

# Church of the Holy Ghost

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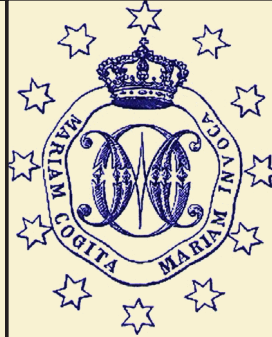
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## OFFICE HOURS

### 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.

*Parish office will be closed Monday, September 1.*

### 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:

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

## Monday, September 1

**9:00 a.m. Mass only**

**No adoration or confessions**

**Church open from 8:30-11:00 a.m.**

**Sandwich line 10-10:30 a.m.**

**Parish office and social ministry office closed**



On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.  
~ Luke 14:1

## MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

### Weekday Masses

*Monday, September 1st 9:00 a.m. only*

Tuesday-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.

### 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](http://www.adorationpro.org/holyghostdenver)

Contact email: [adoration@holyghostchurch.org](mailto: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 - Summer schedule Tuesdays 7-9pm, Fr. Jonathon

## Marriage

Arrangements for weddings are made at least 9 months in advance. Contact Athena, [weddings@holyghostchurch.org](mailto:weddings@holyghostchurch.org) or (303) 292-1556x1025.

## 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/>

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Peace

Isaiah foretold the Messiah as Prince of Peace. Jesus said he came not to bring peace but the sword. At the same time, the Kingdom of Heaven that is "already upon you" is a place of charity—selfless love—that is contagious like the grain of yeast that makes a whole batch of dough rise!

This week's tragic attacks on Catholic institutions mark, by one person's count, over 500 violent acts against Catholic institutions in the United States since 2020. And around the world, priests, sisters, and children at church and church schools or orphanages have been kidnapped or killed seemingly without hesitation or conscience.

What do we make of this? What is safety and security?

At the end of the day, what we do for safety and security only mitigates the full harm that could be done, and healthcare only mitigates the shortness and pain of life to a finite degree. There are no guarantees this side of heaven, except that there is a God, and that our lives on this earth will come to an end.

We have to say that anyone who commits an objectively destructive act resulting in loss of life, limb, or property, was out of line. We do not know the person's heart, even with a mountain of evidence as to the person's intentions, and we can always pray that the good that was present in that person from the beginning of life would endure into eternity and fully glorify God in heaven, by His own grace.

This week, our hearts are touched with sorrow and compassion toward those grieving the loss of innocents. We long to each be at our best, and that it would overflow to all around us. This troubled world needs us in Eucharistic adoration, needs our families practicing the faith, needs conscientious voters and community organizers applying ourselves to seek the common good. This way, the outlying thoughts would feel very strange indeed.

May we all allow the Lord to deepen our conversion, and call us all together toward our heavenly homeland!

--Fr. Paul M. Nguyen, OMV



### Weddings

*Aaron Buches and Anya Hong*

*United in Christ on August 23*

*Celebrant: Fr. Juan Fernando Sardi*

*Nicholas Hutchins and Anne Johnson*

*United in Christ on August 23*

*Celebrant: Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV*

**Congratulations!**



## LIVING OUR FAITH

### Financial Blessing

#### **Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget** **\$23,260**

August 24, 2025	Actual Collection	\$13,940
August 24, 2025	Weekly Online Giving	\$2,563
August 24, 2025	Offertory Surplus/Deficit	- \$6,757
August 24, 2025	avg per-person donation	\$14.67

#### **Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget** **\$5,060**

August 24, 2025	Actual Donations	\$782
August 24, 2025	Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$100
August 24, 2025	Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	- \$4,178
August 24, 2025	avg per-person donation	\$0.93

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

### Catechesis Corner

A deeper meaning of today's parable makes us think of the position of the human being in relation to God. The "lowest place" can in fact represent the condition of humanity degraded by sin, a condition from which the Incarnation of the Only-Begotten Son alone can raise it. For this reason Christ himself "took the lowest place in the world the Cross and by this radical humility he redeemed us and constantly comes to our aid" (Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, n. 35). Let us look to Christ as a model of humility and of giving freely: let us learn from him patience in temptation, meekness in offence, obedience to God in suffering, in the hope that the One who has invited us will say to us: "Friend, go up higher" (cf. Lk 14: 10). Indeed, the true good is being close to him. St. Louis IX, King of France whose Memorial was last Wednesday put into practice what is written in the Book of Sirach: "The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favor in the sight of the Lord" (3: 18). This is what the King wrote in his "Spiritual Testament to his son": "If the Lord grant you some prosperity, not only must you humbly thank him but take care not to become worse by boasting or in any other way, make sure, that is, that you do not come into conflict with God or offend him with his own gifts" (cf. *Acta Sanctorum Augusti* 5 [1868], 546). (from Pope Benedict XVI's homily on August 29, 2010)



### Support Floral Arrangements on the High Altar

We 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 August 31– September 6

In memory of †Robert Kane by Rita

## IMPORTANT PARKING LOT INSTRUCTIONS HOLY GHOST CHURCH

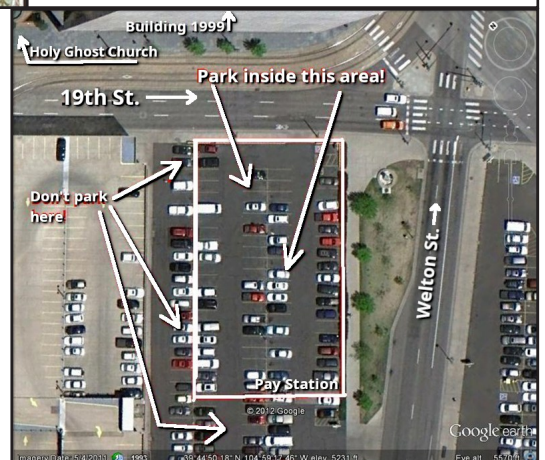
Weekend and Weekday Masses & Church Functions  
Location: 19th & Welton ("Lighthouse Lot")

**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. 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, August 30

4:00 pm The Raleigh and Thielen Family

### Sunday, August 31

7:00 am Sayla Sawyer

8:30 am Holy Ghost Parishioners

10:00 am †SHEMELES Smallwood

Noon †Joe Cronin

5:10 pm Pat Costello

### Monday, September 1

9:00 am †Lovey Shipp

### Tuesday, September 2

7:00 am †Lawrence Baldwin

11:30 am †Ana Arvizu-Rivera

### Wednesday, September 3

7:00 am †Anthony Spano

11:30 am †Mr. and †Mrs. A.C. Cabela

### Thursday, September 4

7:00 am Fr. Jim Fox

11:30 am Fr. Chris Hellstrom

### Friday, September 5 (First Friday)

7:00 am Bill McKahill

11:30 am †Kathleen O'Brien

### Saturday, September 6 (First Saturday)

8:00 am †Daniel Wayne Fogo

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## Prayer Corner

**Prayer Corner for the sick and those most in need of our prayers.**  
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Joseph Brookman, Federico Casillas, Jim Cunningham, David DiJiacomo, John Sr., John Jr., Nadine Karius, Diana Lyter-Foster, Connie Magers, Mary Marshall, Mario Medina, Kenneth Miller and family, Nancy Mowers, Genny Nunn, Jessi O'Brien, Ben Otten, Dr. Linda Reschl, Larry Rivera, Magan Sandoval, Richard Sandoval, Patrick Schaefer, Dennis Daryl Shamblin, Shannon, Trini Zamudio

### 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

## Introduction to Christian Spirituality

Holy Ghost parish hall

Saturdays, 8:30-10am

September 27 – November 15 (8 weeks)

Learn to pray following the great spiritual masters of the Catholic Church!

CHRISTIAN  
SPIRITUALITY



In this course, we will learn the basics of eight different schools of spirituality: Benedictine, Augustinian, Franciscan, Dominican, Ignatian, Carmelite, Vincentian, and Salesian. Through experiencing a wide range of prayer styles, participants will be able to begin to develop their own personal spirituality and way of prayer.

## LIFE AROUND THE WORLD

Dinner and Auction October 4th at 5:00pm

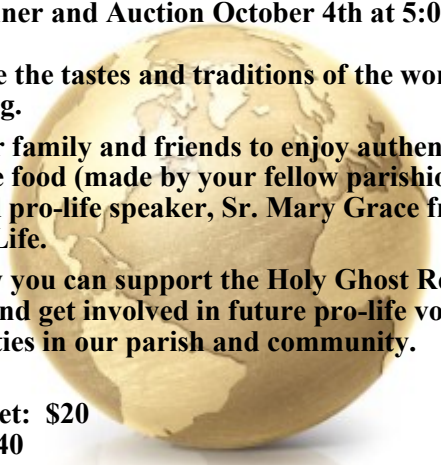
Experience the tastes and traditions of the world - all in one evening.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy authentic homemade food (made by your fellow parishioners) and a powerful pro-life speaker, Sr. Mary Grace from the Sisters of Life.

Learn how you can support the Holy Ghost Respect Life Ministry and get involved in future pro-life volunteer opportunities in our parish and community.

Single ticket: \$20

Family: \$40



## Natural Family Planning

The Couples to Couples League offers wonderful resources for Natural Family Planning. Natural Plan is a \$15 course of 90 minutes of classes and testimonies (also starring Fr. Paul). They also have short videos online in English (<https://www.youtube.com/@CoupleToCoupleLeague>) and (<https://www.youtube.com/@ligadeparejaapareja9716>) (Spanish). Here at Holy Ghost, the next full class (\$170) will be October 6, November 3, and December 1 from 7:00-9:30pm in the Parish Hall. Locate the course on <https://learnnfp.org/find-live-onsite-class/>

## Holy Ghost Amicizia Cristiana

Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm Holy Ghost parish hall



Catholic young adults (21-35) in pursuit of  
Holiness + Christian friendship

This September, Holy Ghost Young Adults will be rebranded as the Amicizia Cristiana (Italian for Christian Friendship). This is an homage to a ministry dear to Venerable Lanteri, the founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, and expresses more clearly the purpose of the young adults group.

September 4 Holy Hour with Adoration  
Introduction to scriptural prayer

September 11 AC Social  
Board game night and potluck

September 18 The Four Loves  
Presented by Fr. Jonathon

September 25 The Saints and Spiritual Friendship  
Round-table Discussion

September 28 Sunday Afternoon Picnic  
City Park, after the noon Mass

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.



## Volunteers Now for the Life Around the World Dinner Oct 4th

**Hosting a Table** - Bring dishes from your culture to share with parishioners and decorate your table!

**Silent/Live Volunteer** - 2 volunteers to assist Auction Chair during the event

**Door Volunteer** - Sell and collect tickets during the event

**Ticket Agent** - Sell tickets before and after mass  
August 24th, 31st, September 7th, 14th

**Entertainment** - Donate games/activities and your time for kids during guest speaker

**Clean Up**

We need you! Please contact Carla Diaz at 303-828-7563 or [hgrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:hgrespectlife@gmail.com).



## 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 7pm:** Adult Faith Formation and OCIA

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

**Thursdays at 6:30-8:30pm:** Amicizia Cristiana, Young Adults Group

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

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, A Chesterton Academy's New Home:** OLSW's new address is 52nd and Pecos (the former Guardian Angels school). Accepting applications for freshmen and sophomores. Affordable tuition \$8,500. Onsite Mass, confession and adoration. Student uniforms, no personal technology, gated parking with front reception ensuring the security of students, serving North and West Denver metro. Visit [olswdenver.org](http://olswdenver.org) or contact [info@olswdenver.org](mailto:info@olswdenver.org). (720) 446-6188.
- Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Victory Admissions Event:** To be held on Friday, September 12. Classical Catholic high school in south Denver. School location: 6495 S. Colorado Blvd., Centennial, CO Call (720) 599-3227 or email [office@ourladyofvictorydenver.com](mailto:office@ourladyofvictorydenver.com).
- undone Freedom for the Feminine Heart:** September 25-27 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 12735 W. 58th Ave., Arvada. In-person or livestream. Scholarships, student and missionary discounts available. [JPIIHEALINGCENTER.ORG](http://JPIIHEALINGCENTER.ORG)
- Jubilee 2025 Denver Marian Conference:** October 3-4 at the Colorado Convention Center, 700-14th Street [www.DenverMarianConference.com](http://www.DenverMarianConference.com).
- Restored, "He Restores My Soul" Psalm 23:3, 9th Annual Catholic Women's Conference of Denver:** October 11 at Legacy Campus 10035 S. Peoria St., Lone Tree, CO Mass | Adoration | Confession | Shopping Tickets: \$85, lunch included. [denvercatholicconference.com](http://denvercatholicconference.com)