

Announcements cont'd:

be performing early music pieces of the holiday season. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest

The OLMC Knights of Columbus council is excited to sponsor this contest to design the best "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster, and is open to all youth between the ages of 5 through 14 years. Please visit the Knight of Columbus bulletin board in the Parish Hall for information and entry forms. The entry **deadline is Today**, before the 12pm OLMC Council meeting. Posters may be submitted to the parish Office or to Andrei DeMaio, OLMC knight. All winning posters go on to state and national contests.

Fr. Nolan's Mass Intentions

10th Sharon Mendez by Elizabeth Rousseau
11th Mason LePage by Stacie & James Eggmeyer
12th Brett & Elizabeth Rousseau by Elizabeth Rousseau
13th In Thanksgiving by Diane Fisher
15th Marissa McCune by Julie McCune

FSSP Calendars

Do you know the feast days of all the Saints of the old liturgical calendar? FSSP calendars for 2019 are for sale in the parish office for just \$10 each.

The Giving Tree

The Knights of Columbus will try to sponsor more than 2 OLMC families this Christmas, depending on how many gift cards they get from all of you from the giving tree **by Dec. 16th!** There are potentially 24 more people/families who can use some help this year.

Federation of North American Explorers

The OLMC FNE will be having their group feast at OLMC on **Sunday the 16th**, from 2pm until 5pm. If you are interested in FNE, please feel free to attend! We will be having a Campfire, skits, and snacks to share.

Humani Generis

Christmas, Creation, and Liturgy by Dr. Jonathan Arrington. Also, age of the earth and fossils, and introduction to creation apologetics. All are welcome at the *Humani Generis* Study Group meeting: **12/16/18, 12:30-2:00**, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel library. Call Rick Mudd 505-501-3072 for more information.

Mullen Home Donations

There are large boxes in the parish hall entrance to place your donations for Mullen Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) **through Christmas eve**. Items needed are: gift cards, personal hygiene items of all types, and drinks like soda.

March for Life

Join thousands for the annual Celebrate Life March in downtown Denver on **January 12th**. Mass will be at Holy Ghost Church at 11am, and at the Cathedral Basilica at 11:30am, followed by the Rally at the **State Capitol at 1pm**. Bring signs and your family and friends to hear the line-up of speakers. Colorado has become increasingly anti family and anti God, so make your voice heard by your presence on this day.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Natli Molloy, Sarah Totman, Donald John Dowling Jr., Marisa Shanstrom, Debra DiCino, Angela Wimmer, Bishop Eugene J. Gerber, William B. Sawtell, Charles Ray Johnson, Bishop Robert Morlino

Parish Organizations:

Altar & Rosary Society - d.grandy@yahoo.com
Altar Boy Training Fr. Kick - ckick@olgseminary.org
Carmelite Book Study - 1st & 3rd Saturday at 9:30am
Lucy Okoh 303-806-9923
Holy Name Society - Men's group.
Fr. Kick - ckick@olgseminary.org
Juventutem, Young Adults Group - Chris Pollard
cvmp94@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus Council # 13205
Tim Glass, Grand Knight - GlassTJ@Yahoo.com
Legion of Mary - Henry Alire - 303-426-0446.
OLMC Federation of North American Explorers
Nicholas Trandem - 720-295-9556 or
info@olmcexplorers.org
OLMC Music Department and Choir
Contact: Rick Wheeler
music.director@olmcfssp.org.
Prayer Line: To request prayers, please contact: Jane Brennan: jmbrennan555@gmail.com or 303-618-4182.
Shepherds of Christ - Pray for priests every Tues., 5pm.
St. Anne's Quilters - Carolyn Mulligan 303-254-9889.
St. Thomas Aquinas Study Group - Meets monthly after the 10:30am Mass - j baker7@yahoo.com.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church



Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sancti Petri
The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

Rev. James W. Jackson, FSSP Pastor

Rev. Daniel Nolan, FSSP Parochial Vicar asst.pastor1@olmcfssp.org

Rev. Caleb Kick, FSSP Parochial Vicar

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am (High), 12:30 p.m.

Mondays-Saturdays

6:30 am M-F at Carmelite Monastery,
Saturday at OLMC
8:30 am M-Th and Sat. at OLMC
7:00 pm Friday at OLMC

Confessions

Half hour before each Mass
Saturdays: 8:30 - 9:30 am
3:00 - 4:00 pm

Devotions:

Holy Hour: Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm
First Friday Adoration

Catechism on Holy Week

In the 1962 rite, the novelty of blessing the palms while facing the people, with the back facing the altar, or in some cases the celebrant turning his back on the Blessed Sacrament, was introduced.

This innovation may be attributed to the idea of greater active participation of the faithful. The notion that the people cannot participate or that their participation is hampered by not seeing the priest's face is false. And this novelty suffers from turning the back on God. Ignoring the Blessed Sacrament, the congregation becomes centered or focused on itself, a huge problem which was well understood by Cardinal Ratzinger.

Also, the detachment or separation of liturgical actions from the altar is in itself a poor development. But this is in keeping with lessening the altar in general; the removal or disuse of the high altar to the construction or implementation of a small box-like altar devoid of beauty, especially the problem of introducing an element into the sanctuary which is a jarring departure from the beauty of the architecture (harmony, proportion and radiance being the key elements of beauty).

To be fair, the purpose of facing the people was not just to see the priest, but the reformers of the liturgy thought that it was crucial for the people to see all the gestures of the priest. But this ignores the common sense of the situation; the personality of the priest becomes paramount if he faces the people for the entirety of the liturgy, and the people scarcely notice the gestures at all. This novelty is all the more compounded by the use of the microphone, so that the slightest inflection of voice or hint of emotion coupled with facial expression dominates the liturgical prayer.

Please pray for the sick:

David Williamson Sr & Jr, Robert DiCino, Nathaniel Venters, Andy McKinley, James Hamm, Bonnie Joyce-Irish, Elizabeth Nicolini, Ana Maria Romero, Sha Fisher, Carol Balizet, Nick Cleary, Fernando Ruiz, Steven Chris Valerio, Gabriel Tyler, Virginia Carr, Diane Fisher, Sharolyn Albi, Connie McKenna, Madaline Havener, Evelyn Arrington, Bob Heldt, Allen & Jane Egle, Lucy McCord, Susan Blaufuss, Doris Danko, Margaret Ortiz, Susan Martin, Bill Perry, Tom Coogan

Any parishioner confined at home who would like to receive the sacraments or the bulletin, please contact the parish office at 303-703-8538.

Liturgical Calendar & Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

6:30 am +Janet O'Callaghan by Matt O'Callaghan

8:30 am +Joseph DeMaio by the DeMaio Family

10:30 am OLMC Registered Parishioners

12:30 pm Intention of Fr. Jackson

Monday, December 10

Feria of Advent

6:30 am **(at Carmel)** Orville & Harvey Alma
by Andrea Storociak

8:30 am Charlotte Hope by Joanne & Andy Davala

Tuesday, December 11

St. Damasus I, Pope & Confessor

6:30 am **(at Carmel)** Sisters' Intention

8:30 am Lucy Okoh by Joanne & Andy Davala

Wednesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 am **(at Carmel)** Sisters' Intention

8:30 am +Elizabeth Fitch by Charles Fitch

Thursday, December 13

St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

6:30 am **(at Carmel)** Sisters' Intention

8:30 am Jane Egle by Joanne & Andy Davala

Friday, December 14

Feria of Advent

6:30 am **(at Carmel)** Sisters' Intention

8:30 am **No Mass**

7:00 pm Brian McCune by Julie McCune

Saturday, December 15

Feria of Advent

6:30 am +Daniel P. Halsey by Robert Goodwin

8:30 am Crystal Hamm by the Maidens girls group

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

6:30 am Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
by Charlotte Hope

8:30 am In Thanksgiving by Diane Fisher

10:30 am OLMC Registered Parishioners

12:30 pm +Jane Farson by Sean Farson

The Carmelite Monastery is located at 6138 S. Gallup St. in Littleton, about 1 mile from OLMC.

From the Pastor:

- The intention for this week's holy hour is for a Catholic understanding and use of leisure for all our parishioners.

- Anthony Esolen pointed out once that sports in our country are no longer governed by a spirit of play (which is also a spirit of mirth and celebration), but by a spirit of work. We could add that they are also governed by a spirit of politics, such as we see with professional football and not standing for the national anthem.

But play is essential for us. Go back to the Screwtape Letters by C.S Lewis for a moment. The demon Screwtape chastises his nephew Wormwood for being so foolish as to allow his charge, the young man to whose damnation Wormwood is assigned, to take a pleasant walk to an old mill, through country he really enjoys, just for the pleasure of it.

Play is not for the sake of work. In his excellent work, Leisure: the Basis of Culture, Josef Pieper points out that the Sabbath is not for the sake of the other days of the week. The truly human and divine thing is to see the other days of the week in light of the Sabbath, and not the Sabbath as a day for replenishing the human materiel so that it can work more efficiently on Monday. The Sabbath is the Lord's Day, not the Employer's Day. You cannot be grimly determined to love someone; it is a contradiction in terms. You should not ask, "What advantage do you gain from a square dance?" or "What does gazing at the stars have to do with the stock market?"

- I returned last week from my canonical retreat at the Benedictine Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus in Gower, MO. Despite the great hardship of the cloister, the daily pursuit of death-to-self, the sacrifice of giving up their natural right to marriage and children, and their time and their very wills, I was struck with delight when I saw a stack of toboggans which the nuns put out after we had a fierce

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Vittoria Ensemble

The Vittoria Ensemble, which specializes in

snowstorm!

- I was also struck by the other priests who were making their retreats too. How edifying their behavior! They were of good cheer, prayerful, and striving with all their might to be good priests. And our former parishioner, Br. Thomas Mary of Jesus, Er. Carm., now a Carmelite Hermit in Pennsylvania, was there too preparing for his upcoming ordination to the diaconate.

- There was a big, stone fireplace in the common room of the priests' retreat house, and we built a crackling fire one evening as the temperature fell to three degrees with a howling wind. The power went out, and all of the priests broke silence to eat supper by the glow of kerosene lamps which the good sisters provided. How we laughed! But also how fierce the determination to give our lives for God and Holy Mother Church. What a wonderful week it was at that most blessed monastery!

- And the nuns! I can't quite get over how wonderful is the Abbey of Our Lady of Ephesus. To hear the nuns sing the Mass in such a gorgeous abbey church, with perfect acoustics is utterly sublime and transforming. I can't keep the tears from my eyes when I think of the sisters.

- Thank you for your prayers for the neighborhood meeting for the parish hall. I thought it went well, and the presenters thought so too. One of the neighbors expressed great concern not about us, but about the City of Littleton, whom she does not trust. I noticed several other neighbors nodding their heads in agreement. The fiasco of the apartments off Littleton Blvd. on the south side of the street across from the old courthouse was done in such a dishonest manner, that the entire planning commission and building commission of the City resigned and the city manager was fired. Like Ronald Reagan once said, "Trust, but verify."

Renaissance Polyphony and Gregorian Chant, led by our own Rick Wheeler, will have a concert **Today, December 9th, at 3:00pm** at the Cathedral Basilica in Denver, 1530 Logan St. Denver, 80203. They will