



## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY (ANTICIPATORY)

4:00 PM

### SUNDAY

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

6:00 PM

### WEEKDAY

MON-FRI 12:10 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM

## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

FRIDAY 8:00 AM-12 NOON

## CONFESSION

SATURDAY 2:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 11:30 AM

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

MONDAY 1PM

THROUGH

THURSDAY 5PM

## ANGELIC ACCENTS GIFT SHOP

MONDAY-THURSDAY

10:00 AM-AFTER DAILY MASS

SUNDAY

8:00 AM-AFTER 11AM MASS

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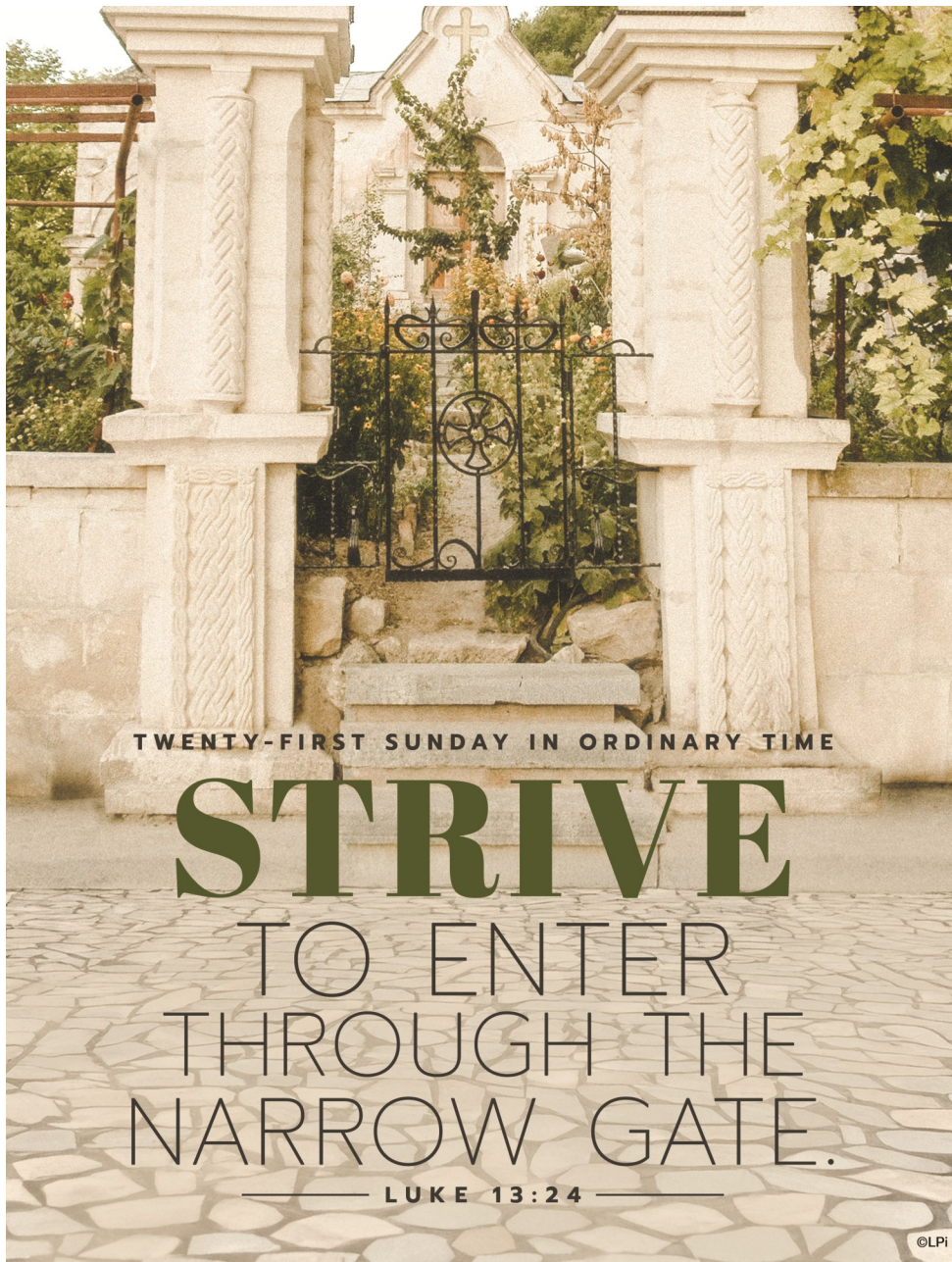


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	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS
Sunday August 24	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalm 117:1, 2 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30	7:00 AM +Ron Springer 9:00 AM +Steve Friedman 11:00 AM ++Virgil and Sue Landretti 6:00 PM People of St. Peter	8:00 AM-12:30 PM Gift Shop Open
Monday August 25	Saint Louis of France Saint Joseph Calasanz	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Matthew 23:13-22	12:10 PM ++Herb and Dorothy Friedl	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Tuesday August 26		1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6 Matthew 23:23-26	12:10 PM +Deidre Forgue	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open
Wednesday August 27	Saint Monica	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Matthew 23:27-32	12:10 PM +Angie Vega	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 11:30 AM Confession
Thursday August 28	Saint Augustine	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Matthew 24:42-51	12:10 PM Mary Blattner birthday	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Friday August 29	The Passion of St. John the Baptist	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mark 6:17-29	12:10 PM Dr. Mary Blattner	
Saturday August 30		1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 Matthew 25:14-30	9:00 AM Justyna Baustert, Diane Rey, Anita Burnias, Miguel Enriquez, Maria Teresa Fernandez, Matthew Beckage, Ryan Armstrong 4:00 PM +Ron McKenzie	2:00 PM Confession
Sunday August 31	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29    Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11    Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a    Luke 14:1, 7-14		



## Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

Today's readings are not gentle. They do not soothe us with soft promises or easy paths. Instead, they confront us with the reality of struggle, of discipline, of the narrow gate – and they ask us to see these not as punishments, but as gifts.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to “*strive to enter through the narrow gate.*” That word “strive” is not passive. It's not “wait patiently” or “coast comfortably.” It's *agonizomai* in Greek, the root of our word “agony.” It's the language of athletes straining in competition, of soldiers in battle, of saints in prayer. Jesus is saying: the path to salvation is not wide and well-paved. It is narrow, and it demands effort. But why would God make the gate narrow? Why not fling it open wide?

The answer, I believe, is found in the second reading from Hebrews. “*Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord,*” it says. “*For whom the Lord loves, He disciplines.*” And again: “*At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness.*” This is the spiritual equivalent of physical training. Anyone who's ever trained for a marathon, recovered from injury, or simply tried to get back in shape knows: growth hurts. Muscles ache. Breath shortens. You sweat, you strain, you want to quit. But the pain is not a sign of failure – it's a sign of transformation. The body is being stretched beyond its comfort so that it can become stronger. So it is with the soul.

God allows us to experience trials, not to break us, but to build us. Not to punish, but to purify. The narrow gate is not a trap; it's a threshold. And the discipline we endure is not rejection; it's preparation. Isaiah gives us the vision of what lies beyond that gate: a gathering of all nations, all tongues, all peoples. God sends messengers to the ends of the earth, not to condemn, but to call. And He promises to take even some of them – outsiders, foreigners – and make them priests and Levites. That's radical. That's grace. But grace doesn't mean ease. It means transformation. And transformation requires surrender.

When we face hardship – whether it's illness, conflict, loneliness, or spiritual dryness – let us not complain as though God has abandoned us. Let us not say, “Why me?” as though suffering were meaningless. Instead, let us say, “Lord, what are You training me for?” Let us ask, “What strength are You building in me?” Let us trust that the pain is not pointless, but purposeful. Because the narrow gate is not closed. It is open – but it requires strength to enter. And God, in His mercy, is giving us that strength through every challenge we face.

## Moms Group For Moms with Kids of All Ages!

2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM  
(confession is available at 11:00 AM)

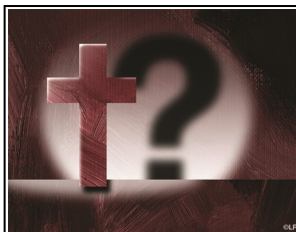
**1st Meeting: Wednesday, September 10th**  
In the church basement

3rd Thursday of the month  
during youth group (6:30 PM-8:00 PM)  
**Drop your kids at youth group and join us**  
**for fellowship with other moms!**

**1st Meeting: Thursday, September 18th**  
In the parish hall

Moms are welcome to come to one or both meetings. Children are always welcome!

**Text STPETERMOMS to 84576**  
**to join our contact list on flocknote**



**Have Questions  
About the Faith?  
We want to hear  
from you!**

This fall our priests' teaching series during the homily will be based on your questions about the faith.

What would you like to know about the faith or the Church? Have you ever wondered “Why do we do that?” or “Why do we believe that?” Submit your questions online or write them on paper and drop them in the question box in the foyer.



**Submission ends on August 31st.**

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## ROCKING THROUGH THE AGES



## Annual Auction Dinner

Saturday,  
October 18th

Online ticket sales  
begin  
September 13-14

In-person ticket sales  
after Masses starting  
September 20-21

# Parish Ministries

## PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

Brian and Matthew Berning, Francisco Botello, Jr., +Miles Flagg, Marcella and Jeanene Gallegos, Cathy Gigliotti, Kevin Keberlein, NJ King, Rob Minner, +Arthur Morel, Michael Morel, Gene Sanchez, Chris Schneller, Ruben Sendejo, Luis Temblador, +Mia Torrez, Karen Trainer



## Corporate Communion

August 31st at 11:00 AM Mass  
St. Mary Catholic Church  
Rosary at 10:30 AM

We will attend the going-away reception  
for Fr. Crispin after Mass  
(no brunch at the Eaton Country Club)



## Bear Catholic Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 13

Register at  
[bearcatholic.com/  
golf-tournament](http://bearcatholic.com/golf-tournament)

## Bear Catholic Campus Ministry For UNC and Aims Students

**Welcome Back, Students!**



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## Monday, September 1st

Office, Gift Shop, and Food Pantry Closed

Mass at 9:00 AM

Adoration begins on Tuesday, September 2 at 1:00 PM

## Are You Registered?

Registering is the formal and official way to be a part of our parish community. It is also important for scheduling sacraments, attaining sponsor certificates, and receiving donation statements for your taxes.

We have registration forms available in the office and at the church entrances. You can bring them to the office or put them in the offertory basket.

You can also register on our website.

[stpetergreeley.org/parish-registration](http://stpetergreeley.org/parish-registration)

## Why Is It Important for Me to Give Money to My Parish?

Not only is charitable giving a Precept of the Church that is required of us (see CCC 2043), it is also one of the primary ways in which we give back to God for what he has given to us. We are not required to give a specific amount of our money (tithing 10% is not required), but we are expected, from our hearts, to give back to God from the blessings that God has given us.

*"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work."*

—2 Corinthians 9:6-8

## Women Growing in Christ

**Our next gathering is Saturday, September 6th**

At 9:45 AM in the church basement

Women of all ages are welcome! Bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Susan LaBonde 970-353-3342

## Youth Group

### Fall Kick-Off

Thursday, September 11th | 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

At the rectory

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us!

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Gospel reading today starts with a question: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus offers only a simple reply: Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Many will try to enter and will not be able. Good stewards know there is only one, narrow gate. Not everything will fit. This narrow gate has no room for our accomplishments. No room for our money. No room for our possessions. No room for anything else but those who've been good stewards of the Gospel. We can't custom build our own gates either. There is only one, narrow gate that happens to be open for a time, but for how long? What is our plan of action to get through that gate?



### *Spiritual Adoption*

**I am 5 months old.**

Half-way there and just over one pound! If born today, I would have a chance of surviving... with lots of help, of course.

Your prayers have helped my mother with her pregnancy and helped her seek the support she needed the past few months since she learned about me.

## NEED PRAYERS?

Call our prayer line at 970-939-5869 or email [prayers@stpetergreeley.org](mailto:prayers@stpetergreeley.org). Please do not call the parish office.

To sign up to receive prayer requests, text PRAYERLINE to 84576

## Young Adult Group

Co-Ed Bible Study

Mondays at 7:30 PM at the youth center  
**Beginning in September, we will meet every other Monday at Zoe's Café.**

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:15 pm

Praise and Worship at St. Peter

Thursday, August 28th at 7:00 pm

Contact Katelyn Mendoza

970-691-1449

[katelyn.mendozaweiss@outlook.com](mailto:katelyn.mendozaweiss@outlook.com)

Text STPETERYA to 84576 to join our contact list on Flocknote.

## ST. PETER FOOD PANTRY

*We are in need of the following items:*

Spaghetti

Spaghetti Sauce

Fruit Cups

Apple Cups

Cooking Beans

Canned Vegetables

Instant Oatmeal (Single Packets)

Fresh Garden Vegetables (*bring day of or night before*)

*We are grateful for your continued generosity!*

### Food Pantry Hours

Mondays and Thursdays 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

If you find yourself in need, please utilize our pantry. We're here for you!

## *Around the Area*

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Open House and Seminar

September 13th, 2025

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Room 111

Appetizers provided

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An RE program for 3-9 year olds

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### That Man is You

Thursday mornings  
6:00 AM-7:00 AM

Starts September 18th

St Mary Parish Hall

Coffee and food provided

An interactive men's program designed to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



## Faith Formation

## Young Saints-in-Training

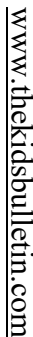
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## All in the Right Order

*What was one of the things Jesus said in today's Gospel reading about the people in the Kingdom of Heaven?*

*Follow the squiggly line to sort out the words.  
Start with "Some" in the top left corner.*



Modern Church History part 2 (Last Week)  
**Modern Church History part 3**  
 All About Vatican II (Next Week)

## Modern Church History part 3

## All About Vatican II (Next Week)

- Pope Pius X set about to reform aspects of Catholic life such as the liturgy, catechesis, and seminary education. He said that all the faithful should receive Holy Communion as often as possible. He also lowered the age of reception of 1st Communion from 14 to 7.
- Pius X rejected the evils of modernism, and in general was less engaged with modernity than Leo XIII.
- Pope Pius XI fought against totalitarian regimes like Mussolini's dictatorship in Italy. He believed that local governments should first have responsibility for the people closest to them, not the federal government. The United States' system of local, state, and federal governments is a good example of this, called "subsidiarity." "It is the responsibility of the highest authority, the national authority, to respect the prerogatives of and provide help to the 'lower authorities.'"
- Pius XI gave everything he had to fight against fascism and Nazism.
- Pope Pius XII, elected in 1939, issued the encyclical *Mystici Corporis Christi*, in which he said that the Church is "Christ's living body in the world," and that grace "empowers the Church for its mission in the world, which is a mission of conversion." (Weigel)
- Pius XII's encyclical *Mediator Dei* encouraged "active lay participation at Mass, for laypeople offer themselves to God in union with Christ when the Eucharist is celebrated in community." He also "described the liturgy as the vital center of Catholic life and mission and called all Catholics to make the rhythms of the Church's worship and liturgical year the pattern of their lives and religious practices." Many of Pius XII's ideas laid the groundwork for Vatican II.
- Pius XII also argued that government should include "virtuous leadership" that promoted an "equality of responsibility" in which citizens were free to follow moral law.
- Contrary to popular belief, Pius XII did advocate for the Jews during World War II, but exercised caution so as not to encourage the Nazis to kill even more Jews.
- It is also false that Pius XII and the Church helped to shield Nazi war criminals after the war. The Church always condemned Nazism, even if a few Catholics supported it.

—sources: *The Irony of Modern Catholic History*  
by George Weigel and *The Real Story of Catholic  
History* by Steve Weidenkopf

## "The Soul Grows By Learning"

—St. Augustine

Keep Your Faith Alive, No Matter Your Age  
Faith Formation Opportunities for Adults

### At St. Peter

Women Growing in Christ  
Meets 1st Saturday of every month  
from September-May



### Adult Faith Formation

For any adult who wants to learn about the faith  
Tuesday evenings beginning September 9th



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### Biblical School

At St. John the Evangelist in Loveland  
on Wednesday evenings  
Or online

### Catechetical School

At St. Francis of Assisi in Longmont  
on Thursday evenings  
Or online

### Enrichment Courses

#### **Online**

Living Like Saints (Thursday mornings)  
On Saints Catherine of Siena and Therese of Lisieux

Apologetics for the New Evangelization  
(Monday evenings)

The Catholic Imagination: A Literary History  
of the Church (Tuesday evenings)

Love of Wisdom: An Introduction to  
Philosophy (Thursday evenings)

#### **In-person in Denver**

Rivers of Living Water: The Gift of the Holy  
Spirit (Tuesday mornings)

Church History: Saints and Sinners  
(Wednesday evenings)

### That Man is You

Thursday mornings  
6:00 AM-7:00 AM  
at St. Mary's (begins Sept 18th)



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