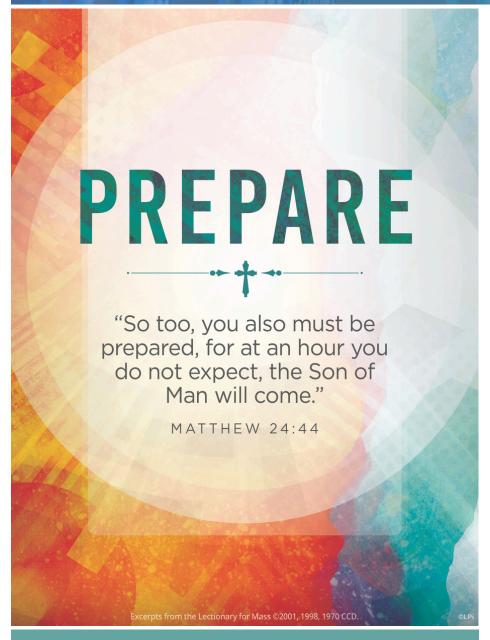


## MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH · DENVER, CO

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#### **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.

#### **NOVEMBER 30, 2025**

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND MASS

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

#### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Monday - Friday Rosary | 8:00am Mass | 8:15am

#### **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

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#### Observances for the week of November 30, 2025

Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Monday: Weekday Tuesday: Weekday

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of

the Church

Friday: First Friday

St. Nicholas, Bishop Saturday: Next Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday **November 29** 4:00pm The Bartlett Family 6:00pm † Harriet Peterson Sunday **November 30** 7:00am **Our Parish Family** 8:30am † Laile Landauer 10:00am Renae Lammers 12:00pm Jim Martyniak Monday **December 1** 

8:00am Craig and Mary Morroni

Tuesday **December 2** 

8:00am † Catarina Kim-Anh Nguyen

Wednesday **December 3** 8:00am † Mai Phi Phung **Thursday December 4** 

8:00am † Thien-Thanh Tran

**Friday December 5** 

8:00am † Joseph Khang Phung

#### **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.

#### 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: Matthew 24:37-44 First Sunday of Advent**

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

#### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**



#### Please pray for our beloved sick:

McKenna Barber, Jennie Blakeney, Eddie Gavaldon, Jane Hakala, Lynn Holmes, Fr. Michael Kerrigan, Gabrielle Klimek, Carol Kowalski, Marilyn Krajicek, Susan Loretan, Declan Malley, Brian Martelon, Maria McDermott, Craig Morroni, Helen Nguyen, Tien Nguyen, Anna Phung, Mai Phung, John Price, Carol Prybyloski, Karen Richards, Elizabeth Williams, and Lael Zachry.

#### The Pope's Prayer Intention for December For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

#### Sack Lunch Distribution

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

#### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



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

### You're Invited to our Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon

#### Sunday, December 7th, at 2 pm Parish Basement Hall

Join us for a festive celebration and holiday cheer as we gather for our annual Christmas Luncheon. There will be delicious Mexican, Vietnamese foods, wine, refreshments, and opportunities to socialize and connect with friends and fellow parishioners.

#### 2026 Calendars

The 2026 Calendars are available by the church entrances. You are welcome to take one per family.

#### **Christmas Flower Offering**

Please consider making a donation for flowers to enhance our worship space and celebration of Christmas. Envelopes are available by the church doors. Thank you!





#### **Adopt-A-Family Program**

Thank you to all who had adopted an individual. Please return your unwrapped gifts by this coming Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, in the church basement or at the Parish office. Include a gift

**receipt** in the rare situation an exchange needs to be made. Remember to **tape the ornament and the gift receipt to the gift**. Thank you!

#### What's on FORMED

St. Nicholas: The Real Story Feast Day: December 6th



Everybody knows the story of Santa Claus, the red-suited figure who lives at the North Pole and distributes gifts to good children every Christmas eve. But is there any historical evidence on which this jolly old character is based? Was there a real Santa Claus? To answer that question, host Mark Wilson, a distinguished historian and archeologist travels not to the North Pole but to modern day Turkey and Italy. There he uncovers clues that lead to the truth about the man behind the legend.

Don't have Formed? Go to our <u>website</u> and sign up for FREE!

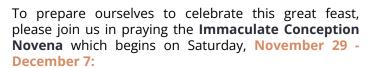
## The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8th A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

8:00am | 12:00noon | 5:30pm

\*\*There will be a collection at every Mass.



O most Holy Virgin, who was pleasing to the Lord and became His mother, immaculate in body and spirit, in faith and in love, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, who by your blessed Immaculate Conception, from the first moment of your conception did crush the head of the enemy, receive our prayers as we implore you to present at the throne of God the favor we now request...

#### (Mention your request here...)

O Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Mother of Christ, you had influence with your Divine Son while upon this earth; you have the same influence now in heaven. Pray for us and obtain for us from him the granting of my petition if it be the Divine Will. Amen

Say one "Our Father", "Hail Mary", and "Glory Be."

#### **Year-end Giving**

The end of the year is near. If you are planning to make any tax-deductible donations to the church, and have them qualified for the year 2025, please make all your contribution, either online, by checks or cash, by December 31st. Thank you for your generous gift to our church.



## Invite a Friend to Annunciation Heights Youth Camp 2026

Annunciation Heights, Colorado's Catholic youth and family camp, opens registration for Summer 2026 on November 21. Campers who invite a new friend can receive \$100 off their own tuition, and new campers get \$50 off their first summer using code WITNESS. Together we can help young people rest, reconnect, and renew their faith through adventure. Learn more at annunciationheights.org



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