

Holy Apostles Catholic Church

4925 Carefree Circle North
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80917

Parish Office: 597-4249

Office Hours: 7AM ~ 3 PM M-F (closed on
Thursdays)

Closed 11:30am to 12:00pm

Fr. Paul F. Wicker, Pastor

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A Parish of the Diocese of Colorado Springs



*By our prayer and actions,
we lovingly invite all to come home
to God through Christ.*

*Por nuestra oración y acciones, amorosamente
Invitamos todos para venir a la casa de
Dios a través de Cristo.*

November 27, 2011 First Sunday of Advent

Advent 2011 Penance Services

The following Penance Services are available:
St. Pat's, Nov 29 at 6:30 PM; St. Francis at Dec 5 at 7
PM; Holy Apostles Dec 7 at 6:30 pm; Divine Redeemer,
Dec 13 at 9:30 AM (school); Corpus Christi, Dec 14 at
10 AM (school); OLP, Dec 14 at 7 PM, Divine Redeem-
er, Dec 15 at 7 PM; St. Peter's, Dec 20 at 6 PM; and St.
Gabriel's Dec 21 at 7 PM.

Dedication Tree for Christmas

During Advent, you will find envelopes in the pews
containing a **Dedication Card** for you to make a dona-
tion to honor a loved one or for a special intention..
Their names and your intentions will be hung on our
Dedication Tree for Christmas. Your donation helps
purchase supplies to enhance the beauty of your liturgi-
cal environment. May God bless you!

I Never Knew We Had One!

Time and again, people tell me: "I never knew we
had one in our church." What is that they never knew?
The answer: That there is a Catholic Charismatic Praise
Gathering at Holy Apostles most every Wednesday, 7-
9 pm. Nov 30: Talk on the Holy Angels by Dede
Laugesen.

Advent Banner

Design inspired by John 1:3-5

**"All things came to be through him and without him
nothing came to be.**

What came to be through him was life, and this life was
the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it."

The **Circle**: an image of eternity or fullness, the move-
ment of colors represents the never ending motion of the
course of the "sun" (God's son). The light at the furthest
point from the flame is a circle and the brightest light
represents the Light that over came darkness.

The **Candle** and **Gold Holder**: the purple rose repre-
sents the color of the season and the gold for the coming
of the King.

The **Flame**: fire is a symbol of purification. The light
produced by the fire is a symbol of the pervading pres-
ence of God because the light of Christ vanquishes the
darkness of sin and death.

**Coffee and Pastries Today After 7:30 and
9:30 Masses!**

HOLY APOSTLES PARISH STAFF AND TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

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Pastor..... Fr. Paul Wicker (ext. 15)
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Bob Broussard (ext. 35)
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Religious Education/RCIA Dir.....Mary Superata 484-8729
RE K-5..... Cindy Good 484-8724
Family RCIA, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist
Peggy Armstrong 484-8726
Youth Ministry.....Nicole Konz 484-8727
Outreach/Health Ministries Pat Van Horn 484-8725
Food PantryCecilia Fernandez (ext. 39)
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Worship Schedule

Masses

Saturday ~ 5:30 PM

Sunday ~ 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, Noon

Mon*-Fri ~ 6:30 & 8:00 AM (Fri, Anointing of Sick);

*Tuesday Communion Service , 8 AM; Wednesdays masses at 5:45 AM and at 8 AM

Holy Days ~ 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Reconciliation: (May change due to weddings, etc.)

Saturdays ~ 9:30-11:00 AM or by appointment and Wednesdays after 5:50 am mass until 7 am

Charismatic Praise & Worship:

Wednesday ~ 7:00 PM (www.newpentecost.net)

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy:

Monday-Friday ~ 7:20 AM

Rosary Service:

Monday-Friday ~ 7:30 AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday-Friday ~ 6:55-7:30 AM

Friday ~ 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM; FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR AT 6:30 PM and confessions until 9 PM

First Friday of the Month:

Mass at 6:30 & 8:00 AM ADORATION AT 4:30 PM CONFESIONS 6:30-9 PM

Parish Website: www.holypostlescc.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2011

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/
Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

New Parishioners & Visitors:

Welcome! We're glad you're here. We invite you to register by completing the form in the main vestibule, or by stopping by the office 7 AM - 3 PM, Monday thru Friday. The office is closed daily from 11:30-12.

Sacraments

Baptism:

Class is usually held the first Saturday of every other month. Call the parish office at 597-4249, ext 10 for more information and to sign up for the classes.

Marriage:

Twelve months preparation is required. Couples should make arrangements as early as possible. Please contact the parish office for information and to arrange details of your wedding. Contact Fr. Paul with special concerns.

Confirmation:

Youth contact Mary Superata at 484-8729
Adults contact Chuck Matzker at 484-8733

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist:

Contact Peggy Armstrong at 484-8726

Illness:

If you or someone you know is seriously ill, or hospital bound, and would like the Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office to make arrangements to have a priest come and visit. Eucharist can also be brought to homebound parishioners by an Extraordinary Minister.

Parish Staff Email Addresses

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Fr. Paul's Ponderings

First Sunday of Advent

Christ invites us to a new year of growth in holiness! A new year to appreciate Christ's choice to live within us, empower us to race towards Him in His Everlasting Love!

Today is our first use of the New Translation of our Roman Mass and another new beginning for many of us older folks. I was ordained in the Latin Liturgy, the Latin Missal. A few years later I learned to lead our liturgy with a Latin/English translation, then our full English translation and 40 or so years later here I am learning a new English translation. And I must say that each translation, each change caused me to fret for a while, but then to take seriously the change, and to accept the new and more profound meaning of our Liturgy: Christ gathering us, talking to us in Scripture, empowering us with the Holy Spirit to be His Body and Blood for others. And I expect today's new translation will pull me into greater understanding and appreciation of our Liturgy, Christ's gift to us. The changes have changed me, I hope, with greater awareness of Christ's empowering and transforming presence in my life for others.

Today's opening prayer, for example, is so rich in meaning:

*Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

We are asking God to grant us the resolve to run forth to meet our Christ with righteous deeds so that we may possess the heavenly kingdom.

In my mind I see us running to meet Our Father, with Christ in the Spirit energizing us to run with all our energy and wisdom.

And so the question: are we aware of "running" toward our God with good deeds? Do we sense the Divine Energy within us, called Grace, in our run through this life?

May this new missal inspire us to run toward Christ and away from whatever is not of Christ!

Have a great Advent!



Mass Intentions

† DENOTES DECEASED

Saturday, November 26

5:30 PM † JEROME DULCERO
† GREGORY FLOOD
SPECIAL INTENTION
MARYANN HALLACY

Sunday, November 27

7:30 AM † MARY LOVATO
† MARGARET WILLIAMS
9:30 AM † MICHAEL & GABRIEL
PLUCINSKI
SPECIAL INTENTION
SHARON & JIM YOUNG
12:00 PM † LORRIANE JOHN
† JOHN SULLIVAN

Monday, November 28

6:30 AM Mass
8:00 AM † KAY BERGIN

Tuesday, November 29

6:30 AM MASS
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, November 30

5:50 AM MASS
8:00 AM MASS

Thursday, December 1

6:30 AM Mass
8:00 AM MASS

Friday, December 2

6:30 AM MASS
8:00 AM MASS

Saturday, December 3

5:30 PM † GEORGE CHANG
SPECIAL INTENTION
SOLOS

We Pray for Our Sisters and Brothers

Notice: If your loved one has been removed from the list of those to be prayed for please call the office. In the future, we will remove the name after six months unless we are notified. Thank you.

Isladina Arroyo, Juan Arroyo Jr., Pearl Bello, Mark Benson, Tim Benson, Larry Buehner, Pam Buesher, Rose Bunecke, Nancy Burns, Bruce Case, Owen Church, Daren Clark, William Derengowski, Rosemarie Di Palo, Robert Egan, Kathy Frankmore, Bill Galvan, Manuel Garduno, Pack Garrard, Ricky Garrard, Barbara Hallenbeck, Robert Hanner, Lynette Higgins, Rob Hilbert, Karen Hobbs, , Rick Hofman, Heather Jaggars, Patrick Jones, David Kear, Kathy Launer, Marge Markey, Connor McCullough, Aline Mele, Anita Miller, Dee Miller, Collette Monat, Linda Nelson, Gary Niemerg, John M. Nusskern, Matthew Palma, John Paquette, Polly Parker, Geri Pierson, Paul David Powell, Isabel Ratledge, Carolyn Ravetti, Denise Roberts, Kristen Robely, MacKenzie Roebken, Janice McAffrey, Dion Russo, Richard Sage, Jan Sage, Frank & Wanda Santiago, Lisa Schaffer, Nicholas Scott, Don Sledge, Mary O. Smith, Pat Stearns, George Stegman, Virginia Stefanich, Lorinda Sweat, Joann Elaine Tunehorst, Steve Uhrine, Laurence Walker, Adam Walraven, Diane Webb, Gwen Wilkerson, Alexis Willey, David Williams, Roger Williams.

Youth News

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 11 at 1:30 PM ~ Middle school working on gift projects for nursing homes, high school wrap and sort for giving tree

Friday, December 16 at 5:30 PM ~ Christmas caroling to the nursing homes. **We are in need of parent drivers...please contact Nicole at 484-8727 if you can help.**

Sunday, December 18 at 1:30 PM ~ Ministry & Stewardship for Middle schoolers, "Pikes Peak Citizens for Life" for high school

Thank You!!!

A big shout-out to all the youth who spoke at mass, handed out and collecting bags! We are so proud of you and grateful to Holy Apostles for the tremendous support of the outreach ministry.

Thank you for all the pillow donations! Class was comfortable this week with all your help.

"Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth" Tip Of The Week

Tonight before you sit down to dinner with your family, have everyone pick an item out of the pantry to symbolize how they are feeling today. Then, each person shares why that food is an image of your current emotional/spiritual/physical state and pray for each other to be full of God's love, grace and mercy this week.

Looking for a Preschool Program? Check out Holy Apostles Preschool

Holy Apostles Preschool has a few remaining spaces for the current school year. Interested parents and grandparents are invited to contact the preschool for more information to register.

The preschool is a state-licensed and nationally accredited program with the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC). In 2011, the preschool is celebrating its 35th year of high quality early childhood education for children between the ages of 3-5 years.

As a parent cooperative, the school engages the participation of families in the program. The curriculum is aligned with Colorado state guidelines for preparing children for kindergarten. The highly trained teaching staff provides hands-on learning opportunities in a safe, loving, and creative environment which also incorporates teaching concepts of our Catholic faith in a developmentally appropriate manner. Brochures and registration forms are available in the pamphlet rack in the church vestibule and also at the preschool's web site www.ucsprr.org/holyapostles. Families are welcome to visit the preschool during school hours. Tours can be arranged by calling the Director, Leslie Versace at 591-1566.

Family Movie Night

Mark your calendar and plan to attend a family movie entitled, "A Time To Remember" Friday, December 2 at 6:30 -8:00 PM at Saint Dominic Catholic Church. Everyone is invited to attend this special event. Refreshments will be served after the movie. The movie takes place in the 1950's and is a story of a twelve year old boy, Angelo who has a dream to sing like his idol, Mario Lanza. This movie is hosted by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Holy Family #1794. For more information call 392-7653.

Apostles of Hope

Remember How Much Fun We Had Last Year!!!???

Holy-Day Party – Mark your calendars for the second annual Holy Apostles "Holy-day" Party celebrating the Feasts of St. Nicholas and Our Lady of Guadalupe and this holy season. The parish-wide event is scheduled for Guadete Sunday weekend, on Friday evening, December 9, between 6-9 PM in the Parish Hall. We need volunteers to arrange the party. Please contact Deacon Dave at dave@jwglawfirm.com

Because of the state of parish finances, we are also requesting volunteers to provide entertainment, and bring appetizers, deserts, side dishes and drinks, as well as donations of new and "white elephant" items for door prizes, gift bags and the like. Again, please contact Deacon Dave.



Outreach Ministries

Pastoral Outreach

Needs volunteers to take communion to the hospital (Memorial Central). You will need to call the Pastoral center at Memorial and take their volunteer class. Contact Margret Waldie, mwaldie46@msn.com or 260-1147.

Prayer Shawl

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM and 2nd Thursday afternoon 1pm both in the Library. Bring the tools of your choice and gather with friends to show our support for those in difficult situations and have fun and prayer. Call 484-8725.

Clothe the Poor

An average of ninety people show up daily at the Marion House seeking clothing assistance. Some are homeless and some are poor, but they all need our help. The major items needed are t-shirts, sweat shirts, flannel shirts, sweaters, jeans, coats, boots, sleeping bags, toiletries, warm hats, gloves and socks. There are sources to buy gently used t-shirts, jeans, sweaters and sweat shirts for a very reasonable price. The t-shirts are twenty cents and the rest are a dollar apiece. Call Jerry Doebele, 598-4096 for more information. On behalf of those in need... we thank you.

Stephen Ministry Supervisors

Stephen Ministry Supervision meetings are held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. The next meeting will be on November 10. All commissioned Stephen Ministers that are not on a leave must be present.

Cards Made with Love

Meets on the second Friday of the month. We meet in St. Andrew/Bart from 6-8 PM. Call 484-8725 for information.

Gift of Life Banner

If you or someone you know is expecting, adopting, or fostering a child, please take a form from pocket of banner, fill it out and return to front office. We will place it in the appropriate pocket and your family moves it along as the months progress. When your baby is born, adopted or fostered, please take the rose with your name on it, to remind you that all life is precious. Please call Lily Wright with any questions. 268-0699.

Food Pantry

The food pantry shelves are getting low. We are in need of canned meats, crackers, sugar, flour, mac and cheese dinners, peanut butter, jelly and any nonperishable food items. Also any hygiene products. Thank you for being faithful to this ministry. Call Cecilia at 233-5202.

Christmas Giving Tree

This weekend, the start of the Christmas season, brings back our tradition of placing tags on the tree. Please take the tag and purchase the gift. You may wrap it and then bring it back by December 10. Please place the gift under the tree in the sanctuary. Our Giveaway is December 12 this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity of spirit and treasure!

Outreach Ministries

The Gift of Home

Can you imagine not being in your home for Christmas? Give the gift of home by sponsoring a family! For \$200 you can keep a family in their home or partner with others (friends, family neighbors) to sponsor a family. You will have the opportunity to pray for, connect with, and invite them to your church. Contact Kristen at kmc-gee@northernchurchescare.org or 277-7470, ext 108 by December 11.

Apostles of Hope

Sew Sisters

We make the mantles used to clothe in white all who receive a sacrament for the first time at Holy Apostles. If you can sew, cut fabric, and/or iron you will be a welcome addition to our ministry. Please contact Lois Hammervold at 574-9095 if you have questions.

Vocational Opportunity

"Community of the Teresian Carmel and The Little Way Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites in the Colorado Springs Diocese, is accepting aspirants during our January 28, 2012 meeting. Aspirants will journey one year to discern whether they have a vocation in Carmelite spirituality. If interested, please send an email to maryfran_1@msn.com to obtain more information or write to Mary Frances Harrison, OCDS at P. O. Box 51391, Colorado Springs, CO 80949. Our monthly meetings are held on the 4th Saturday of each month at Holy Apostles Catholic Church."

Divine Mercy

There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy.

Please pray constantly for those parish members who have lost jobs, those in the military service who are deployed overseas and for those family members who are here at home waiting and praying!

Christian Formation and RE News

RCIA Schedule of Topics for November

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, consider visiting the RCIA sessions on Monday night, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. The topics for December include: Dec 5-Tour of the Church (Fr. Paul); Dec 12-Catholic Social Teaching (Just-Faith); Dec 19-Spiritual Life Journey (Mary S). If you would like further information, contact Mary at 597-4249 X29.



Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come—1- part Study Series by Jeff Cavins

This intriguing look at one of the most talked about books of Scripture shows how the kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass.

Inviting you to join our RE adults in this wonderful study. Starting December 4, 2011 8 AM or 10:15 AM or Tuesday December 6 at 6:30 PM. Please contact Cindy Good at 484-8724. Cost is \$5.

Stay Awake! There is a New Missal!

On this 1st Sunday in Advent, English speaking Catholic Churches will be instituting the New Roman Missal, which contains new words that hold deeper meanings about our worship and faith. Are you prepared?

“Be watchful! Be alert!” Jesus’ exhortation to his disciples and to us in today’s gospel is clear and emphatic. Yet how do we maintain our preparedness? What do we do? Our generation, as in all times, has prophetic voices calling it to vigilance. As with past generations, we know that we have not always been faithful. We know that we have strayed from God’s way, as did the people in the first reading in the time of the prophet Isaiah. Yet the call in the gospel is clear: we must be vigilant. We are bombarded daily by the baffling array of ads, messages, and concerns; we are pulled in many different directions. How do we interpret the signs of our time, perceive Christ’s coming in our own day?

One “new” sign of our Church is adjusting the words of the liturgy to invite us all to enter into the paschal mystery, to be more fully what we are and are becoming—Christ—living his life in the events of our own. Christian worship is about praising and thanking God in community as we recall God’s blessings and as we rediscover our own identity as Christ’s body in this world. Gathering every Sunday for Mass challenges us both as individuals and as a community to live differently because of the worship we celebrate. Authentic worship fills our hearts with gratitude and leads us to deeds of justice. We are missioned to “go” from Mass and live each day lifting our hearts to the Lord, aware of God’s glory in creation and thanksgiving and praising God, because it is right and just. In the end, the quality of liturgy is not judged by the words we speak or the songs we sing, but how deeply we are challenged to enter into the paschal mystery. that never changes no matter what wording we use. So pick up the card in the pew pocket, and join in! or participate in a *Mass Movement for Renewal* home study group. “*May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’*” (Living With Christ, Sr. Theresa Rickard, OP, Dec, 2011)



Family Blessing of an Advent Wreath

Family Blessing of an Advent wreath: One favorite way to mark the time leading up to Christmas is the Advent wreath. Before the first candle is lit the household gathers for a blessing: All make the sign of the cross. Leader: In the short days and long nights of Advent, we realize how we are always waiting for our deliverance, always needing salvation by our God. Around this wreath, we shall remember God’s promise.



Family member read Isaiah 9: 1-2:

*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
Upon those who lived in a land of gloom
a light has shone.^a
2You have brought them abundant joy
and great rejoicing*

*Leader: now let us pray for God’s blessing upon us and
upon this wreath: Lord God, let your blessing come upon
us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath
and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

All: Amen!

Light the first candle

Bishop Sheridan's Pro-life Dinner

Limited tickets are available for Bishop Michael Sheridan's inaugural Respect Life dinner on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at St Paul Catholic Church. Tickets are \$50 each and will benefit the diocesan pro-life ministries. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lily Wright at 268-0699 as soon as possible. Thank you.

Divine Redeemer School Raffle

Grand Prize is \$10,000 in cash! The 2nd Prize is \$5,000 in cash, 3rd Prize is \$3,000 in cash, 4th Prize is \$2,000 in cash and 5th Prize is \$500 in scrip gift cards—a total of over \$20,000 in cash and prizes! Tickets are available at Divine Redeemer School and after all Divine Redeemer Masses. In addition, all Divine Redeemer students have tickets they would love to sell to you. The drawing will be Sat., Dec. 3 at our celebration event with Silent and live auction. Winners do not have to be present to win. Contact Bridget 484-8721.

Hold the Press and Mark your Calendars for Sunday, December 4!!!!...

You are invited to the 8th annual silent auction benefiting St. Francis of Assisi C/S's elementary and youth programs and ministries the weekend of Dec. 3/4 after all Masses. Get your Christmas shopping done this year without the hassle of the malls, waiting in long lines at the registers, and trying to find a parking space.

This year our highlighted auction items are: Sky Sox Luxury Box and game tickets; A Vacation stay at a Breckenridge 3 bed/3 bath condo; TWO Vacation stays at a Keystone condo; A Night's stay at Avenue Hotel Bed & Breakfast in Manitou Springs; A Night's stay at Stonehaven Inn Bed & Breakfast in Divide; A NEW US Golf child's golf club set from Play it Again Sports; A Phil Long Hyundai car detail package and oil change; One Session of Learn to Skate Lessons at Honen Ice Arena; lots of toys for kids and an awesome selection of gifts for ladies and men

We have items for the whole family, so don't forget to bring your shopping list and your checkbook for some fabulous finds. Last auction bids will be at 12:30 PM. The auction will be held in the St. Francis of Assisi Hall.