

# Church of the Holy Ghost

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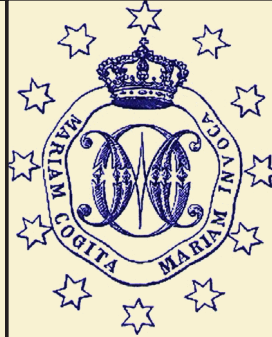
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## OFFICE HOURS

### 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.

### 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.



Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.'" ~ Luke 16:1-2

## 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.

### 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, <https://holyghostchurch.org/weddings/>

### 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

**Pope's Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025.**

**Jesus Christ our Hope. III. The Passover of Jesus. 7. Death.**

***"In the garden was a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried."***

Dear brothers and sisters, On Holy Saturday, the Son of God lies in the tomb. But this "absence" of his is not emptiness: it is expectation, a restrained fullness, a promise kept in the dark. It is the day of the great silence, in which the sky seems mute and the earth immobile, but it is precisely there that the deepest mystery of the Christian faith is fulfilled. It is a silence laden with meaning, like the womb of a mother who carries her unborn but already living child. ...

We struggle to stop and rest. We live as if life were never enough. We rush to produce, to prove ourselves, to keep up. But the Gospel teaches us that knowing how to stop is an act of trust that we must learn to perform.

Holy Saturday invites us to discover that life does not always depend on what we do, but also on how we know how to take leave of what we have been able to do.

In the tomb, Jesus, the living Word of the Father, is silent. But it is precisely in that silence that the new life begins to ferment. Like a seed in the ground, like the darkness before dawn. God is not afraid of the passing time, because he is also the God of waiting. Thus, even our "useless" time, that of pauses, emptiness, barren moments, can become the womb of resurrection. Every silence that is welcomed can be the premise of a new Word. Every suspended time can become a time of grace, if we offer it to God.

Jesus, buried in the ground, is the meek face of a God who does not occupy all space. He is the God who lets things be done, who waits, who withdraws to leave us freedom. He is the God who trusts, even when everything seems to be over. And we, on that suspended Sabbath, learn that we do not have to be in a hurry to rise again; first we must stay and welcome the silence, let ourselves be embraced by limitation. At times we seek quick answers, immediate solutions. But God works in depth, in the slow time of trust. The Sabbath of the burial thus becomes the womb from which the strength of an invincible light, that of Easter, can spring forth.

Dear friends, Christian hope is not born in noise, but in the silence of an expectation filled with love. It is not the offspring of euphoria, but of trustful abandonment. The Virgin Mary teaches us this: she embodies this expectation, this trust, this hope. When it seems to us that everything is at a standstill, that life is a blocked road, let us remember Holy Saturday. Even in the tomb, God was preparing the greatest surprise of all. And if we know how to welcome with gratitude what has been, we will discover that, precisely in smallness and silence, God loves to transfigure reality, making all things new with the fidelity of his love. True joy is born of indwelt expectation, of patient faith, of the hope that what has been lived in love will surely rise to eternal life.

--Pope Leo XIV, September 17, 2025

## BAPTISMS

***Alahia Sophia "St. Charbel" Acosta Sotomayor***

*on September 14 by Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV*

***Welcome into the Church!***

## 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.***

## LIVING OUR FAITH

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

September 14, 2025	Actual Collection	\$11,902
September 14, 2025	Weekly Online Giving	\$3,119
September 14, 2025	Offertory Surplus/Deficit	- \$8,239
September 14, 2025	avg per-person donation	\$15.81

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

September 14, 2025	Actual Donations	\$3,107
September 14, 2025	Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$987
September 14, 2025	Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	- \$966
September 14, 2025	avg per-person donation	\$4.25

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

**Special Collection**

September 20-21: Second collection to benefit victims of violence in Gaza, as organized by the Archdiocese of Denver.

### Catechesis Corner

(from Pope Benedict XVI's homily of September 23, 2007)

The Evangelist follows the parable of the dishonest steward with a short series of sayings and recommendations on the relationship we must have with money and the goods of this earth. These short sentences are an invitation to a choice that presupposes a radical decision, a constant inner tension. Life is truly always a choice: between honesty and dishonesty, between fidelity and infidelity, between selfishness and altruism, between good and evil.



*Rest in Peace*

**Michael Gleason**  
(husband of Renée Gleason)

**Funeral Mass Thursday, September 25, 10am**

**Reception to follow**

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



### Support Floral Arrangements on the High Altar

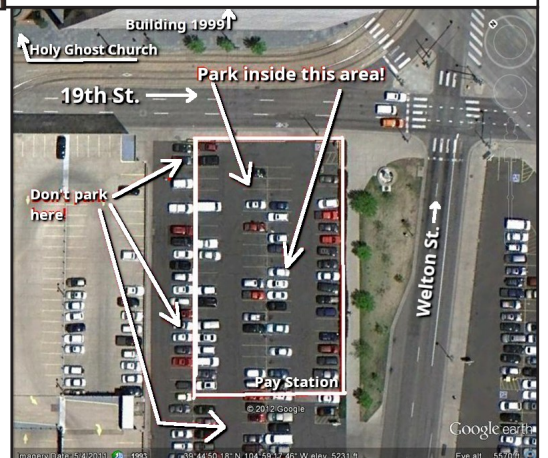
We invite donations to support floral arrangements on the high altar (on either side of the tabernacle), and we will publish your prayer intentions in the bulletin for the week you sponsor them.

The suggested donation is \$50 per side.

Please inquire about availability in the parish office.

**Week of September 21 – September 27**

For the Van Benthem Family by Heather Van Benthem





# HOLY GHOST NEWS



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, September 20

4:00 pm †Stephanie Sandoval

### Sunday, September 21

7:00 am Holy Ghost Parishioners

8:30 am Mathieu Seton

10:00 am †Carl Kothe

Noon Sarah Judith Clemente

5:10 pm †Louis and †Joyce Gerard

### Monday, September 22

7:00 am †Daniel Burcher

11:30 am †Brian Haley

### Tuesday, September 23

7:00 am †Frank Cassidy

11:30 am Stephen Cassidy

### Wednesday, September 24

7:00 am †Anna Jedlicka

11:30 am †Gene Wolfe

### Thursday, September 25

7:00 am Jack Cassidy

11:30 am Mike Bann

### Friday, September 26

7:00 am †Bill Clancy

11:30 am Alice Cassidy

### Saturday, September 27

8:00 am †Susan Fashaw

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**Prayer Corner for the sick and those most in need of our prayers.**  
Please call the parish office to have the name placed on the list.

Marisa Alvarez, Joseph Brookman, Federico Casillas, Jim Cunningham, David DiJiacomo, Diane Ensminger, John Sr., John Jr., Nadine Karius, Alice Lucero, 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
MIDN Vincent Nowak, USNR	Taylor Donohue, US Navy
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# HOLY GHOST NEWS

## Introduction to Christian Spirituality

Saturdays, 8:30-10am, September 27–November 15 (8 weeks) in the Holy Ghost parish hall

CHRISTIAN  
SPIRITUALITY

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

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.

**Teen Service Project** Calling all teens to participate in a Saturday service project! On September 27 join us for 8am Mass, then stay after to prepare lunch for the needy and serve on our sandwich line. Contact the parish office to be added to the mailing list for this group.

## Vocations Holy Hour and Social

On Friday, October 3, we will welcome Fr. Paul Kallal, OMV, Vocations Director for the Oblates of the Virgin Mary. Come for the First Friday holy hour for vocations at 6:30pm, then stay afterward for a social to meet Fr. Paul K and learn more about vocational promotion for the Oblates.

## 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

## AUCTION

Items & Sponsors Needed!!

**DONATE A BASKET, SERVICE OR ITEM FOR A BASKET** with your donation item.

A coordinator will reach out to schedule a time to pick up the item. **ITEMS MAY ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AFTER EACH MASS ON THE WEEKEND OF 9/20 & 9/21.**

EMAIL: [hgrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:hgrespectlife@gmail.com)

## SPONSORSHIP

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ST. GABRIEL \$50+

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Evening shout-out

**Auction item ideas:**

MOVIE NIGHT GIFT CARDS COOKING  
SPORTS THEME DOG-CAT FAMILY NIGHT

## Holy Ghost Amicizia Cristiana

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



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

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.

## SAVE THE DATE

October 22nd, 7 am - 7pm

Holy Ghost vigil with rosary and Mass at 6 pm

The 2025 autumn campaign for 40 Days for Life runs **September 24-November 2** to help protect mothers and children to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Reach out at [life@ccdenver.org](mailto:life@ccdenver.org) to learn how you can get involved.



## Volunteer 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

**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).



## Blessing of Pets

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi  
Sunday, October 5th from 1-3pm  
In front of church

## Faith & Blue Weekend

On Sunday, October 12, from 9am-1:30pm meet and greet members of law enforcement and fire services to thank them for their service to our community.

**First Responders Blue Mass at 12pm** - active and retired First Responders are welcome and will be recognized.



## 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

- Night at the Cemetery and Brew Night at the Cemetery:** September 24 (youth and families), September 24 and 26 (adults). Join in for an engaging tour of Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery including saints from the past, a candlelight Mass, and refreshments. Register soon, as space is limited. Please contact [erin.scherer@archden.org](mailto:erin.scherer@archden.org) / (303) 548-9430.
- 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).