

Church of the Holy Ghost

✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14, 2025 ✠

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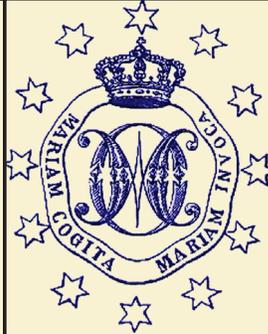
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OFFICE HOURS

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

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

Advent Extended Confession Hours

Monday - Thursday, 12-1 pm

Friday 12-3 and 5-6 pm (December 5, 12, 19)

Sunday Masses: 30 min prior till all confessions are heard

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 6:30-9pm, 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/>

Third Sunday of Advent



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Mary, Cause of Our Joy

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near!”

These words, taken from the Letter to the Philippians, provide the Introit (entrance antiphon) of today’s Mass and define the spirit of *Gaudete Sunday*. Rejoice (*gaudete*), for the Lord is near! This spirit of joy is why the priest often wears rose instead of the usual purple of Advent: purple is a solemn color signifying penance, whereas rose is meant to convey festivity and joy. So, what is this joy? And how do we live out today?

In Friday’s celebration of Our Lady Guadalupe, Pope Leo referred to Mary as a bringer of this joy. It was Mary who awakened in the inhabitants of America the joy of knowing they are loved by God. It is Mary who, filled with great joy at the Annunciation, brings that joy to places where human joy is insufficient. It is Mary whom we call the “Cause of our Joy” in the Litany of Loreto.

This holy joy we experience through the hands of Mary cannot be reduced to pleasure, or even to natural delight. While it is often accompanied by such positive and powerful emotions, real Christian joy is deeper than that. *Joy is an awareness of the love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit*. Understood this way, joy becomes something stable, not subject to shifting moods and feelings. It is deeply entwined with faith, hope, and charity; it persists even through suffering, sorrow, and trials; it is the calm and gentle consolation that is always available to us as Christians.

It is a special grace when we feel this joy palpably, and we ought to seek out and pray for this felt experience of spiritual joy to the extent we are able. But in order to rejoice always, as St. Paul writes, we must foster that deep and gentle joy that consoles us and grounds us in the midst of daily turmoil. Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us!

--Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV

Rest in Peace

David Martinez (d. 11/29/2025)

**Jessica O’Brien (d. 12/7/2025)
of Cold Spring, MN and Fort Myers, FL,
mother of parishioner Carleen O’Brien**

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

LIVING OUR FAITH

Financial Blessing

Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget	\$23,260
December 7, 2025 Actual Collection	\$11,031
December 7, 2025 Weekly Online Giving	\$5,169
December 7, 2025 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	-\$7,060
December 7, 2025 avg per-person donation	\$19.06

Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget	\$5,060
December 7, 2025 Actual Donations	\$913
December 7, 2025 Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$1,140
December 7, 2025 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	-\$3,007
December 7, 2025 avg per-person donation	\$2.41

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

Catechesis Corner History’s most famous census was the one that coincided with the birth of Jesus. Archeologists have found census records produced thousands of years before Christ.

The Bible’s earliest recorded census took place almost a millennium and a half before Christ, and God commanded it. The Lord had recently liberated the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, and he was reconstituting them as a nation of 12 tribes with common worship. Each of the tribes would have to pay its share of subsidy for the tabernacle. Each of the tribes would have to contribute animals for sacrifice. So God told Moses: “When you take the census of the people of Israel, then each shall give a ransom for himself to the Lord when you number them. ... Each who is numbered in the census shall give this: half a shekel ... as an offering to the Lord. Every one who is numbered in the census, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the Lord’s offering” (Exodus 30:12–14).

An entire book of the Bible is devoted to the results of Israel’s census after the Exodus. It is the aptly named Book of Numbers.



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 December 14 - December 20
Sponsors needed

Teen Service Project

Calling all teens to participate in a Saturday service project! On December 20 join us for 8am Mass, then stay after to volunteer for the Holy Ghost Church Christmas party. Contact the parish office to be added to the mailing list for this group.

**IMPORTANT PARKING LOT INSTRUCTIONS
HOLY GHOST CHURCH**

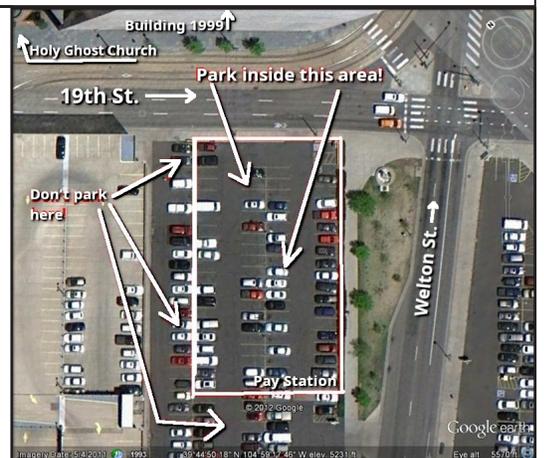
Weekend and Weekday Masses & Church Functions
Location: 19th & Welton (“Lighthouse Lot”)

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, December 13

4:00 pm Tyler Hynes

Sunday, December 14

7:00 am †Charles Knoeber

8:30 am Holy Ghost Parishioners

10:00 am †Pierre Ruiz

Noon †Adam Michael Fresquez

5:10 pm †Louis and †Joyce Gerard

Monday, December 15

7:00 am †Edward Sum

11:30 am Deceased Members of the Venero and Chavez Families

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 am Mr. and Mrs. Aidan Shannon

11:30 am The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 am The LaPoint Family

11:30 am †Ladislav Jedlicka

Thursday, December 18

7:00 am Santos and Daria Vega

11:30 am †Josie Trujillo

Friday, December 19

7:00 am Stephanie and Kevin McCutcheon

11:30 am †Stephanie Sandoval

Saturday, December 20

8:00 am Sonia Infante

Prayer Corner

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.

Mary A., Marisa Alvarez, Sonia Alvarez, Barbara Avrett, Joseph Brookman, Federico Casillas, Milton Cox, Jim Cunningham, David DiJiacomo, Diane Ensinger, Christopher Edward Filardi, Nadine Karius, Alice Lucero, Diana Lyter-Foster, Connie Magers, Irina Manata, Mary Marshall, Kenneth Miller and family, Nancy Mowers, Tony Pino, Dr. Linda Reschl, Luisito Reséndiz, Larry Rivera, Mark Romero, Maren S, Magan Sandoval, Richard Sandoval, Patrick Schaefer, Shannon, Diana Carolina Tuesta, Elvira Unzueta

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

4:00pm

8:00pm

Midnight

No confessions

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

7:00am

8:30am

10:00am - Latin

12:00pm

No evening Mass

No confessions



Advent & Christmas Crafts

Children of all ages are invited to make meaningful crafts for Advent and Christmas, including decorating, ornaments for a Jesse tree and making Christmas cards. Join us Sundays, December 14th and 21st after the 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and noon Masses.

Our annual Christmas Party is just around the corner, and we're looking for joyful hearts and helping hands to make it magical! Whether you love decorating, greeting guests, serving treats, or simply spreading cheer, we'd be so grateful to have you on our volunteer team.



Date: Saturday, December 20

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Parish Hall

If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up at <https://forms.gle/qULQAU2UpZKfNpdX9> or call Crystal at 720-515-1395 or Crystal@holyghostchurch.org for more information. Let's come together to celebrate the season, share the joy, and make this Christmas unforgettable for everyone!

Holy Ghost Parish Italy Pilgrimage

800th Anniversary of St. Francis and
200th Anniversary of the founding of the OMV

Journey with Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV to the Eternal City and the roots of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, coordinated by Canterbury Pilgrimages.

Cities in Italy: Rome, Assisi, Florence, Milan, Turin

Dates: August 31 - September 13, 2026

Base Cost: \$5,775 per person

Your pilgrimage includes roundtrip flight from Denver, 4-star hotel accommodations, dedicated tour director, breakfast and dinner daily, daily Mass and spiritual activities, and more.

hello@canterburypilgrimages.com (800) 653-0017 M-F 9-5 ET

Pilgrimage Registration is Open! Make your reservation: scan the QR code or visit

<https://canterburypilgrimages.com/13228>



Holy Ghost
Amicizia Cristiana

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

Catholic young adults (21-35)
A joint ministry of Holy Ghost & the Lanteri Center



December theme: Sin and Mercy

December 18 Christmas Party @ Holy Ghost

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



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.

Collective Mass Intentions Beginning in January 2026, the first Sunday noon Mass of each month will be available for a *collective intention*. This means multiple intentions can be requested for the same Mass, with the knowledge that the Mass will be offered for all of them. This new practice is in accord with a Decree from the Dicastery for the Clergy dated April 13, 2025.



Church Decorating Days

Volunteer to help decorate Holy Ghost Church for Christmas!

Monday December 22 and
Tuesday December 23
8:00am - 11:00am

Called to lead? Called to serve?
Join the GIVEN Leadership Program!
Apply before December 31.



The GIVEN Institute's Catholic Young Women's Leadership Program offers leadership development, faith formation, and dedicated mentorship for Catholic young women ages 21-35 seeking to live out their unique vocation and mission.

Women accepted to the program participate in The Leadership Forum from June 24-28, 2026 at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

GIVEN is also accepting applications from lay and consecrated women (ages 36+) who would like to serve as mentors or volunteer at the 2026 Forum. All women are encouraged to become part of GIVEN! To learn more and apply for the 2026 Cohort, please visit: <https://giveninstitute.com/leadership-program/>

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 6:30-9pm: 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

- Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, Hope and Healing after Abortions:** January 30 - February 1, 2026 in Littleton, CO. Retreat participants can experience forgiveness, renewal, and deep emotional and spiritual healing. Call Lori (303) 904-7414 (no texts please), email Lori@rvrcolorado.org or visit rvrcolorado.org