

Church of the Holy Ghost

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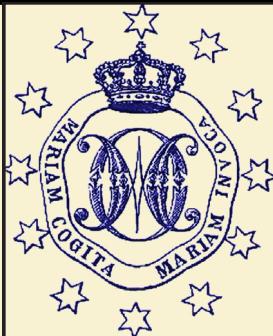
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OFFICE HOURS

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.

HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE & SOCIAL MINISTRY HOURS

Parish office and social ministry will be open Wednesday, Christmas Eve from 9-11:30am and closed Christmas Day.

Parish office and social ministry will be open Wednesday, New Year's Eve from 9-11:30am and closed New Year's Day.

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.

Próxima misa en español, Domingo 4 de Enero a las 2pm

Confession Times

Monday-Thursday 12-1pm

Friday 12-3pm

Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses: confessions

start 30 minutes before Mass

No confessions on Christmas Day.

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/>



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Christmas Miracles

We've all seen the Hallmark Christmas movies. The ones where everyone is struggling throughout the month of December, then something happens in accord with the "spirit of Christmas" and everything falls into place. A family reunites after years of not speaking to each other, a terminally ill patient wondrously recovers, the town comes together to raise money to keep a family from losing their home, a frustrated single woman finally finds the man of her dreams. Christmas miracles, right? We have a strong cultural nostalgia for these stories, and we gobble them up every year around this time.

And yet, none of us really thinks a Christmas miracle could happen to me. Those are just stories; this is the real world, where things don't just magically get better. We resign ourselves to misery and unpleasant situations, because we've given up hope that real change will come.

The upcoming celebration of the Nativity of our Lord should be a cause of great hope for us. Not because Santa is going to pay the rent, or the universe will figure things out for us, but because we have an even greater Christmas miracle. The Son of God became human for us, to save us from our sins and to bring the joy of faith into the world. Jesus was born of our condition, so that he might understand our struggles and be our hope in the midst of them. We can ask him for help in any situation, any suffering, any sorrow, and believe in faith that he hears us, because he is one of us. And even if our prayers are not answered in the way we expect, we can still hold on tight to that one great Christmas miracle: that Jesus Christ loved us enough to be born for us, to die for us, and to rise again from the dead for us. What else can we ask for?

--Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV

Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas
from Fr. Paul and Fr. Jonathon and
all of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary!

**Rest in Peace**

Raymond Santoya
Robert J. McCarroll

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



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

Financial Blessing

Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget	\$23,260
December 14, 2025 Actual Collection	\$18,966
December 14, 2025 Weekly Online Giving	\$4,187
December 14, 2025 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	- \$107
December 14, 2025 avg per-person donation	\$24.37

Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget	\$5,060
December 14, 2025 Actual Donations	\$722
December 14, 2025 Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$1,597
December 14, 2025 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	- \$2,741
December 14, 2025 avg per-person donation	\$2.44

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

Catechesis Corner

And him I saw, who bow'd

*Heavy with death unto the ground, yet made
His eyes, unfolded upward, gates to Heaven,
Praying forgiveness of the Almighty Sire,
Amidst that cruel conflict, on his foes,
With looks that win compassion to their aim.*

In the Divine Comedy, Dante looks upon a touching scene: the death, by stoning, of a young man who, as he is dying, asks for forgiveness for his persecutors. Dante was struck by the meekness of St. Stephen, whose martyrdom is related in the Acts of the Apostles. As he was being stoned, St. Stephen cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

**Wedding**

Tom Short and Lisyuri Gallardo

United in Christ on December 13

Celebrant: Fr. Peter Short

**Congratulations!****BAPTISM**

Maylee Victoria Mendez

on December 13 by Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV

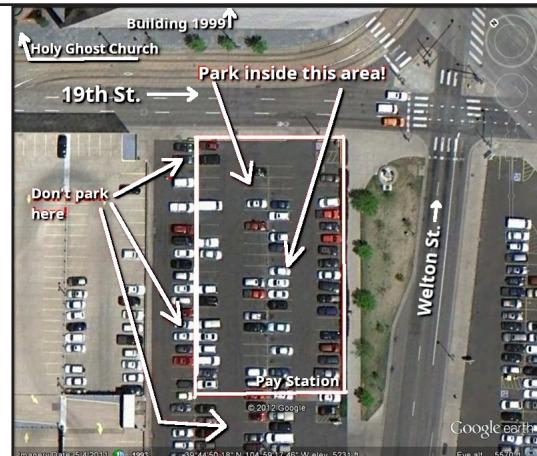
Welcome into the Church!

**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 21 - December 27

The Holy Souls in Purgatory



HOLY GHOST NEWS



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 20

4:00 pm †Liz Martinez

Sunday, December 21

7:00 am Holy Ghost Parishioners
 8:30 am Jolee Rios
 10:00 am †Jesus and †Consuelo Cortez
 Noon Veronica Velasco
 5:10 pm †Mary Pruissen

Monday, December 22

7:00 am †Lucy Leonardi
 11:30 am The Howell Family

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 am Wayne VanKampen
 11:30 am The Pearse Family

Wednesday, December 24

7:00 am The Souls in Purgatory
 11:30 am †Rich Schierburg
 4:00 pm †Lisa Marie Valtierra
 8:00 pm †Daniel Boulicault
 Midnight Paul and Dawn Phillips

Thursday, December 25

7:00 am Holy Ghost Parishioners
 8:30 am †Judy Pacheco
 10:00 am Evan and Julia Phillips
 Noon Deceased Members of the †Joe and †Helen Dilger Family

Friday, December 26

7:00 am Carmen Davila Toro
 11:30 am Emily Phillips

Saturday, December 27

8:00 am Isaac Phillips

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Denver Hall at 16th & Grant
 Booking Events and Banquets
 Multiple spaces available
 Kitchen & Bar onsite
<https://denverhall.org>



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 Ensminger, Christopher Edward Filardi, Nadine Karius, Margaret Karl, 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 this Sunday, December 21 after the 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and noon Masses.

Church Decorating Days

Volunteer to help decorate
Holy Ghost Church for Christmas!



Monday December 22, 8:00 - 11:00am and
Tuesday December 23, as needed.



Epiphany Choir Concert

January 3, 2026 at 7 PM

Scripture readings and a variety of
classical and contemporary music
performed by the Holy Ghost choir

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

Join us for the Amicizia Cristiana young adults retreat in Nederland, CO! Jan. 30 - Feb. 1, 2026 \$200 registration. Contact Fr. Jonathon to reserve your spot.

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



January 1 New Year's Day Schedule

(Holy Day of Obligation)



Wednesday, December 31, 2025
Vigil 5:10 PM

Thursday, January 1, 2026
7 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 5:10 PM

Love Holy Ghost? Register as a Parishioner!

Parish registration is not necessary; however, it helps us stay in touch and serve you better. Whether or not you live within our official territory, we invite you to consider making Holy Ghost your parish and registering!

We also encourage now-adult children of the parish to register independently from their parents.

Also, remember that everyone is invited to sign up for emails and text message updates via Flocknote, as well as follow our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram.

Join the GIVEN Leadership Program!

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.

Women accepted to the program participate in The Leadership Forum from June 24-28, 2026 at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. **Apply before December 31.**

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. To learn more and apply for the 2026 Cohort, please visit: <https://giveninstitute.com/leadership-program/>



Do you work downtown? A parishioner is seeking to join a carpool, as a passenger, to come downtown daily to work, with a flexible starting time. She lives in the Wheat Ridge area. Her office is near Holy Ghost Church. She is willing to help with gasoline and related expenses.

Please contact Karen at 303-844-4415 (office landline/answering machine).



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

- The 4th Annual Denver Summit's Building Men of Faith:** Saturday, February 21 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Northglenn. Bishop Jorge Rodriguez will celebrate Mass at 8:00am. To register, visit <https://summitmen.co/2026-denver-summit-registration>