

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm **Sunday Masses:** 7:30 and 10:00 am & 5:00 pm **Monday-Saturday:** 8:00 am

Wednesday: 12:15 pm

Holy Day Masses 8:00 am 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm

Confessions: Friday 8:30-9:30 am Saturday 8:30-9:30 am & again Saturday: 2:00 pm —3:30 pm
or by appointment

Adoration: Every Friday 9am-5:00 pm

St. Ann, Palisade Sunday Mass: 9:30 am, Holy Days: 5:30 pm 10:30 am Mass every Tuesday

Office hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm Open during lunch hours

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel

Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am

Silent Prayer: 1st & 3rd Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm
in the Seton Room

Adoration: Fridays from 9:00 am-5:00 pm in the Chapel

Rosary: Every 1st Saturday After 8:00 am Mass in
the Chapel

Centering Prayer: Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 - 8:00
in the IHM Library

Holy Days of Obligation 2025

November 1, 2025 for All Saints Day -
Not Obligatory this year.

Dec. 8, 2025 Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

New Confession Times:

Friday morning 8:30-9:30 am

Saturday morning 8:30-9:30 am and
again Saturday afternoon 2:00-3:30 pm

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”

Luke 12:49-53

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Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025



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To register as a parishioner at IHM, please stop by the Parish Office. We would love to meet you!

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Saturday 9:00-9:30 am
2:00-3:30 pm

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ARE YOU A PILGRIM OF HOPE?

BY MARTI GARCIA, PARISHIONER, ST. COLUMBA, DURANGO

Recently, in prayer, I reflected on the past year that my husband and I experienced. Along with several family deaths, my husband underwent four knee surgeries. With our faith in the Lord, we walked alongside Him until my husband's full recovery. Little did I know that through it all, our hope grew stronger. Behold, the pope announced the Jubilee Year of Hope. I felt we had a head start. Were our trials a pilgrimage of faith? Absolutely. Aren't we all on a journey, hoping to find our Lord, God and Savior for eternity? I always seek any way to grow closer to our Lord for inspiration, guidance and love. With every diocese worldwide designating churches in their area as special pilgrimage sites during this Jubilee Year, this is the time for a pilgrimage of hope

In the Four Corners area, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Church in Cortez was chosen as the site for the Pilgrimage of Hope. Our bishop, Stephen Berg, was in our area for the Rite of Initiation and was also heading to Cortez. My husband and I felt called to make the short trip to Cortez for a time of restoration and insight. I wanted to feel jubilant and walk as a Pilgrim of Hope. Perhaps what I was seeking was spiritual renewal and happiness. That morning, the sun shone in Durango, promising a beautiful trip. Like any spiritual journey, one encounters challenges not of God. When we reached Mancos Hill, the sky turned gray and snow fell heavily. My husband and I began to pray and listened to spiritual music to help us stay calm. Once we crossed over the mountain, we encountered sunny skies as we arrived at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. As beautiful as the sky was, when we entered the church and saw the presence of Jesus in the monstrance, surrounded by a full congregation, peace and beauty, far better than the blue sky, filled our souls.

Bishop Berg, in a recent article, wrote that, based on the basic human structure of hope, we are born with an innate confidence that, regardless of the difficulty, things can work out. Arriving at this church as a Pilgrim of Hope filled me with that confidence. I am by no means perfect. Yet, if I can continue to fill my soul with God's graces, I can be a vessel for others. Father Soosai and his parish were a welcoming presence on my first pilgrimage stop. First stop? We have until December to journey to other Catholic churches designated by the pope in our area or elsewhere. Don't hesitate. Seek the Spirit of Hope. It was difficult for us to leave that day. The sense of belonging, the spirituality of the parishioners and even the small going-away bag of goodies they presented for our trip home made the journey worthwhile. I want to share a prayer that was one of those gifts. It encapsulates what I received as a Pilgrim of Hope. Let's cross paths at another pilgrimage site this year!

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen Pope Francis

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Faith Formation
A Lifelong Journey



All Faith Formation Classes begin Sunday September 7, and Wednesday September 10.

This includes Confirmation, 1st Communion, children's pre K-5th grades, Middle school & High school, OCIC, OCIA, Parent classes & Adult Bible Study. For questions call Julianna or Kathy in the parish office at 970-242-6121

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity in giving to The Catholic Foundation's second collection last weekend. We collected \$1176.00

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Foundation's mission to serve as the *Giving Arm of the Diocese.*

Join us for Fr. Carl Wertins Rite of Installation Mass with Bishop Berg!

This special liturgical ceremony marks the formal acceptance of Fr. Carl Wertin as our Pastor.

Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025

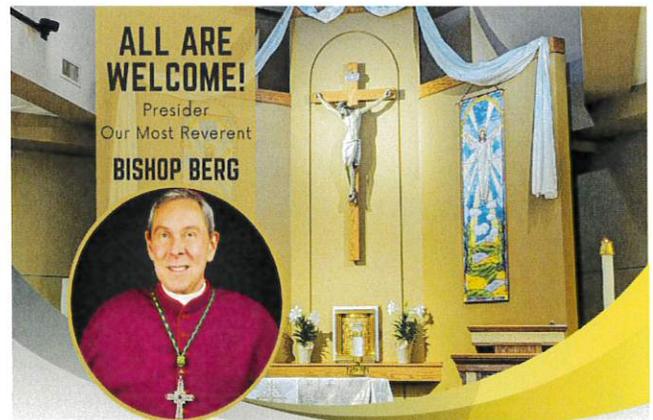
Time: After the 4:00 PM Mass

More about this celebration will follow.



Attention Parents!!

The Parent Meetings scheduled with Fr. Carl are coming up! Mark your calendars for either one of these meetings. Sunday August 24 from 8:45 -9:45 am or Wednesday August 27 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This is for all parents who have registered their children this year in any Faith Formation classes.



JUBILEE 2025 — PILGRIMS OF HOPE

SUNDAY

Jubilee Holy Mass



The Diocese of Pueblo's pilgrimage site, Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will host a Jubilee Mass for the Western Slope Deanery.

A luncheon will follow the Mass, and everyone is welcome to attend.

14 SEPTEMBER | 11:00 AM



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VIA, The new Young Adult Group invites all Young Adults & Young Families to an

End of Summer BBQ.. To connect, eat, and enjoy good company through food, games, prayer and community. August 23, 2025 after the 4:00 pm Mass on the IHM Patio



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fruits & veggies

Father Carl is seeking volunteers to manage the Garden Project ministry. We have received inquiries about whether we will be offering it this year.

The Garden Project invites you to bring in fruits and vegetables from your gardens to share with parishioners for a donation, with proceeds going to Catholic Outreach. If you are interested in overseeing this project for all Masses, please call the office at 970-242-6121.



Women Faith & Fun!

Our next get together is Thursday, Aug. 21, in the Hall. Gathering starts at 6:00 pm with prayer at 6:30 pm, then fun & games.

Park in the handicap parking lot. This is a wonderful way to meet other Catholic women. We will support and make friends through praying and playing. You are not alone as a faith-filled Catholic woman. We look forward to seeing you.



"Let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus." Learn to keep your eyes

fixed on Jesus in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Nov.7-9, Golden, CO; Apr. 18-19, 2026, Lakewood, CO; June 19-21, 2026, Golden, CO. For questions feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833 Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org Follow us on Instagram and Facebook! @worldwidemarriageencounter

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

The Knights will host their Third Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Aug. 17. It's a great place to meet new friends and have a great breakfast. Children under 7 eat free! Breakfast consists of pancakes, scrambled eggs, choice of bacon or sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, tea or lemonade. Adults \$10 Children 8-11 \$5 Please support our Knights!



Library News

Come on into the IHM library! We have more than books. We have a selection of magazines, videos and music available to check out. You never know what you'll find.

Open hours are Saturday from 3:30 to 5:30 Sunday from 7:00 to 11:30.



We looked like the perfect couple ... A Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat was exactly what we needed to get our marriage back on track. We learned to communicate in ways that were deeper than we ever had shared before. We knew we had a lot of work to do. But we knew our marriage was worth it. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **September 5-7, 2025**, call (720) 257-9106 or email: info@retrouvailleofdenver.org or visit the website at www.RetrouvailleOfDenver.org.

Please Pray for

Mia Perez, Jimmy Weber, Vivian Glaze, Lucas Marchun, Frank Kochevar, Larry Palmer, Gerald Onsrud, Alex & Ashlynn Kirstatter, Alice Davis, Lou Garcia, Kay Dawson, Michael Antonelli, Mary Lou Graham, Bill McKendry, Martha Mondragon, Ida Gauna, Terri Christiansen, Diane Fritzler, Donnie Braning, Joe Albertazzi, Cindy Bain, Dorothy Alves, Arthur Anthony Zamora, Jesse Morrow, Anthony Mundscha, Pat Goben, Barb Delosa, Les Stefan, Devlyn Coleman, Jan Sewell, Dick Neville, Phyllis Shupak, Penny Olesky, Dori Smeaton, Bernard Kochevar, Emilie Stoddard, Joan Wasinger, Veronica Cukro, Rich Jurewicz, Alice Bristol, and for all those written In the Red Book of Prayer.

If there is someone you wish to have put on our prayer list please contact Judy, the parish Administrative Assistant, after receiving permission from the person or persons whose name you want added.

Ministry Schedule for Aug. 23/24, 2025

8:00 am Aug. 23, (I) IHM Parishioners
President: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

4:00 pm Aug. 23, (†) Levi Lucero & (I) Bernice Lucero
President: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: T. Chapman, K. Jarrell
 Hospitality: R. Bertrand
 Servers: Not Filled
 Lectors: D. Dinkel
 Sacristan: M. Meyers

7:30 am Aug 24 (†) Barb Katzer
President: Fr. Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: K. Smith, A. Smith, D. Ulman
 Hospitality: L. Duncan
 Servers: Not Filled
 Lectors: Not Filled
 Sacristan: C. Ulman

9:30 am Aug 24, Sunday Mass at Palisade St. Ann's
President: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

10 am Aug. 24 (I) IHM Parishioners
President: Fr. Carl Wertin

Eucharistic: J. Peugh, D. Peugh
 Hospitality: Not Filled
 Servers: B. Stobbe & C. Stobbe
 Lectors: Y. Orehek
 Sacristan: S. Ross

5:00 pm Aug. 24, (†) Michael Conway
President: Fr. Abraham Eigbegbea

Eucharistic: ALL 5:00 PM POSITIONS
 Hospitality: WILL BE SIGN-UP ONLY
 Servers: BEFORE MASS
 Lectors:
 Sacristan:

Readings for the Week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Hebrews 12:1-4
 Luke 12:49-53

Monday: Judges 2:11-19 Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Judges 6:11-24a Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Judges 9:6-15 Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Judges 11:29-39a Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17 Matthew 23:1-12

Calendar of Events Aug. 17, 2025

Sunday, Aug 17 7:30 am Mass
 7-11:30 am Library Open
 9:30 am St. Ann's Palisade
 10:00 am Mass
 5:00 pm Mass

Monday, Aug. 18 8:00 am

Tuesday, Aug. 19 8:00 am
 7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Wed. Aug. 20 8:00 am
 9:00 am Bulk Mailing
 12:15 pm Mass

Thurs., Aug. 21 8:00 am HFS Mass
 1:30-2:30 pm Silent Prayer
 6:-9:30 pm Women Faith & Fun
 6:30 pm Knights 4th Degree Meeting

Friday, Aug. 22 8:00 am
 8:30-9:30 am Confessions after Mass
 9-5:00 pm Adoration

Saturday, Aug. 23 8:00 am Mass
 8:30-9:30 am Confessions
 2:30-3:30 pm Confessions
 3:00-6:00 pm Library Open
 4:00 pm Mass
 Young Adult BBQ on the Patio

Mass Intentions

Sunday Aug. 17

7:30 am- (I) IHM Parishioners
 10:00 am-(I) Branden & Jocelyn Stafford-Chutka
 5:00 pm - (†) George & Mila Goetz

Monday Aug. 18

8:00 am - (†) Fritz Frenzel

Tuesday Aug. 19

8:00 am- (†) Gary Fowler

Wednesday Aug. 20

8:00 am- (†) Carl & Doris Stewart
 12:15 pm- (†) Sal Sassano

Thursday Aug. 21

8:00 am- (†) George Kalmon

Friday Aug. 22

8:00 am- (†) Robert Bowsher

Saturday Aug. 23

8:00 am - (I) IHM Parishioners
 4:00 pm - (†) Levi Lucero & (I) Bernice Lucero

Kids Corner- Twentieth Sunday

Fire in Our Hearts



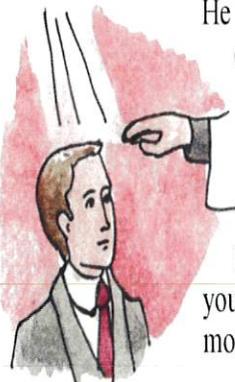
In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that He has come to set the earth on fire. Of course He didn't mean that He wanted everything to burn up. He meant that He wanted the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn in the hearts of people all over the world.

What do you think happens when the Holy Spirit is in someone's soul? The Holy Spirit pulls us closer to Himself and God the Father and Jesus. When we are closer to God that means we love Him more, and the more we love God the more we will love other people too. We were made to love God and be happy with Him, so we want the Holy Spirit to live in us and bring us close to Him!



How does the Holy Spirit come into our souls? When we are baptized the Holy Spirit comes into us for the first time. He will stay with us unless we sin and close our hearts to Him. But when we go to Confession He comes back, and in Holy Communion and the other Sacraments

He becomes even stronger in us. He comes in a special way in the Sacrament of Confirmation, when He gives us grace and strength to live as grown-up Christians and soldiers for God. Pray to the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and make you love God more every day!



The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17th, 2025

"I have come to set the earth on fire,"

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,

and a son against his father,

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

From now on a household of five will be divided,

No, I tell you, but rather division.

a father will be divided against his son

and a daughter against her mother,

a mother against her daughter

and how I wish it were already blazing!

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

three against two and two against three:

Luke 12:49-53

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading? Match the parts to find out!



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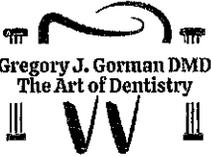
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