Church of the Holy Ghost

✣ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 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 9:00-11:00 am and 2:00-4:00 pm, 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

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?" ~ Matthew 22:17-18

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, November 7 and December 5 at 9:45 am.
To register, please contact the parish office.

Adults: Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion

OCIA - Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Fr. Jonathon

Marriage

Arrangements for weddings are made at least 9 months in advance.
https://holyghostchurch.org/sacraments/matrimony/

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

Render unto Caesar

"Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and unto God what is God's." This verse, spoken by Jesus in today's Gospel, has long informed the Christian view of Church-state relations. In its most immediate sense, it demands that we pay taxes to the state, regardless of whether or not the government uses that money in a good or moral way. (The Roman Empire was certainly funding projects that were opposed to Jesus's teaching.) In a broader sense, however, "render unto Caesar" is a demand of justice, and obliges us to contribute to the good of civil society through our gifts and talents.

One of the best ways we can do this as Catholics living in a modern democratic state is through political involvement and voting. We can and ought to bring our faith into the public square, not to tear down or oppress the beliefs of others, but to enact good public policy informed by Christian morals and ethics.

Right now in Colorado, there are three measures on the ballot that are endorsed by the Colorado Catholic Conference. Proposition 133 increases penalties for sex trafficking of minors, Proposition 134 aims to protect school sports by requiring students to compete with their own biological sex, and Proposition 135 would prohibit irreversible sex change surgeries on minors. All three of these ballot measures aim to uphold the dignity of the human person as created in the image and likeness, as male or female, and prevent further abuses against that dignity. Our society does not share the same moral convictions, especially when it comes to the dangers of transgender ideology for children. We therefore encourage everyone to vote YES on all three of these measures. In this way, we render unto Caesar the fullness of what we can give society: a conscience informed by the truth of the Gospel.

--Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV

BAPTISMS

Alexander Baltazar on October 11
by Fr. Paul Nguyen, OMV
Welcome into the Church!

LIVING OUR FAITH

Financial Blessing

Needed Weekly—Offertory Budget	**$26,208**
October 11, 2026 Actual Collection	$9,388
October 11, 2026 Weekly Online Giving	$7,204
October 11, 2026 Offertory Surplus/Deficit	- $9,616
October 11, 2026 avg per-person donation	$20.74
Needed Weekly—Sandwich Line Budget	**$4,923**
October 11, 2026 Actual Donations	$480
October 11, 2026 Sandwich Line Online Giving	$1,226
October 11, 2026 Sandwich Line Surplus/Deficit	- $3,217
October 11, 2026 avg per-person donation	$2.13

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

CATECHESIS CORNER In today's Gospel Jesus replies with a surprising political realism, linked to the theocentrism of the prophetic tradition. The tribute to Caesar must be paid because his image is on the coin; but the human being, every person, carries in himself another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him and to him alone that each one owes his existence. The Fathers of the Church, drawing inspiration from the fact that Jesus was referring to the image of the Emperor impressed on the coin of the tribute, interpreted this passage in the light of the fundamental concept of the human being as an image of God, contained in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis.

St. Augustine used this reference several times in his homilies: "If Caesar reclaims his own image impressed on the coin, will not God demand from man the divine image sculpted within him?" And further, "As the tribute money is rendered to him [Caesar], so should the soul be rendered to God, illumined and stamped with the light of his countenance."
(from Pope Benedict XVI's homily of October 16, 2011)

Wedding Congratulations!

Matthew Nguyen and Tia Than
United in Christ on October 10
Celebrant: Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV

Dominic Evans and Hunter Gray
United in Christ on October 16
Celebrant: Fr. Jonathon Hank, OMV

Rest in Peace

Avelina Zubia-Avitia
Sean Lear

"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

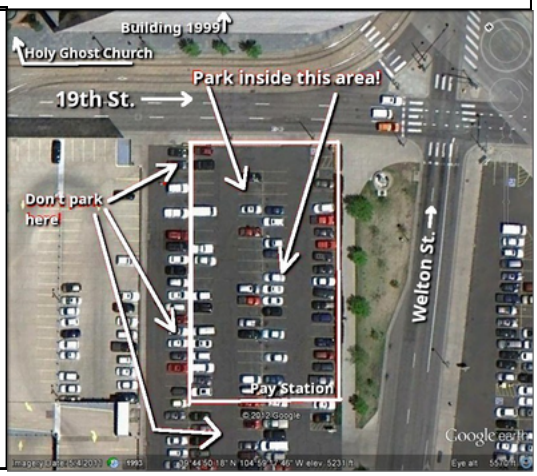
Weekend and Weekday Masses & Church Functions
Location: 19th & Welton ("Lighthouse Lot")

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.



Holy Ghost News

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 17
4:00 pm †Anne McNeil
Sunday, October 18
7:00 am For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:30 am †Gail Virginia Mahfood
10:00 am †Larry Sulzer
Noon Jane and Bruce Weber and Family living and deceased
5:10 pm Holy Ghost Parishioners
Monday, October 19
7:00 am †Ben Gonzalez
11:30 am Madeleine Shannon
Tuesday, October 20
7:00 am †Marguerite Hernandez
11:30 am †Jack Haynes-Santander
Wednesday, October 21
7:00 am Guadalupe Ortiz
11:30 am †Pierre Ruiz
Thursday, October 22
7:00 am †Robert Glamb
11:30 am Pearse Family
Friday, October 23
7:00 am †Rosemary Kavadias
11:30 am †Fr. Thomas Dowd
Saturday, October 24
8:00 am †Linda Hampton

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Prayer Corner

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.
Larry Brookman, Lily Chavez, Jim Cunningham, Frank Dagnillo, David DiJiacomo, Kevin Dottenwhy, Kim Dottenwhy, Margaret Dottenwhy, Richard Dottenwhy, Nadine Karius, Dianna Lyter-Foster, Connie Magers, John Brady McHugh, Erick Millspaugh, Gwynn Palace, Ernest Quintana, Magan Sandoval, Richard Sandoval, Patrick Schaefer, Nicole Schlotthauer, Michelle Smith, Mike Stull

PRAY FOR ALL OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

LTJG Patrick D. Mahoney, Jr., US Navy
Benjamin Jacob Lucero, US Navy
M SGT D.J. Hagberg, Air Force LTJG
Gemma Nowak, US Navy MIDN
Vincent Nowak, USNR
LCDR Claire Clancy, US Navy
Rogelio Tellez, USMC
Antonio Castaneda
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Devin Hanjani, USMC

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 October 18 - October 24
Jon and Heather Van Benthem

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Holy Ghost News

October is Respect Life Month
40 Days for Life Mass
Friday, October 23 at 2 p.m

Please join us for a 40 Days for Life Mass with Archbishop James Golka on Friday, October 23 at 2 p.m. in the Marisol Health Garden, 2894 Olive Street in Denver. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot today. Parking is also limited and carpooling is encouraged.

Because Mass will be celebrated outdoors, plans may change in the event of inclement weather. Be sure to register so we can contact you directly with any weather-related updates or a change in location.

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

October theme: Authentic Masculinity and Femininity

October 22 "Feminine Genius & Masculine Genius"
@ Lanteri Center Presented by Kay Davis

October 29 Halloween & All Saints party @ Holy Ghost
Includes a costume contest!

For more information or to join our mailing list, please scan the QR code above for GroupMe.

Our next Respect Life planning meeting will be November 1 at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Advent by Candlelight

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prepare your heart as we enter into the beautiful season of Advent and journey toward Christmas.

Join us for an evening of fellowship, reflection, prayer, and a potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share and come ready to slow down, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Monday, December 7, 6PM in the Parish Hall
Come gather around the candlelight as we begin this sacred season together.

Prepare for the feast of All Souls!

Inscribe the names of your dearly departed in our Book of the Dead, by the side altar of our Blessed Mother, and join the parish in prayer for the repose of their souls. You can also make an offering using the All Souls envelopes in the pews. We are also offering the opportunity to have Masses celebrated for your dead at our seminary chapel in Boston; look for the enrollment envelopes in the vestibule.
Finally, plan to join us for a candlelight requiem Mass on Monday, November 2 at 7pm. May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

BRING THEM HOME MASS
November 2, 11:00am
Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery
Register to lay the cremated remains of a loved one to rest in our Crypt of All Souls at no cost. The deadline to register cremated remains for the Mass and Committal Service is Oct. 25. For questions contact Ali Hanlen at ali.hanlen@archden.org

GET INVOLVED

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
2nd Thursdays at 6:30-8pm: Lanteri Guild
One Saturday/month: Holy Ghost Youth Ministry (Teens)

Community Events

High School Pro-Life Symposium - *Will Somebody Stand ?*
Saturday, November 7, 8:15am-1pm at St. Mary Littleton Catholic Parish. 8:15am Mass with Bishop Rodriguez, 9am free Santiago's burrito breakfast, 9:30am Pro-Life Speakers | Prizes | Ministry Tables. Registration QR code to the right.

4th Annual Camp St. Malo Advent Market: Saturday-Sunday December 5-6
Saturday Mass at 9am, 10am market opens / Eucharistic Exposition in chapel, 1-3pm music concert, 3pm market closes.
Sunday Mass at 9:30am, 10am market opens / Eucharistic Exposition in chapel, 3pm market closes, 3pm Advent Praise on the Rock. www.campstmalo.org/plan-a-visit/advent-market