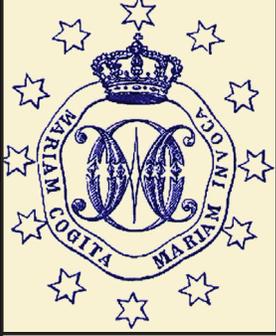


Church of the Holy Ghost

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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.

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



Expulsion from the Garden of Eden by Thomas Cole

The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ~ Genesis 2:7-9

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.
 Coffee & Donut social after all morning Masses
Confession Times
 Monday-Thursday 12-1 p.m.
 Friday 12-3 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. during Lent
 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
 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

Change

We all find change difficult. So many of my classmates wrote in our middle school yearbooks, “Don’t ever change!” alongside our “KIT,” meaning keep in touch.

This season of Lent, of course, is not about suffering and discipline or arbitrary change but about change for the better, which can be hard work. Improvement, healing, growth. We want to be a “new person,” but we continue to be the ones God loves and knows by name. I will always be Paul. But I can be a better Paul tomorrow than today, by God’s grace.

This weekend, we celebrated the rites of Sending and Election for those to be baptized this Easter. We asked their godparents if they attest to their education in the faith and their readiness for baptism. They are on a journey of finding out all that God is calling them into and making a public display of that choice for God and his Church, which always means leaving behind so many features of their former life. Keep the good and let the bad and deficient fall away. We hope you get to know them and appreciate how God has been working in their lives, leaving his fingerprints on their journeys.

For all of us, this Lent can be a similar period of purification and enlightenment. By our deliberate effort under the inspiration of God’s grace, we make those changes that are more pleasing to him. We have to build the virtues as atomic habits, by practice, seeing the good growing within us, apologizing all the way for the mistakes we still make.

Perhaps this season, we can share what we are inspired to do with someone who has not set a goal like this, and invite that person to come along and see whether there is something here on this Lenten journey worth paying attention to or changing one’s life for. Bring a friend to the Stations of the Cross or Faith Friday; or to Mass and Confession; or to the new book club. You never know what will change someone’s life!

As you heard on Ash Wednesday: Repent, and believe in the Gospel!

--Fr. Paul M. Nguyen, OMV

LIVING OUR FAITH

Financial Blessing

Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget	\$23,260
February 15, 2026 Actual Collection	\$9,629
February 15, 2026 Weekly Online Giving	\$3,175
February 15, 2026 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	- \$10,456
February 15, 2026 avg per-person donation	\$15.06

Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget	\$5,060
February 15, 2026 Actual Donations	\$430
February 15, 2026 Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$846
February 15, 2026 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	- \$3,784
February 15, 2026 avg per-person donation	\$1.50
Online Giving Portal	https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZFJ1/home

Catechesis Corner (from *Against Temptation*, Meditations by Padre Pio)

Do not fear. Jesus is more powerful than all Hell. At the invocation of his Name every knee in Heaven, on earth and in hell must bend before Jesus; this is the consolation of the good and terror of the evil ones.

The best means of guarding yourself against temptation are the following: watch your senses to save them from dangerous temptation, avoid vanity, do not let your heart become exalted, convince yourself of the evil of complacency, flee away from hate, pray whenever possible.

It is necessary to be strong, in order to become great: that is our duty. Life is a struggle, which we cannot avoid. We must triumph!



Wedding Congratulations!

Royce Jurado and Christine Jurado
 United in Christ on February 14
 Celebrant: Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV



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Rest in Peace

Pauline Koyama
Eugene Lopez

“May their souls 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 February 22 - February 28
 Sponsors needed

IMPORTANT PARKING LOT INSTRUCTIONS
HOLY GHOST CHURCH

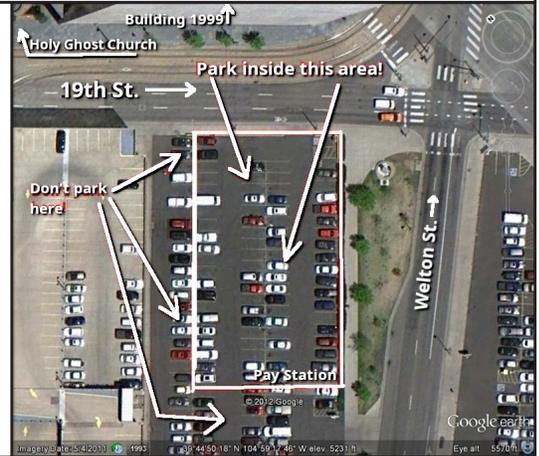
Weekend and Weekday Masses & Church Functions
 Location: 19th & Welton (“Lighthouse Lot”)

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, February 21

4:00 pm †Anna and †Liz Martinez

Sunday, February 22

7:00 am †Julie Pilla

8:30 am †Patrick Carey

10:00 am Holy Ghost Parishioners

Noon †Nancy Hamm Dixon

5:10 pm †Bill Hank

Monday, February 23

7:00 am Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV

11:30 am Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV

Tuesday, February 24

7:00 am †Louis and †Joyce Gerard

11:30 am A Special Intention

Wednesday, February 25

7:00 am †Betty Fleshman

11:30 am †Guadalupe B. de Andreu

Thursday, February 26

7:00 am Marissa Hank

11:30 am Mary Robinette LaRocque

Friday, February 27

7:00 am †Terry Garcia

11:30 am Andre Taylor

Saturday, February 28

8:00 am †Sophal Ros

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 Booking Events and Banquets

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<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.

Barbara Avrett, Joseph Brookman, Federico Casillas, Karen Cox, Milton Cox, Jim Cunningham, David DiJiacomo, Terry Drach, Colt Dunn, Diane Ensminger, Robin Jamsay, Nadine Karius, Diana Lyter-Foster, Connie Magers, Mary Marshall, Kenneth Miller and family, Nancy Mowers, Josie Pino, Tony Pino, Dr. Linda Reschl, Maren S, Magan Sandoval, Richard Sandoval, Patrick Schaefer, Shannon, Diana Carolina Tuesta, Elvira Unzueta, Phillip Valentine

PRAY FOR ALL OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

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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

Knights of Columbus Burritos are Back!

Sunday, February 22 starting after the 7am Mass, purchase burritos and soft drinks in support of the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. The sale will continue after all morning Masses.



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

February 26 Holy Hour with Adoration @ 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.



New Book Club at Holy Ghost!

Our first book will be about the four women Doctors of the Church:
Set the World on Fire: A 4-Week Personal Retreat with the Female Doctors of the Church by Vinita Hampton Wright (Ave Maria Press).

All ages welcome! First meeting, Sunday February 22 at 1pm in the Raphael Room of the parish hall.

Coordinators: Nicole Hanjani-Diaz and Amanda Mazzucca

SAVE THE DATE

**Church Cleaning:
Saturday March 14 at 9am**



Drug Addicts Anonymous (DA), a non-profit recovery residence for men located in Lakewood, currently houses over 30 members who are working to overcome drug and alcohol addiction and transform their lives. Their program is free, requiring no payments or insurance—only a 90-day minimum commitment and a genuine willingness to change.



This non-profit association depends on the support of the community to keep their doors open and provide for essentials like food. DA will be offering T-shirts at the end of each mass on March 7-8 to raise funds.



SAVE THE DATE

**Church Decorating for Easter:
Saturday April 4 at 10am**

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>



Sanctify your day

Denver Catholic Women's Conference 2026

How do we remain in the presence of God amid the demands, schedules and daily drudgery of life? This mini-retreat will guide you toward deeper union with God. Mass, talks, lunch, reflection and sisterhood.

April 18, 2026 9:30am-2:30pm at Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church at 18000 E. Arapahoe Road, Foxfield. Tickets: \$40

Lanteri Center Spring Silent Retreat in Sedalia

What a wonderful time to stop and reflect with the Lord, to take a look deep within to be renewed.

March 19-22. Options for a 4-day or 8-day retreat (limited number of 8-day spots available). Meet with a spiritual director daily and get suggested themes for prayer and help processing your experience with God in prayer. Sacrament of Reconciliation available Saturday. Mass offered Saturday and Sunday. Use QR code to apply. Lanteri Center: 303-298-1498

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.



Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat is binding upon members from age 14 onwards.

Fridays of Lent

Masses 7:00am, 11:30am

Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm and 6:00pm

Confessions from 12:00-3:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm

Faith Friday program: Light supper followed by a presentation on the theme of Mercy from 6:30-8:00pm

Sundays of Lent

Adoration, praise & worship and confessions at 4:30pm



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 - on winter hiatus

Thursdays at 6:30-8:30pm: Amicizia Cristiana, Young Adults Group

One Saturday/month: Holy Ghost Youth Ministry (Teens)



COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Grief Support Programs:** Saturday February 28, 8AM-3PM, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church; Saturday March 7, 9:30AM-3:30PM at St. Anne Catholic Church for Catholic grief support. <https://www.cfccolorado.org/mission-programs/grief-support>