



Church of the Holy Ghost

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 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
Contact email: adoration@holyghostchurch.org

Safe Environment: Protecting Children and At-Risk Adults

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



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.

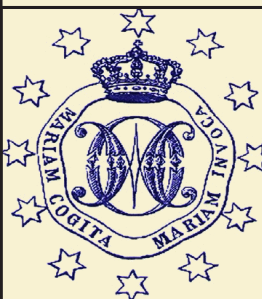
Adults: Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion
Starts September 24th - Tuesdays 6:30-9:00pm, Fr. Jonathon

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

In a normal year, I would say, “Happy Feast Day! Happy Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception!” This year, however, is different—the celebration of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady has been transferred to Monday, December 9, so that we can celebrate both Sunday and the Feast. This liturgical move has caused quite a bit of confusion amongst the faithful, even amongst the priests and bishops. Therefore, I believe it will be helpful to explain the whole situation in depth, so that everyone is on the same page and no one misses an obligatory Mass!



In 1846, the Virgin Mary was named Patroness of the United States, under the title of the Immaculate Conception. She’s kind of a big deal for us in this country, so the Church declared her feast day (December 8) to be a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. Some holy days (Mother of God, Assumption, and All Saints) are abrogated if they fall on a Monday or Saturday, but Immaculate Conception and Christmas are always obligatory. That means that even if it transferred (as it is this year), the obligation to attend Mass still holds.

The other confusion with this situation has to do with “liturgical time”: What does Sunday evening count as? Is it still Sunday, or is it the vigil of the Immaculate Conception? The short answer is: It’s both. Liturgically, the Second Sunday of Advent trumps the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, so the 5:10pm will be celebrated as a Sunday Mass. But it also meets the requirements for a vigil of a major feast day, and so can count for the obligation for Immaculate Conception. There’s one caveat here: No double dipping! If you attend the 5:10pm Sunday Mass, it will count for your Sunday obligation, or your Immaculate Conception obligation, but not both! Everyone is required to attend two Masses this weekend, in order to celebrate both our Advent faith and the patronage of the Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception.

Hopefully this clears up any confusion!

Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV

LIVING OUR FAITH

Financial Blessing

Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget	\$15,600
December 1, 2024 Actual Collection	\$7,773
December 1, 2024 Weekly Online Giving	\$1,694
December 1, 2024 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	-\$6,133
December 1, 2024 avg per-person donation	\$10.51
Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget	\$2,300
December 1, 2024 Actual Donations	\$2,147
December 1, 2024 Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$3,343
December 1, 2024 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	\$3,190
December 1, 2024 avg per-person donation	\$6.10

Note: We’re especially grateful for the generous donations to Social Ministry last week.

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

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>

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.

Security Bulletin

Attention Parishioners - please double-check that you have secured your vehicle and have not left any valuables in sight.

We have seen multiple attempts to enter vehicles parked around church in recent weeks (people walking down the street and looking into cars and pulling on every car door), and the police have also reported an increase in theft of items from vehicles left open in our area.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our neighborhood safe and less attractive for criminals by securing your belongings.

Please report any criminal activity to our safety team and Denver Police (crimes in progress, 911; non-emergency line, 720-913-2000).



Wedding

E. Daniel Garibay and Andrea Nuñez
 United in Christ on November 30
 Celebrant: Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV



Congratulations!

Catechesis Corner Quotes on Peace, theme of the 2nd Sunday of Advent:
 St. Francis de Sales: "Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset."
 St. Paul of the Cross: "From humility of heart proceed serenity of mind, gentleness of conduct, interior peace, and every good."

**IMPORTANT PARKING LOT INSTRUCTIONS
 HOLY GHOST CHURCH**

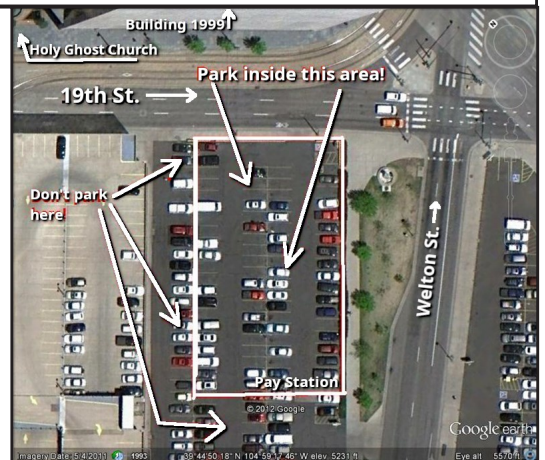
Weekend and Weekday Masses & Church Functions
 Location: 19th & Welton (“Lighthouse Lot”)

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 7

4:00 pm Family of Fr. Jonathon Hank

Sunday, December 8

7:00 am Holy Ghost Parishioners

8:30 am Sarah Ellen Wiegand

10:00 am Fr. Steve Porter

Noon Lisa Valtierra

2:00 pm †Carmen Iraheta

5:10 pm †Ron Molinaro

Monday, December 9

7:00 am The Pearse Children

11:30 am †Jesus and †Julia Quintanilla

12:30 pm †Beverly Carey

7:00 pm Holy Ghost Parishioners

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 am Samuel Berkowitz

11:30 am †Leo Schaefer

Wednesday, December 11

7:00 am †Alfred and †Marlene Berti

11:30 am †Ladislav Jedlicka

Thursday, December 12

7:00 am Samuel Pearse

11:30 am †Rose Hayes

Friday, December 13

7:00 am Bonnie and Charles Goldburg

11:30 am Stephanie Luiz

Saturday, December 14

8:00 am Fr. Donald Kinney, OCD

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, 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
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
(d. 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."

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 24 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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100 Year Anniversary Indulgence

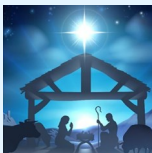
On December 14, 2024, we commemorate 100 years since the dedication of the lower church at this location, in what is now our parish hall. We have received a partial indulgence designation for noon December 7-29 under the following conditions: once on any day that you come to Holy Ghost and receive Communion 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 during the Mother Teresa Social Ministry Christmas Party on that day, 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).

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: \$200

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 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 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!

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

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@HOLYHOSTCHURCH.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 (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