



Church of the Holy Ghost

✠ 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23, 2026 ✠

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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.

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:

7:00am and 11:30am Masses followed by the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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 12-1 p.m.

Friday 12-3 p.m.

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 Sundays of the month.
Next Baptismal Class Saturday, September 5th at 9:45am.
To register, please contact the parish office.

Adults: Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion

OCIA - The Fall session begins September 8, 2026,
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., 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.



Papal Tiara and Keys

"I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

~ Matthew 16:18-19

Safe Environment: Protecting Children and At-Risk Adults

Parish Coordinator: Robert Pablo, x1013
Archdiocese of Denver: <https://archden.org/protection/>

WEEKLY REFLECTION

When do I have to go to Mass?

The short answer is: Every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. Not most Sundays and holy days. Not one Sunday a month. Not just Christmas, Ash Wednesday, and Easter. *Every* Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

You may ask: What if I'm sick? What if I'm taking care of someone who's sick? What if I'm going on vacation? What if family is in town and I want to spend time with them? What if I'm in the mountains camping for the weekend? The Church never asks of us what is impossible. If you absolutely *cannot* make it to Mass, then you are under no obligation to go. But most of the time, we can make it, but we use these as excuses.

If you are sick, you may very well decide that it is imprudent to attend Mass, whether because of contagion or debilitation. I would use the same criterion here as deciding whether to show up for work: If you would go to work in your condition, you should definitely go to church. If you're on vacation, it is still your responsibility to prioritize your religious duty. Look up Mass times before you go (masstimes.org is a great help!) and plan your trip around that. No vacation or recreation is worth losing your soul.

Sunday Mass is our primary connection to the life of God. When we worship as a community and receive the Eucharist, we receive that life within us. When we voluntarily skip that, we cut ourselves off from that life. This is not something to take lightly. Going to church must be an absolute priority in our lives. Otherwise, we are saying by our actions that we do not truly desire heaven.

Odd situations will arise that don't fit easily in these categories. In those cases, ask your priest. He can answer difficult questions, and even give dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass for a serious reason. But let us foster in our hearts a true devotion for the Mass and the Eucharist, so that we never desire to skip for any reason.

--Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV



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 August 23 – August 29
Rita Gutierrez

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
August 16, 2026	Actual Collection	\$10,551
August 16, 2026	Weekly Online Giving	\$7,468
August 16, 2026	Offertory Surplus/Deficit	- \$5,241
August 16, 2026	avg per-person donation	\$21.84
Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget		\$5,060
August 16, 2026	Actual Donations	\$940
August 16, 2026	Sandwich Line Online Giving	\$823
August 16, 2026	Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	- \$3,297
August 16, 2026	avg per-person donation	\$2.14

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

Catechesis Corner

The symbol of the keys, which we heard about in the Gospel, echoes the oracle of the prophet Isaiah concerning the steward Eliakim, of whom it was said: "And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open" (Is 22:22).

The key represents authority over the house of David. And in the Gospel there is another saying of Jesus addressed to the scribes and the Pharisees, whom the Lord reproaches for shutting off the kingdom of heaven from people (cf. Mt 23:13). This saying also helps us to understand the promise made to Peter: to him, inasmuch as he is the faithful steward of Christ's message, it belongs to open the gate of the Kingdom of Heaven, and to judge whether to admit or to refuse (cf. Rev 3:7). Hence the two images – that of the keys and that of binding and loosing – express similar meanings which reinforce one another.

The expression "binding and loosing" forms part of rabbinical language and refers on the one hand to doctrinal decisions, and on the other hand to disciplinary power, that is, the faculty to impose and to lift excommunication. The parallelism "on earth ... in the heavens" guarantees that Peter's decisions in the exercise of this ecclesial function are valid in the eyes of God. (from Pope Benedict XVI's homily of June 2012)



Wedding Congratulations!

Josue Salazar and Roselyn Alvarez-Gonzales

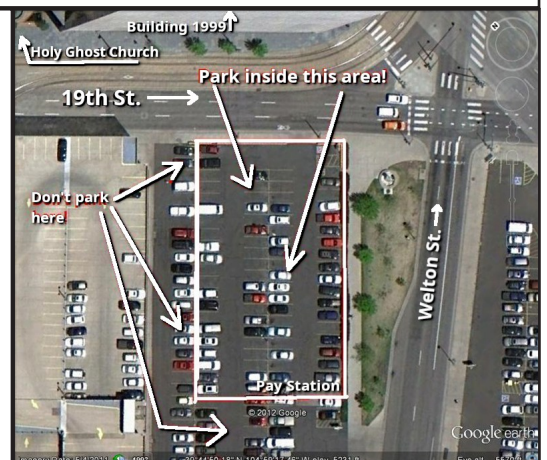
United in Christ on August 15
Celebrant: Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV

Miles Brooke and Grace Oh-Willeke

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Celebrant: Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV

J.D. Maloney and Kate Buhr

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HOLY GHOST NEWS



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 22

4:00 pm †Lisa Cissna

Sunday, August 23

7:00 am Valerie and Paul Perez

8:30 am Holy Ghost Parishioners

10:00 am †Carl Kothe

Noon †Sister Jean Schmidt

5:10 pm †Louis and †Joyce Gerard

Monday, August 24

7:00 am †Melvin Ladewig

11:30 am †Tom Branscome

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 am †Maxine Anderson

11:30 am Charlie Bauer

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 am †Charlie Kirk

11:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 27

7:00 am Carol Dugan

11:30 am Dustin Caldwell

Friday, August 28

7:00 am Perez Hilton

11:30 am In honor of St. Jude

Saturday, August 29

8:00 am Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV



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., Samuel Jamie Abeyta, Joseph Brookman, Larry Brookman, Karen Cox, Milton Cox, Jim Cunningham, David DiJiacomo, Nadine Karius, Alice Lucero, Dianna Lyter-Foster, Connie Magers, John Brady McHugh, Ernest Quintana, Magan Sandoval, Richard Sandoval, Patrick Schaefer, Michelle Smith, Maria Trujillo, Jose Zamudio

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
LTJG Gemma Nowak, US Navy	ENS Rebecca Nowak, MC, USNR
MIDN Vincent Nowak, USNR	Taylor Donohue, US Navy
LCDR Claire Clancy, US Navy	Maj. Joseph Conrad Accountius
Rogelio Tellez, USMC	LTJG Ryan Tierney, USN
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Religious Education/Sacramental Prep

Registration for 2026-2027 runs the weekend of July 25-26 through August 30. Forms are available in the Parish Office.
WWW.HOLYGHOSTCHURCH.ORG

Upcoming event:

**Gift of Pencils to students.
Blessing of backpacks and
students August 22-23 at all Masses**



Blessing of the
Backpacks

BIKING FOR BABIES

Dominic Black, a missionary for Biking for Babies, will be joining us August 22-23 to share about his mission and invite us to collaborate with him.

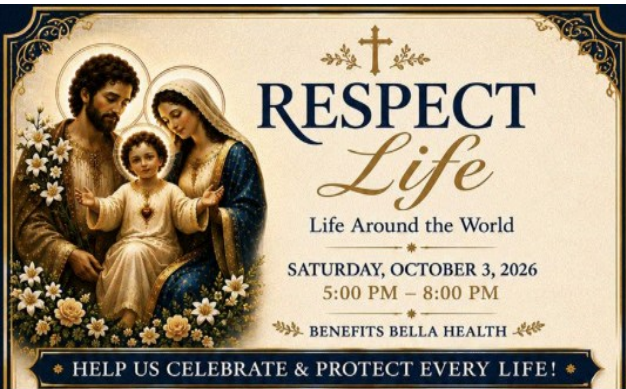
Biking for Babies is a Catholic nonprofit mission organization whose mission is to renew the culture of life in the United States amid our current culture of death.

Mission site: <https://www.bikingforbabies.com/about/>
Donation page for Dominic: <https://give.bikingforbabies.com/event/2026missionary/account/2341075/>



Join Us in Making This Year's
Life Around the World Event a Success

Planning Meeting
Sunday • August 23, 2026
1:30 PM • Parish Hall



The pilgrims to Italy invite you to send your prayer intentions with us so we can pray for them at each shrine and saint's tomb we will visit! We will collect them now through Sunday, August 30 for our trip August 31 - September 13. Please see the special station at the welcoming table or send them directly to Fr. Paul by email.

Submit Your
Prayer
Intentions



Fall is around the corner!

What a wonderful time to stop and reflect with the Lord, to take a look deep within to be renewed! Here is a time and place to make it happen!
Come join the Lanteri Center on their Fall Silent Retreat

You have the option of a 4-day (October 1-4) or 8-day (October 1-8) retreat. There are a limited number of 8-day spots so grab yours today! You will meet with a spiritual director each day and he/she will suggest themes for prayer and help you process your encounter with God. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturday. Mass will be offered every day. Use the QR Code to apply today.

Lanteri Center 416 22nd Street Denver, CO 80205
lantericenter@omvusa.org (303) 298-1498



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



August theme: Children of Mary

August 27 "Think on Mary, Call on Mary" @ Holy Ghost
Presented by Fr. Jonathon

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

Peri Destina will be speaking at masses on August 29-30 to promote the St. Joseph Job Board. Are you a skilled craftsperson, business owner, handyman, artisan, or just looking for extra income? Do you need a babysitter, tutor, or someone to help out around your house? The St. Joseph Job Board is a new site built for local Catholics where you can list your skills for hire, or hire skilled local Catholics. Visit stjosephjobboard.com



Mission Appeal

On September 5-6, we welcome Fathers Vincent Bui and Peter Pham, Coordinators of Mission Appeals for the Diocese of Bui Chu, Vietnam. Both were born and raised in Bui Chu. Fr. Vincent currently serves at Light of the World Parish in Denver, and Fr. Peter serves in the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa. They will share about the faith, challenges, and missionary needs of the Church in Vietnam, and how we can support its mission of evangelization.



Please support this mission through your prayers and generosity.

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 The first Sunday noon Mass of each month is 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.

Bring a Meal to OCIA! It is very important for those gathering to learn about how God is calling them to holiness within the Catholic Church to share the journey of responding to that call. Thanks to you, they can enjoy a meal together each Tuesday. The Fall session begins September 8, 2026. This is a current and ongoing opportunity. Sign up today! <https://mealtrain.com/0810qz>



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

- Night at the Museum Catholic Speed Dating:** All ages, 6-9PM Friday, September 4 at Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Cost: \$55/65. RSVP to DateCatholic@aol.com to receive link to register and pay.