

Church of the Holy Ghost

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 2025 ✠

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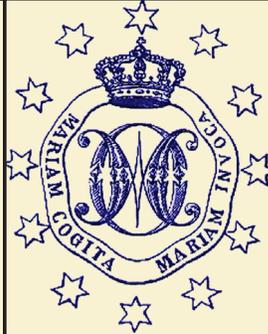
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OFFICE HOURS

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:

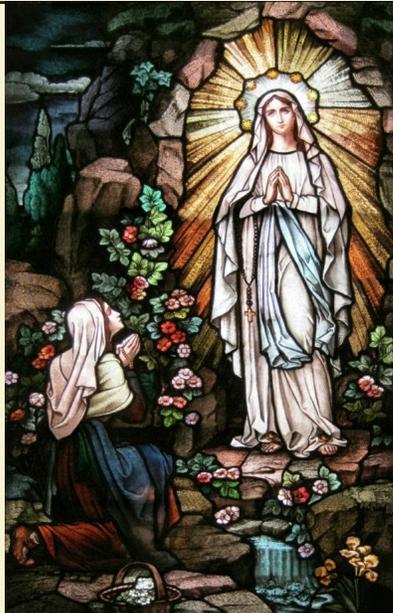
Mass 8:00am, Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary follow

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 8

7am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 5:10pm



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/>

WEEKLY REFLECTION

America Needs Mary

Many of us have heard of the organization America Needs Fátima, which helps promote devotion to the rosary and awareness of the 1917 apparitions at Fatima that were so prophetic for the wars of the last century and the cultural threats to Christian morality in our times. Whether under her title of Our Lady of Fátima or any other, America needs Mary!

Our country has been consecrated to Mary under her titles of Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe multiple times. Why? And what does this mean for our own devotion?

A consecration sets the consecrated apart for a particular purpose and in recognition of their identity. We belong to Mary as our mother in the order of grace since her immaculate conception regained what Eve lost in the Garden, and especially since our Lord Jesus Christ gave her to the beloved disciple (and by extension to all of us). He gave her to us at the moment that he merited by his death on the cross the grace necessary to preserve her from original sin, applied to her soul by the Father who stands outside of time. The consecration of the nation provides an occasion for us to take seriously this relational identity of belonging to such a perfect Mother who is now crowned in heaven.

Her 1531 apparitions at Guadalupe in México show a particular concern for the people of the New World that only she could communicate from heaven, elevating the work of so many Jesuit, Franciscan, and Dominican missionaries who made little progress on their own in the preceding decades.

It is no accident that these two feasts fall during this week and at this point in Advent in which we reflect on the God-given theme of Peace. As we await the birth of the Prince of Peace and look forward to the Second Coming of our Savior, we pray that His peace would already reign, in every heart and land, by accepting as our own the Mother He provides for us!

So seek her intercession this week. Read about the consecrations of our nation to the Immaculate Conception and the appointment of Our Lady of Guadalupe as Patroness of the Americas. And let the Mother of God be yours!

--Fr. Paul M. Nguyen, OMV

Rest in Peace
Mary Helen DeLaCruz
 “May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.”

BAPTISM
Dylan Colyer
 on November 29 by Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV
Welcome into the Church!

LIVING OUR FAITH

Financial Blessing

Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget	\$23,260
November 30, 2025 Actual Collection	\$7,367
November 30, 2025 Weekly Online Giving	\$2,685
November 30, 2025 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	- \$13,208
November 30, 2025 avg per-person donation	\$12.25

Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget	\$5,060
November 30, 2025 Actual Donations	\$505
November 30, 2025 Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$604
November 30, 2025 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	- \$3,951
November 30, 2025 avg per-person donation	\$1.35

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

Catechesis Corner

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception highlights the primacy and unicity of Christ in the work of Redemption, for it teaches that Mary — the first to be redeemed — was herself redeemed by Christ and transformed by the Spirit, prior to any possible action of her own. From this special condition of being the first redeemed by Christ and the first transformed by the Holy Spirit, Mary is able to cooperate more intensely and profoundly with Christ and the Spirit, becoming the prototype, model and exemplar of what God wants to accomplish in every person who is redeemed. (2025, Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, Mater Populi Fidelis, n. 14)



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 7 - December 13

† In memory of Commander Louis C. Starck

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.

VOLUNTEER
 Teen Service Project

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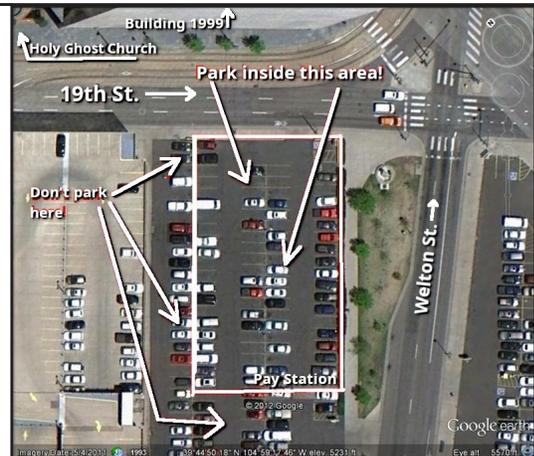
Weekend and Weekday Masses & Church Functions
 Location: 19th & Welton (“Lighthouse Lot”)

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 6

4:00 pm Matthew Gear

Sunday, December 7

7:00 am Baby boy Shannon

8:30 am Reverend Chris Alar

10:00 am †Commander Louis C. Starck

Noon †Mark Lessner, Jr.

5:10 pm Holy Ghost Parishioners

Monday, December 8

7:00 am Kurt Costello

11:30 am DeCordova and Taylor Families

12:30 pm Lauren Coldiron

5:10 pm Macie Mendelsohn

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 am †Rachael and †Glenn Howell

11:30 am †Beverly Carey

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 am Iona Spina

11:30 am Samuel Pearse

Thursday, December 11

7:00 am †Fr. Gerald Guida

11:30 am Stephen and Anna Cyr

Friday, December 12

7:00 am Fr. Rafael Solorio, OMV

11:30 am †Guadalupe B. de Andreu

7:00 pm Dignity of immigrants

Saturday, December 13

8:00 am Bonnie and Charles Goldberg

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.

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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.

Mary A., Marisa Alvarez, Sonia Alvarez, Barbara Avrett, Joseph Brookman, Federico Casillas, Milton Cox, Jim Cunningham, David DiJiacomo, Christopher Edward Filardi, Nadine Karius, Alice Lucero, Diana Lyter-Foster, Connie Magers, Irina Manata, Mary Marshall, Kenneth Miller and family, Nancy Mowers, Jessi O'Brien, 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

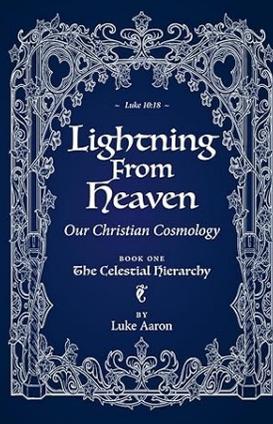
If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up at <https://forms.gle/qULQAU2UpZKfNpdX9> or call Crystal at 720-515-1395 or Crystal@holyghostchurch.org for more information. Let's come together to celebrate the season, share the joy, and make this Christmas unforgettable for everyone!

Catholic Cosmology

Come learn the great depth of Catholic Cosmology, from angels and demons to creation and the Garden of Eden. Find out if Adam and Eve had guardian angels. Why was Lucifer in the Garden of Eden? Was the Fruit of Knowledge really evil? And any other questions you have about our Catholic origins.

Led by author, Luke Aaron

Saturday, January 17 at 6:30pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
1555 Grant St., Denver CO 80203



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.

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 7 (after the noon Mass)
Christkindlmarket @ Auraria Campus

December 11 Advent: Waiting for the Savior
Round-table discussion @ Holy Ghost

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.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Friday, December 12

6:00pm Procession

7:00pm Bilingual Mass

Reception following the Mass



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 consider offering assistance! Thank you and God bless you. Please contact Karen at 303-844-4415 (office landline/answering machine).

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, and are then paired with an established Catholic female leader for 1 on 1 mentorship and support to develop and launch an Action Plan – a new initiative activating personal gifts in service to others.

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