



# MOTHER OF GOD

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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.

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

**5TH 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  
Rosary | 8:00am  
Mass | 8:15am

#### 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

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### Observances for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day  
Monday: Weekday  
Tuesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin  
Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes  
Thursday: Weekday  
Friday: Weekday  
Saturday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day  
Next Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 7</b>
4:00pm	† Tom Farrel and the Poor Souls in Purgatory
6:00pm	Jason Garcia and Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 8</b>
7:00am	Special Intentions for Bill Ross
8:30am	Trevor Hudson † and Christine Anderson
10:00am	Becky Westover on Her Birthday
12:00pm	Our Parish Family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 9</b>
8:00am	Lee Valdez
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 10</b>
8:00am	Jason Garcia and Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 11</b>
8:00am	Morgan Jason
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 12</b>
8:00am	Special Intentions for Grace Sperberg
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 13</b>
8:00am	† Elizabeth Dimla

### 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. Thank you.

### Sack Lunch Distribution

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



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Matthew 5:13-16

#### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another.

When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for our beloved sick:



McKenna Barber, Jennie Blakeney, Jane Hakala, Beth Huter, Gabrielle Klimek, Marilyn Krajicek, Susan Loretan, Declan Malley, Brian Martelon, Maria McDermott, Craig Morroni, T. Morroni, Tien Nguyen, Anna Phung, Mai Phung, John Price, Carol Prybyloski, Karen Richards, Elizabeth Williams, and Lael Zachry.

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for February

#### For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to our parish and have not yet registered, please register on our website at [motherofgoddenver.com](http://motherofgoddenver.com) or visit the parish office during the week.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



**February 18, 2026**

**Mass Schedule:**

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

\*\* There will be a special collection at every Mass for Central and Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generosity.

### The Lamb's Supper Video Study Starts this Wednesday, 2/11

You are all welcome to join us for the Lamb's Supper video study, even if you have not registered, starting this **Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 7 pm - 8:30 pm**, in the church basement hall. It's FREE and there is NO homework!



Mass intentions are available for the month of March through 2026. To request a Mass intention for the soul of a deceased loved one, the health of someone living, or for a special occasion, please call or email the Parish office or fill out a Mass intention card available by the church doors. Suggested offering: \$10 per Mass intention.

### Save the Date!

**Parish Lenten Mission  
with Bishop Jorge Rodriguez**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
March 16, 17, 18, 2026**



More details to follow.



The spring campaign for the 40 Days for Life will run from **February 18<sup>th</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

### Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes February 11th

*"O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me."*



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### 2026 World Day of the Sick Mass

**Sunday, February 15, 2026  
12 pm**

**Holy Ghost Catholic Church  
1900 California Street, Denver**



The principal celebrant is Auxiliary Bishop of Denver, Jorge Rodriguez. The Mass will include anointing of the sick and a special blessing for caregivers.

Sponsored by the Order of Malta, Colorado Region, this observance honors the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, a day of healing and prayer.



### Deacon Discernment Retreats

Is God calling you to be a deacon? A call to an ordained vocation is a grace from God, grace that comes through prayerful

discernment as well as conversations with priests, deacons, family and members of the parish.

**February 21 | March 21 | April 11 | April 25**

For more information, call 303-715-3236 or email [deacon.info@archden.org](mailto:deacon.info@archden.org) or go to [sjvdenver.edu/deacons](http://sjvdenver.edu/deacons)

### Men's Discernment Retreats (18+)

Young men (ages 18+) are invited to an evening of discernment at St. John Vianney Seminary.

**Friday, February 20 | Friday, March 27  
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

Holy Trinity Center

St. John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization  
1300 S. Steele Street, Denver, CO 80210

Register at: [denvervocations.com/events](http://denvervocations.com/events)



### Women's Journey Retreat

**"The Journey to the Empty Tomb"**

**March 13 - 15, 2026**

YMCA of the Rockies

2515 Tunnel Road, Estes Park, CO 80511

Our mission is to grow in our Christian spirituality and faith with the support and connection of other women.

More info and registration at [coloradocatholicretreats.org](http://coloradocatholicretreats.org). Please email [phayes@spiritofchrist.org](mailto:phayes@spiritofchrist.org) for questions or help with registration.

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