

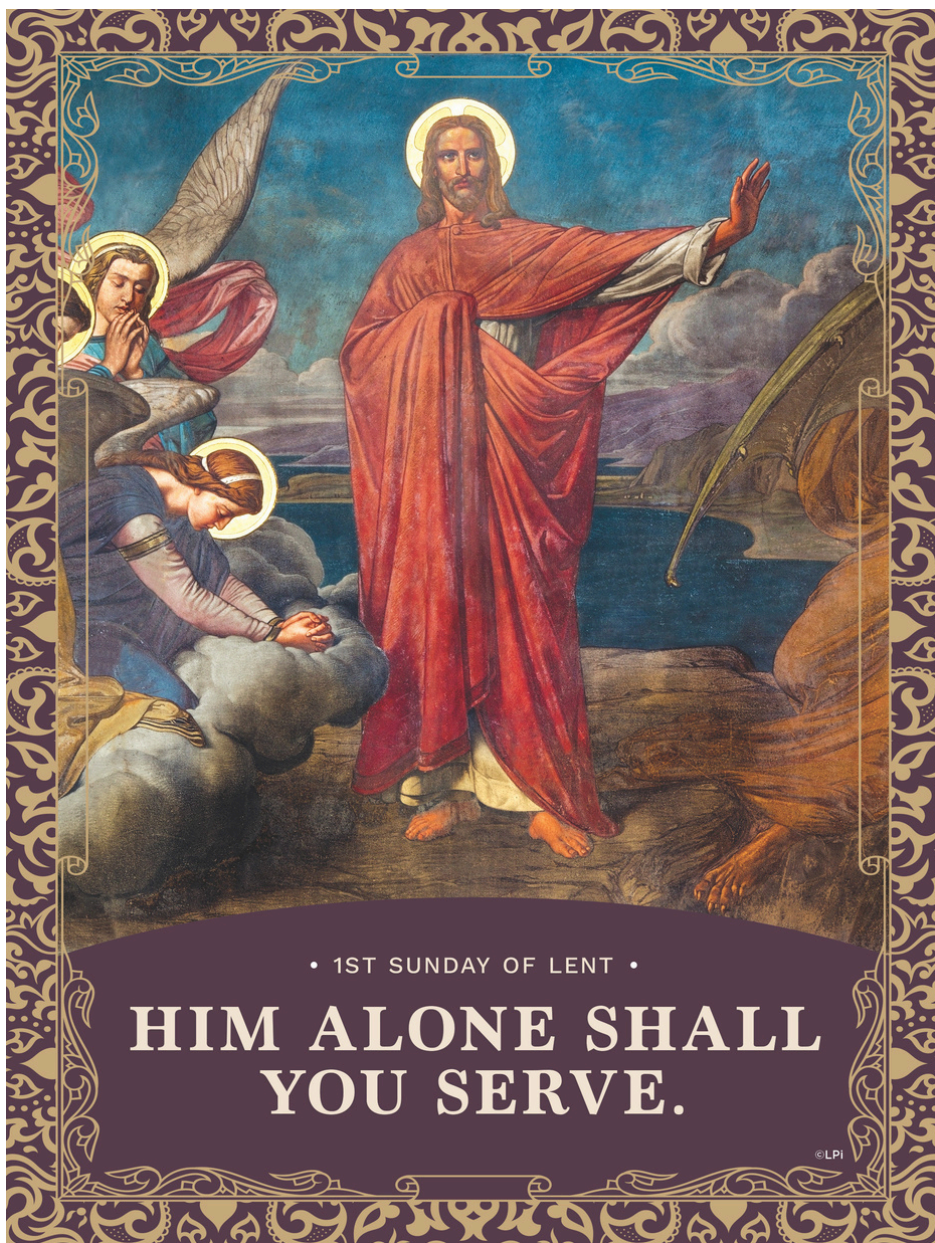


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• 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT •

HIM ALONE SHALL YOU SERVE.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to be Disciples of Christ who center our lives in the Eucharist and see the truth through Scripture and Tradition. Together we aspire to transform our lives into the virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Anticipatory | 4:00pm, 6:00pm
Sunday | 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday
Rosary | 8:00am
Mass | 8:15am

CONFESSION

Saturday | 3:30pm, 5:30pm
Other | By Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Friday | 7:30am

INFANT BAPTISM, SACRAMENTAL & MARRIAGE PREPARATIONS, OCIA, FUNERAL

Please call the Parish Office at
303-744-1715 to make arrangements.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Call 720-515-6279

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 2:00pm

PASTOR | Rev. Vincent Phung
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Observances for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday: Weekday
Wednesday: Weekday
Thursday: Weekday
Friday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: Weekday
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 21
4:00pm † Lynn Holmes
6:00pm Faustina Phan
Sunday February 22
7:00am Stephanie Sanchez
8:30am Trevor Hudson † and Christine Anderson
10:00am † Bruce Edward Christian
12:00pm Our Parish Family
Monday February 23
8:00am Sr. Miriam Grace Erramouspe on her 98th Birthday
Tuesday February 24
8:00am † Louis Michael Felder
Wednesday February 25
8:00am † John Inkret
Thursday February 26
8:00am † William Inkret Jr.
Friday February 27
8:00am Special Intentions for Ashley Sperberg

Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish and have not yet registered, please register on our website at motherofgoddenver.com or visit the parish office during the week.

Leave a Legacy of Faith

When preparing or updating your will, please remember Mother of God Church. Your gift will help ensure our mission endures. Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 4:1-11

1st Sunday of Lent



In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for our beloved sick:



McKenna Barber, Jennie Blakeney, Jane Hakala, Beth Huter, Gabrielle Klimek, Marilyn Krajcek, Susan Loretan, Declan Malley, Brian Martelon, Maria McDermott, T. Morroni, Tien Nguyen, Anna Phung, Mai Phung, John Price, Carol Prybyloski, Karen Richards, Elizabeth Williams, and Lael Zachry.

and for the soul of our recently deceased loved one:
Thomas O'Rourke

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Sack Lunch Distribution

Monday - Friday | 11am - 12:30pm (exclude holidays)

Second Collection This Weekend

There will be a second collection at **all Masses this weekend, February 21st & 22nd**, for the **Black and Indian Missions**. This collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Thank you for your generous support.



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Stations of the Cross

**Every Friday in Lent
after the 8 am Mass**

**February 20 | February 27
March 6 | March 13 | March 20
March 27**



This Lent, our Parish will participate in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl program, which brings

Catholics across the United States together to respond to global hunger and poverty through **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**.

From **now until Easter Sunday, April 5th**, please save and collect your alms in the form of coins and small change. Small cardboard boxes (Rice Bowls) will be available by the church doors for you to place your sacrificial donations in.

Our Lenten alms go to alleviate hunger and poverty in communities around the world and in the United States. 75% percent of gifts support CRS' international humanitarian programs. The other 25% of gifts remain in each U.S. diocese where they are given to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in those communities.



Parish Lenten Mission

"The Challenge of Holiness"

w/ Bishop Jorge Rodriguez

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
March 16, 17, 18, 2026
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm each night**

First Night: The Challenge of Holiness in Christian Life

Second Night: The Path to Holiness I - Encountering, Knowing, Connecting, and Touching Christ

Third Night: The Path to Holiness II - God's Factory of Saints

Come and invite your family, friends, and neighbors. All Are Welcome!

Wondering What to Give Up for Lent?

Pope Leo Has a Suggestion

"Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgment, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace."

Pope Leo's Message for Lent 2026



The spring campaign for the 40 Days for Life runs from **February 18th to March 29th**.

The 40 Days for Life is a focused time of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and for a culture that respects the sanctity of all human life.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

New SJV Lay Division Class: How to Listen to God

Join Daniel Campbell, Director of the St. John Vianney Lay Division, for a practical workshop on growing in prayer and learning to recognize God's voice in your daily life. This workshop is designed to help you deepen your relationship with the Lord through attentive listening and spiritual discernment.

Dates: **March 17, Online | March 20, In Person** at the John Paul II Center

1300 S. Steele St, Denver, CO 80210

Time: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Cost: \$30 (Video recording will be provided)

To register, visit <https://sjvlaydivision.org/registration/>



Women's Journey Retreat

"The Journey to the Empty Tomb"

March 13 -15, 2026

YMCA of the Rockies

2515 Tunnel Road, Estes Park, CO 80511

More info and registration at coloradocatholicretreats.org. Please email phayes@spiritofchrist.org for questions or help with registration.

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