
Dinner 6:00PM

Live & Silent Auction  
\$100 Individual Admission  
\$150 Couple Admission

Dress code: Semi-Formal  
Guests must be 21 or older to attend

**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, 5/17/2026 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

8:00 a.m.....Hana DeHay & MaryAnn Cowan  
10:00 a.m.....Mariel Mandujano  
12 Noon.....+Lucy Muñoz

**Monday, 5/18/26- Easter Weekday - St. Paul 1, pope, mtyr.**  
8:15 a.m.....+Vincente Hoang Luong/ +Marie Noan Dinh

**Tuesday, 5/19/26 - Easter Weekday**  
8:15 a.m.....Joe & Maggie Witherow

**Wednesday, 5/20/26—Easter Weekday - St. Bernardine of Seiena**  
8:15 a.m.....Charlie Fleming/ Kristin Fleming

**Thursday, 5/21/26—Easter Weekday**  
8:15 a.m.....Peter Cronan/ Stephen Hegarty

**Friday, 5/22/26 - Easter Weekday - St. Rita of Cascia, religious**  
8:15 a.m.....Mike & Theresa Marion

**Saturday, 5/23/26—Easter Weekday**  
8:15 a.m.....+Pat Nash  
4:00 p.m.....Marie Hatfield

**Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish**

Opal Every, Virginia Royce, Tom Dobler, Terry Lenzo, Gary Slaven, 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, Fran Combs, Anna Gonzalez, Kenneth Stegman, Lynette Stegman, Rosemary Bunzel, Mick Rice, Allen Gould, Cecilia Mandujano, Michael Williams, Randolph Gurule, Kelly Malone, Jane Hakala, 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, Yesenia Carrillo-Burciaga, Rosa Jimenez, Rosa Salas, Daniel Kashinsky, Laticia Aquirra, Angel Sebastian Rodriguez-Guerra, Leonard Rodriguez-Segura, Carol Delaney, Leticia Vitervo, Maria Santos.

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

**HE IS RISEN!**

**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 Office for details.