



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
**FEB 4, 2024**  
5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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# MASS TIMES

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## MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00 am  
9:30 am (livestreamed)  
School Mass: Wednesdays, 8:15 am

## SATURDAY

9:30 am (livestreamed)

## VIGIL MASS

4:30 pm

## SUNDAY

7:30 am  
9:30 am (livestreamed)  
11:30 am  
5:00 pm

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# CONFESSION

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## THURSDAY

5:00-6:00 pm

## SATURDAY

8:00-9:30 am  
3:00-4:30 pm

## SUNDAY

30 min before Masses

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8 am-5 pm

## FRONT DESK:

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 8 am-8 pm

**SATURDAY:** 8 am-3:30 pm

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## SACRISTY LAUNDRY

Rachael Culhane

## COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Mon, Feb 5 | 10 am**

Jeanette Nansel  
Susan Martinez  
Don Larson  
Ann McGinness

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# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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## IN THE CHURCH:

### THURSDAY

12:00-6:00 pm

### SOLEMN HOLY HOUR:

5:00-6:00 pm with *Confession* and *Vespers*

Benediction: 5:55 pm

## IN THE CHAPEL:

FOR SCHEDULED ADORERS,

SEE AVAILABLE HOURS AND SIGN UP AT

[www.nool.us/adoration](http://www.nool.us/adoration)

OR SCAN QR CODE



OPEN FOR WALK-INS

### MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 am-5:00 pm

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## VISITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Do you know or do you have someone in your family who is sick or homebound, cannot attend Sunday Mass regularly, and desires to receive sacraments of penance and Eucharist? Please do not hesitate to contact Nativity to schedule a visit with a priest or Eucharistic minister at (303) 469-5171 Ext 101.

## GOING TO THE HOSPITAL

If you are going to the hospital and need a visit from a priest or deacon, please call the front desk at (303) 469-5171.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Joanne Farver at (303) 466-8859 or at [joannefarver@comcast.net](mailto:joannefarver@comcast.net).

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## PRAY THE

# ROSARY WITH US

### SATURDAY

8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary

### SUNDAY

11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary

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# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:30 am Jett T. Rizzo 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
by Gary & Sally Thomas  
4:30 pm Ronald Cole Birthday  
Blessings by Ken Cole Family

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:30 am † Mary Baylie  
by Maryann Reyes  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am † Thomas Anderson  
by Anderson Family  
5:00 pm Rosaline Gallagher  
by Scott & Melinda Tewksbury

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 am † Deacon Dave  
by Maryann Reyes  
9:30 am † Otto Kirmaier  
by Rosemary Kirmaier

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 am † Deacon Dave  
by Charles & Maria  
9:30 am Dave & Cyndi Beckingham  
Anniversary  
by Lei Ellen & Paul Beck

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 am † Deacon Dave  
by Lei Ellen & Paul Beck  
9:30 am † Deacon Dave  
by Mary Caswell

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 am † Sue Ocken by Mary Hess  
9:30 am Lori Zamora Birthday  
Blessings by Lindsay Smith

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 am † Stephan Eberhard  
9:30 am † Joe Blossom  
by Blossom Family

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30 am Fr. Robert Wedow  
by Jane Gardner  
4:30 pm † John S. Chavez by the Family

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:30 am † Matilda Pepe  
by Robin Cunningham  
9:30 am People of the Parish  
11:30 am † Mary Baylie by Ann Jander  
5:00 pm Thu Van  
by Melinda & Scott Tewksbury

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## REMAIN IN ME, AS I REMAIN IN YOU

Dear Parishioners,

**D**uring this upcoming Lent, from Thursday, February 29 through Saturday, March 2, our parish will host the 40 Hours Devotion. The Holy Eucharist will be exposed in the monstrance on the altar for forty continuous hours. It will be possible to commit to an hour of adoration during the day and also during the night or to simply visit the Blessed Sacrament at any moment.

Two main reasons brought us to propose this gesture during the Eucharistic Revival. First of all, each of us may have the opportunity to rediscover the meaning of Christ's heartfelt invitation, "*Remain in me, as I remain in you*" (Jn 15:4). Let us read carefully again the words that Christ spoke to His disciples before giving His life on the cross for them:

*"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love" (Jn 15:4-9).*

When we eat the Body of Christ, when we genuinely love God and pray to Him, when we do the will of the Father,

when we love our brothers and sisters given to us, these are all ways in which we are called to remain in Him. However, Eucharistic Adoration is proposed to us by the Church as a privileged way to learn how to remain in Him. The word "Remain" has a static connotation: to stay still, to rest, to stay calm, to surrender frenzy reactions.

**It can be intimidating because often we would like to yield to our own desire to act: to take care, fix, and solve. "Remain in me, as I remain in you"—only in this way can we bear fruit.**

Kneeling silently in front of the Lord, asking Him to permeate our entire body and soul with His life and healing love, that is how we can bear fruit for us and others. "Without me, you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). Often, we do not believe this statement to be true. We smooth its radical edges by assigning to it a metaphorical connotation. Instead, Christ is speaking literally. If we want to bear fruit, to function, to have life in us, we have to turn to Him, stay with Him, remain in Him, receive being from him. Our founder, Msgr. Camisasca, defined prayer as "a plea for being."

**When we kneel in front of the One through whom we have been made and redeemed, we can consciously "plea**

**for" and receive "being" and be recreated anew.**

The other reason to have 40 Hours of Adoration in our parish is for us to cooperate as a community with Christ's work of salvation. We often feel powerless in front of the effective power that evil has on humanity. We suffer with the victims of structures of evil that reject God and emancipate humanity from Him, ending up degrading human dignity itself. Promotion and justification of abortion, euthanasia, and gender theory are the utmost expressions of this violence. We also witness human trafficking, industrial promotion of lust through pornography, violence, drug addiction, unjustified violence, wars, and brother and sister Christians being physically or socially persecuted for their faith. As "children of the light," we have the responsibility to pray for this world, that God's Kingdom may come, that His Merciful and Just Will be done on earth, as it is done now in Heaven.

*"Without me, you can do nothing."* If we feel in ourselves the pain that our fellow human beings go through because of the evil of Satan and his followers, and we desire to intervene, let's be aware that only when we remain in the Lord we can offer true hope to them. God, who could act without our request, mysteriously will not save us against our will. As humanity is a body, mysteriously connected in good and evil, we can raise our plea to God on behalf of those who have not yet encountered the light and wouldn't even dare to think that there is one. We can even raise an intercessory prayer of forgiveness for the ones who chose darkness, as Christ did on the cross, asking the Father to forgive them because they don't know what they are doing. And we read that the same soldier who stabbed Him to finalize His death was also one of the first converts under the cross.

I invite you to make time in your calendar for an hour of adoration as a way to remain in the Lord and as a way to pray that God's kingdom may come and that His will may be done on earth as it is done in Heaven.

Dear Parishioners, please receive my invitation to commit to a Holy Hour during the 40 Hours Devotion and to our ongoing adoration in the adoration chapel, which may become a perpetual pulsing heart of adorers who remain in Him and plead the Mercy of God for us and the whole world.

In Christ,  
Fr. Emanuele Fadini, FSCB

## PARISH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle  
8:15 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary  
10:00 am | Grieving with Great Hope Workshop  
1:00 pm | Altar Server Training

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary  
11:00 am | RCIA  
1:00 pm | John Paul II Families Half-Day Gathering  
6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth Group  
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:30 am | ENDOW  
1:00 pm | CGS Level 1 & 2  
4:00 pm | CGS Level 2  
6:00 pm | Healing the Whole Person Class  
6:30 pm | Catechetical School Class  
6:30 pm | New Springtime Charismatic Prayer Group  
6:30 pm | Spanish Prayer Group  
7:30 pm | St. Joseph Men's Group

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10:00 am | CGS Level 1  
1:00 pm | Adult Bible Study: *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*  
4:00 pm | CGS Level 1 Session 2  
4:00 pm | Children's Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm | RE Grades 1-5  
6:30 pm | Adult Catechism Study  
6:30 pm | Venturers of the Star (Middle School Youth Group)  
7:45 pm | Natural Family Planning (NFP)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:30 am | St. Joseph Men's Group  
8:15 am | ENDOW  
12:30 pm | *Adult Bible Study—The Gospel of Mark: Faith Not Fear*  
4:00 pm | RE Grades 1-5  
5:45 pm | Knights of Columbus Business Meeting  
6:00 pm | Stephen Ministry Training  
6:00 pm | Boy Scouts Troop 766  
6:30 pm | Healing from Divorce Workshop  
7:30 pm | University Students (CLU)\*

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

12:00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration begins in the church  
12:30 pm | Nativity Staff School of Community (CL)\*  
5:00–6:00 pm | Holy Hour with Confession  
6:00 pm | Sacrament Preparation with Deacon Huan  
6:00 pm | Music Ministry Rehearsal  
6:00 pm | Stephen Ministry  
6:15 pm | 2024 Restored Order and Confirmation Class  
6:30 pm | *Adult Bible Study—The Gospel of Mark: Faith Not Fear*  
7:30 pm | School of Community (CL)\*



## 40 HOURS DEVOTION

THU, FEB 29, 4:00 PM

through

SAT, MAR 2, 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION OPENS  
NEXT WEEKEND

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 am | Men of Emmaus  
9:00 am | ENDOW  
10:00 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
6:00 pm | American Heritage Girls

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 am | Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle  
8:15 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
8:50 am | Pro Life Rosary  
10:00 am | Grieving with Great Hope Workshop  
1:00 pm | Altar Serving Training

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 am | School of Community (CL)\*  
10:30 am | John Paul II Families Secretary Meeting  
11:00 am | Parishioners' Rosary  
11:00 am | RCIA  
6:00 pm | GS/High School Youth Group  
6:15 pm | Catholic Young Adults

\*(CL) Communion & Liberation

## Families of John Paul II

### HALF DAY GATHERING SUNDAY, FEB 4, 1–4 PM

The Church calls the family the domestic church. It is a great and sacred place in which a family is born and children grow.



The Families of John Paul II will host their next Half Day gathering next Sunday, February 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Our very own Marie Claire Bieshaar, licensed clinical psychologist & parishioner, will be giving the teaching: **Marriage Master or Disaster: How to Build a Thriving Marriage Through Communication and Love.**

The Families of John Paul II is a couples ministry designed to support married couples through prayer, community and education. If your family is interested in joining or getting more information, please reach out to Beverly Ketchel, [b.ketchel@nool.us](mailto:b.ketchel@nool.us) or visit

[www.nool.us/families-of-jpii](http://www.nool.us/families-of-jpii)



Please RSVP for February 4 to Beverly and bring a side dish to share.



## RESTORED ORDER 2024

- RECONCILIATION
- CONFIRMATION
- EUCHARIST

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The Restored Order is when a baptized child—after making his or her First Reconciliation—is confirmed and also receives First Communion at the Confirmation Mass.

### REQUIREMENTS:

– Candidates seeking the Restored Order must be a baptized Catholic who is 7 years or older. She or he must have two years of Faith Formation (first grade or up) within two years of receiving the sacraments.

– Candidates solely seeking Confirmation need to have one year of Faith Formation (first grade or up) within two years of receiving the sacraments.

– Faith Formation includes Religious Education classes, Nativity (or other) Catholic schooling, homeschool Religious Education, and Venturers of the Star Middle School group.

### RESTORED ORDER CLASSES

Thursdays, 6:15–7:15 pm  
February 8 & 15, 2024  
March 14, 2024  
April 11, 2024

Register at:  
[www.nool.us/restored-order](http://www.nool.us/restored-order)



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## ADULT CONFIRMATION SPRING 2024

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN

If you are an adult Catholic who has been baptized but never confirmed, you can register for Nativity's Confirmation program at

[www.nool.us/adult-confirmation](http://www.nool.us/adult-confirmation)

or scan QR code below.

With questions, contact:  
**Beverly Ketchel**  
[b.ketchel@nool.us](mailto:b.ketchel@nool.us)  
303-731-0425



REGISTER

## NATIVITY MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

**MARCH 15–17, 2024**  
**FRIDAY–SUNDAY**  
YMCA OF THE ROCKIES,  
ESTES PARK

Join with other men of the parish for an opportunity to get away from the "world" and listen to God's voice through structured talks, prayer, discussion, and rest.

Retreat theme:

**Defying The World:  
Holiness in an Age of Unbelieving**

Retreat leader: Catholic Biblical School Instructor, Tomas Fuerte

Paper registration at front desk is available. To find out about further details and register online, please scan the QR code below or go to

[www.nool.us/upcoming-events](http://www.nool.us/upcoming-events)

With questions, contact **Bob Patton** at 720-883-1893 or email [catholicmensgroup@nool.us](mailto:catholicmensgroup@nool.us).



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## VENTURERS WINTER CAMP

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY 23–25, 2024  
ESTES PARK  
YMCA OF THE ROCKIES

Cost: \$200

Registrations close on February 15.

QUESTIONS? Contact:  
Fr. Accu, [a.ciaccio@nool.us](mailto:a.ciaccio@nool.us).



The winter camp will end with the Promise Mass at St. Malo. Families are welcome to join!



REGISTER

## DAILY READINGS

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Reading 1: 1 Kgs 3:4-13  
Psalm: 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14  
Gospel: Mk 6:30-34

OR:

*Optional Memorial of Saint Blaise,  
Bishop and Martyr*

Reading 1: Rom 5:1-5

Psalm: 117:1bc, 2

Gospel: Mk 16:15-20

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Reading 1: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Reading 2: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

*Memorial of Saint Agatha,  
Virgin and Martyr*

Reading 1: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13

Psalm: 132:6-7, 8-10

Gospel: Mk 6:53-56

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

*Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and  
Companions, Martyrs*

Reading 1: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30

Psalm: 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11

Gospel: Mk 7:1-13

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Reading 1: 1 Kgs 10:1-10

Psalm: 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40

Gospel: Mk 7:14-23

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Reading 1: 1 Kgs 11:4-13

Psalm: 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40

Gospel: Mk 7:24-30

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Reading 1: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19

Psalm: 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15

Gospel: Mk 7:31-37

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

*Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin*

Reading 1: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Psalm: 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22

Gospel: Mk 8:1-10



SAVE THE DATE:

## MISSA DE ANGELIS WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 24, 2024  
AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS**

Enjoy coffee and light refreshments as Fr. Emanuele and Frederick Proulx explore the *Missa de Angelis*. Gain some practical experience as you rehearse the *Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei!*

Please sign up, so we can make sure to prepare enough coffee and food for all the attendees.

You can sign up at:

- [www.nool.us/upcoming-events](http://www.nool.us/upcoming-events) or
- [www.nool.us/music](http://www.nool.us/music) or
- by scanning QR code

SIGN UP



If you have difficulties signing up, please ask a friend for help or stop by or call the front desk at **303-469-5171**.



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

This semester, we are offering a different format of altar server training: two three-week sessions, one in February and one in March. The February session begins this weekend. There are 5 spots available for the March session. Please sign up if you can commit to all 3 dates.

**MARCH SESSION DATES  
MARCH 2, 9, 16, 2024  
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM**

QUESTIONS? Please contact Luke Hellwig, [luhellwig@gmail.com](mailto:luhellwig@gmail.com)

To sign up, go to:

[www.nool.us/altar-serving](http://www.nool.us/altar-serving)

or scan QR code

SIGN UP



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

As we begin the new year and approach tax season, many of us are looking at our donations for the past year and wondering about this year's giving. A great way to boost your giving is to take advantage of matching programs offered through your work. **Corporate Matching Gifts** are a type of philanthropy in which companies financially match donations their employees make to nonprofit organizations. When an employee makes a donation, they will request the matching gift from their employer, who then makes their own donation.

At Nativity, we have received some very generous donations through this program. Please ask if your company has an employee matching program. We'll be happy to give you any information you need to submit to your employer so they can match your offertory giving.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Diane Denfeld,  
(303) 469-5171, Ext. 106  
[d.denfeld@nool.us](mailto:d.denfeld@nool.us)

## NATIVITY WOMEN'S GUILD GATHERING

**MONDAY, FEB 12, 10:30 AM  
NEWMAN ROOM**

All Nativity women are welcome to join the Women's Guild for the White Elephant Gift Exchange Gathering. Learn about our work at Nativity and make friends! There are several committees under the Guild which provide specific services to the parish.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Nicki Battista, 303-469-0670  
[paul.battista@comcast.net](mailto:paul.battista@comcast.net)

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"Speak Lord,  
your servant is  
listening."  
Call of Samuel  
skit at all-school  
assembly, after which  
students broke into  
advisory groups  
to discuss vocations.



My Catholic school fills my heart!



# 2024-2025 ENROLLMENT OPENS ON FEBRUARY 15!

PRESCHOOL THROUGH  
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We are accepting new students for the 2024–2025 School Year. Please share this news with your friends, family, and neighbors who are looking for a high-quality education rooted in Catholic values.

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[school.nool.us/enroll](https://school.nool.us/enroll)

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or email us at [info@seedsofhopedenver.org](mailto:info@seedsofhopedenver.org)

Approximate income eligibility guidelines for 2024-2025

Household Size	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Annual Income	\$59,160	\$74,580	\$90,000	\$105,420	\$120,840	\$136,260	\$151,680	\$167,100	\$182,520

For each additional family member add: \$15,420

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With questions about admission or to schedule a tour, contact **Shannon Spinuzzi**  
[s.spinuzzi@nool.us](mailto:s.spinuzzi@nool.us)

"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves."

— St. John Paul II, *Fides et ratio*

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## AN INCURABLE WOUND?



## FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go ... for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." —Luke 2:29-32*

This cherished quote enshrines the words which an older and "righteous" Simeon spoke to the infant Jesus at the time of Christ's presentation in the temple. The light of Jesus, the long awaited Messiah, whom both Simeon and the prophetess, Anna longed to see, fills us with anticipation.

Candlemas Day, which celebrates Jesus' presentation, gives us hope at this time of the year when the cold and darkness often keep us bound inward. As Jesus later grows into adulthood, He begins to embark on his public ministry journey. Jesus fulfills the light and compassion which Simeon's prophecy earlier echoed. In this week's gospel, Jesus heals his disciple Simon's mother-in-law by vanishing her fever. After this healing, the townspeople came with a multitude of diseases, and Jesus cured many. Setting a powerful example, the Messiah retreats early the next morning to pray before he travels to neighboring villages to preach the good news.

As we begin our day, we too can lift up our activities as well as our fellow brothers and sisters in need of prayer. Some neighbors may need physical healing, others may need help with work or finances, and some, particularly the elderly, may need a friend to ease the loneliness. At the St. Vincent de Paul Society, we aim to reach out to our poor neighbors in need. For more information on our local Nativity of Our Lord St. Vincent de Paul chapter, see our Flocknote site at [nool.flocknote.com/svdpvol](http://nool.flocknote.com/svdpvol).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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- Grow and deepen your Catholic faith
- Join a fraternity of men who share your values
- Bring acts of charity and service into your life
- Become a better man in every aspect of life

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# Life



**"The life was made manifest, and we saw it"**  
(1 Jn 1:2)

Exerpts of St. John Paul II's  
*EVANGELIUM VITAE*  
On the Value and  
Inviolability of Human Life

**F**aced with the countless grave threats to life present in the modern world, one could feel overwhelmed by sheer powerlessness: good can never be powerful enough to triumph over evil!

At such times the People of God, and this includes every believer, is called to profess with humility and courage its faith in Jesus Christ, "the Word of life" (1 Jn 1:1). The Gospel of life is not simply a reflection, however new and profound, on human life. Nor is it merely a commandment aimed at raising awareness and bringing about significant changes in society. Still less is it an illusory promise of a better future. **The Gospel of life is something concrete and personal, for it consists in the proclamation of the very person of Jesus.** Jesus made himself known to the Apostle Thomas, and in him to every

person, with the words: **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life"** (Jn 14:6). This is also how he spoke of himself to Martha, the sister of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (Jn 11:25-26). Jesus is the Son who from all eternity receives life from the Father (cf. Jn 5:26), and who has come among men to make them sharers in this gift: **"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"** (Jn 10:10).

Through the words, the actions and the very person of Jesus, man is given the possibility of "knowing" the complete truth concerning the value of human life. From this "source" he receives, in particular, the capacity to "accomplish" this truth perfectly (cf. Jn 3:21), that is, to accept and fulfil completely the responsibility of loving and serving, of defending and promoting human life. In Christ, the Gospel of life is definitively proclaimed and fully given. This is the Gospel which, already present in the Revelation of the Old Testament, and indeed written in the heart of every man and woman, has echoed in every conscience "from the beginning", from the time of creation itself, in such a way that, despite the negative consequences of sin, it can also be known in its essential traits by human reason. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, **Christ "perfected revelation by fulfilling it through his whole work of making himself present and manifesting himself; through his words and deeds, his signs and wonders, but especially through his death and glorious Resurrection from the dead and final sending of the Spirit of truth. Moreover, he confirmed with divine testimony what revelation proclaimed: that God is with us to free us from the darkness of sin and death, and to raise us up to life eternal."**

Hence, with our attention fixed on the Lord Jesus, we wish to hear from him once again "the words of God" (Jn 3:34) and meditate anew on the Gospel of life. The deepest and most original meaning of this meditation on what revelation tells us about human life was taken up by the Apostle John in the opening words of his First Letter: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-that which we

have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us" (1:1-3).

In Jesus, the "Word of life," God's eternal life is thus proclaimed and given. Thanks to this proclamation and gift, our physical and spiritual life, also in its earthly phase, acquires its full value and meaning, for God's eternal life is in fact the end to which our living in this world is directed and called. In this way the Gospel of life includes everything that human experience and reason tell us about the value of human life, accepting it, purifying it, exalting it and bringing it to fulfilment.

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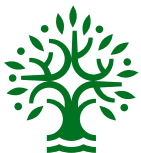
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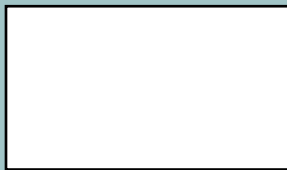


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