



December 23, 2017  
5 PM Mass  
Saturdays

*Mission Statement  
To Love and Be Loved*

*An Inclusive Catholic  
Community, welcoming  
each and all as the beloved  
of God. We are ecumenical;  
we celebrate the rich  
heritage of Catholic  
spirituality while honoring all  
spiritual traditions. We  
strive for justice and peace,  
and respond to the call of  
discipleship by loving deeply  
and rooting our lives in  
prayer and service.*

*Our Leadership:  
Parish Council: Ken Balcom  
Barbara Stepanick, Gail  
Moravetz, Danielle Apodaca  
Cabrini Lovato*

*Parish Council meetings are  
usually held the 2nd  
Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.*

*ECC Delegates: Amy  
Frisbee, Dale Lewis, Susan  
Gray, Jim Burnik*

*Rocky Mountain Regional  
Council Representatives:  
Kae Madden, Jim Burnik  
Meetings are held the 1st  
Thursday 6:30 p.m.*

# Church of the the Beloved



**4th Week of Advent: Luke 1: 26-38** Through one too young, the impossible came to be – through the Holy Spirit, Mary conceived a Son, Emmanuel. God's desire to be with us, to live with us, to live among us was manifested through a single "Yes." The kingdom of God grows and flourishes through our response to a call: "Will you...?" Each time we say "Yes" the reign of God advances. Will you say "yes" even when it seems impossible, when it involves risk, when it means a detour, when it impacts your finances, when others make fun of you or disapprove? God said "Yes," Mary said, "Yes", Joseph said, "Yes." In big things and daily small things, the call is whispered. And repeated. Many opportunities. Yes?

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: 4 p.m. Mass for All Ages and 9 p.m. Mass – Prelude carols will begin 20 minutes prior** – please join in and honor quiet sacred space in the sanctuary and gathering space. Please offer our best hospitality to those who will be with us. Hanging coats on the coat rack in the hall and snuggling up will help make room as needed. Please greet newcomers and orient them to our celebration.

**Ecumenical Invitation:** St. John's Lutheran Church in Thornton, 11040 Colorado Blvd., invites us to an ecumenical prayer moment and pie fest on Epiphany, Saturday, Jan. 6th at 5 p.m. (This church has traditionally hosted a pie fest on Thanksgiving Eve and missed it this year.) Recognizing that we celebrate liturgy at that same time, perhaps we could consider a small delegation of 2-4 from Church of the Beloved participating on our behalf???



**Thank heaven for the ECC Appeal:** Thank you for your support last weekend. Since we need to have the funds mailed before the end of the year, this Saturday please bring any additional gifts in envelopes clearly marked ECC. We so appreciate your last-minute participation.

**King Soopers shopping cards:** We received another "bonus" check for \$422 because you loaded and used your Kings gift card when you shopped. As you shop for Christmas festivities, please remember to take the little time to load your card and shop abundantly : ) Your community thanks you!

*Social Justice –chair – rotating by project  
We come together monthly in prayer and discussion to discern how to distribute our community's generous tithe and offer projects for our church members to serve those in need.  
Regular Meetings at 5:30 on the 4th Wednesday*

*Marketing/  
Communications  
Chair – John Immele  
Our goal is to be seen and heard by – and then inspire – potential members of COB.*

*Religious Education,  
To form our lives on the pattern of Jesus, growing disciples of all ages  
Chair – vacancy*

*Membership and Hospitality  
– to build relationships among members and welcome all as God's Beloved  
Chair - vacancy*

*Liturgy and Music –  
To gather as the Body of Christ to give thanks, be enlivened by the Word and song, be nourished and transformed, be strengthened by community, and to be sent out to a waiting world.  
Mother Kae and Greg Madden, Marilyn Davey*

*Ministries of Care –  
Grief and Loss - A ministry that offers support for individuals and families facing a life changing journey...  
Chair – Ken Crosby*

*Prayer Shawl Ministry –A healing ministry of prayer and caring by knitting, crocheting, or sewing prayer shawls/blankets. Linda Pavlak*



**Stewardship: Hooray!** This past week we sent our outreach community in the Dominican Republic the first \$650 of our Advent outreach funds received. We received a message on Tuesday that the chain saw would be ordered! Yahoo! Thank you for your generosity. We will send more as funds add up, continuing through Epiphany, Jan. 6. We are so excited and grateful, and looking forward to help with so much more.

**Responses to our 2018 Stewardship Invitation - Treasure:** To date, we received responses from 32 households, totaling \$48,104 in pledges to support our 2018 Church of the Beloved Budget. Our budget was approved at \$64,000 and supports a 5% salary increase for Rev. Denise, our religious education coordinator, and a 3.7% increase for our pastor. Historically, not everyone pledges, so we are hopeful that we will hit the mark over the course of the year. We'll let you know how 2017 turns out, too - currently we are running about 7% under our goal. We will also send out the "talent responses" for liturgical and other ministries in the next couple weeks. Thank you for your support and investment in your community of faith



### December

- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Mass for All Ages at 4 p.m.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Mass at 9 p.m.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Men's Breakfast 8AM at Gunther Toody's, 301 W 104<sup>th</sup> Ave, Northglenn

### January

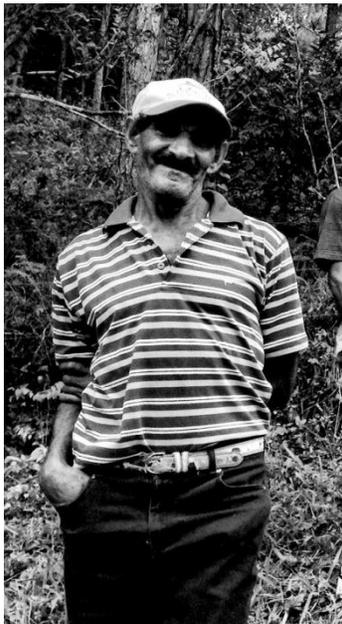
- 1<sup>st</sup> Mass at 9 a.m. the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rocky Mountain Regional Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. putting away the Christmas environment – extra hands needed
- 9<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Contemplative Mass at 5 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass for All Ages at 5 p.m.

### February

- 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday at 7 p.m.

## Faces and stories from Arroyo del Toro:

A thing happens in breaking bread which brings us together. In every city or village in Mexico, Central or South America and the Caribbean, the *panaderia* holds profound meaning for the community. You may not expect much in the way of gifts for your birthday or anniversary in a



poor village but there is always the promise of fresh *pan*, *galletas* or even a *pastel*. Coffee and bread often bookend the day of a farmer in El Campo.

Frank Simon was a baker in the city for a couple of decades. Here in Arroyo del Toro he works the fields and, like other subsistence farmers, he *gets by*. But he dreams of more: to feed the soul of the community in the breaking of the bread. Thanks to a gift of Pablo Burson we have a new oven in the little house we use as a community center. Now we want to supply Frank with the kitchen utensils and pantry needs to begin the first panaderia here.

Presently, all baked goods are purchased in the city and sold in the Colmadas in Arroyo del Toro. But to have a functioning panaderia in the village would mean another step towards economic sustainability. And more, *fresh* bread to feed the hopes of our people.

Men's Group Chair -  
Dennis Giblin  
No commitment is required;  
you are welcome to  
participate at any time in  
any of the gatherings  
whenever you can make it.  
The group meets at on the  
last Sunday each month at  
8am.

Pastoral Care Team:  
Greg Madden, Ken Crosby,  
Buddy Fricke, and Kae  
Madden

Home Visits/Communion -  
We have both clergy and lay  
members who are happy to  
come to your home if you  
are sick, discouraged,  
isolated, or in need of a  
friend. Visitors may also  
bring Eucharist. Please  
contact Mother Kae or Ken  
Crosby if you would like a  
visit and we will set it up.  
We do not forget you and  
we respect your privacy – so  
don't hesitate to request a  
visit. Visits are confidential.

#### Quick Links



ECC link: <http://www.rmrc-ecc.com>

COB link  
<http://churchofthebeloved-ecc.org>

Facebook  
[www.Facebook.com/ChurchOfTheBelovedECC](http://www.Facebook.com/ChurchOfTheBelovedECC)



#### NUCC News

The NUCC distributed 75 Christmas baskets to households in need, of which 60 went to families of our neighbor school, Stukey Elementary. Our community supplied nearly 100 bags of rice or beans for the baskets..

#### ECC News:



Check out our website for new albums.....<http://churchofthebeloved-ecc.org>

If you miss a liturgy, there are recordings of most homilies on the website, too.

#### Contacts:

Church of the Beloved  
303-489-7046

#### Emergencies:

Mother Kae: 720-232-1562    Deacon Buddy: 720-556-6470

Fr Paul: 720-254-2083    Rev. Denise: 303-882-8641

Fr. Len 720-684-7353    Ken Crosby 303-238-5175

Mother Kae is available by appointment Tuesday through Saturday and on call 24/7 unless notified otherwise.

#### Mother Kae's email is:

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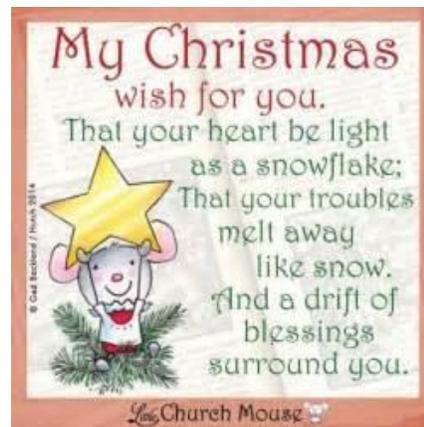
[maddengk@msn.com](mailto:maddengk@msn.com)

Pat: Church Key: 303-452-1553

Announcements in the bulletin must be in by Wednesday before distribution on Friday.

#### Pat's email:

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Heavenly Lord – I pray that my faith  
may never fail. Remove the worries and  
care from my heart and remind me of  
Your love. Amen

Today is the tomorrow you worried about  
Yesterday – was it worth it?