

Church of the Holy Ghost

✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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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



James J. Tissot: *The Exhortation to the Apostles*

Jesus said to his disciples:

“To you who hear I say,
love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.”

~ Luke 6:27-28

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, 5:10 p.m.

Miércoles de Cenizas Misa a las 7pm (5 marzo 2025)

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

OCIA - 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.

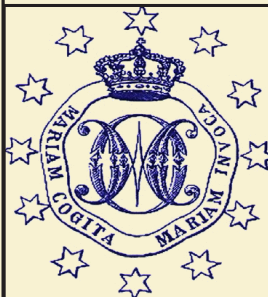
Anointing of the Sick

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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WEEKLY REFLECTION

Christian Friendship

One of the many needs I see in the Church today is the need for authentic Christian friendship. Sometimes it comes up in the confessional: “None of my friends are practicing Catholics, so whenever I hang out with them, I always fall into sin.” Or sometimes I’ll see it in the visible loneliness of those who come to me for advice or counseling, who believe that no one in the Church really accepts them or understands them. Whatever form it takes, there is an urgent desire and a desperate need for genuine Christian friendship in our Church today.

What characterizes this Christian friendship? First and foremost, it must be a friendship of virtue. True friendship, rooted in Christ, never encourages wrongdoing or rejoices in sin. Rather, as iron sharpens iron, a Christian friend is someone who will encourage you in holiness and virtue, helping you to become the best version of yourself. Friendship-love is ordered to a shared goal, and we as Christians have a very great and glorious shared goal: holiness, the imitation of Christ, and the joys of heaven. That’s what we want, and that’s what we want for our friends. Therefore, our expression of friendship must help those around us to attain that final goal.

This kind of friendship leaves no room for rivalry, envy, selfishness, or unforgiveness. Each person is concerned with the well-being of the other in a real, unselfish, Christ-like way. St. Gregory Nazianzen expresses this well in his description of his friendship with St. Basil: “Our rivalry consisted, not in seeking the first place for oneself but in yielding it to the other, for we each looked on the other’s success as his own.” In our friendships, do we truly have this attitude, or do we allow selfishness and competition to creep in? And when a friend wrongs us, do we forgive them freely, or let resentment build up in our hearts?

There is much more we could say about Christian friendship. It is a powerful weapon against habitual sin, a refuge for those who are struggling, and a means for all of growing in charity. We are one body, and all members of one another (Rom 12:5). Therefore, let us pursue this authentic Christian friendship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

--Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV

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.

LIVING OUR FAITH

Financial Blessing

Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget	\$15,600
February 16, 2025 Actual Collection	\$10,653
February 16, 2025 Weekly Online Giving	\$3,951
February 16, 2025 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	- \$991
February 16, 2025 avg per-person donation	\$18.25
Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget	\$2,300
February 16, 2025 Actual Donations	\$698
February 16, 2025 Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$521
February 16, 2025 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	- \$1,081
February 16, 2025 avg per-person donation	\$1.52
Online Giving Portal	https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZFJ1/home

Catechesis Corner

Why does Jesus ask us to love precisely our enemies, that is, a love which exceeds human capacities? Actually, Christ's proposal is realistic because it takes into account that in the world there is *too much* violence, *too much* injustice, and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with *more* love, with *more* goodness. This “*more*” comes from God: it is his mercy which made flesh in Jesus and which alone can “tip the balance” of the world from evil to good, starting with that small and decisive “world” which is the human heart. One then understands that for Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behaviour but a person's way of being, the attitude of one who *is so convinced of God's love and power* that he is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone. (from Pope Benedict's homily of February 13, 2007)

On Catholic Radio

Fr Paul Nguyen

Thursday March 13, 9:30 - 10:30 am



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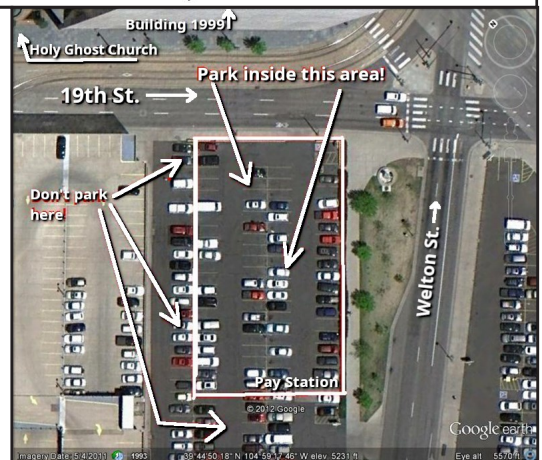
Weekend and Weekday Masses & Church Functions
Location: 19th & Welton (“Lighthouse Lot”)

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. Obtain coupon code from the parish office.
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, February 22

4:00 pm The Sandoval family

Sunday, February 23

7:00 am †Lawrence Baldwin
 8:30 am Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV
 10:00 am Holy Ghost parishioners
 Noon Jorge Larenas
 5:10 pm †Nancy Hamm Dixon

Monday, February 24

7:00 am Crystal Manzanaras
 11:30 am †John J. Chamberlain

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 am †Rose Hayes
 11:30 am Relda Fleshman and Mike Clancy

Wednesday, February 26

7:00 am Sherry Ohtonicky
 11:30 am Mary Robinette Larocque

Thursday, February 27

7:00 am Marissa Hank
 11:30 am For the Intentions of Kenny and Brooke Lovato

Friday, February 28

7:00 am †Anita Shellman
 11:30 am The Migrants and the Homeless

Saturday, March 1 (First Saturday)

8:00 am Alfredo Aguilar and Rosio Gachuzo

First Saturday Devotion - March 1

Mass 8:00am, Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary follow



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>



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 February 23-March 1:
 Mary's side: sponsor needed
 St. Joseph's side: sponsor needed

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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:

Angelita Onie Casias, Johnnie Casillan, Lily Chavez, Jim Cunningham, David DiJiacomo, Mary Fulkerson, James A. Ives, Dominique Jorret, Nadine Karius, Connie Magers, Patrick Mahoney, Kenny Miller and Family, Ben Otten, Larry Rivera, Richard Sandoval, 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

Lenten Armchair Retreat 2025 March 2-April 6

Spend this Lent learning how to pray the Word of God with the experience of spiritual direction. You need only commit yourself to praying with Scripture 30 minutes each day in your own home and meeting with a spiritual director once a week.

****Space is limited and application is required.****

Application requests must be received by February 21.

Use the QR Code to apply. For more information/questions:

LanteriCenter@omvusa.org | (303) 298-1498



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.

February 27 HGYA Social-Trivia at Stoney's Bar & Grill on Lincoln St

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



Women After Mary's Heart of Mercy

Meetings Start Up Again

March 5, 2025 after 5:10 p.m. Mass

Come join us Wednesdays as we return to the Gospel of Luke

Annual Spaghetti Dinner March 1 - Mark your calendars!

Our annual spaghetti dinner will be on Saturday, March 1 after the 4pm Mass.

Entrance includes a glass of wine, and the evening features a cake walk and auction.

\$15 presale or at the door - tickets go fast! This is a parish social and fundraiser. We are in need of these kinds of participation:

- * Tickets available online and at the door.
- * **Volunteer meeting on February 23 at 1pm**-consider helping with registration, setup, trash, or cleanup. Contact Patsi Langenberg, pjlangenberg@yahoo.com and (720) 298-0127
- * Donate gift cards or themed items for auction baskets.



Family Movie Night!

View the uplifting story of Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini! Free entrance. Non-alcoholic drinks provided; alcoholic beverages for purchase. 7pm Saturday, March 8 at 1555 Grant in Denver. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Downtown Denver Council 539.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Patrick's Day Festival

Saturday, March 15th at Knights of Columbus Council #539, 1555 Grant in Denver



Free entry.

Bar service all day. Drink specials.

Entertainment: Celtic step dancers, live bagpipes, session music. Guinness Men's Six Nations Rugby.

Food for purchase noon-2:30pm: Corned beef, cabbage, and potato meal. Hot dog meal.

Volunteer position open!

Holy Ghost is seeking a Respect Life coordinator (and respect life leadership team). This would be someone who can take on coordination of the breadth of activities such as: 40 Days for Life days of prayer during Lent and October, stay abreast of things to publish or printed or digital media to promote or make available to parishioners, organize our participation in the Colorado March for Life each April, organize the baby bottle campaign that raises funds for local prolife organizations each May, and interface with the particular team for the Life Around the World dinner. Respect Life encompasses the beginning and end of life as well as offenses against human dignity at every age of life. This person would also be a liaison with the Archdiocese Respect Life office. Interested parishioners, please contact Fr. Paul.

This year, Faith Fridays are Marian!

We will focus on deepening our conversion and Christian life by entrusting ourselves to our Blessed Mother's care and intercession. Sources for the weekly presentations include St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and devotional prayers in the church's Tradition. Join us every Friday of Lent, March 7-April 11, after Stations of the Cross for a light supper and this program.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule, March 5

Ashes will be distributed at all masses.

7:00am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 5:10pm, and 7:00pm Spanish

Lent Confession Schedule

Monday-Thursday: 12 noon to 1pm

Fridays during Lent: 12 noon to 5pm

Weekends: during Saturday evening Mass and all Sunday Masses

Adoration Schedule

Monday-Friday: 7:30 to 11:30am and 12 noon to 3pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays: 12 noon and 6pm

Faith Fridays

- 6:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 6:30pm Light supper
- 7:00pm Presentation on our Christian Life-- Entrusting Ourselves to our Blessed Mother, with Q&A



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 3/5)

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

- **Lenten Meditations: To the Desert:** Monday March 3 (Online) or Tuesday March 4 (In person) 9:30am-1:30pm \$30 Day of reflection with Daniel Campbell. Video recordings provided. svlaidivision.org/registration
- **Jubilee 2025 Mass for All Seeking God's Pardon and Mercy:** Sunday March 9 at 10:30am at the Cathedral Basilica.
- **Unveiled National Retreat:** March 13-15, Windsor, CO Are you engaged, married, or even just discerning married life? Join the John Paul II Healing Center for a 3-day retreat on the gift of marriage in Windsor. To save your spot: <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/event/unveiled-march-2025/>