

MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH · DENVER, CO

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad." - Lk 16:25

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

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.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

26TH 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

EUCHARISTIC 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

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HEALING MINISTRY COORDINATOR | Connie Sperberg cmsperberg@yahoo.com

Observances for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood

Sunday

Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,

Archangels

Tuesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Wednesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life

Sunday

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 27 4:00pm † Mary E. Halsey

6:00pm Special Intentions for Vincent Tran

Sunday September 28 7:00am † Maria Lien Vu

8:30am † Bruce Edward Christian

10:00am Our Parish Family
12:00pm † Margaret Farley
Monday September 29
8:00am Michael Tran
Tuesday September 30

8:00am Special Intentions for Elle Sperberg

Wednesday October 1

8:00am Rosario Revilla on Her Birthday

Thursday
8:00am † Dolores Revilla
Friday October 3
8:00am † Maria Mat Vu

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 16:19-31 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please pray for our beloved sick:

McKenna Barber, Jennie Blakeney, Lily Chavez, Jane Hakala, Lynn Holmes, Gabrielle Klimek, Carol Kowalski, Marilyn Krajicek, Susan Loretan, Declan Malley, Maria McDermott, Helen Nguyen, Tien Nguyen, Gina Pavlakovich, Mai Phung, John Price, Carol Prybyloski, Karen 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

October 3rd 7:30 am

The Rosary will be recited at 8 am followed by the Mass.

"If you spend time in front of the sun, you get a tan. If you spend time in front of the Eucharist, you become a saint!" - St. Carlo Acutis-



September 28, 2025

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus." St. John Vianney

Priesthood Sunday is a special day dedicated to honoring and showing appreciation to our priests, affirming the importance of the priesthood in the life of the Church, and encouraging young people to learn more about religious vocations.

How can you honor your priest (s)?

- Pray for your priest, and all priests serving in the Archdiocese of Denver and elsewhere
- Personally thank your priest on Priesthood Sunday, or any day
- Send a thank you note or letter to your priest
- Pray for the vocation programs for the Archdiocese and for more people to be open to a call to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and religious brothers and sisters

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Volunteers Needed for Healing Ministry

The Healing Ministry Team is in need of volunteers to assist in prayer, visitation, and administering the Holy Eucharist. Mother of God's Healing Ministry provides a personal "love of Jesus Christ" outreach to those parishioners who are physically unable to attend and participate in the Holy Mass and receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Connie Sperberg: cmsperberg@yahoo.com



The Fall campaign for the 40 Days for Life will run from **September 24**th **to November 2**nd. The 40 Days for Life is a focused time of prayer and fasting

for an end to abortion and for a culture that respects the sanctity of all human life. This international movement has helped countless women and saved the lives of over 23,000 babies.

Request a Mass Intention

Mass requests are available for the month of October thru 2026. Offering a Mass for a loved one, living or deceased, is a most loving and powerful gift. To request a Mass intention, call or email the Parish Office, or fill out a Mass intention card available by the church doors. A donation of \$10 is suggested per Mass intention.

What's on Formed?



Filmed on location in Assisi and at other actual locations where St. Francis lived and died, this feature film vividly tells the story of the

greatly beloved saint from childhood to his death.



Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels, and the Holy Guardian Angels, PRAY FOR US!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Women's Nights and Retreats at Sisters of Life Convent

The Sisters of Life invite women to upcoming Women's Nights, Revive Days, and weekend retreats in Denver throughout fall 2025 and spring 2026. An event for women (ages 18–35) to join the Sisters of Life for dinner at their convent, followed by a talk and Holy Hour with music by the Sisters, ending with dessert and a hymn to Our Lady. Gather for prayer, talks, and community at St. Mary Magdalene Convent. Learn more at:

sistersoflife.org/where-we-are/denver/

9th Annual Catholic Women's Conference of Denver presents: "Restored"

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

Legacy Campus 10035 S. Peoria Street | Lone Tree, CO

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