



MOTHER OF GOD

CATHOLIC CHURCH • DENVER, CO

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AUGUST 17, 2025

**20TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Anticipatory | 4:00pm, 6:00pm
Sunday | 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am,
12:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Friday | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Saturday | 3:30pm, 5:30pm
Other | By Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Friday | 7:30am

INFANT BAPTISM, SACRAMENTAL & MARRIAGE PREPARATIONS, OCIA, FUNERAL

Please call the Parish Office at
303-744-1715 to make arrangements.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Call 720-515-6279

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 2:00pm

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.” - Lk 12:50-52

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are called to be Disciples of Christ who center our lives in the Eucharist and see the truth through Scripture and Tradition. Together we aspire to transform our lives into the virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

PASTOR | Rev. Vincent Phung
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Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest

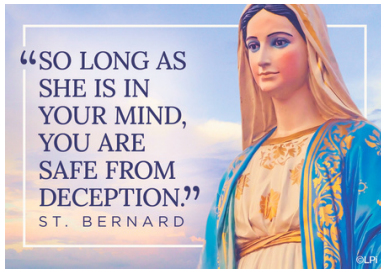
Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope

Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

4:00pm

6:00pm

Sunday

7:00am

8:30am

10:00am

12:00pm

Monday

8:00am

Tuesday

8:00am

Wednesday

8:00am

Thursday

8:00am

Friday

8:00am

August 16

† Joseph and Maria Tran

† Deceased Members of the Vu Family

August 17

† Patricia Paull

† Joseph and Maria Vu

† Jeanette Christian

Our Parish Family

August 18

Sr. Hao Pham

August 19

Sr. Pascale Le

August 20

† Peter Feather

August 21

Sr. Diem Thuy Ha

August 22

† Sr. Maria Huong Pham

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Luke 12:49-53

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for our beloved sick:



McKenna Barber, Theresa Brown-Flake, Lily Chavez, Jane Hakala, Carol Kowalski, Marilyn Krajicek, Susan Loretan, Declan Malley, Maria McDermott, Helen Nguyen, Tien Nguyen, Gina Pavlakovich, Mai Phung, John Price, Carol Prybyloski, Josephine Richards, and Elizabeth Williams.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for August:

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish and have not yet registered, please register on our website at motherofgoddenver.com or visit the parish office during the week.

Sack Lunch Distribution

Monday - Friday | 11am - 12:30pm (exclude holidays)

Mission Appeal This Weekend

August 16 & 17

The Mission Appeal for our parish this year is the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Bui Chu, Vietnam. Donations will be used to help directly assist the underprivileged in Vietnam by providing food, medicine, healthcare, education, and housing repairs. Additionally, funds will be allocated to train the Sisters for improved community service. For additional information, visit <https://dongmancoibuichu.com/>

Donations made by check should be made payable to "Mother of God Church" with the name of the mission in the check memo. Please keep the people of this mission in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity!

New Bible Study Starting Soon

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Date: September 10th - November 19th

Time: Wednesday, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Church basement hall

Fee: \$35 (covers workbook and online video access)

To register, pick up a registration form by the church doors, fill it out, and return it to the Parish Office by **August 24th**.

Thank You for Supporting Our Retired Priests



Thank you to everyone who gave generously to last weekend's second collection for retired and infirm priests! Your support ensures our retired clergy receive the dignity, care, and assistance they deserve. If you missed the collection, there's still time to give. Visit archden.org/retiredpriests or call 303-867-0614.

On behalf of our retired priests—thank you for your kindness and continued support!

2025 Denver Marian Conference

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord"

Friday, October 3 – Saturday, October 4, 2025

Colorado Convention Center

700 14th Street, Denver, CO. 80202

Conference Speakers: Fr. Chris Alar, MIC | Fr. Bill Casey, CPM | Deacon Harold Burke-Silvers | Very Reverend Joseph Tran, VF | Fr. Francisco (Frank) Garcia - Emcee

For more information, log onto :
www.DenverMarianConference.com or call
(303) 422-8621.

Parish Summer Picnic

Date: Sunday, August 24th

Time: Immediately following the noon Mass

Location: Alamo Placita Park

E. 3rd Avenue (between Emerson and Ogden St)



- Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship
- Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets
- Dessert Contest with prizes for the top 3: Bring your favorite dessert to share. Be sure to include a card with your dessert name. You and your fellow parishioners will be the judge.
- All are welcome so invite your families and friends!

Lectors and Ushers Needed!

More lectors and especially ushers are needed at every Mass to assist us with the collections. Serving as an usher and/or lector is a wonderful way to actively participate in the liturgy and contribute to the spirit of our parish family. No prior experience is necessary - training will be provided.

If you feel called to these important ministries, see Fr. Vincent or call the Parish Office to learn more and sign up.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

a journey of faith

- Do you or someone you know want to join the Catholic Church?
- Have you been baptized a Catholic, but have never completed your Sacraments of Initiation?

If you answer "YES" to either of these questions, call or email the Parish Office for more information.

Our School Supply Drive was a Huge Success!

Fr. Vincent wishes to thank everyone who participated in our School Supply Drive. We received a very generous amount of supplies that will no doubt provide the students of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Academy the tools they need to learn and grow.

May God bless you for your incredible display of generosity!

The Parables on Prayer

Free Day of Reflection with Daniel Campbell, Director of the SJV Lay Division. Learn about the key characteristics of our prayer lives from Jesus' own words!

Dates: Online | August 18 | In person | August 20

Time: 9 am - 1 pm, Recording available

To register, visit <https://sjvlaydivision.org/registration/>

National Conference for Single Catholics

August 22-24, 2025

For information and to register, visit:
www.NationalCatholicSingles.com