

Readings for the Week of March 8th

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42
 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/ Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/ Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/ Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/ Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/ Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/ Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**ST. JOHN THE
 EVANGELIST PARISH**
Monthly Offertory Report
February 1st \$1296.75
E-Giving \$281.75
Cash Flow Projections indicate
we need \$4807.00 each week to
meet our 2025-2026
operating budget.
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“Hope every thing from
 the mercy of God; it is as
 boundless as His power.”
 -Saint Frances of Rome

#Lent

Sunday Bible Reflection

Striking the Rock: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Lent



The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert. Though they saw His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumbled and put God to the test in today's First Reading—a crisis point recalled also in today's Psalm. Jesus is thirsty, too, in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see John 19:28). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life. These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans. But Jesus was something greater than Jacob (Luke 11:31-32). The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (2 Kings 17:6, 24-41). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerizim, not Jerusalem. But Jesus tells the woman that the “hour” of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth. Jesus' “hour” is the “appointed time” that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (John 19:34-37). These waters are the Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39), the gift of God (Hebrews 6:4). By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, and the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (Ephesians 2:12-14,18). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (1 Corinthians 12:13). In the Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob. In the “today” of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: “I am He,” come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

March 8th 2026 Third Sunday Of Lent



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Welcome new parishioners!

Yuma

Sunday Mass:
 English 10:30 am
 Spanish 1:00PM (CCD) 12:15 pm (Summer)

Weekday Mass:
 Thursday 5:30 pm
 Friday 8:00 am

Confessions:
 2nd & 4th Saturday 11:00am-12:00pm
 Thursday 4:30-5:00pm
 or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Tuesday 8:00-9:00 am
 Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm
 Wednesday & Friday 8:30-9:30 am
Saturday Anticipated Mass:
 Every Saturday in Wray at 5:00pm

Wray
 Sunday Mass at 8:00 am

Parish Council Members:

Jeremy Blach, Mark Oestman, Miriam Berry,
 Freddy Arvizo, Daniela Mendoza, Karina
 Valenzuela, Glenda Escobar, Thomas Holtorf
 & Conner Blach.

Parish Finance Council

Ronald Blach, Hannah Lungwitz, Nolan Bohm,
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CCD: Beginning in September
 Pre-Communion: During CCD time
 Pre-Confirmation: During CCD time
 Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Wednesday 7:00PM

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Liturgy and Activities Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Third Sunday of Lent

10:30AM Mass (English) for +Pete Newton by Newton Family & +Dorothy Blach by Knights of Columbus

11:45AM-12:50PM CCD/ Catecismo

1:00PM Mass (Spanish) for +Hermelinda and +Arturo Estrada by Jazmin Ibañez & +Jesusita Vega by Adriana Acosta

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

8:00-9:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

8:30-9:30 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 P.M Youth Group

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

4:30-5:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00PM Stations of the Cross in English

5:30PM Mass for +Don Silvius by Ralph and Maureen Ebert & +Maria Clementina Hernandez Tapia by Angelica Tovar

6:00-7:00PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Lenten Discipleship Training Reflection (During Adoration)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Prayer for vocations: Applicants and Prospective Seminarians

8:00AM Mass for +Jimmie Churchill by Josie Churchill & +Christine Mbala

8:30-9:30AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00PM Stations of the Cross in Spanish

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

Prayer for vocations: 1st and 2nd College Seminarians

11:00-12:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00PM Anticipated Mass in Wray

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30AM Mass (English) for +Jeff and Carol Wilson & +Aniela Rafacz by Bukowski Family

No CCD/ No Habra Catecismo

12:15PM Mass (Spanish) for +Roxana Corona by Bukowski Family & +Mundo Lozano

"Nothing great is ever achieved without much enduring."

-Saint Catherine of Siena

Sunday, March 15th, 10:30AM English Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Karla Blach, Angela Oestman, Kindra Bradner

Greeters & Gift Bearers: Ed & Miriam Berry

Introduction & 1st Reading: Ron Blach

2nd Reading & Petitions: Michael Dischner

Ushers: Jeremy Blach, Dan Baucke, Tom Holtorf, Preston Blach

Servers: Adley Blach, Mateo Aguinaga, Benjamin Oestman

Collection Counters: Margaret Meis, Mary Kay Robertson, Cathy Hall

Altar Linens: Gayle Nash

Lenten
Penance Service

Thursday March 26th, 2026 at 6 PM in Yuma

Monday March 30th, 2026 at 6 PM in Wray



"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions."
- Psalm 51

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe.'"

- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

Lenten Discipleship Training Reflections

In the Church Sanctuary

- Thursday, March 12th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Deacon Luke will share very practical skills for inviting your friends and family to encounter Jesus Christ and respond to His Gospel.

You know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

James 1:3

Next Sunday March 15th we will have a second collection for the **Catholic Relief Services**. Funds for this collection provide relief and support for struggling communities including food and support for displaced refugees.





All women ages 15 and up are invited to a spiritual renewal retreat at **St. Patrick's Parish in Holyoke, CO**, on **April 18th**. There will be Mass, breakfast, adoration, confessions, and more!

More information about the retreat, including the QR code to register, can be found at the entrance of the church!



There will be no CCD next Sunday, March 15th or 22nd due to Spring break! Spanish mass will be at 12:15PM both Sundays.



Stations of the Cross:

Come and meditate on Jesus' suffering and death during the stations of the cross each Thursday at 5:00pm (Friday in Spanish at 6:00PM)

• Thursday, March 12th at 5:00pm

Text INDIANS to 84576

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 8:00- 9:00 AM

Wed & Fri 8:30- 9:30AM

Thursday: 6:00-7:00PM

Youth Group

Wednesday, March 11th at 7 p.m in the church basement!