



# Church of the Holy Ghost

✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024 ✠

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Parish Office Hours**  
Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. (Office is closed on Fridays.)  
*Office is closed for lunch 12:30-1:30 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays.*

**Social Ministry**  
Come and be a part of our service to the homeless, including our Monday-Saturday sandwich line. Interested? Call 303-297-3441. Come during 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-4:00pm, Monday-Friday, to receive services for an ID or a birth certificate.

### Monthly Devotions

**First Friday of the month:**  
Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after both Masses  
6:30pm Holy Hour of Eucharistic and Vocational Revival  
**First Saturday of the month:**  
Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:30am

### Eucharistic Adoration

M-F 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 3:00 p.m.  
Sign up at [www.adorationpro.org/holyghostdenver](http://www.adorationpro.org/holyghostdenver)  
Contact email: [adoration@holyghostchurch.org](mailto:adoration@holyghostchurch.org)

### Safe Environment: Protecting Children and At-Risk Adults

Parish Coordinator: Robert Pablo, x1013  
Archdiocese of Denver: <https://archden.org/protection/>



**The Procession on the Walls of Jerusalem** by James Tissot  
In those days Judah shall be safe  
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure.  
~ Jeremiah 33:16

### MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

**Weekday Masses**  
Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
**Saturday Masses**  
8:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
**Sunday Masses**  
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m. (Latin), 12:00 noon,  
2:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:10 p.m.

### DECEMBER 9, 2024 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
As of November 1, 2024, all obligatory days retain their obligations when they are transferred to Monday (previously, the obligation was lifted).

**You must attend** a Mass for the **2nd Sunday of Advent** Saturday night or Sunday; **and also** a Mass for **Immaculate Conception**. As you make your plans, Sunday evening 5:10 PM Mass can count for either Sunday or Immaculate Conception but not both.

**Monday, December 9:**  
**7:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 7 PM**

### Confession Times

Monday-Thursday 12-1pm  
All Fridays in Advent, extended confessions: 12-5pm  
Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses: confessions start 30 minutes before Mass

### Baptism

Takes place on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month.  
Baptismal Classes 1st Saturday of the month at 9:45am.  
To register, please contact the parish office.

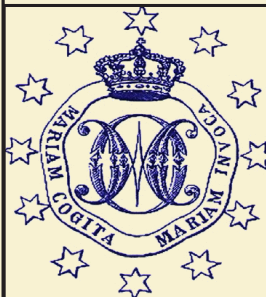
**Adults: Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion**  
Starts September 24th - Tuesdays 6:30-9:00pm, Fr. Jonathon

### Marriage

Arrangements for weddings are made at least 9 months in advance. Call or email the parish office for details.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call our office or after hours pager 303-240-0297.



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**WEEKLY REFLECTION**

**LIVING OUR FAITH**

**An Advent of Hope**

Just what we need! If there was ever a time to need a savior, isn't this it? Even as so many have experienced emotions tending toward despair down through the centuries, we all need to feel for ourselves how Jesus the Savior who is to come supplies much-needed hope.

One sign of hope is that our church is still standing, still attracting over a thousand of God's children to worship and be reconciled here each week. It was heart-warming to see so many join us for our Thanksgiving Mass, allowing God to unlock both gratitude and generosity in our hearts by his grace. This church was built 100 years ago, starting with the basement, where Mass was celebrated for the first 20 years. December 14, 1924 was the dedication date of the church in the basement, now our parish hall.

As such, we have obtained a partial indulgence to celebrate the anniversary! The time frame is from noon on December 7 through the end of the day December 29: anyone who comes here and prays with the intention of receiving the indulgence, and prays for the intentions of Pope Francis and Archbishop Aquila, having gone to confession at least once during the days of the indulgence, and receives Holy Communion, can receive this partial indulgence for oneself or for souls in purgatory. A partial indulgence is the remission of a portion of a person's temporal punishment owed due to sin. This indulgence can be received once per day during the period. We will have an opportunity to pray for it together, such as during our parish retreat day on December 21.

Another sign of hope is the strength of the Church going into the jubilee year 2025. We see so many young missionaries from every continent taking their faith seriously. We see so many new programs of evangelization and spirituality that provide fertile soil for "cultural Catholics" to become intentional disciples, falling in love with God and serving his church, beyond the rote practice of faith. It is no accident that Pope Francis designated Hope as the theme for this jubilee. You can participate in special Masses at the Cathedral throughout the year and thus be a part of the jubilee pilgrimage here in Denver.

May God fill our hearts with an abundance of His hope this Advent and in the year to come!

--Fr. Paul M. Nguyen, OMV

**First Friday Devotion**  
Eucharistic and Vocational Revival  
6:30pm Holy Hour followed by fellowship

**First Saturday Devotion**  
Mass 8:00am, Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary follow



**Financial Blessing**

<b>Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget</b>	<b>\$15,600</b>
November 24, 2024 Actual Collection	\$11,646
November 24, 2024 Weekly Online Giving	\$2,027
November 24, 2024 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,927
November 24, 2024 avg per-person donation	\$14.39
<b>Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>
November 24, 2024 Actual Donations	\$1,123
November 24, 2024 Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$137
November 24, 2024 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	-\$1,040
November 24, 2024 avg per-person donation	\$1.33
Special Collection - Organ Dedication	\$490
Online Giving Portal	<a href="https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZFJ1/home">https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZFJ1/home</a>

**Catechesis Corner** Looking at the Middle East from God's perspective means recognizing it as the "cradle" of a universal design of salvation in love, a mystery of communion which becomes true in freedom and thus asks man for a response. Abraham, the prophets, and the Virgin Mary are the protagonists of this response which, however, has its completion in Jesus Christ, Son of that same land, yet descended from Heaven. From Him, from his Heart and his Spirit was born the Church, which is a pilgrim in this world, yet belongs to Him. (from Pope Benedict XVI's Papal Mass for the Opening of the Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops held in 2010)

**Request Masses**

Consider having a Mass celebrated for any family member(s), living or deceased, or any other person or group of people who needs our prayers. You may stop by the parish office M-Th 9-5 or mail or email your requests to the office. The standard Mass offering is \$10, but it is entirely up to you whether to offer any amount at the time you make your request.



**Seniors – For Year-End Tax Planning - Did you know you can donate directly from your IRA and save on taxes?**



Seniors older than 70 ½ can donate through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). This tax saving option reduces your required minimum distribution and makes it simple to give directly from your IRA to Holy Ghost Parish. This is a great way to support Holy Ghost by donating through your IRA. We recommend you discuss this with your tax professional. If you would like more information, you can also discuss this and any planned giving with the Catholic Foundation at 303-468-9885 or [thecatholicfoundation.com](http://thecatholicfoundation.com). Be sure to mention Holy Ghost Parish.

**IMPORTANT PARKING LOT INSTRUCTIONS  
HOLY GHOST CHURCH**

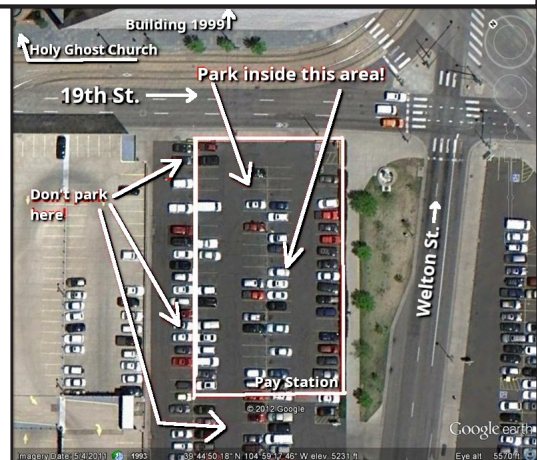
Weekend and Weekday Masses & Church Functions  
Location: 19th & Welton ("Lighthouse Lot")

**DO NOT PARK IN ANY SPOTS MARKED MONTHLY PARKING!**

**Go to the Kiosk**

1. Touch any key on the key pad.
2. Enter exact license plate number and letters. Press OK
3. Select Option—Choose appropriate # for **Holy Ghost**—Press OK
4. Enter 316 and Press OK
5. A dash tag may not print. Verify the expiration time on screen.

*You may wish to take a picture of the screen in case of dispute.*



**HOLY GHOST NEWS**



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, November 30**

4:00 pm †Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, December 1**

7:00 am Dennis Goodman

8:30 am The Pearse family

10:00 am †Adam Michael Fresquez

Noon †Mark Lessner, Jr.

2:00 pm Living and deceased members of the Melendrez family

5:10 pm Holy Ghost Parishioners

**Monday, December 2**

7:00 am †Robert Willcoxon

11:30 am †Eleanor Miller

**Tuesday, December 3**

7:00 am Kathy Cassidy Goodman

11:30 am †June Billings

**Wednesday, December 4**

7:00 am Fr. Christopher Hellstrom

11:30 am †John J. Chamberlain

**Thursday, December 5**

7:00 am Fr. John Paul Klein, OMV

11:30 am †Diane West

**Friday, December 6 (First Friday)**

7:00 am Living and deceased members of the Price family

11:30 am †Olive Robertson

**Saturday, December 7 (First Saturday)**

8:00 am Family of Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV

If there is someone you would like to add to our bulletin's Prayer Corner, please call the parish office to have the name placed on the list. Names will stay on the list for a period of 4 weeks unless arrangements are made for more time.



**Please pray for the sick and those most in need of our prayers:**

Jim Cunningham, Rafael Diaz, David DiJiacomo, Marilyn Dottenwhy, Patty Kellogg Freel, Russell Hulslander, Willard Juarez, Nadine Karius, the Koswenda Family, Connie Magers, Patrick Mahoney, Ben Otten, Pat, Gianna Raskob, Larry Rivera, Rudy Romero, Richard Sandoval, Stephanie Sandoval, Rory Seeber, Lisa Valtierra, Gene Wiggs

**PRAY FOR ALL OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

LTJG Patrick D. Mahoney, Jr., US Navy	Richard Dottenwhy, E7 Army
Benjamin Jacob Lucero, US Navy	Tim Harper Vedra, USAF
M SGT D.J. Hagberg, Air Force	Maj. Sean Dzierzanowski, USMC
LTJG Gemma Nowak, US Navy	ENS Rebecca Nowak, MC, USNR
MIDN Vincent Nowak, USNR	Taylor Donohue, US Navy
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*Rest in Peace*

Your prayers are requested for the soul of  
**Lovia "Lovey" Shipp**  
(died November 12, 2024)  
**Funeral Mass on Friday, December 13 at 10:00 am**  
"May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

**Support Floral Arrangements on the High Altar**



We now invite donations to support floral arrangements on the high altar (on either side of the tabernacle), and we will publish your prayer intentions in the bulletin for the week you sponsor them. The suggested donation is \$50 per side. Please inquire about availability in the parish office.

**Week of December 1-7:**

**Mary's side:** In memory of †Kim Watson, at the request of Jean Achziger

**St. Joseph's side:** In memory of †Kim Watson, at the request of Jean Achziger

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# HOLY GHOST NEWS



## 100 Year Anniversary Indulgence

On December 14, 2024, we commemorate 100 years since the dedication of the lower church at this location, in what is now our parish hall. 19 years later, the present church was completed and dedicated. We have received a partial indulgence designation (protocol number 2024-0611 AB A) for noon December 7-29, 2024 under the following conditions: once on any day that you come to Holy Ghost and receive Communion and also pray for the intentions of our Holy Father and the Archbishop of Denver, and go to confession during the period of the indulgence, you can receive a partial indulgence for yourself or souls in purgatory. An indulgence does not forgive sins, it removes temporal punishment due to our sins. A partial indulgence can be earned every day of the period. We will acknowledge this anniversary during the Mother Teresa Social Ministry Christmas Party on the day (December 14), and also at the parish Advent retreat on December 21, during which we will lead everyone in the prayers to receive the indulgence that day (confessions will be offered, and the Masses before and after the retreat would count).

**Colorado Gives “give where you live” is a movement and day, now through December 10. To donate to Holy Ghost’s Colorado Gives:**

<https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/Holy-Ghost-Catholic-Parish-In-Denver>



## Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule (Holy Day of Obligation)

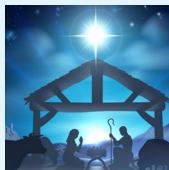
**Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Vigil**  
4:00pm | 8:00pm | Midnight  
*No confessions*

**Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day**  
7:00am | 8:30am | 10:00am | Noon | 2:00pm (Spanish)  
**NO EVENING MASS**  
*No confessions*

**Adoration with Praise & Worship Music and Confessions**  
Sunday afternoons in Advent, December 1, 8, 15 & 22 from 4:30-5pm

**Confessions in Advent** Monday-Thursday: Noon -1pm  
Friday: Noon - 5pm  
All Sunday Masses: 30 minutes prior

Experience the renewal of your dedication to the Lord who is born to us on Christmas. The sacrament of reconciliation is a great way to prepare for the celebration! Encourage anyone you know who may not have been to confession in a while to come this Advent.



## Holy Ghost Young Adults Retreat: *Abiding Grace*

January 17-19, 2025  
Annunciation Heights

A retreat for young adults rooted in Ignatian spirituality and the Sacramental life led by Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV

Cost: Before Dec. 1: \$175  
Before Jan. 1: \$195

To register or for more information, please contact:  
[hgya.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:hgya.ministry@gmail.com)

## HYGA Holy Ghost Young Adults Thursdays 7-9 pm *Holy Ghost parish hall*

A community where Catholic young adults (ages 21-35) can share their faith and encourage each other to grow in charity and holiness.

**December 5 Mariology: Knowing and Loving Our Lady**  
*Led by Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV*

**December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*Procession and Mass, beginning at 5:30pm*

**December 19 HGYA Social — Christmas party**  
*Potluck in the parish hall*

**December 26 — No meeting —**  
*God bless you and have a merry Christmas!*

For more information or to join our mailing list, please contact [hgya.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:hgya.ministry@gmail.com) or scan the QR code above for GroupMe.



**Bring a Meal to OCIA!** It is very important for those gathering to learn about how God is calling them to holiness within the Catholic Church to share the journey of responding to that call. Thanks to you, they can enjoy a meal together each Tuesday!



This is a current and ongoing opportunity.

Sign up today! <https://mealtrain.com/0810qz>

## GET INVOLVED!

**11/30** Advent Lessons & Carols musical and scriptural prayer service, by Canto Deo 7:00pm

**12/7** Church Deep Cleaning for Christmas (volunteer all morning and early afternoon)

**12/12** Our Lady of Guadalupe Special Evening Procession and Mass at 5:30pm

**12/14** Christmas Banquet for the poor, Mother Teresa Social Ministry (Donate now; volunteer)

**12/14** Anniversary of Holy Ghost at this location: 100 years since 1924!

**12/20** Las Posadas traditional songs in church at 7:00pm

**12/21** Advent Day of Recollection from 8:30am-3:30pm on the themes of Devotion to Mary and Hope



Mother Teresa Social Ministry  
*Share the joy this Holiday Season*

**Community Christmas Party**  
December 14th at 10a.m. in the Parish Hall

Volunteer to sign up - text / call 720-515-1395 or email  
[SOCIAL@HOLYGHOSTCHURCH.ORG](mailto:SOCIAL@HOLYGHOSTCHURCH.ORG)

We look forward to seeing all the volunteers again this year! If you are unable to attend the party and would like to still donate, please feel free to drop off donations or pick up a Social Ministry donation envelope at the back of church or in the pews. We are looking for snacks to put in backpacks, bottled water, and drinks of any kind.

## Ongoing Activities and Groups

Contact the Parish Office to connect!

**Mondays (not 1st Monday of the month) 7:15-9pm:** Fully Alive, Men’s Group

**Tuesdays at 6:30pm:** Adult Faith Formation and OCIA

**Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm:** Women After Mary’s Heart of Mercy

**Thursdays at 7pm:** Holy Ghost Young Adults

**First Friday of each month at 6:30pm:** Vocations Holy Hour and fellowship

**One Saturday/month at 8am:** Hearts of Fire Children’s Group

**One Saturday/month:** Holy Ghost Youth Ministry (Teens)

**Saturdays as announced, 8:30am:** St. Rita Intercessory Prayer Group