

Church of the Holy Ghost

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15, 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

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.

Holy Day Schedule

5:10 p.m. Vigil, 7:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,

12:30 p.m., 5:10 p.m.

Confession Times

Monday-Thursday 12-1pm

All Fridays in Advent, extended confessions: 12-5pm

Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses: confessions

start 30 minutes before Mass

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

Contact email: adoration@holyghostchurch.org

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.

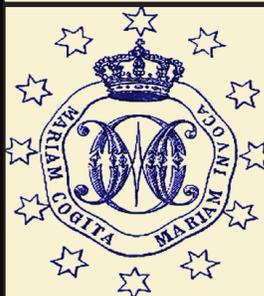
Safe Environment: Protecting Children and At-Risk Adults

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

JOY

NOW THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING.

ROMANS 15:13



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OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY



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WEEKLY REFLECTION

LIVING OUR FAITH

Hope in Practice

What a big week! Immaculate Conception, the Rite of Acceptance of catechumens and candidates for continuing conversion, Our Lady of Guadalupe with our procession passing by the 1950 Curtis Street location of the original church, a longtime parishioner’s funeral, and the Christmas Party for the poor. So many graces and so fruitful a time to see the engagement of the parish.

We hope you enjoy the 2025 parish calendars, take home Fr. Peter Grover’s book on prayer, and join fellow parishioners in receiving our anniversary indulgence (now through December 29).

You can practice hope through our social ministry! In speaking with a staff writer for the Archdiocese magazine, the *Denver Catholic*, I was given to reflect on Hope on the cusp of the worldwide jubilee 2025 and how hope is alive here. Holy Ghost is such a field hospital and beacon of hope and restoration, especially with the abundance of confessions and the Oblate charism for mercy. And the sandwich line ministry and the annual Christmas party are really an occasion to commemorate in a tangible and ongoing way what this church has stood for over its 100 years of existence at this location, and what the sandwich line has accomplished over the 50 years since its inception. The age-old good news that a Savior is born for us and the Lord died for our sins and rose from the dead continues to be proclaimed here!

You can practice hope through evangelization. This week, dozens of downtown hotels will receive our Christmas schedule so that inquiring visitors will have a chance to join us. We always need your help out in the community to share what you have received here and bring others to see if our God is for them, as well. Help us continue the legacy of our church, this Holy Ghost church, and the call to holiness that the Lord has entrusted to every Christian!

You can practice hope through our Advent retreat. Register now to join us December 21 between the Masses (8:30-3:30) for a day of reflective prayer and fellowship, treating the themes of devotion to Mary and Hope, a welcome respite from holiday stresses.

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

--Fr. Paul M. Nguyen, OMV

Special Collection, December 14-15

This weekend, we will take up a second collection to benefit displaced Christians in Lebanon (facilitated by St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church <https://www.strafkadenver.org/> here in Lakewood), and to benefit refugees in Gaza, as well (through Christian Mission to Gaza <https://www.cm2g.org/>). In case you wanted your entire donation to benefit only one of these causes, please indicate it on your check or online donation memo.

LIVING OUR FAITH

Financial Blessing

Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget	\$15,600
December 8, 2024 Actual Collection	\$11,808
December 8, 2024 Weekly Online Giving	\$2,922
December 8, 2024 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	- \$870
December 8, 2024 avg per-person donation	\$16.18
Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget	\$2,300
December 8, 2024 Actual Donations	\$895
December 8, 2024 Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$566
December 8, 2024 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	- \$839
December 8, 2024 avg per-person donation	\$1.61

Online Giving Portal <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZFJ1/home>

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

Seniors older than 70½ 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. You can discuss this and any planned giving with the Catholic Foundation at 303-468-9885 or thecatholicfoundation.com. Be sure to mention Holy Ghost Parish.

Holy Ghost Commemorative Rosaries

Holy Ghost is partnering with FairEE Designs for a limited time, now through January 12, 2025 to offer this Unique Artisanal rosary featuring the mosaics on our communion rail, and the centerpiece from frescoes of the Eucharist and the Holy Spirit.



Price: \$45 each. Thanks to the generosity of this vendor, \$10 of each purchase is returned to Holy Ghost.

Order online through the parish website or contact the parish office to place your order.

Online orders will be shipped to you; office orders will be held at church for pickup.

Catechesis Corner

The four candles of the Advent Wreath represent the 4 weeks of Advent. Traditionally, each week represents 1,000 years, as it was 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior. The first 2 purple candles symbolize hope and love. The third candle (pink/rose) symbolizes joy. The fourth candle represents peace. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind.



**IMPORTANT PARKING LOT INSTRUCTIONS
HOLY GHOST CHURCH**

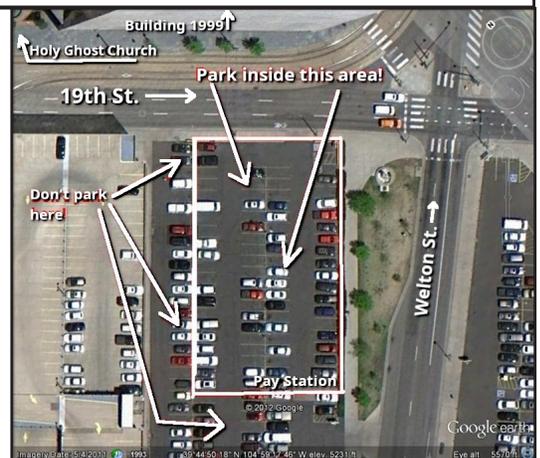
Weekend and Weekday Masses & Church Functions
Location: 19th & Welton (“Lighthouse Lot”)

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, December 14

4:00 pm Brother Juan Torres

Sunday, December 15

7:00 am †Patricia Green

8:30 am Holy Ghost Parishioners

10:00 am †Steven Levine

Noon †Zair Martinez

2:00 pm Fr. Jim Fox

5:10 pm Mass in Reparation of Clerical Abuse

Monday, December 16

7:00 am Aidan and Maddie Shannon

11:30 am †Rafael Vidrio

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 am †Joey Brown

11:30 am †Joey Ortiz y Pino

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 am †Edward Sum

11:30 am Doris Brookman

Thursday, December 19

7:00 am Dominic DeCrescentis

11:30 am Vicki Mullen

Friday, December 20

7:00 am Courtney Walsh and †Brian Walsh

11:30 am Michael and Kathleen Killion

Saturday, December 21

8:00 am †Mary Pruisen

BAPTISMS

Mirella Lay

on December 8 by Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV

Welcome into the Church!

Celine Olaguez

on December 8 by Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV

Welcome into the Church!

Rest in Peace

Your prayers are requested for the soul of
Brenda Gaytan (Sister of Kenneth Martinez)
(d. November 27, 2024)

Service at Newcomer's Funeral Home, Lakewood,
December 16 at 10:00 am

"May her soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

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Denver Hall at 16th & Grant
Booking Events and Banquets
Multiple spaces available
Kitchen & Bar onsite
<https://denverhall.org>



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:

Milton Cox, Jim Cunningham, Rafael Diaz, David DiJiacomo, Marilyn Dottenwhy, Patty Kellogg Freel, Russell Hulslander, Willard Juarez, Nadine Karius, the Koswenda Family, Connie Magers, Patrick Mahoney, Mary Jo Maldonado, 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
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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. We have received a partial indulgence designation for noon December 7-29 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. A partial indulgence can be earned every day of the period. We will acknowledge this anniversary 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).

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 January 1: \$195

To register or for more information, please contact:

hgya.ministry@gmail.com

Middle School Youth Retreat - Mountain Madness "In His Footsteps"



Holy Ghost Parish has spots for the annual Middle School Retreat at YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park and hosted by the Archdiocese of Denver for youth in grades 6 - 8. Dates: February 14-16, 2025 Cost \$50 deposit; \$150 balance LIMITED Spots - First In - First Go! Sign Up ASAP with Dan Aedo, DRE / Sacristan email: sacristan@holyghostchurch.org

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 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 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!

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

1/4/25 Holy Ghost Choir presents a Christmas Season music concert, 7:00pm



SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday, January 4th, the Holy Ghost Choir will present a concert of music for the Christmas Season. Selections will include Morten Lauridsen's famous 'O Magnum Mysterium' and other music from Advent through Epiphany.



Parish Day of Recollection, December 21

Join us for this special **day of prayer before Christmas!** Join us on December 21 for a day that will include light breakfast, talks on devotion to Mary and Hope, with opportunities for silent prayer, communal rosary, sharing your experience of prayer and these themes.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION



- Lunch is included.
- Confessions offered during prayer times.
- Suggested offering: \$15.
- 8:30am - 3:30pm



Registration not necessary to attend, but advance registration (QR code above) helps us estimate quantities for lunch.

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 (resumes March 5)

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ♦ **Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year:** Sunday, December 29 Gather at 10am for a Solemn Procession to the Cathedral Basilica, starting at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 16th and Grant, celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Jorge Rodriguez.
- ♦ **Viriditas -The Greening Power of God:** Saturday, January 11 at the Abbey of St. Walburga exploring St. Hildegard of Bingen's teachings on contemplative prayer. Registration: jasonmichaelnelson@gmail.com