



MOTHER OF GOD

CATHOLIC CHURCH • DENVER, CO

475 Logan Street, Denver, CO 80203 | 303-744-1715

Website: www.motherofgoddenver.com | Email: businessmanager@motherofgoddenver.com



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” - Lk 14:13-14

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.

AUGUST 31, 2025

**22ND 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

PASTOR | Rev. Vincent Phung
pastorMOG@motherofgoddenver.com

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR | Cecilia Tran
businessmanager@motherofgoddenver.com

ACCOUNTANT | Valerie Wunderlich
myaccountant@motherofgoddenver.org

MUSIC COORDINATOR | Brenda Berganza
musicministry.mog@gmail.com

HEALING MINISTRY COORDINATOR | Connie Sperberg
cmsperberg@yahoo.com

Observances for the week of August 31, 2025

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day



"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."
St. Gregory the Great

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	August 30
4:00pm	Mai Tuyet Phung
6:00pm	Rachel Groh on Her Birthday
Sunday	August 31
7:00am	† Larry O'Connor
8:30am	Michael Thuy Phung
10:00am	Our Parish Family
12:00pm	Gabriel Liem Pham
Monday	September 1
8:00am	Protection of All Students
Tuesday	September 2
8:00am	Vocation to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Wednesday	September 3
8:00am	† Patsy Cox
Thursday	September 4
8:00am	† Anna Thai Lai
Friday	September 5
8:00am	† Peggy DeBiase

Leave a Legacy of Faith

When preparing or updating your will, please remember Mother of God Church. Your gift will help ensure our mission endures.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Luke 14:1, 7-14

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please pray for our beloved sick:

McKenna Barber, Jennie Blakeney, Lily Chavez, Jane Hakala, Lynn Holmes, 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.

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.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Sack Lunch Distribution

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

September 5th
7:30 am

The Rosary and Mass will follow at 8 am



The Parish office will be **closed** on **Monday, September 1st**, in observance of Labor Day. **Mass** will be celebrated at **8 am**. We wish you and your family a safe and blessed holiday.

Lectors and Ushers Needed!

We are in dire need of more lectors and especially ushers to assist with the collections at every Mass. 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.

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you everyone for coming to our annual Parish picnic. It was a beautiful day of fellowship, fun, and food. Seeing so many of our church family come together to enjoy each other's company was a true blessing and a wonderful celebration of our community.

The picnic would not have been possible without your presence and support. A special thank you goes to Robert Herrera, parishioner and owner of La Fiesta restaurant, who provided the delicious Mexican foods, to our Pastoral Council members, and to the many volunteers. They helped with setup, cooking, running games, and cleanup. The generous donation of time and talent made the work lighter and more joyful for everyone. Thank you for your service.

If you can't get enough of those burritos and taquitos, be sure to visit La Fiesta, located at 2340 Champa Street, Denver.

Fr. Vincent



CONGRATULATIONS

Emilia Gonzales

child of Antonio Gonzales Hurtado and Lucy Morroni

&

Gabriel Liem Pham

child of Steven Pham and Anna Nguyen

on your **Baptisms** on **August 31, 2025**. We pray that you will grow in faith and in your relationship with Christ each day. Welcome to our family of faith!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

2025 Denver Marian Conference

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-Sivers | Very Reverend Joseph Tran, VF | Fr. Francisco (Frank) Garcia - Emcee

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

11th Annual Nun Run

A Charity Race for Denver Sisters of Life

*A run like **nun** other*

September 14, 2025

deKoevend Park, Centennial, CO

For more information, to register, and to donate, visit: NunRunSistersofLife.com



UNDONE Women's Retreat Freedom for the Feminine Heart

Experience a weekend of truth, beauty and transformation, as the knots of Eve's disobedience are "undone" through Mary's model of radical receptivity.

SEPTEMBER 25 - 27, 2025

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

12735 W. 58th Avenue, Arvada, CO

IN-PERSON OR LIVESTREAM

Scholarships, Student & Missionary Discount Available

Visit JPIIHealingCenter.org to learn more and to register.

Catholic Women's Conference of Denver: "Restored"

October 11, 2025 | 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Legacy Campus

10035 S. Peoria Street | Lone Tree, CO

Tickets are \$85. Registration is now open at:
denvercatholicconference.com

CARING TOGETHER

Visit us at our Cherry Creek location

215 ST. PAUL STREET, STE. 100 • 303-270-0101



Alpine Bank

alpinebank.com | Member FDIC

WE APPRECIATE OUR
ADVERTISERS!

Yogurtland



"Meet you at Yogurtland"

Mention this ad and

SAVE 20%!

550 N GRANT STREET, DENVER
303-777-1656

KATHLEEN STAKER

REAL ESTATE AGENT



CATHOLIC PARISHIONER
DENVER METRO AREA EXPERT

20+ years of experience

*Contact me for a no cost / no obligation
market value analysis of your home!*

📞 **303-919-2850**

✉️ **KATHLEEN@BANYANREALESTATE.COM**

NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin
emailed to you
every week.



Visit www.parishesonline.com



SUPPORT
OUR
PARISH

**catholicmatch®
Colorado**



CatholicMatch.com/CO

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging,
ad-supported
print and digital
newsletters to reach
your community.

Visit lpicommunities.com

**OUR COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER**
OCTOBER EDITION



Scan to
contact us!

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

833-287-3502

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME
Suzie Moore**

smoore@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x2601

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

Mother of God Church, Denver, CO

A 4C 05-1372