



Church of the Holy Ghost

✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 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.
The church office will be closed the afternoon of Christmas Eve through Christmas Day and December 26.

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. (Español el 22 y 25 de dic de 2025), 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
Friday 12-3pm
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

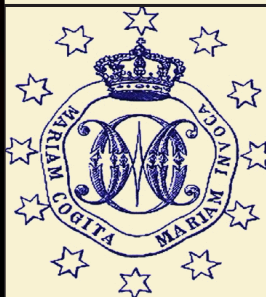
Arrangements for weddings are made at least 9 months in advance. Call or email the parish office for details.

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/>



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4TH SUNDAY OF
Advent
Songs of Angels and Peace



WEEKLY REFLECTION

As we approach the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, it is worth reflecting once more on the season of Advent, and how we have been preparing for our Savior’s coming.

Advent is all about preparation. One of the main ways we prepare for anything big is through *emptiness*. Not the kind of emptiness characterized by shame, loneliness, depression, or despair; but a fruitful, holy emptiness. We empty ourselves to allow for the coming of something greater. Think of the “silent night” on which Jesus was born. It was dark, silent, and still: empty of light, empty of sound, empty of movement. But that emptiness was so that it could be filled by the coming of something greater. Empty of light, sound, and movement, that holy night was able to welcome the Light of the world, shining brightly before all; the Word of God, spoken by the Father to give life to the world; and the Way, Jesus Christ, who descended from heaven to earth in the most sublime of all journeys.

Emptiness makes room for hope. It is very fitting that Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year of Hope, especially since there are so many places of emptiness in our world and so many signs of hope. Every baby born brings hope to a broken world that is slipping through our fingers. The conversions to deeper faith give us hope that all is not lost, looking toward eternity. Every need that is manifest and pulls at the heartstrings of one’s neighbors stretches our hearts, making us to love more and thus to resemble God more closely, and this draws us all closer to heaven. This jubilee year is not an empty or merely wishful rejoicing but a very real liberation from what has oppressed us and a reclaiming of the best of who we are and what we have by God’s grace. This grace is what fills our hearts, especially the emptiness of our hearts, replacing that void with all the fullness of God, born for us and all the world as our Savior and Redeemer!

Have a blessed Advent and a merry Christmas!

Fr. Paul and Fr. Jonathon

Catechesis Corner This Christmas is special because the Jubilee Year (celebrated every 25 years) will begin Christmas Eve and conclude on January 6, 2026 (Feast of the Epiphany). This was officially proclaimed by Pope Francis in his papal bull titled *Spes Non Confundit* which means “Hope Does Not Disappoint.” It is customary that holy doors will be designated to enter through during this Jubilee Year, first in Rome and then in each diocese of the world. Holy Doors of the 2025 Jubilee of Hope in Rome will be located at the four papal basilicas. The first Holy Door will be opened by Pope Francis at St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve to usher in the Jubilee Year worldwide. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, “To pass through that door means to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord; it is to strengthen faith in him in order to live the new life which he has given us.”



LIVING OUR FAITH

Financial Blessing

Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget	\$15,600
December 15, 2024 Actual Collection	\$15,129
December 15, 2024 Weekly Online Giving	\$2,822
December 15, 2024 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	\$2,351
December 15, 2024 avg per-person donation	\$19.73
Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget	\$2,300
December 15, 2024 Actual Donations	\$945
December 15, 2024 Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$531
December 15, 2024 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	-\$824
December 15, 2024 avg per-person donation	\$1.62
Special Collection—Lebanon and Gaza	\$2,193
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.

"Mass & Confession in Spanish / en Español"

Celebramos estas fiestas con una misa en español:

- Epifanía del Señor a las 2pm (5 de enero de 2025)
 - Miércoles de Cenizas a las 7pm (5 de marzo de 2025)
 - Pentecostés con una procesión a las 12pm y la misa aprox a las 2pm (8 de junio de 2025)
 - Aniversario de la iglesia con fiesta en la plaza y misa a las 2pm (13 de julio de 2025)
 - Asunción de María a las 7pm (15 de agosto de 2025)
 - Solemnidad de Cristo Rey (23 de noviembre de 2025)
- Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (12 de diciembre de 2025)
Para confesión/reconciliación, se necesita hacer una cita con P. Paul

**IMPORTANT PARKING LOT INSTRUCTIONS
HOLY GHOST CHURCH**

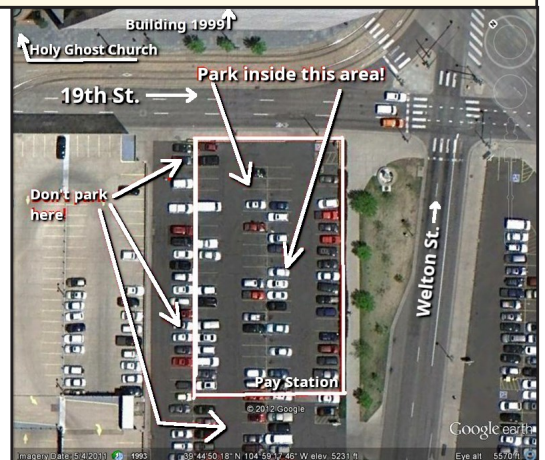
Weekend and Weekday Masses & Church Functions
Location: 19th & Welton (“Lighthouse Lot”)

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 21

4:00 pm Charles and Leslie Cannon

Sunday, December 22

7:00 am Richard Jacobsen

8:30 am †Joey Martinez

10:00 am Holy Ghost Parishioners

Noon Dr. Joe and Helen Dilger and Family

2:00 pm †Tirso Oliver

5:10 pm †Nancy Hamm

Monday, December 23

7:00 am †Stephen Zessin

11:30 am Kay Davis

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 am David DiJiacomo

11:30 am Valerie McGrail

4:00 pm †Donna Gallegos-Feliziano

8:00 pm †Don DiAnnie

Midnight The Lyter Family

Wednesday, December 25

7:00 am The Clancy Lavins Family

8:30 am †July Pacheco

10:00 am Antoinette Acuna

Noon Holy Ghost Parishioners

2:00 pm Special Intentions of the Zamora Family

Thursday, December 26

7:00 am †Parents of Joseph McGrail

11:30 am Paul, Don, Isaac and Elizabeth Phillips

Friday, December 27

7:00 am St. Jude

11:30 am Emily Mae Phillips

Saturday, December 28

8:00 am Laura Johnson and Family

Holy Ghost Commemorative Rosaries

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



Rest in Peace



Your prayers are requested for the souls of

+ Rory Seeber, husband of lector Hilleary Waters

+ Daniel Aedo, father of sacristan Dan Aedo

+ Steven Lovato, brother of Ken Lovato (Athena)

“May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.”

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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, 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
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HOLY GHOST NEWS

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.



"What do I profit if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world, if He is not born in my heart?"

~ Alexander Pope

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 26 — No meeting —

God bless you and have a merry Christmas!

Stay tuned for January schedule!

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

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 22-December 28:

Mary's side: Patricia Conner, for the repose of the soul of Lisa Leonardi

St. Joseph's side: Patricia Conner, for the repose of the soul of Lisa Leonardi



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.

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: \$195 Last day to register: December 31

To register or for more information, please contact:

hgya.ministry@gmail.com

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Register for the topics that interest you by visiting our network at flocknote.com/HolyGhostChurch or use your phone to text "holyghost" to 84576 and follow the instructions.

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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.



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

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