

## 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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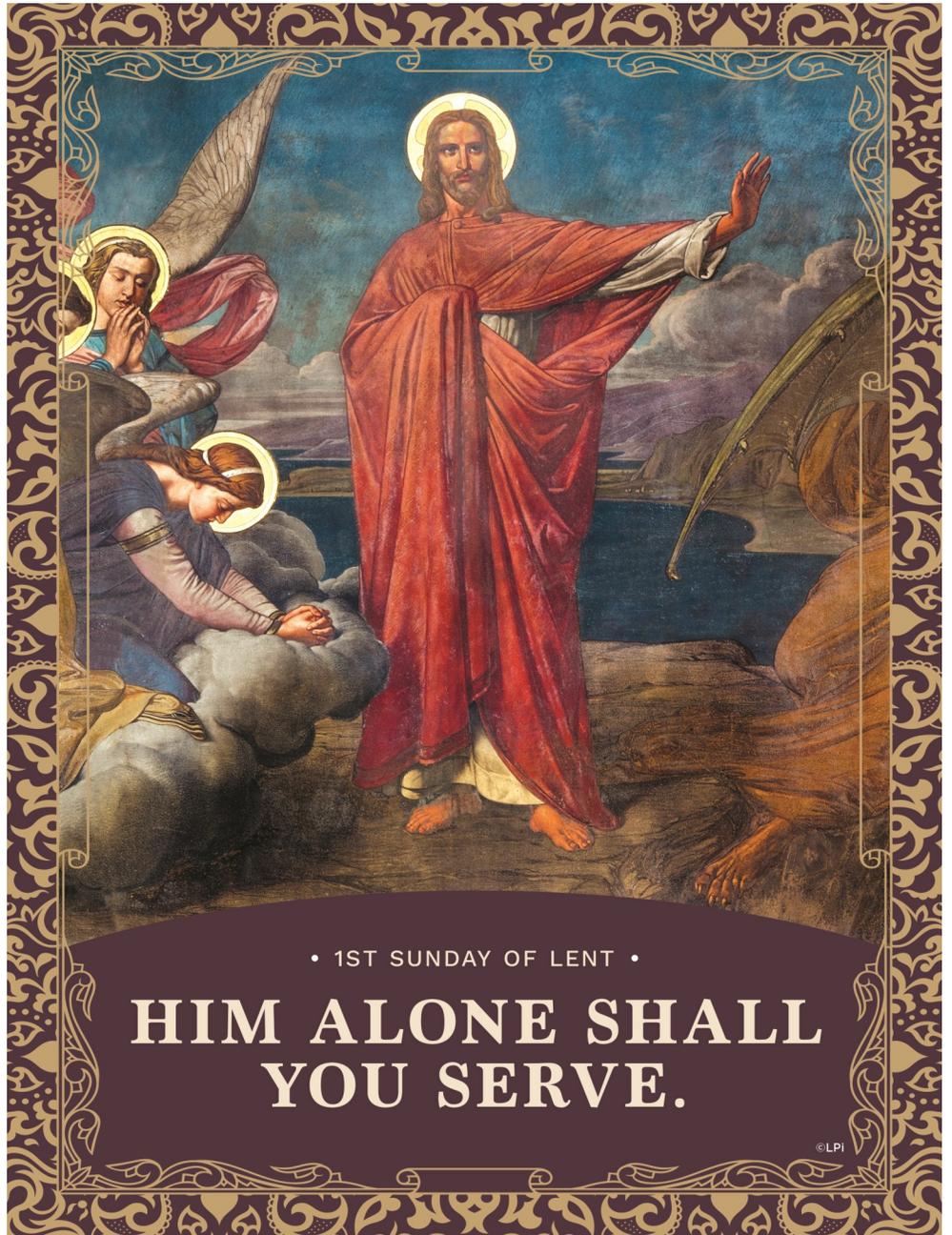


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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT  
FEBRUARY 22, 2026



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	OBSERVANCES	READINGS	MASS INTENTIONS	CHURCH EVENTS
Sunday February 22	1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Matthew 4:1-11	7:00 AM Duffert Family 9:00 AM People of St. Peter 11:00 AM Lucy Gallegos 6:00 PM Lorena Koffler	8:00 AM-12:30 PM Gift Shop Open Faith Formation Classes
Monday February 23	Saint Polycarp	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Matthew 25:31-46	12:10 PM +Catherine Coombs	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open
Tuesday February 24		Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Matthew 6:7-15	12:10 PM Gwen Neff	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation
Wednesday February 25		Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32	12:10 PM +Juan Jose Mireles, Jr	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 11:30 AM Confession
Thursday February 26		Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Matthew 7:7-12	12:10 PM +Robert Vasquez, Jr.	10:00 AM-1:00 PM Gift Shop Open 1:00 PM Food Pantry Open 6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group
Friday February 27	Saint Gregory of Narek	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Matthew 5:20-26	12:10 PM Ann Obrzut	1:00 PM Quilter's Group 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross 6:40 PM Lent Supper
Saturday February 28		Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Matthew 5:43-48	9:00 AM Mary & Richard Gallegos 4:00 PM Sharon Hodge	2:00 PM Confession
Sunday March 1	2nd Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a    Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.    2 Timothy 1:8b-10    Matthew 17:1-9		

## Fr. Tomasz's Weekly Reflection

On this First Sunday of Lent, the Church places before us two scenes: the Garden of Eden and the desert. In both, a human being stands before temptation. In both, the tempter whispers. But the outcomes could not be more different. And the difference teaches us something essential for Lent: sin is not inevitable. It is chosen. And because it is chosen, it can also be refused.

In the first reading, Adam and Eve stand in a paradise of abundance. They lack nothing. Yet when the serpent speaks, they listen. They reach. They take. They choose. Nothing forced them. Nothing compelled them. The devil cannot make anyone sin. He can only propose. The tragedy of Eden is not that human beings were weak, it is that they freely surrendered their freedom.

Saint Paul, in the second reading, makes this point clear: *"Through one man's disobedience, many were made sinners."* Disobedience is an act of the will. It is a decision. And Paul contrasts it with Christ's obedience, also an act of the will. One choice leads to death; the other leads to life. Lent is the season when we remember that our choices matter eternally.

Then we come to the Gospel. Jesus is hungry, exhausted, alone in the desert. If sin were inevitable, if temptation were irresistible, this would be the moment. But Jesus shows us the truth about human freedom. He does not sin because He chooses not to. He answers every temptation with fidelity to the Father. He shows us that obedience is not naïve, not impossible, not reserved for the perfect. It is the path of those who know who they are and whose they are.

The devil tries the same strategy he used in Eden: twisting God's words, sowing doubt, offering shortcuts. But Jesus refuses every lie. He chooses truth. He chooses trust. He chooses love. And in doing so, He restores the freedom Adam lost.

This is the heart of Lent: you and I are not slaves to our impulses, our habits, our past, or our weaknesses. We are not doomed to fall. We are not trapped in cycles we cannot break. Grace does not erase our freedom, it strengthens it. It makes real choices possible. Every sin begins with a moment when we say, "I will." Every act of holiness begins with the same words.

So Lent is not about proving how strong we are. It is about rediscovering that we are free. Free to say no to sin. Free to say yes to God. Free to begin again.

## Lent Schedule



### PRAYER

#### Stations of the Cross and Lent Suppers

Fridays beginning at 6:00 PM

#### Penance Service

Thursday, March 26th | 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

#### Lenten Mission

March 23, 24, 25

(more details to come)

### FASTING

#### Fasting, Explained

The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles.

Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59.

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### ALMSGIVING

Pick up an almsgiving box at one of the church entrances. Your gift will benefit Catholic Charities of Weld County. Please return your box by Easter.



## Coffee and Donuts

Sunday March 1 after the morning Masses  
Join us for food and fellowship!

# Parish Ministries

## PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST

Peg Bourgeois, Jose Contreras, +John Davis, Joseph Esquible, Evelyn Fletcher, Marcella and Jeanene Gallegos, Mary Helen Gallegos, NJ King, Shacaira Munoz, Joan Panfil, Jim Patrick, Patricia Pitre, Benny Rucobo, +Rosella Ryan, Washington Salcedo, Glen Schell, Jim Shovlin, Mike Wilcox

## Youth Group

Thursdays 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

6th-12th grades in the youth center  
4th-5th grades in the church basement

Text STPETERYOUTH to 84576 to join our flocknote list



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## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sing

Sunday, March 15 at 11:00 AM

Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 10 at 5:45-6:45 PM

For more information contact Neil Chen  
neil.chen@me.com

## Bear Catholic Campus Ministry For UNC and Aims Students



View our calendar

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## Bear Awakening #36

March 6-8, 2026

Annunciation Heights (Allenspark, CO)

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Cost is \$65

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## ST PETER FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of the following items:

- |  |                   |
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| Spaghetti  | Spaghetti Sauce   |
| Fruit Cups                                       | Apple Cups        |
| Rice   | Canned Vegetables |
| Instant Oatmeal Packets                          |                   |
| Fresh Vegetables ( <i>bring on M, W, or Th</i> ) |                   |

We are grateful for your continued generosity!

## Women Growing in Christ

Our next gathering is Saturday, March 7  
At 9:45 AM in the church basement

Questions? Contact Susan LaBonde 970-353-3342

## Moms Group

Thursday, February 26th at 6:30 PM

In the parish hall

Text STPETERMOMS to 84576  
to join our contact list

## Quilter's Group

Making Quilts for Catholic Charities

All ages welcome

No sewing experience necessary

Fridays in the church basement

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Coffee and snacks will be provided

Contact Sara Thompson for more info  
719-244-4887

## Young Adult Group

### Co-Ed Bible Study

Monday, February 23rd at 7:30 PM at Zoe's Café

### Praise and Worship at St Peter

Thursday, February 26th at 7:00 PM

Contact Katelyn Mendoza | 970-691-1449

katelyn.mendozaweiss@outlook.com

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

## NEED PRAYERS?

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

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

## The Knights of Columbus

OUR NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 26 AT 7:00 PM  
Knights Hall 2600 6th Ave, Greeley

If you would like more information about the Knights of Columbus, contact Jerry Steffen 970-978-7350 or [thegreeley6@aol.com](mailto:thegreeley6@aol.com)



## Around the Area

### Lent Silent Retreats

February 26-March 1

March 26-29

April 16-19

El Tesoro Retreat Center | Woodland Park, CO

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### Our Lady of the Valley Women's Day of Faith

**"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace:  
Slowing Down and Seeking God in the  
Year of St. Francis and Beyond"**

Speaker: Teresa Tomeo  
Saturday, April 18, 2026  
8:00 AM-3:00 PM

\$40 per person  
breakfast & lunch

Registration opens  
March 16th



### Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Festival

Saturday, March 14th

Free entry

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Entertainment

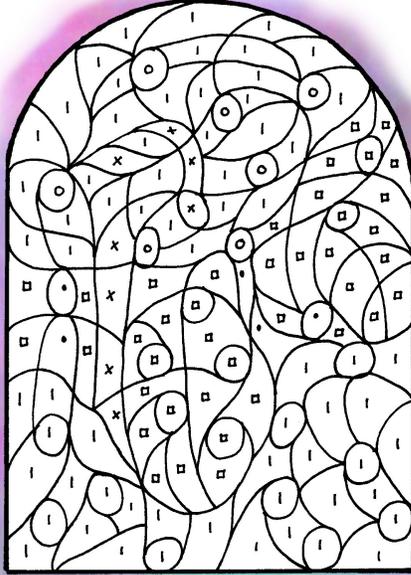
Food for purchase 12:00 PM-2:30 PM

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## Young Saints-in-Training

Today's first reading tells us about sin.  
Use the code at the bottom to colour in the spaces  
and find out what the story was.

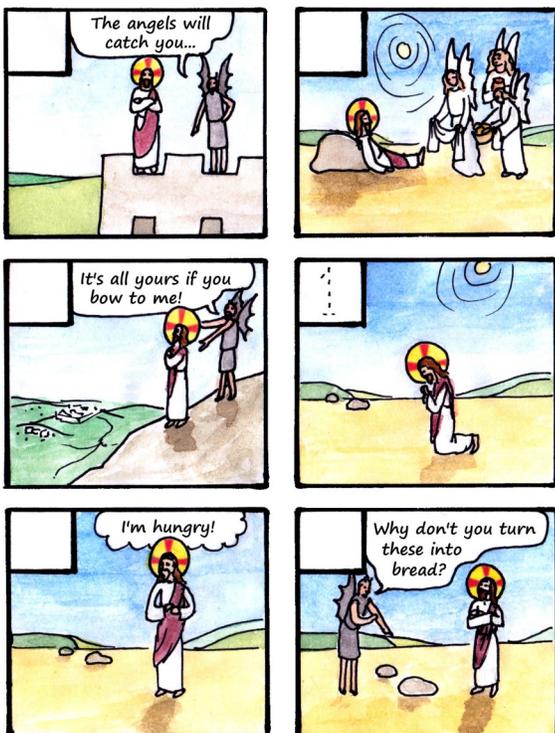


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Answers to picture puzzle inside:  
top: 4, 6, middle: 5, 1, bottom: 2, 3.

## Sort the Story!

What happened when Jesus had prayed and fasted  
for forty days in the desert?  
See if you can sort out the order of these pictures.  
Write 1 on the first, 2 on the second, and so on.



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Examination of Conscience part 1 (Last Week)  
**Examination of Conscience part 2**  
Why Does God Allow Evil & Suffering? (Next Week)

### 6th Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
- Have I engaged in sexual activity before marriage or outside of marriage?
- Have I used contraception or artificial birth control? Have I been open to new life?
- Have I respected members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of people as objects?
- Have I engaged in homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be pure in my thoughts, words, and actions? Do I dress modestly?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation?

### 7th Commandment: You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine? Have I returned or made restitution for what I stole?
- Do I waste time at work, school, or at home?
- Have I gambled excessively?
- Have I paid my debts promptly?
- Do I share what I have with the poor?

### 8th Commandment: You shall not bear false witness.

- Have I lied?
- Have I gossiped or talked behind another's back?
- Have I harmed someone's reputation?
- Have I been uncharitable in my thoughts of others?

### 9th Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Have I watched impure television, movies, or read impure books?
- Have I engaged in impure conversations or jokes?
- Do I pray to banish temptations?

### 10th Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous or envious of what other people have? Am I jealous of others' families or possessions?
- Am I greedy or selfish?
- Do I put material objects before God?
- Do I trust that God will care for all of my needs?

## Eucharistic Miracle Spotlight

PONFERRADA, SPAIN  
1533

Juan de Benavente, a devout married man, used to stop daily at the church to pray. One day he was overcome by greed and decided to steal the wooden tabernacle with a silver ciborium of consecrated Hosts inside. He tried to throw the tabernacle into the Sil River on his way home, but it became so heavy he could not throw it. So he brought everything home and hid them from his wife.



Overnight his wife became suspicious of many flashes of light coming from where the tabernacle was hidden. So Juan disposed of the tabernacle, ciborium, and Hosts in the Arenal Field in a blackberry patch.

The people of the town, when they discovered the theft, were dismayed, which made Juan nervous and regretful. Eventually the Hosts were found in the blackberry patch when people noticed strange flashes of light at night and doves hovering around the area. The man who found the Hosts carried them back to the church with others in a solemn procession. The thief, Juan, was overcome with remorse and confessed to the crime.

A chapel was built on the place where the Hosts were found, and later the building was expanded as yearly processions took place on the 8th day after Corpus Christi.

Source: [miracolieucaaristici.org](http://miracolieucaaristici.org)

List of miracles compiled by Saint Carlo Acutis

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

In today's Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who he was and commit a grievous sin when he was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty, and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it. Temptations to sin come at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react? Do we consciously remind ourselves that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?

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