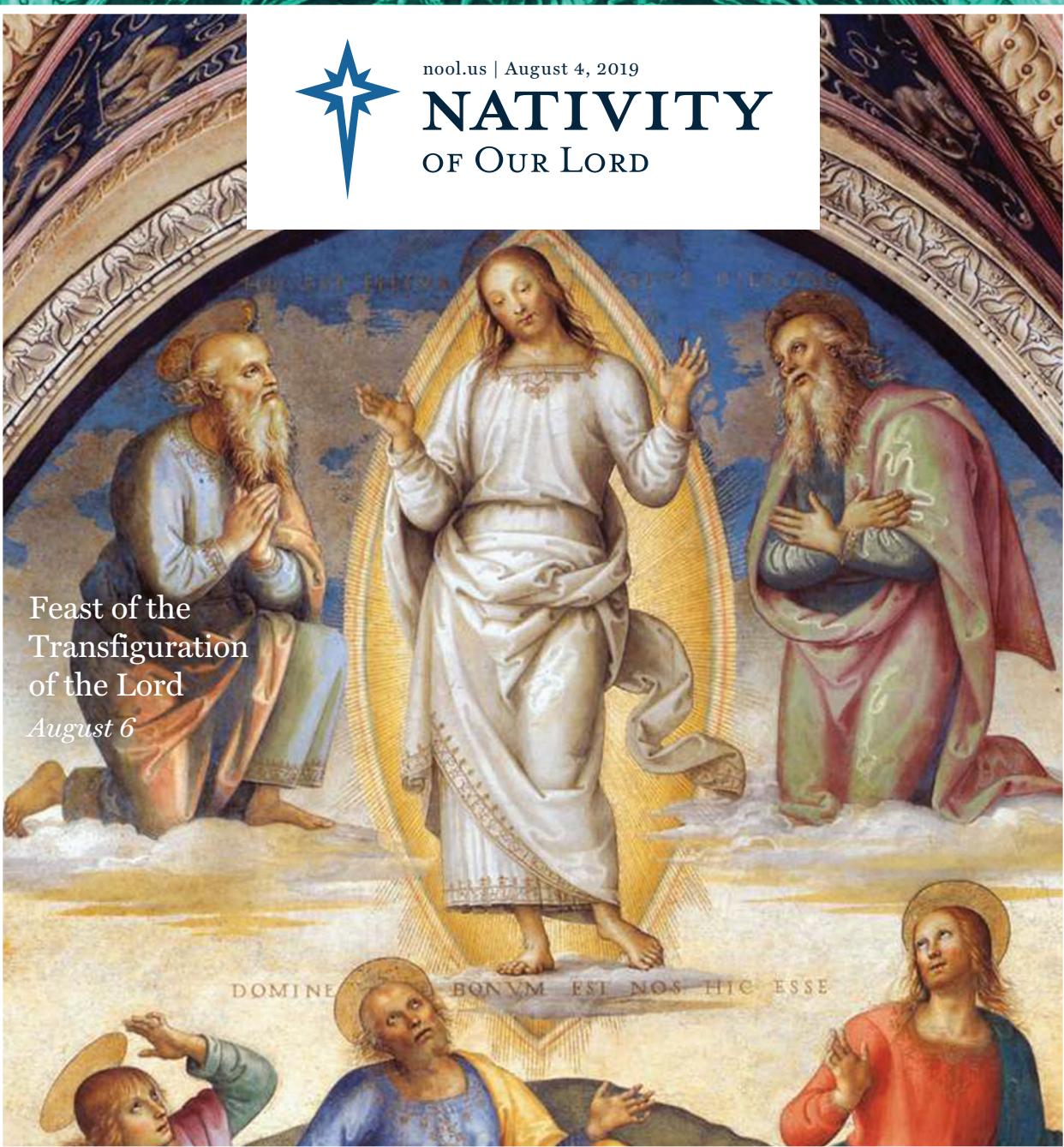




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## NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



Feast of the  
Transfiguration  
of the Lord

August 6



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR POPE



### POPE FRANCIS

They never tired of preaching and journeying as missionaries from the land of Jesus to Rome itself. Here they gave their ultimate witness, offering their lives as martyrs. If we go to the heart of that testimony, we can see them as witnesses to life, witnesses to forgiveness and witnesses to Jesus.

Witnesses to life. Their lives, though, were not neat and linear. Both were deeply religious: Peter was one of the very first disciples (cf. Jn 1:41), and Paul was “zealous for the traditions of [his] ancestors” (Gal 1:14). Yet they also made great mistakes: Peter denied the Lord, while Paul persecuted the Church of God. Both were cut to the core by questions asked by Jesus: “Simon son of John, do you love me?” (Jn 21:15); “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” (Acts 9:4). Peter was grieved by Jesus’ questions, while Paul was blinded by his words. Jesus called them by name and changed their lives. After all that happened, he put his trust in them, in one who denied him and one who persecuted his followers, in two repentant sinners. We may wonder why the Lord chosen not to give us two witnesses of utter integrity, with clean records and impeccable lives? Why Peter, when there was John? Why Paul, and not Barnabas?

There is a great teaching here: the starting point of the Christian life is not our worthiness; in fact, the Lord was able to accomplish little with those who thought they were good and decent. Whenever we consider ourselves smarter or better than others, that is the beginning of the end. The Lord does not work miracles with those who consider themselves righteous, but with those who know themselves needy. He is not attracted by our goodness; that is not why he loves us. He loves us just as we are; he is looking for people who are not self-sufficient, but ready to open their hearts to him. People who, like Peter and Paul, are transparent before God. Peter immediately told Jesus: “I am a sinful man” (Lk 5:8). Paul wrote that he was “least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle” (1 Cor 15:9). Throughout life, they preserved this humility, to the very end. Peter died crucified upside down, since he did not consider himself worthy to imitate his Lord. Paul was always fond of his name, which means “little”, and left behind his birth name, Saul, the

#### POPE FRANCIS

HOLY MASS/BLESSING OF THE SACRED PALLIUM FOR THE NEW METRO ARCHBISHOPS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Saint Peter’s Basilica  
Saturday, 29 June 2019

The Apostles Peter and Paul stand before us as witnesses.



name of the first king of his people. Both understood that holiness does not consist in exalting but rather in humbling oneself. Holiness is not a contest, but a question of entrusting our own poverty each day to the Lord, who does great things for those who are lowly. What was the secret that made them persevere amid weakness? It was the Lord’s forgiveness.

Let us think about them too as witnesses to forgiveness. In their failings, they encountered the powerful mercy of the Lord, who gave them rebirth. In his forgiveness, they encountered irrepressible peace and joy. Thinking back to their failures, they might have experienced feelings of guilt. How many times might Peter have thought back to his denial! How many scruples might Paul have felt at having hurt so many innocent people! Humanly, they had failed. Yet they encountered a love greater than their failures, a forgiveness strong enough to heal even their feelings of guilt. Only when we experience God’s forgiveness do we truly experience rebirth. From there we start over, from forgiveness; there we rediscover who we really are: in the confession of our sins.

Witnesses to life and witnesses to forgiveness, Peter and Paul are ultimately witnesses to Jesus. In today’s Gospel, the Lord asks: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” The answers evoke figures of the past: “John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets”. Remarkable people, but all of them dead. Peter instead replies: “You are the Christ” (Mt 16:13-14.16). The Christ, that is, the Messiah. A word that points not to the past, but to the future: the Messiah is the one who is awaited, he is newness, the one who brings God’s anointing to the world. Jesus is not the past, but the present and the future. He is not a distant personage to be remembered, but the one to whom Peter can speak intimately: You are the Christ. For those who are his witnesses, Jesus is more than a historical personage; he is a living person: he is newness, not things we have already seen, the newness of the future and not a memory from the past. The witness, then, is not someone who knows the story of Jesus, but someone who has experienced a love story with Jesus. The witness, in the end, proclaims only this: that Jesus is alive and that he is the secret of life. Indeed, Peter, after

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## DAILY READINGS

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Saturday   8/3	Tuesday   8/6	Friday   8/9
<b>LV 25:1, 8-17</b>	<b>DN 7:9-10, 13-14</b>	<b>DT 4:32-40</b>
<b>MT 14:1-12</b>	<b>2 PT 1:16-19</b>	<b>MT 16:24-28</b>
<b>Sunday   8/4</b>	<b>LK 9:28B-36</b>	<b>Saturday   8/10</b>
<b>ECC 1:2; 2:21-23</b>	<b>Wednesday   8/7</b>	<b>2 COR 9:6-10</b>
<b>COL 3:1-5, 9-11</b>	<b>NM 13:1-2, 25-14:1,</b>	<b>JN 12:24-26</b>
<b>LK 12:13-21</b>	<b>26A-29A, 34-35</b>	<b>Sunday   8/11</b>
<b>Monday   8/5</b>	<b>MT 15: 21-28</b>	<b>WIS 18:6-9</b>
<b>NM 11:4B-15</b>	<b>Thursday   8/8</b>	<b>HEB 11:1-2, 8-19</b>
<b>MT 14:13-21</b>	<b>NM 20:1-13</b>	<b>LK 12:32-48</b>
	<b>MT 16:13-23</b>	

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## PARISH TIMES



Mass Times	Confession	Adoration
<i>Monday - Friday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
7:00am	5:00pm	Noon - 6:00pm
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
8:00am/4:30pm	8:30am/3:00pm	<i>Monday - Friday</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	7:30am
7:30am/9:30am 11:30am/5:00pm	30 minutes prior to each mass	<i>Saturday/Sunday</i> 7:05am

## PARISH OFFICE



### Location:

900 W. Midway Blvd  
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St. Dominic  
August 8

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday | 8/3

8:00am | Mary Maguire by Bette Dean  
4:30pm | † Souls in Purgatory by Scott and Melinda Tewksbury

Sunday | 8/4

7:30am | † Kenneth Sisneros by Eloise and Phil Georgen  
9:30am | People of the Parish  
11:30am | Nicolas B. Rask by Grandma and Grandpa  
5:00pm | Irene and Sara Wandishin by Joseph Wandishin

Monday | 8/5

7:00am | Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary by Trinh Tuyet  
and Thu Thanh Family

Tuesday | 8/6

7:00am | † Rose Marie Brozovich by The Brozovich Family

Wednesday | 8/7

7:00am | Nicholas Ernster by Mom and Dad

Thursday | 8/8

7:00am | † Rosa Mun by Tu and Nghi Nguyen

Friday | 8/9

7:00am | † John Battista by The Battista Family

Saturday | 8/10

8:00am | † Elizabeth Giordano by Gwen Pomper  
4:30pm | Matthew Cole by Mom and Dad

Sunday | 8/11

7:30am | † William Seader by The Fankells  
9:30am | People of the Parish  
11:30am | † Deceased Members of the Simpson and Harty Families  
5:00pm | † Jean and John Hoiland by Bette Dean

### Prayers for the sick and for the deceased:

We pray for all who are sick, and for our deceased relatives and friends that they may speedily attain the blessedness of heaven and rejoice in the eternal treasure of God's glory and love.

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Joanne Farver at 303-466-8859 for Nativity's prayerline.

If you're going to the hospital and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at: 303-469-5171

## COLLECTION COUNTERS

August 4

Pat Fonio  
Colleen Yuskewich  
Mary Ann Graham  
Patricia Kegerreis

August 11

Joanna Anderson  
Bill McCauley  
Roxane Pecchio  
Annette Garcia

## SACRISTY LAUNDRY



Rita Eichner

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday | 8/4

8:00am | CL  
11:00am | Parishioner's Rosary

Monday | 8/5

9:00am | Marcia Piano Lessons  
10:30am | SVdP

Tuesday | 8/6

10:30am | SVdP  
1:00pm | Mystery of God

Wednesday | 8/7

10:30am | SVdP  
3:00pm | Music Lessons  
6:30pm | CL  
6:30pm | Grief Support

Thursday | 8/8

10:30am | SVdP  
7:00pm | Baptism Class  
7:00pm | Bible Study (*Revelation*)

Friday | 8/9

10:30am | SVdP

Saturday | 8/10

7:30am | Pro-Life Rosary  
9:00am | Marian Pray Cenacles  
9:00am | Spanish Bible Study  
9:30am | Italian Class

11:00am | Baptisms  
5:30pm | Stephen Ministry Sign-up

7:00pm | Sojourners

Sunday | 8/11

8:30am | Stephen Ministry Sign-up  
1:00pm | CL  
11:00am | Parishioner's Rosary  
2:00pm | Bible Study (*Timeline*)  
5:30pm | Bible Study (*Timeline*)

### Calendar Disclaimer:

Times in the parish calendar are subject to change. Sign up on Flocknote for updates.

If you have any questions regarding the events above, please contact the front desk.

If you're interested in getting involved with any of the ministries hosting events in the parish, please see the information on the Parish Life board in the gathering area, visit our website, or connect directly via Flocknote.



## AUGUST 14

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: VIGIL

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Vigil Mass Time: 7:00pm

## AUGUST 15

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass Times: 6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm

### NATIVITY NIGHTS

*Family-friendly Adoration & Dinner*

Adoration: 4:00-6:45pm | Food: 4:30-6:15pm

## AUGUST 16

### ARTIST RECEPTION

*Artists Will Be Present to Show/Sell Their Work*

Ryan Hall | 6:00-8:00pm

[Click Here](#) to enter your work.

## AUGUST 17

### HOLY ROLLERS CAR SHOW

*Check Out Sweet Rides*

South Midway Park | 9:00am-2:00pm

[Click Here](#) for more information.

## CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

*Family-friendly Competition*

Nativity Field (South of the gym) | 11:00am

[Click Here](#) to sign-up.

## OUTDOOR MOVIE

*Theater alla Fresca*

Nativity Parking Lot | Dusk (approx. 8:00pm)

## AUGUST 18

### FAMILY PICNIC

*Food, Beer, Live Music, Face-Painting, + more!*

Food beginning at 12:00pm | Music 2:00pm

## PRECURSING EVENTS

### A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

*August 11-15*

Jeff Cavins' video Bible study as a one-week intensive course: 5:30pm | Cost: \$5

[Click Here](#) to sign-up.

### PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

*August 14*

'Instagram is Eating my Daughter and My Son Won't Stop Playing Fortnite' Parent Information Night with Dr. Leonard Sax: Ryan Hall | 6:30-8:00pm

## VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for help with Nativity Days! If you would like to volunteer, [Click Here](#).

## TITHING

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## Online Giving

Nativity participates in an online giving program that serves as a consistent, reliable means of making your offering to our parish.

Questions? Suzie at:  
s.sloan@nool.us

To give online:

- 1) Go to nool.us
- 2) Click 'Donate' in the main menu
- 3) Complete the registration

## FAITH ALIVE

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | '19-'20 Registration Now Open

Nativity offers Religious Education (R.E.) classes for children pre-K through eighth grade. We offer three one-hour sessions a week: Tuesdays at 4:30pm or 6:30pm, or Wednesdays at 4:30pm. Our curriculum is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, in conjunction with the diocesan standard, *Saints Among Us*. Classes run from September to April. Register for 2019-20 classes at:

[nool.us/re-registration](http://nool.us/re-registration)

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In addition to R.E. classes, Nativity offers Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for children ages 3-6. CGS offers hands-on, experiential learning intended to develop values of contemplation and enjoyment of God. We have a few spots available on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:30pm and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00pm. If you are interested in learning more, contact Diane Irby at [d.irby@nool.us](mailto:d.irby@nool.us).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS | FAQ

*I don't think I'm qualified, what are the requirements?*

You will need to be a practicing Catholic. We have many resources and by teaching, you will also learn!

*I'm in high school, can I teach?*

Yes, if you have been confirmed you can teach. If you are not yet confirmed, you can be a teacher's aide.

*How do I know what to teach, and do I need to purchase supplies?*

We have three R.E. teacher in-services per year and week-by-week curriculums as well as the faith formation team readily available to assist in anything you may need. We supply all materials, so you don't need to purchase anything. Talk to us if you would like or need something specific.

With any more questions, contact Diane Irby at [d.irby@nool.us](mailto:d.irby@nool.us).

## We Adore Him

Eucharistic Adoration scheduling made easy

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Please help us ensure the Blessed Sacrament is always accompanied. Sign-up to adore at:

[nativity.weadorehim.com](http://nativity.weadorehim.com)



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**flocknote**

Nativity's main communication tool

Please join our Adoration Flocknote list for all of the latest updates and information at:

[flocknote.com/nool/adoration](http://flocknote.com/nool/adoration)

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## Young Adult Group

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Brewery Get Together

Tuesday, August 6, 7:00PM, Redgarden Brewery, Louisville

#### Speaker Series: Fr. Emanuele

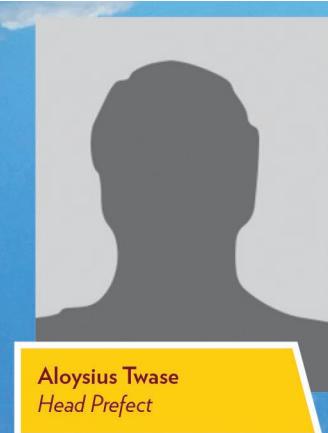
Saturday, August 10, 7:00PM, Frassati House (580 3rd Ave. Dr.)

[Jacquie at j.fankell@nool.us](mailto:j.fankell@nool.us)

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## WEEKLY CATHOLIC HOMILIES





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Head Prefect



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Student Council Judge



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Assistant Head Prefect



**Martha Nakabembe**  
School Head Monitor



**Johnbosco Lukyamuzi**  
Time Keeper



**Babirye Sandra**  
Liturgy Prefect



**Brain Mukula**  
Academic Affairs Prefect



**Perugia Nasali**  
Student Counselor

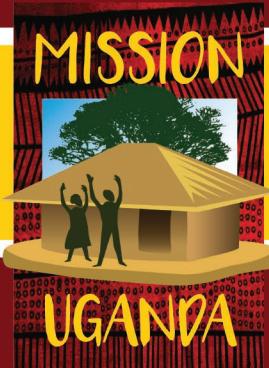
### Kind Greetings fellow Mission Uganda Missionaries!

At long last, our Head Master in Uganda has fulfilled the need for a special program that our team suggested to provide exemplary leadership assignments to students provisionally—roles in which students can provide support to their fellow students in a positive academic community.

These roles assist our teachers and the Head Master in meeting the life-giving needs of all of our students at Nativity High School in Uganda! It is with esteem and honor that we provide these students names, roles, and photos to our Nativity community here at home.

Together, we shall serve our greatest hearts' desires of being one Nativity community and church!

May God richly bless this beautiful work!



## INFORMATION SESSIONS

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD | Broomfield**  
Monday, August 12 & 26, 6:30pm

## NEW YEAR 1 CLASS LOCATIONS

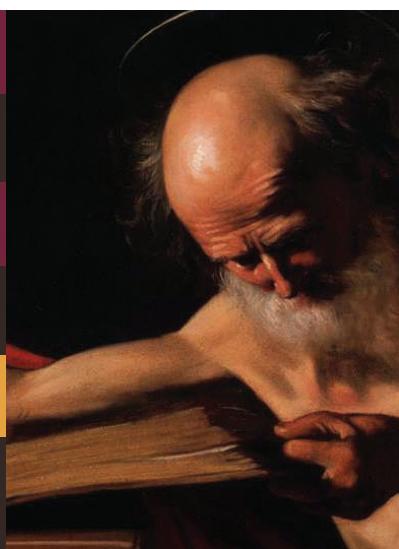
**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD | Broomfield**  
Mondays, 6:30pm

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All classes are subject to a minimum enrollment.  
For more information and to register online  
visit: [biblicalschool.org](http://biblicalschool.org) or call: 303-715-3195.

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**CLASSES BEGIN  
THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 9**



DENVER CATHOLIC  
**BIBLICAL  
SCHOOL**  
ST. JOHN VIANNEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LAY DIVISION

## WOMEN'S GUILD



## RESPECT LIFE

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### NATIVITY ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT | September 14

Women of Nativity, you are invited to attend our annual retreat on Saturday, September 14. Our presenter is Nicole Thomason and she will be speaking on "Searching for and Maintaining Peace" from the book written by Jacques Philippe. Registration forms will be available starting August 4 at the front desk. Please call Linda Kent at 303-469-2979 or Nicki Battista at 303-469-0670 if you have any questions.

### NATIVITY CRAFT FAIR | Inventory Needed

Our inventory of new, handcrafted items for the Women's Guild sales table is very low! The Guild is also in need of themed raffle baskets. Put your hobby to work for the annual Nativity Craft Fair, scheduled for November 9-10. Please call Merrilyn Sikora at 303-469-5171 or Nicki Battista at 303-469-0670 for details.

## HOPE CORNER



### FREE MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION | August 5

Hope Corner is a free mental health ministry committed to instilling hope and reducing stigma. It provides stress management and wellness tips, screenings, information, support, encouragement, faith and community-based resources.

The next Hope Corner will be on Monday, August 5 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Please call 303-907-6499 to set up an appointment time. Everyone is welcome whether you have a question, would like a screening, wellness coaching or have a family member with a mental health concern. For information, please contact Becky Kusick, MA, LPC, CPSII at 303-907-6499 or at [hopecornerministry@gmail.com](mailto:hopecornerministry@gmail.com).

## NATIVITY BIBLE STUDY

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### A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE | August 11-15

Join us for Jeff Cavins' *A Quick Journey Through the Bible* from August 11-15 at 5:30pm each night. In one intensive week, this course offers an excellent introduction and overview of the narrative of Scripture covering Genesis through the Resurrection of Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church.

Anyone who wants to get their feet wet or brush up on how to study the Bible as a Catholic will learn the "big picture" of the Bible narrative. There will be no homework and no assignments. Each participant will receive the foldable timeline describing the 12 time periods of Scripture that fits inside your Bible for \$5.

Please sign-up today at [nool.us/bible-study](http://nool.us/bible-study). With questions, call or text facilitator Theresa Cooley at 720-635-8975.

## RESOURCES FOR LIFE

For a list of *Resources for Life* for unexpected pregnancy, post-abortion healing, etc. please visit:

[nool.us/ministries-1/respect-life](http://nool.us/ministries-1/respect-life)

If you have any questions please contact:

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## FROM THE COMMUNITY

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### 10th Annual Religious Fine Art Show

*August 13 - October 5 | Abbey Events Complex, Cañon City*

The Abbey Events Complex in Cañon City announces a call to artists for the 10th Annual Religious Fine Art Show opening August 13. We are seeking works in a wide range of media and genres, that are religious, inspirational, or Abbey-related in some way. All mediums will be accepted including but not limited to oil, watercolor, pastel, chalk/pencil, print-making, sculpture, photography, digital art, mixed media, fiber art, etc. Large art pieces are welcome. Professionals as well as artists of all ages are encouraged to enter.

The entry fee is \$30.00 per artist for the first three pieces; any additional pieces are \$3.00 each. Entry fee includes one ticket to the artist reception. There is no limit on the number of pieces you may enter. We also feature a Children's Exhibit for children ages 17 and under. Each child is limited to two art pieces, \$5.00 entry fee. Registration and delivery of art pieces may be received anytime during regular business hours no later than Thursday August 8. Pieces may be delivered to The Abbey at 2951 E. Hwy. 50, Cañon City, business offices in the Monastery building.

For additional information please contact Lesli Durham at 719-275-8631 x4 or email at [lesli.durham@theabbeycc.com](mailto:lesli.durham@theabbeycc.com).

## Centro San Juan Diego

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have been looking to make a difference, to serve God in others by sharing your talents, then you can help Centro San Juan Diego, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Denver! We have two opportunities available:

1. Teach English to Hispanic immigrants. (No, you do not need to speak Spanish!) Classes will begin in September and we are currently looking for instructors.
2. Serve as a general volunteer. Classes begin soon, and we are looking for instructors.

For more information about either opportunity, please call 303.282.3358 today!

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## St. VINCENT de PAUL

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### Archdiocesan Catechist's Retreat

*SHARING THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL | August 24*

The Catechists Retreat is the first step in the Archdiocesan Catechist Certification process. This retreat is available in English and Spanish. It aims to situate the catechist's work in religious education within the bigger picture of evangelization. The retreat will be held at the St. John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization, 1300 S. Steele St., on Saturday, August 24 from 9:00am - 3:00pm. The cost is \$15. For more information and to register please visit:

[archden.org/eflm/training](http://archden.org/eflm/training)

### Denver Seminarians Discernment Retreat

*HIGH SCHOOL | October 8 | St. John Vianney, Denver*

St. John Vianney Seminary, in Denver, will be hosting a discernment retreat for young men grades 9-12 who are interested in a vocational life. The retreat will take place on Sunday, September 8 from 9:00am - 4:00pm. For more information, or to register, please visit:

[denverseminarians.org](http://denverseminarians.org)

### Rachel's Vineyard of Colorado

*HOPE & HEALING AFTER ABORTION | September 27-29*

Are you or someone you know suffering from a post abortion experience? There is hope and healing! Please consider attending the next confidential Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat on Spetember 27-29. With questions, contact Edith at 303-775- 4108 or at [edieg2@aol.com](mailto:edieg2@aol.com), or please visit:

[rvrcolorado.org](http://rvrcolorado.org)

SAT AUGUST 17, 2019 9AM 2PM | ON THE GRASS IN MIDWAY PARK BROOMFIELD, COLORADO

### Do You Listen?

*"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer." - Mother Teresa*

When we pray, we must also listen for God's answer. Praying is not one-sided, we must also give God time to talk to us, to guide us with his calling. Often, we pray because we want something and then, when it seems like our prayers are not answered, we get angry with God.

During his early life, St. Vincent de Paul was ashamed of his origins and even of how his own father dressed and limped. The son of a farmer, he worked since early childhood, studied hard, obtained his degree, and set his sights at becoming a bishop. But during 1617, some of his experiences started to influence him, causing him to view his priesthood differently: not as a career, but as a relationship with Jesus.

By late 1618, St. Vincent de Paul met the bishop of Geneva, Francis de Sales. Vincent was impressed by his gentleness, humility, and kindness to the sick and the poor. Deeply moved, Vincent wanted to make a change in his life. While at a commune in northern France, for a retreat, he prayed to God to help him change. Although his prayers were not answered immediately, in time, he was guided to his calling. By the people he met and worked with, and circumstances he witnessed, his resolve and dedication to the poor and marginalized was solidified. This was a gradual process, an answering of a prayer by staying alert to God's guidance and grace, allowing him to recognize his purpose and direction. God speaks and answers if we allow a conversation, the listening as well as the asking.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR POPE

saying: "You are the Christ", then goes on to say: "the Son of the living God" (v. 16). Witness arises from an encounter with the living Jesus. At the centre of Paul's life too, we find that same word that rises up from Peter's heart: Christ. Paul repeats this name constantly, almost four hundred times in his letters! For him, Christ is not only a model, an example, a point of reference: he is life itself. Paul writes: "For me to live is Christ" (Phil 1:21). Jesus is Paul's present and his future, so much so that he considers the past as refuse in comparison to the surpassing knowledge of Christ (cf. Phil 3:7-8).

Brothers and sisters, in the presence of these witnesses, let us ask: "Do I renew daily my own encounter with Jesus?" We may be curious about Jesus, or interested in Church matters or religious news. We may open computer sites and the papers, and talk about holy things. But this is to remain at the level of what are people saying? Jesus does not care about polls, past history or statistics. He is not looking for religion editors, much less "front page" or "statistical" Christians. He is looking for witnesses who say to him each day: "Lord, you are my life".

Having met Jesus and experienced his forgiveness, the Apostles bore witness to him by living a new life: they no longer held back, but gave themselves over completely. They were no longer content with half-measures, but embraced the only measure possible for those who follow Jesus: that of boundless love. They were "poured out as a libation" (cf. 2 Tim 4:6). Let us ask for the grace not to be lukewarm Christians living by half measures, allowing our love to grow cold. Let us rediscover who we truly are through a daily relationship with Jesus and through the power of his forgiveness. Just as he asked Peter, Jesus is now asking us: "Who do you say that I am?", "Do you love me?" Let us allow these words to penetrate our hearts and inspire us not to remain content with a minimum, but to aim for the heights, so that we too can become living witnesses to Jesus.

Today we bless the pallia for the Metropolitan Archbishops named in the past year. The pallium recalls the sheep that the shepherd is called to bear on his shoulders. It is a sign that the shepherds do not live for themselves but for the sheep. It is a sign that, in order to possess life, we have to lose it, give it away. Today our joy is shared, in accordance with a fine tradition, by a Delegation from the Ecumenical Patriarchate, whose members I greet with affection. Your presence, dear brothers, reminds us that we can spare no effort also in the journey towards full unity among believers, in communion at every level. For together, reconciled to God and having forgiven one another, we are called to bear witness to Jesus by our lives.

### POPE FRANCIS

#### PRAYER FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful  
like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.  
Show us your face and we will be saved.*

*Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew  
from being enslaved by money;  
the adulteress and Magdalene  
from seeking happiness only in created things;  
made Peter weep after his betrayal,  
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.  
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,  
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:  
"If you knew the gift of God!"*

*You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power above all  
by forgiveness and mercy:  
let the Church be your visible face in the world,  
its Lord risen and glorified.*

*You willed that your ministers would  
also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion  
for those in ignorance and error:  
let everyone who approaches them  
feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.*

*Send your Spirit and consecrate  
every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be  
a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this of you, Lord Jesus,  
through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;  
you who live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*



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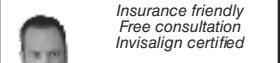


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