

GUARDIAN ANGELS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mead, Colorado

DECEMBER 28, 2025 | THE HOLY FAMILY

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Saturday | 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday | 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Weekday Masses
Tuesday | 8:00 am
Wednesday | 5:15 pm
Thursday | 8:00 am
First Friday | 5:15 pm with Anointing of the Sick

Confession
Tuesday/Thursday | 9:00 - 9:45 am
Wednesday | 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Saturday | 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Other | By Appointment

Adoration
Tuesday/Thursday | 9:00 - 9:45 am
Wednesday | 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Saturday | 3:00 - 4:30 pm
1st Friday | 4:00 - 5:00 pm
1st Saturday Respect Life Holy Hour | 3:00 - 4:00 pm

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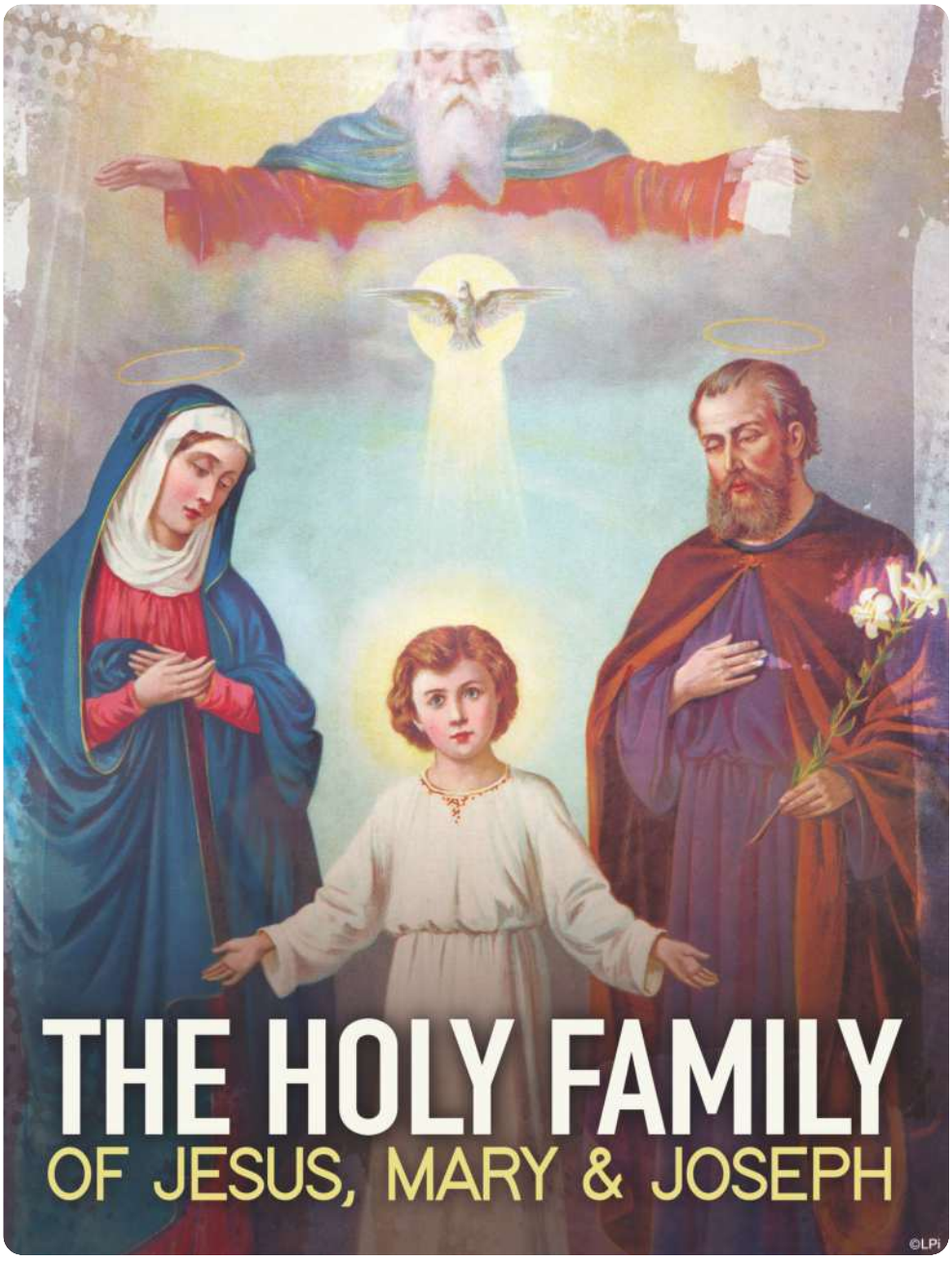

HISTORY

Guardian Angels Catholic Church was founded in 1911. Today, more than 460 families call this parish home. The historic roadside chapel is currently undergoing restoration. Masses are held in the brick church building that was built in 2017. In 2022, the Rosary Walk and Mary Grotto were added to enhance the parish grounds. From humble beginnings, Guardian Angels continues to grow in size and faith. It is also a designated pilgrimage site for victims of human trafficking. St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of human trafficking, pray for us!

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STEWARDSHIP

12/13 - 12/14/25

Weekly Collection Goal $11,415.00
Collected $13,846.50
Weekly Mortgage Goal.....$3,558.00
Collected .....$ 2,070.00
Children's Offertory $151.00
A.O.D. Loan Balance..... $1,581,678

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

Psalm:
Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
(Ps 128)

Second Reading:
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

Gospel:
He rose, took the child and his mother,
and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday:	The Holy Family
Wednesday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; *New Year's Eve*
Thursday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Friday:	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Saturday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Next Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 27
5:00 pm | John Black, Sr. ✝
Sunday, December 28
7:30 am | Virginia Black
9:00 am | Enzo Ferra, Eileen ✝ and Bill ✝ Silk
10:30 am | Pro Populo
Tuesday, December 30
8:00 am | Gwen Williams ✝, Msgr. George Schroeder ✝
Wednesday, December 31
6:00 pm |
11:30 pm |

Thursday, January 1
9:00 am | Greater Respect for the Holy Eucharist
Friday, January 2
5:15 pm | Reparations for the Offenses Against the Eucharist and the Sanctity of Life
Saturday, January 3
5:00 pm |
Next Sunday, January 4
7:30 am | Pro Populo
9:00 am | Marco Gonzales ✝
10:30 am |



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

✝Nikki Jo Alber
Michael & Kara Augustson
✝Gail Cranston
Karli Griffith
Sandy Gross
Frank Grout
✝Megan Harr
Art Harris and Family
Concetto Labichino
Dian Lindsey
✝Tom Loran
✝Donald Eugene Martin III
Douglas Martin, Sr.
✝David Joseph Martin
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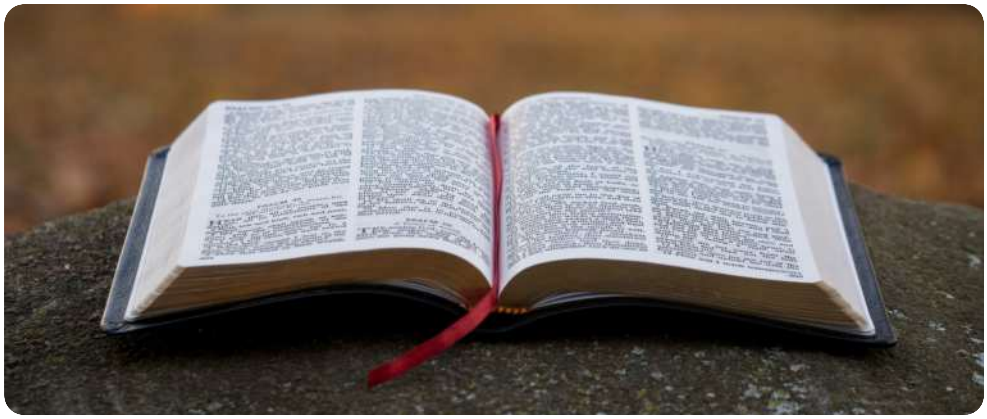
Caroline Riepler
Tom and Kathy Stimmler
Pat Webster

The list is refreshed at the beginning of the month, so please inform the parish office if you or your loved ones still need prayers.



WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of December 28, 2025

Sunday:
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday:
1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/ Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday:
1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Lk 2:36-40

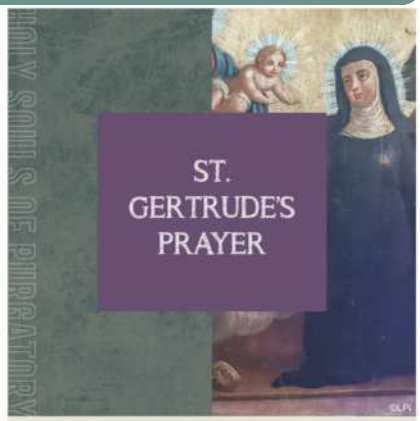
Wednesday:
1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday:
Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday:
1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 1:19-28

Saturday:
1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday:
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Devotions, *Explained!*

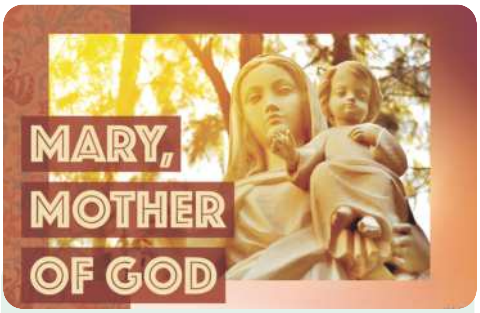
St. Gertrude's Prayer is a petition said on behalf of the Holy Souls of Purgatory, offering the Blood of Christ in reparation for the sins of the departed.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

December 25 - January 4

The parish office will be closed December 25 through January 4. From all of us on the parish staff, we extend our warmest Christmas wishes to you and your loved ones. May the joy of Christ's birth fill your hearts with peace, hope, and renewed faith throughout the coming year. Thank you for being such a cherished part of our parish family.



NEW YEAR'S & HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES

January 1 is a Solemnity

Wednesday, December 31
6:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:30 pm Adoration
11:30 pm New Year's Eve Mass
Thursday, January 1
9:00 am Mary, Mother of God Solemnity Mass



CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 Adoration & Confession 3:00 - 4:30 pm, Mass 5:00 pm
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 Masses 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 Office closed, no Mass, Caring Hands Crafters 9:00 am, Bible Study 11:30 am
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 Office closed, Men's Bible Study 7:00 am, Mass 8:00 am, Adoration & Confession 9:00 - 9:45 am
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 Office closed, Masses 6:00 pm and 11:30 pm, Adoration 10:30 pm
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Mass 9:00 am, Office closed
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 FIRST FRIDAY Office Closed, Adoration 4:00 pm, Mass with Anointing of the Sick 5:15 pm, Game Night Potluck 6:15 pm
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 Adoration & Confession 3:00 - 4:30 pm, Mass 5:00 pm
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 Masses 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am, Youth Group 6:00 pm

O.C.I.A. AND BIBLE STUDIES

Strengthen your faith

O.C.I.A. Monday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm in Bakhita Hall. Led by Deacon Tim. Classes will resume January 5.
Bible Studies are plentiful! See the calendar for the many options and find the right fit for your schedule. Why not include strengthening your faith and Church knowledge as a New Year's resolution? Reach out to Sandy at faithoutreach@meadangels.org with any questions.

KNIGHTS' NATIVITY SETS

Were you a lucky winner?

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity in gifting forty outdoor wooden nativity sets to folks in our parish. What a wonderful witness of Christ in our community!



SILVERS

Fellowship for Seniors

Silvers meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10:00 am in Bakhita Hall. Drop in for games, snacks, a cup of coffee and fellowship.

FIRST FRIDAY GAME NIGHT RETURNS

Potluck and games after 5:15 pm Mass on January 2, April 3, July 3 and October 2. Bring the family!

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - Thursdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Sundays 8:30 am - noon

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms are arranged by appointment. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics. Weddings require ten months advance notice. Confirmation requires, at a minimum, Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This is essential to living your mission as a Christian. Anointing of the sick is offered monthly at the First Friday Mass at 5:15 pm or by appointment.

For more information about sacraments in the Catholic Church, contact the office at 970-535-0721 or email sacraments@meadangels.org.



ONGOING DONATIONS

Guadalupe Community Center

Please bring your gently used items to the parish office for the Guadalupe Community Center in Greeley. For a complete list of requested items, visit www.ccdenver.org/greeley. Thank you for helping those in need.

MEAD REMEMBERS CARDS

List your prayer intentions on the Mead Remembers cards found on the hospitality carts and they will be placed on the high altar next to the tabernacle. Cards will remain there until November, when Father will take them to be buried in holy ground.



THANK YOU

Las Posadas Team

Big thanks to Linda Baird, the Women's Group helpers, and the Men's Group waiters and clean-up crew for giving your time and your talents to the Guardian Angels community for Las Posadas and the days leading up to it. God bless you!

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Mini Reflection: If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this: God had other plans.

Other Plans

I don't know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it's safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today's Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod's son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don't get too comfortable — now it's almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you'll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that's when things start to get *really* crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase "God had other plans." If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this.

I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, "Thy will be done." But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

Answer:

There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for keeping Jesus safe when he was a little baby.

Mission for the Week

If you were not safe, and if you had to move away in the middle of the night, list three small things you would want to bring along.

Sharing the Gospel

After King Herod found out that Jesus had been born, little Jesus was no longer safe. Herod did not want any other kings around, even baby kings like Jesus. In a dream, God warned Joseph that their little family needed to move far away from Herod. Joseph took Mary and Jesus and got out of Bethlehem as quickly and as quietly as they could. God protected little Jesus. God wants you to be safe, too.

Now color the picture!

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

~~listed~~	engaged	sheep
Joseph	traveled	Savior
Mary	baby	angels

lstedi — l i s t e d

byab — ____

Jephos — ____

shepe — ____

Mrya — ____

Siorav — ____

enagedg — ____

anlsge — ____

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