

Church of the Holy Ghost

⌘ THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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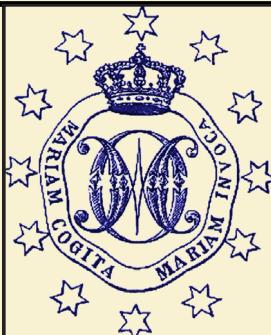
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OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. (Office is closed on Fridays.)
Office is closed for lunch 1:00 - 2:00 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.

PARISH OFFICE & SOCIAL MINISTRY- HOLIDAY HOURS

Parish office and social ministry will be open Wednesday, New Year's Eve from 9:00-11:00am 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 2 p.m.

Confession Times

Monday-Thursday 12-1 p.m.

Friday 12-3 p.m.

Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses: confessions start
 30 minutes before Mass

January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 Vigil 5:10p.m.

Thursday, January 1, 2026 7a.m., 11:30a.m., 12:30p.m., 5:10p.m.

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

Family and Traditions

Many of our families gathered over these recent days and expressed traditions established long ago: whether it was the menu; what you wore; what you read, sang, or listened to; what you put on the tree, or when you exchanged (or will yet exchange) gifts.

It is wonderful to pass on these traditions to the next generation! But why? Is it for the sake of maintaining the tradition? Is it for the sake of having a family culture or identity? Or is it because the tradition expresses something deeper in our hearts that would be even more devastating to lose?

Our traditions are our own ways of expressing what we believe and what motivates us throughout a lifetime. The traditions in the church are a model – every time we use special vestments, light certain candles, decorate the church a certain way, and read and sing certain texts, we are maintaining our memory of what God has done for us and what He has promised to do for us.

And the Eucharist is pre-eminent in this. We call it the Memorial (Greek: Anamnesis) because it is exactly in “not forgetting” that we hold onto what would otherwise be threatened by the forces of evil in world and our own sufferings.

Of course, we are even stronger when we remember this together with family, those given to us by God (the friends you don’t choose).

May our commemoration of the Lord’s Birth and the feasts over the remaining weeks of the Christmas Season help us enter more deeply into the mystery of our families and our faith, especially sharing in God’s mercy. And may the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, watch over you and lead you deeper into that spousal love that reflects the love of our Lord Jesus Christ for His Church. Merry Christmas!

--Fr. Paul M. Nguyen, OMV

BAPTISM

Sebastian Heres

on December 21 by Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV
Welcome into the Church!

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Venecia Lopez

on December 21 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

Financial Blessing

Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget	\$23,260
December 21, 2025 Actual Collection	\$21,166
December 21, 2025 Weekly Online Giving	\$6,733
December 21, 2025 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	\$4,639
December 21, 2025 avg per-person donation	\$29.37

Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget	\$5,060
December 21, 2025 Actual Donations	\$4,630
December 21, 2025 Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$642
December 21, 2025 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	\$212
December 21, 2025 avg per-person donation	\$5.55

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

Catechesis Corner O Lord God of goodness and mercy, Who in the midst of an evil and sinful world hast presented to the society of the redeemed the Holy Family of Nazareth as a spotless mirror of piety, justice and love, behold how the family is being undermined on all sides, every effort being made to desecrate it by stripping it of faith, religion and morals. Safeguard in our homes the domestic virtues, for these alone will ensure us harmony and peace. Under Thy paternal gaze, O Lord, and with confidence in Thy Providence and in the loving patronage of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the family will become a sanctuary of virtue and a school of wisdom. Amen. (from *Prayer for Christian Families* ~ Pope Pius XII)



Social Ministry at Holy Ghost thanks you for your generosity! We served 200 guests with 100 volunteers at a wonderful luncheon furnished by your donations and graced by live music! Our guests left with full stomachs and backpacks loaded with necessities for the winter. May God bless you all this Christmas!



Rest in Peace

William Knoeber

(uncle of parishioner Greg Knoeber)
Funeral January 10 at Mt. Olivet Chapel:
11:30am Rosary, 12:30pm Mass and burial
“May his soul and the souls of all the faithful
departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.”

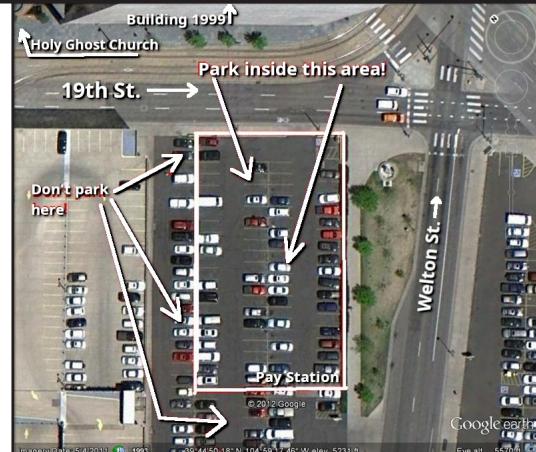


Support Floral Arrangements on the High Altar

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 December 28 - January 3
Sponsors needed



HOLY GHOST NEWS



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 27

4:00 pm †Teddy Montoya

Sunday, December 28

7:00 am †Eva Mora
 8:30 am Holy Ghost Parishioners
 10:00 am Tristan, Samantha and Theo Rios
 Noon Elizabeth Phillips
 5:10 pm †Lisa Marie Valtierra

Monday, December 29

7:00 am Uyen Nguyen
 11:30 am The Johnson Family

Tuesday, December 30

7:00 am The Marriage of Katy and Victor Villa
 11:30 am Evan and Julia Phillips

Fr. Paul Holy Ghost Parishioners

Wednesday, December 31

7:00 am The Marriage of Emily and Liam Bretz
 11:30 am Fr. Dan Barron, OMV
 5:10 pm †Kathleen Phillips

Thursday, January 1

7:00 am Brandon Hale
 11:30 am †Olivia Lee Wonhof and †Gilbert Lee Romero
 12:30 pm †Deacon Dave Arling
 5:10 pm †Lorie Welhouse

Friday, January 2 (First Friday)

7:00 am Christopher Filardi
 11:30 am †Debra Dinkel

Saturday, January 3 (First Saturday)

8:00 am Roberta Conner

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 303-761-5828, info@strawberriescatering.com

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, Phillip Valentine

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

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.



Spaghetti
DINNER

SAVE THE DATE

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, February 14 at 5:15pm
Parish Gathering and Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE

Oblates of the Virgin Mary Gala, Saturday, April 25, 2026 in Boston: commemorating 200 years of Oblates and 50 years in the USA.

<https://www.omvusa.org/gala>

Contact Fr. Paul if you are interested in attending with Holy Ghost.



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.

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.

Holy Ghost Church - Youth Group (Teens)

LET'S GO ICE SKATING!!!!

Saturday, January 10, 2026

9 am - 11 am

The Rink at Belmar

439 S. Teller St., Lakewood

Cost \$5 - skate rental included

Cash or Venmo

RSVP: text Rachel 303-550-0464



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Holy Ghost Youth Retreat

Saturday, January 24, 2026

For ages 13-18, 8 AM - 2 PM at Holy Ghost

8 AM Holy Mass

8:30 AM - 11 AM Sandwich Line

11 AM - 2 PM Retreat on the Eucharist

including lunch, talks, Adoration, Confession

RSVP to Fr. Paul, frpaul@holystchurch.org

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>