



December 9, 2023  
5PM  
Saturday

**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 Move for justice and peace and respond to the call of discipleship by loving deeply and rooting our lives in prayer and service.*

**Contacts:**

Church of the Beloved  
303-489-7046  
Emergencies:  
Bishop Kae: 720-232-1562  
Mother Alice: 719-573-4904  
Deacon Buddy: 720-556-6470  
Bishop Paul: 720-254-2083  
Ken Crosby 303-238-5175

**Our Leadership:**

**Parish Council:** Tammy Gabel, Greg Goerke, Susan Reese, Maryann Klasinski  
Parish Council meetings vary

**Synod Delegates:**

Amy Frisbee, Alice Bradley, Bishop Kae Madden, Susan Gray, Bishop Paul Burson

**Rocky Mountain Regional**

**Council Representatives:** Alice Bradley and Dennis Giblin.

# Church of Beloved Ecumenical Catholic Community

**Sunday Readings: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3.8-14 Mark 1.1-8**



**Advent prepares us to celebrate the incarnation—God becoming one of us. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, the one Israel's prophet Isaiah promised God would send. By loving us as one of us, Jesus shows us that our capacity to love is the image of our life-giving, creative God in us. (Good Ground Press) As we move through Advent, love evolves in our relationships, in our world. How are you preparing your heart to be a place where love gestates and is birthed?)**

**On Call for Pastoral Emergencies Schedule.**

Mother Kae is on call for Dec 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> 720-232-1562

Mother Alice is on call for Dec 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 719-573-4904

On call” means available-by phone 24 hours a day for urgent concern and emergencies. If you have an urgent need in the middle of the night, please CALL, as we may not hear a text.

Both Kae and Alice usually take Sunday and Monday off.

**Thank You** to those who created our Advent liturgical environment: Christy, Alice, Nan, Greg M

Meetings are held the 1st Thursday

## Ministry Teams

**Social Justice** –chair – rotating by project

We come together monthly in prayer and discussion to discern how to distribute our community's generous tithes and offer projects for our church members to serve those in need.

We meet once a month and day and time are flexible.

## Marketing/Communication

Chair –Ken B

Our goal is to be seen and heard by – and then inspire – potential members of COB.

**Ongoing Spiritual Formation of Kids and Adults Ministry:** 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

**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 networking waiting world.

Bishop Kae and Greg Madden, Marilyn Davey

## Lector Coordinator

Linda Pavlak and Tammy

## Greeter Coordinator:

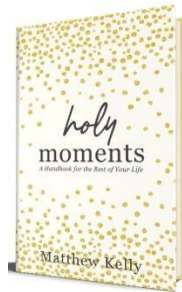
Gail

## Eucharistic Minister Coordinator-

## Ministries of Care –

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

**VERY FEW WORDS FROM DEACON BUDDY** Join Deacon Buddy for prayer and conversation on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Friday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. on our regular Zoom link.



When I was fifteen years old, I had a great spiritual mentor. I don't know how my life would have unfolded if I hadn't met him. But it's difficult to imagine that life would have been anywhere near as fruitful or rewarding as it has been. He encouraged me to read the Gospels. He taught me how to pray. He showed me how to care for the poor and visit the lonely. He encouraged me to read great spiritual books. He watched without judgment as I foolishly wrestled with God. He listened patiently to my questions, doubts, excuses, and resistance. Perhaps most of all, he encouraged me to honor those sacred truths that were emerging in my soul: "Something is missing, there is more to life, and you do have more to offer." One of the fruits of this friendship was a moment of clarity so piercing that it has defined my life. I was walking home from meeting with him one day, when everything we had been discussing for months came together in a single clarifying thought: "Some moments are holy, some moments are unholy, and our choices can guide a moment in either direction." It was a moment of clarity in a chaotic and confusing world. It was also a moment of intense joy. I can still see myself walking down the street. I know exactly where I was in that moment of awakening. "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2).  
MATTHEW KELLY--HOLY MOMENTS

## Power of Prayer – Praying the Rosary

Mary, Jesus' Mother has asked we pray the rosary. We will be having a weekly Rosary on Thursdays at 7PM on zoom to be led by Deacon Buddy. Please join us.

Join our Meeting on our regular Zoom link.



And/or **pray the Rosary with Church of the Holy Family** on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. with Cara Thompson

Join Church of the Holy Family's Zoom Meeting: [link](#)



## December

8<sup>th</sup> Conversation with Deacon Buddy – Immaculate Conception at 7 p.m. on zoom

12<sup>th</sup> Parish Council meeting at 4 p.m.

13<sup>th</sup> Social Justice Team meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom

16<sup>th</sup>- Anawim meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

16<sup>th</sup> -Mass for All Ages, Potluck party, and rehearsal for children and youth for Christmas Eve's liturgy.

23<sup>rd</sup>- Following our celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent we will change our liturgical environment to "white" for Christmas. Many hands will make light work as we transition the seasons.

24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Mass will be at 3:30 p.m. in person and on zoom.

30<sup>th</sup> - Feast of the Holy Family.



**'Tis the Season.....** Let's be wise and care for each other with frequent hand washing and/or using hand sanitizer, consider wearing a mask, utilize the red, yellow, green bracelets when entering church to indicate your personal comfort level with close person contact, and, of course, if feeling unwell, participate from home on Zoom. Thanks for taking care of each other.



**Advent Outreach: Spread LOVE in a thousand ways! And tell us about it!** You are also invited to purchase a hoodie or flannel bottoms in adult sizes and [bring to church by December 9<sup>th</sup>](#). We will donate to Northglenn High School for students in need.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry –

A healing ministry of prayer and caring by knitting, crocheting, or sewing prayer shawls/blankets. - Linda Pavlak

### Anawim Ministry-

LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning) support ministry for COB members, families, and friends.

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday monthly at the Fellowship hall at 2:30PM

Contacts: Ralph at [rreschkejr@q.com](mailto:rreschkejr@q.com) or 303-425-9995 and Nick at [pizzafmly@aol.com](mailto:pizzafmly@aol.com) or 303-929-6213

### Finance Ministry

Wise stewardship of the financial resources of the community  
Chairperson: Greg Goerke

### Administration and Building

**Maintenance Ministry:** the nitty gritty support that keeps us rolling along

### Pastoral Care members:

Greg Madden, Deacon Buddy, Ken Crosby, Alice Bradley, Christy Chady, and Kae Madden

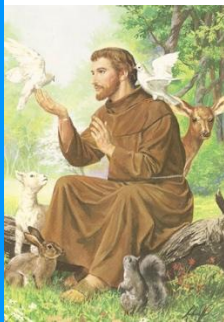
### Home Visits/Communion-

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.

### Listening Team

On rare occasions, when a conflict arises of a *sensitive and/or ethical nature* and the issue cannot be resolved by normal means, the Parish

## A FEW MORE WORDS FROM DEACON BUDDY



**The Origin of the St. Francis Prayer**--This prayer was first recorded in 1912 in France, in a spiritual magazine called *La Clochette* (The Little Bell). The magazine was published by a Catholic group called The Holy Mass League. The group was established by Fr. Esther Bouquerel in 1901. In the version published in *La Clochette*, the prayer was entitled, in French, "A Beautiful Prayer to Say During Mass." Since it was published anonymously, the original author was not known. Possibly, Fr. Bouquerel himself could have written the prayer. One thing that is known for certain: St. Francis didn't write it!

Eventually, in 1915, the prayer was sent to Pope Benedict XV, still written in its original French. A year later, in 1916, it appeared in the daily newspaper of the Vatican, and it was written in Italian. Around 1920, a French Franciscan priest printed the prayer on the back of the image of St. Francis of Assisi. It bore the title "Prayer for Peace." At this time, though, it was not yet attributed to St. Francis. The first time it was attributed to him was in 1927, by a French Protestant group called "The Knights of the Prince of Peace." Between the two world wars, the prayer made its way through Europe, eventually being translated into English. The first known English translation appeared in a book entitled "Living Courageously" written by Kirby Page. He also attributed the prayer to St. Francis.

During and after the Second World War, the prayer for peace was spread all over, and it was already known as the Prayer of St. Francis. The most widespread use of the prayer was through the books of Cardinal Francis Joseph Spellman, who was then Archbishop of New York. Over the years, the Prayer of St. Francis became more and more popular worldwide. Later on, not just Catholics, but people of all faiths began adopting the prayer. [CHRISTIANITY.COM](http://CHRISTIANITY.COM) WEBSITE

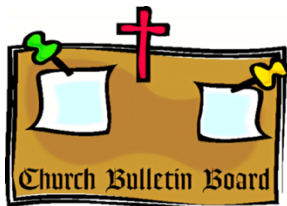
**"HOLY MOMENTS":** The books are available for pick up during Mass or out by the mail slot. Please join in reading this inspiring book as a community.



### Mid week Mass:

Remember that we are celebrating Mass together via zoom on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.

**Reminder:** Audio recordings of the gospel proclamation and the homily are available on our website– to listen again or tune in if you missed it.



What do you want to post on a bulletin board at the church?: education, opportunities, thank you notes, etc. And if you want to post something, send it to Pat



### Centering Prayer/Meditation And Labyrinth

Sunday Jan. 7th at 7:00 AM. We'll meet in the sanctuary and dress for walking the labyrinth. All are welcome. Contact Mother Alice for more info.

## PREPARATION FOR LITURGY:

Council may engage our 3-person Listening Team, an unbiased, confidential, investigative team. At the Church of the Beloved, we want you to know your voice will be heard.

### Quick Links



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

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

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

Instagram:  
<https://www.instagram.com/churchofthebelovedecc/nstagram>

USER NAME:  
churchofthebelovedecc

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

Bishop Kae's email is:  
[pastor@churchofthebeloved-ecc.org](mailto:pastor@churchofthebeloved-ecc.org)  
[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: [rpt1553@aol.com](mailto:rpt1553@aol.com)

In person: We are grateful to be together and enjoying gathering in person. As you know, masks are optional. We have colored bracelets that can indicate your comfort level with hugs – green, yellow, and red.

Zoom-ers: There is a worship aid attached so that you may participate fully. If you are unable to join us in person, as you prepare your sacred space at home, you may want to “set your table” with a beautiful green cloth, bring a cross, a candle, bread and wine/juice.

*For those who are so moved, we invite you to pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion:*

*Oh my Jesus, I turn toward the holy tabernacle in my heart where You live and love me. I love you. Come and visit me with Your grace. Spiritually come more fully into my heart. Purify me. Sanctify me. Make me more like You. May I receive You in your fullness and reflect You in the world. Amen*

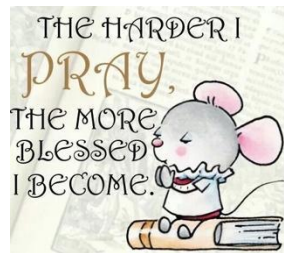
You are welcome to email the link below to friends and family, and please refrain from posting it on social media for security. It remains the same for every liturgy.

**For Mass:** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7195735454?pwd=VTI4V2ZYSVZrSzdSODE0Ull3emRjZz09>

Dial in by calling: +1 346 248 7799

Meeting ID: 719 573 5454 Passcode if requested: 10500



*God – as I look for inner peace, help me to control my wandering thoughts. Teach me how to pray. Amen.*

*He who laughs last,  
has no sense of humor.*