

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

06/08/25

## Presentation of Our Lady Church

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Presentation of Our Lady Catholic church, are inspired by the holy spirit to live out Christ's commandments by showing love to ALL people, though the gifts God has given each of us. We commit ourselves to the virtues of faith, hope and love by worshipping God, in word and sacrament. Strengthened by God the Father, we shall strive to live out the Gospel in serving the needs of our parish faith family and the global community.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

### CHURCH

695 Julian St.

### PARISH OFFICE

665 Irving St.

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30am to 12:30 p.m.

Fridays 8:30am to 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays 9:00am to 5:00 pm.

Closed-Sundays & Mondays

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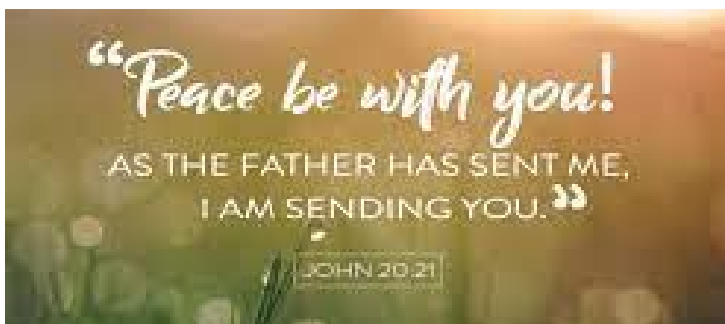
### WELCOME NEW

### MEMBERS!

Please register as a member of the parish. Forms are always available at the church entrance or at the parish office. Return forms to an usher or the parish office.

### Moving?

Please notify the parish office.



### Saturday Mass

4:30 pm (English)

### Sunday Masses

8:30 am (English)

10:30 am (Bilingual)

12:00 pm (Spanish)

5:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### Weekday Masses

8:00am

### Tuesdays

8:30 am

For Religious

Education, Adult

Inquirer's classes,

Baptism classes, or

Marriage preparation

call the Parish office

for more information.

### SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

Anointing of the sick

Last Rites

Please call

720-473-9053 anytime

HOLY MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST  
HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
St. Peter's Basilica  
Sunday, June, 5 2022

In the final sentence of the Gospel we just heard, Jesus makes a statement that gives us hope and at the same time prompts us to reflect. He says to the disciples: "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of everything I have told you" ( Jn 14:26). This "everything" strikes us, and we ask ourselves, in what sense does the Spirit give this new and full understanding to those who receive him? It is not a question of quantity, nor an academic question; God does not want to turn us into encyclopedias or scholars. No. It is a question of quality, of perspective, of instinct. The Spirit makes us see everything in a new way, according to Jesus's eyes. I would put it this way: on the great journey of life, He teaches us where to begin , what paths to take , and how to walk . There is the Spirit who tells us where to begin, what path to take, and how to walk—the style of "how to walk." First of all, where to begin . The Spirit, in fact, shows us the starting point of spiritual life. What is it? Jesus speaks of it in today's first verse, when he says: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (v. 15). If you love me, you will keep them; this is the logic of the Spirit. We often think the other way around: if we keep them, we love. We are accustomed to thinking that love comes essentially from our accomplishments, our talents, our religiosity. Instead, the Spirit reminds us that, without love at the center, everything else is in vain. And that this love is not so much born from our abilities; this love is a gift from Him. He teaches us to love, and we must ask for this gift. The Spirit of love is the one who infuses love within us; He is the one who makes us feel loved and teaches us to love. He is the "engine"—so to speak—of our spiritual life. He is the one who moves everything within us. But if we do not begin by the Spirit, with the Spirit, or through the Spirit, the journey cannot be made.

The Spirit not only reminds us where to begin, but also teaches us which paths to take . He reminds us of our starting point, and now he teaches us which path to take. The Second Reading tells us this, where Saint Paul explains that "those who are led by the Spirit of God" ( Rom 8:14) walk "by the Spirit and not by the flesh" (v. 4). In other words, the Spirit, when faced with the crossroads of life, suggests to us the best path to follow. This is why it is important to know how to discern his voice from that of the evil spirit. Both voices speak to us; we must learn to discern in order to know where the voice of the Spirit is, to recognize it and follow his path, to follow what he is telling us.

Let's give some examples: the Holy Spirit will never tell you that everything is going well on your path. He will never tell you that because it isn't true. No, He corrects you, He also leads you to weep for your sins, and He encourages you to change, to fight against your falsehoods and hypocrisies, even when that requires effort, inner struggle, and sacrifice. The evil spirit, on the other hand, pushes you to always do what you like and what you want; He leads you to believe that you have the right to use your freedom as you see fit. But then, when you feel empty inside—this experience of feeling empty inside is ugly, many of us have felt it!—and when you are left with emptiness inside, He accuses you. The evil spirit accuses you, becomes the accuser, pulls you down, and destroys you. The Holy Spirit, who corrects you along the way, never leaves you down, never, but always takes you by the hand, comforts you, and

encourages you.

Furthermore, the Holy Spirit is concrete, not idealistic; he wants us to focus on the here and now, because the place where we are and the time in which we live are places of grace. The place of grace is the concrete place today, in the here and now. How? It's not the fantasies we might imagine; it's the Spirit who always leads you back to the concrete. The spirit of evil, on the other hand, wants to distract us from the here and now and lead us elsewhere. It often anchors us in the past, in regrets, nostalgia, and in what life hasn't given us; or it projects us into the future, nurturing fears, illusions, and false hopes. The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, leads us to love the here and now, concretely—not an ideal world, nor an ideal Church, nor an ideal religious congregation, but reality, in the light of the sun, in transparency and simplicity. How different from the evil one, who encourages backbiting, gossip, and rumors! Gossip is a bad habit that destroys people's identity.

The Spirit wants us together, he founds us as a Church, and today—the third and final aspect—he teaches the Church how to walk. The disciples were hidden in the Upper Room, then the Spirit descended and made them come out. Without the Spirit, they were closed in on themselves; with the Spirit, they opened themselves to all. In every age, the Spirit overturns our ideas and opens us to his newness. There is always a newness, which is the newness of the Holy Spirit; he always teaches the Church the vital need to go forth, the physiological need to proclaim, to not remain closed in on herself, to not be a flock that reinforces its enclosure, but an open pasture so that all can feed on the beauty of God. He teaches us to be a welcoming home without dividing walls. The worldly Spirit, on the other hand, pressures us to focus only on our problems, our interests, the need to be relevant, the tenacious defense of our national and group belongings. The Holy Spirit does not. He invites us to forget ourselves and open ourselves to all. And so He rejuvenates the Church. But let us pay attention: it is He who rejuvenates her, not us. We try to put a little cosmetic on her, and this doesn't work. But He rejuvenates her. Because the Church is not planned, and projects of renewal are not enough. The Spirit frees us from obsessing over urgent matters and invites us to walk ancient and ever-new paths: paths of witness, paths of poverty, and paths of mission, to free ourselves from ourselves and send us out into the world.

And in the end—curiously enough—the Holy Spirit is the author of division, even of a certain confusion, of a certain disorder. Let's think of the morning of Pentecost: the Spirit creates division of languages, of attitudes—that was quite a commotion! But, at the same time, he is the author of harmony. He divides with the variety of charisms, but it is a false division, because true division is integrated into harmony. He creates division with charisms and creates harmony with all this division, and this is the richness of the Church.

Brothers and sisters, let us enter the school of the Holy Spirit, so that he may teach us everything. Let us invoke him every day, so that he may remind us that we must always begin with God's gaze upon us, make decisions listening to his voice, and walk together, as a Church, docile to him and open to the world. So be it.



Every Friday at Church





We Invite you To Attend

# WELCOME Party

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE  
REV. MIGUEL MENDOZA

**OFFICIAL PARISH PRIEST  
OF PRESENTATION OF  
OUR LADY CHURCH**

695 Julian St Denver CO 80204

July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

EVERYTHING WILL START AT THE 12PM MASS!!

**Presentation of Our Lady Church  
Weekend of May 31  
and June 1, 2025  
Offertory**

*Thank You!*

4:30 pm Mass Regular Collection \$623.00  
4:40 pm Mass Second Collection \$ 53.00

8:30 Mass Regular Collection \$578.17  
8:30 Mass Second Collection \$106.00

10:30 Mass Regular Collection \$358.58  
10:30 Mass Second Collection \$ 87.00

12:00 Mass Regular Collection \$915.25  
12:00 Mass Second Collection \$206.00

5:00pm Mass Regular Collection \$303.00  
5:00pm Mass Second Collection \$ 43.00

**Regular Collection** Total: \$ 2,777.83  
**Second Collection** Total: \$ 495.00

**Candles** Total: \$127.00  
**Special Needs** Total: \$195.75

**PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY CHURCH**

**GRUPO DE  
ORACION  
CORAZONES  
UNIDOS**



No faltes Jesus y Maria te esperan  
para llenarte de su amor

**CADA MIERCOLES EL SANTO ROSARIO,  
ALABANZA, TEMA BIBLICO, ORACION.**

695 JULIAN ST, DENVER CO 80204

**7:00 pm a 9:00 pm**

**Mass  
INTENTIONS**

Day	Date	Time	Intentions	Offered by
Sat.	Jun. 7	4:30 p.m.	Novena for Father's Day	The Parish
Sun.	Jun. 8	8:30 a.m.	Altar & Rosary	A & R
		10:30 a.m.	Novena for Father's Day	The Parish
		12:00 a.m. Spanish	+Jose Villalpando	Esmeralda Villalpando
		5:00 p.m. Spanish	Novena for Father's Day	Family
Mon.	Jun. 9	8:00 a.m.	Novena for Father's Day	The Parish
Tues.	Jun. 10	8:30 a.m.	Novena for Father's Day	The Parish
Wed.	Jun. 11	8:30a.m	Novena for Father's Day	The Parish
Thur.	Jun. 12	8:00 a.m	Novena for Father's Day	The Parish
Fri.	Jun. 13	8:00 a.m.	Novena for Father's Day	The Parish
Sat.	Jun. 14	4:30 p.m.	Novena for Father's Day	The Parish

Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Church of the  
Presentation of Our Lady  
Adoration Thursdays  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

In the Eucharist, you hide your  
divinity and humanity, but in the  
silence of my heart, you are  
transfigured, Lord. And your light  
returns to rescue me, to heal me,  
to make me fall in love. How good  
I feel here, at your side, Lord.







