

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church



Traditional Latin Rite
Parish of the
Archdiocese of Denver



Served by the
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
Fraternitas Sacerdotalis Sancti Petri

Sunday, September 26, 2021

18th Sunday After Pentecost

Mass Times

Sunday

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for this week's
Mass times
and intentions.

Monday through Saturday

6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Friday

6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Confession Times

30 minutes before each Mass

Also on Saturdays:

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

First Friday: All day

Baptism and Marriage Preparation

Contact the office secretary: secretary@olmcfssp.org

Contact Information

Priests

Pastor

Rev. Matthew J. McCarthy, FSSP

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Daniel Nolan, FSSP Rev. Daniel Kluge
asst.pastor1@olmcfssp.org asst.pastor2@olmcfssp.org

Church Location:

5612 S. Hickory St., Littleton, CO 80120

Mailing Address:

5620 S. Hickory Cir., Littleton, CO 80120

Parish Office:

303-703-8538

Hours: Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sacramental Emergencies:

303-241-2946

Website: www.olmcfssp.org

Email: secretary@olmcfssp.org

Homebound:

Any parishioner confined to home who would like to receive the sacraments or the bulletin, please contact the parish office.

N.B. Please make checks for the collection basket payable to OLMC Catholic Church. For Mass intention requests, please contact the parish office.

Please pray for the sick:

Maria McKinley, Miriam Halazon, Julie McCune, Pat Jambor, Addis McCarthy, Caroline Cole, Shirley Oxforth, Edward Meyers

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Dominic Garcia, Edward Nicholls, Albert Gevara, Betty Spataro, Joann Renaud, Jason Anderson, Jack Rogers, Roger Schuette

Parish Staff

Office Manager: office.manager@olmcfssp.org

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Music Director: music.director@olmcfssp.org

Maintenance: facilities.manager@olmcfssp.org

Mass Times and Intentions

Time of Mass in **bold** signifies High Mass.

Sunday, September 26

18th Sunday After Pentecost

- 6:30 am (Carmel) Sisters' Intentions
- 6:30 am Special Intention of Fr. Nolan
- 8:00 am Intention of visiting priest
- 9:30 am Linda Rita Weigang by Mark Menter
- 11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo**
- 1:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Gene McCaffrey by Jule Salazar

Monday, September 27

Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

- 6:30 am (Carmel) Sisters' Intentions
- 8:30 am John Paul Weigang by Mark Menter

Tuesday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus, Duke and Martyr

- 6:30 am (Carmel) Sisters' Intentions
- 8:30 am Robyn Spotts by the Eggemeyer family

Wednesday, September 29

Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel

- 6:30 am (Carmel) Sisters' Intentions
- 8:30 am Randy & Grace Spotts by the Eggemeyer family

Thursday September 30

St. Jerome

- 6:30 am (Carmel) Sisters' Intentions
- 8:30 am John Robertson by Darrel Robertson

Friday, October 1

Feria

- 6:30 am (Carmel) Sisters' Intentions
- 8:30 am John Robertson by Darrel Robertson
- 7:00 pm Mr. & Mrs. Gene McCaffrey by Jule Salazar

Saturday, October 2

Holy Guardian Angels

- 6:30 am (Carmel) Sisters' Intentions
- 8:30 am John Robertson by Darrel Robertson

Sunday, October 3

19th Sunday After Pentecost

- 6:30 am (Carmel) Sisters' Intentions
- 6:30 am +Lori Hansen by Barbara Ceurvels
- 8:00 am Intention of Fr. McCarthy
- 9:30 am Rita Sullivan by Tom Sullivan
- 11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo**
- 1:00 pm Intention of Fr. Kluge

Private Mass Intentions and Liturgical Information

Fr. McCarthy's Private Intentions

- 27th Mr. & Mrs. Gene McCaffrey by Jule Salazar
- 28th Mr. & Mrs. Gene McCaffrey by Jule Salazar
- 29th Mr. & Mrs. Gene McCaffrey by Jule Salazar
- 30th Mr. & Mrs. Gene McCaffrey by Jule Salazar
- 2nd Mr. & Mrs. Gene McCaffrey by Jule Salazar

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this Sunday are for Louise Blea, donated by Shannon McCubbin.

The Carmelite Monastery is Located at 6138 S. Gallup St. in Littleton, 80120.

Dear Parishioners,

There has been much fear and anxiety recently due to the government-mandated vaccination requirement for private sector, federal, and health-care workers. Many persons of conscience, not only Catholics, feel forced to choose between their livelihoods and supporting their families, or receiving a vaccine of questionable origin and effectiveness.

However, regardless of any vaccine mandate that our government may announce, it is always up to the individual to determine whether to receive medical intervention or not when their conscience is involved. As stated in the letter written by the Colorado Catholic Conference, *"The Catholic Church teaches that a person may be required to refuse a medical intervention, including a vaccination, if his or her conscience comes to this judgment."*

While there are many reasons to oppose the currently available COVID vaccines, not the least of which is their development using aborted human tissue, it is also becoming clearer each day that the COVID vaccines are of questionable effectiveness, and are even causing serious injury to some. Many experts in the medical community argue that it ought not to be called a vaccine at all, but instead 'experimental gene-therapy'. Thus even if conscience were not involved, the prudent decision seems to be to wait until the vaccines are proven safe and effective, which could be years in the future.

But it is precisely this option which the current leaders of our government are not offering to their citizens. Instead, the command is given to comply with this unjust mandate immediately, or face termination from their place of employment, social isolation, and constant moral derision by the media and society.

However, these leaders seem to have forgotten that, in keeping with the teachings of the Catholic Church and the Natural Law, the United States for decades has recognized the right of **conscientious objection** on the part of her citizens. Conscientious objection is *'the refusal to perform a legal role or responsibility because of personal beliefs'*. Thus, even if our current government leaders attempt to make reception of the vaccine a non-voluntary legal requirement, legal precedent gives the right of conscientious objection to those with serious personal concerns.

Not only that, but in keeping with the fundamental duty to provide for the physical safety and well-being of her citizens, the United States government must also recognize the multiplicity of health concerns that may exist for certain individuals, the possession of which would render reception of the COVID vaccine completely unacceptable.

Thus, in order to provide reasonable accommodations to her citizens, the United States government offers a variety of exemptions, taking into account the conditions given above. In the state of Colorado, three such exemptions are available for

those who request them:

1. Medical Exemption

This is simply a statement from your doctor that you are exempt from receiving the vaccine due to health reasons. You may include additional information if you wish, but it is not necessary and your employer cannot legally demand it. If you are subjected to any kind of forced disclosure, flatly refuse and ask them to show you the law.

2. Religious Exemption

This is a self-declaration that receiving this vaccine is contrary to your deeply held religious beliefs, and no signature other than your own is necessary. As with the medical exemption above, you may choose to add more information, but it is not required. The individual himself is the custodian of his deeply held beliefs, and by law this must be respected.

3. Philosophical Exemption

Very similar to the religious exemption above, an individual may simply declare that receiving the vaccination is contrary to his deeply held beliefs. Whether said beliefs are religious or not is irrelevant. Again, the individual himself is the custodian of his beliefs, no other information must be provided.

The following is taken from the Liberty Counsel's response regarding employer treatment of employee requests: <https://lc.org/Site%20Images/Resources/ReligiousBeliefs.pdf>

Religious Protection

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits employers from discriminating against its employees on the basis of their sincerely held religious beliefs. See 42 U.S.C. §2000e-2(a)

Employers are not permitted to determine which religious adherent has a "correct" or "proper" or "valid" understanding of religious doctrine, or whether any employee's sincerely held religious beliefs are shared broadly among other faithful. As the Supreme Court has recognized, employees' "religious beliefs need not be acceptable, logical, consistent, or comprehensible to others in order to merit [legal] protection." *Thomas v. Review Bd. of Ind. Emp't Sec. Div.*, 450 U.S.

Employers cannot compel compliance with a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy against their sincerely held religious beliefs without providing reasonable accommodation. It is unlawful for an employer to deny or interfere with any employee's request for religious accommodation because other religious adherents have different beliefs.

Parish Organizations:

Altar & Rosary Society

Helen Kish:
designz@kishandcompany.com
3rd Saturday of the month
9:45 AM

Carmelite Study Group

1st Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.
Lucy Okoh
303-806-9923

OLMC High School Youth Group

Zach Pisarski & Maddie Wofford
sjbyolmc@gmail.com

Juventutem, Young Adults Group

Alex Franceski
denverjuventutem@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Council # 13205

Trent Davis, Grand Knight
Trent.Davis@KofC.org

Legion of Mary

Henry Alire
303-426-0446

OLMC Music Department and Choir

Rick Wheeler
music.director@olmcfssp.org.

OLMC Prayer Email Line

For parishioners of OLMC to request
prayers, contact Jane Brennan
jmbrennan555@gmail.com

St. Anne's Quilters

Carolyn Mulligan:
303-254-9889
2nd Saturdays at 9:30am

OLMC Ushers & Safety Teams

Peter Doran
303-503-8608
pdldoran@hotmail.com

St. Zita's Homeschooling Group

olmchomeschoolers+owner@groups.io
Erika: 602-535-9659 or
Mary: 720-840-1451

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

Diaper Fundraiser

OLMC is **hosting a diaper fundraiser** for Marisol Health during the month of October! Their greatest need for diapers are in sizes newborn, 3, 4, and 5. Please bring unopened packages of diapers to the parish hall and place them in the box labeled, "Marisol Health." If online purchasing is more convenient for you, please go to the Amazon registry

Call or text Laura Comstock 720-594-9507 or Silke Matthias 719-452-0487 for additional information. God bless you for helping mothers and babies in need!

Children's Choir

The OLMC Children's *Schola Cantorum* will begin classes again on **September 28th, at 6pm** in the upstairs conference room. If your child was not in the *Schola* last year, and if you haven't had them audition, an audition process is needed to have your child attend.. Please email Rick Wheeler at music.director@olmcfssp.org

Confessions of St. Augustine Class

Fr. Kluge is teaching a class on the Confessions of St. Augustine **today from 6:30-8pm**. Today's class will be on Book 4 of the Confessions.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burritos

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a burrito breakfast this next Sunday, October 3, after all of the morning Masses. The burritos will be from a local restaurant called Don Juan's.

Mystical Roses Group

Would you like to get in touch with other young women who are discerning religious life? If so, please contact Sarah Seyed-Ali at 301-956-3286. Sarah is the co-leader of the Mystical Roses, a new group for women who want to support one another on the journey of discernment. We meet **bi-monthly after the 7pm Mass on Fridays**.

Parish Picnic

Please come join us at our annual parish picnic that will take place **today Sunday, September 26th from 2pm - 7pm** after the 1pm Mass. Over 60 of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminarians will be our special guests at the picnic again this year!

Please bring food to share at the picnic, enough for your family, plus

six more. Last names beginning A-G = salads, H-O = side dishes, P-Z = desserts. (Yes, homemade if preferred!) Please bring your own drinks and cups. OLMC's Knights of Columbus will serve hamburgers, hot dogs, fun and games!

The picnic will be held at Dekoevend Park from 2-7pm, Pavilion C, located at 6301 S. University Blvd., Centennial, CO 80121

Book of the Month

The Anti-Mary Exposed

Offered in the little book store located in the parish vestibule Fr. Kluge is beginning a book of the month series for the little book store at OLMC! The first recommended book by him is *The Anti-Mary Exposed*, available in the book store for the month of August, each copy costing \$19.

Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign

In Denver, the 40 Days for Life Fall campaign in 2021 runs from **Sept. 22 to Oct. 31** outside of the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic at 131 W. County Line Rd Littleton and the one in Denver at 7155 E. 38th Ave. From **10-11am, on Saturday, Oct. 2**, there will be a **Eucharistic Procession** at the Denver location. We'll pray across from their main entrance on Pontiac St., in-between 38th and 39th street. For more information please visit

40daysforlife.com/en/Denver

The organizer's contact for the Littleton location is Paula Bieshaar. Her contact info is 303.669.1937 and paulabieshaar@msn.com

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/littleton>.

Please be generous with your time to bring this scourge on society to an end.

National Life Chain

Corner of Broadway and Belleview, **October 3rd, 2pm - 3pm**

Time for our 17th annual Life Chain event. Please come and join us for one short hour of peaceful pro-life witness. It's easy. We hold a sign on the public sidewalk and pray and the Holy Spirit does the rest! Safety first, of course. No graphic pictures. Feel free to bring strollers, umbrellas, sunscreen, rosaries and water bottles.

Pro-Life t-shirts welcome. Signs are provided on the southeast corner of Broadway and Belleview starting at 1:55pm.

For encouragement or questions, call Mary Hoeft at 303.475.3642

For additional information, please visit www.lifechain.org