

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, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Mass Times

Sunday

Low Mass: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m.,
9:30 a.m., 1 p.m.

High Mass: 11 a.m.

Mass at the Carmel at 6:30 a.m. every day
(address on page 2)

Mon-Thu, Sat 8:30 a.m.

Friday: 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.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Vespers and Compline

Sunday

Vespers are at 5 p.m. with Compline
immediately following

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday

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

First Friday

All day

Contact Information

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Church Location:

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Parish Office:

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Hours: Monday - Friday

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Priests

Pastor

Rev. Matthew J. McCarthy, FSSP

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Rev. Daniel Nolan, FSSP
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Rev. Daniel Kluge
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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:

Andrew Davala, Addis McCarthy, Bruno Jambor, Joseph Albi, Zabrina Hajde, Jane Augustine, Maria Williamson, David Williamson

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Trudy Benefiel, Howard Howard, Tom Longua, Michael Brown Jr., Mark Auger, Von Mercado, Bob Zwiezen, Elizabeth Escobar

OLMC Prayer Email Line: For parishioners to request prayers, contact Jane Brennan at jmbrennan555@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

6:30 am James Hernandez by Kathy Miller

8:00 am Intention of Fr. Kluge

9:30 am James Hernandez by Kathy Miller

11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo

1:00 pm Intention of Fr. Nolan

Monday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 am (High Mass) Intention of Fr. Kluge

Tuesday, December 14

Feria of Advent

8:30 am Intention of Fr. Kluge

Wednesday, December 15

Ember Wednesday

8:30 am Sue Barrett Delphia by Kathie Ryan

Thursday, December 16

St. Eusebius, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 am Intention of Fr. Kluge

Friday, December 17

Ember Friday

8:30 am Intention of Fr. Kluge

7:00 pm +Kim Segura by Mary Ann Dixon

Saturday, December 18

Ember Saturday

8:30 am +Von Mercado by OLMC

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rorate Sunday)

6:30 am Special Intention by Stephen & Hallee DeBoer

8:00 am Intention of Fr. Nolan

9:30 am +Tom Lacy by The Legion of Mary

11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo

1:00 pm Intention of Fr. McCarthy

Private Mass Intentions and Liturgical Information

Fr. Nolan's Private Intentions

15th +Jim Delphia by Kathie Ryan

16th +Kim Segura by Mary Ann Dixon

17th Ben & Sarah Hoyer by Stephen & Hallee DeBoer

18th Special Intention by Stephen & Hallee DeBoer

Fr. McCarthy's Private Intentions

13th Matthew McCall by Karen Fitzgerald

14th Archbishop Aquila by Simon Wilson

15th +Peter McCarthy by Fr. McCarthy

16th +Tom Lacy by The Altar & Rosary Society

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this Sunday are for +Diana Hernandez, donated by Chris & Mary Alyce Rodriguez.

The intentions for the Masses at the Monastery are separate intentions from those of OLMC.

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

Parish Organizations

Altar & Rosary Society

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Carmelite Study Group

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Holy Name Society Men's Group

2nd Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Ted Anselmi

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Knights of Columbus Council # 13205

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Around this time of year you start seeing signs pop up that say “Keep Christ in Christmas,” as well as a few that say “Keep Mass in Christmas.” I’m still hoping people take the next step: “Keep Christmas in Christmas.” Well, maybe someday. Someone asked me if it was ok to have Christmas celebrations in Advent; I said I thought it was about as appropriate as celebrating Easter in Lent. There is a slight difference, though, in that Lent is a continual march towards the Cross, while Advent is indeed focused on the coming of our Lord, and on wonderment at the mystery of His birth. I don’t think this difference is enough to justify “Christmas celebrations” during Advent, which seems to be guided rather by the grocery stores that replace their Halloween items with Christmas things on November 1st (I guess “All Saints Candy” hasn’t caught on yet)—and perhaps also guided by the urge in all of us to have our reward without any waiting or effort, which desire, I think, necessitated the need of such a Savior to begin with. So maybe it is appropriate, in a certain ironic way. And I do love irony.

Speaking of irony, it’s a sort of mixed blessing this time of year with non-Catholics. It’s always fun to see otherwise image-hating protestants display 3-D light up images of saints for public veneration. And I do think, for a lot of non-Catholics, this season is much more than just a commercial exercise; to the extent that their stiff necks permit them, they try to bow their heads to our Lord at His birth (even if they’re a bit early doing so). And even for unbelievers, practical or otherwise, there remains a little blessing left over whereby they sense something ‘magical’ in this season, almost as if the graces poured out upon the Church are so rich as to overflow even into the smallest of hearts, and these would-be unbelievers find themselves touched by a sense of generosity and kindness they can’t explain.

This isn’t always the case, I suppose. My first year at seminary in Oregon we had a remarkable snowstorm the week before Christmas. But to appreciate the irony of this story, I need to back up a little. Part of that ‘overflow’ happened even in my father’s family. My father was raised without any religion, but still, some Catholic traditions seeped down (explained as a ‘German’ tradition)—such as the idea that you didn’t decorate the tree until Christmas Eve. So we maintained this all my life. What is more, the central area of my family home extends two stories. For many years, we would buy our trees from the ‘overgrown’ lot, some 15 feet or more high, and quite heavy at that. Because of our small family and my mother’s bad back, this meant that my father and sister and I would trudge out, usually in the mud, cut down a tree, tie it to the top of the car, and then proceed to drive what looked like a large bush down the highway. Parallel to this, we had a number of Christmas decorations (I know!) we put up around the house, everyone with his favorite. One of my father’s favorites was a small snow-globe with a single Christmas tree inside. Every year, when we were little (and even not-so-little, “Daaaaad!”), he would hold it behind his back, and asked us “Do you remember the time we went to get our Christmas tree...and it snowed?!” as he pulled the globe into view. Well, being Oregon, it usually rained, not snowed, around Christmas.

I say this all to lead up to that one year. I hadn’t sold my $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pick up yet that I used to get to and from DC (and drive around the city in! that was fun), which was good, because with chains it could navigate the 18 inches or so of thick snow which was dumped upon us (quite unusual for Oregon). My father and I went out, trudged through the snow, cut down a massive fir (albeit not quite 15 feet), and then dragged it the two of us across the top of the snow to the truck. At least it didn’t get all muddy! We did this in perfect time to pull into the parking lot of the local church—just as we had planned—with a good 15 or 20 minutes to change before their scheduled daily Mass. There’s not much in the way of snow removal when it snows that much, so snow was everywhere, and our truck was the only car in the lot. But as we were wondering if there would be Mass at all, we saw the priest walking out of the church toward us!

“Oh Father!” I said, “We got here just in time. Is there Mass today?” The priest looked a little confused and said, “No, Mass is cancelled because of the snow.” “Well, where are you saying your Mass?” I asked hopefully. “I’m not.” But at least he let us into the church to pray. I would like to think that such an attitude was far from us, even here; but I was at one of our teacher meetings for the hoped-for school recently, and someone observed that a certain Catholic school didn’t have Mass available on one day of the week, because it was “Father’s day off.” “Bah, humbug!” indeed.

Parish Classes & Events Happening Today 12.12.21

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 12 of the Confessions.

FSSP Yearly Calendar Sale

The FSSP 2022 calendars will be available for purchase for \$10 each after every Mass today.

Pre-Christmas Craft/Bake Today!

There will be a pre-Christmas craft/bake sale in the parish hall today after all of the Masses. One craft/bake sale just wasn't

enough to contain all the creativity of our growing OLMC family. There will be some new and returning vendors. Take advantage if you wish to of this Christmas shopping opportunity and support out local Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration

Today in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we will celebrate with a procession in the Church to present flowers to her image, songs & hymns, and the Rosary. Please join us in honor of our Blessed Mother, the Protectress of America, Patroness of the Unborn and Patroness of the FSSP seminary in Denton (just to name a few). We will begin promptly at 2:30 pm and will provide flowers for the children to present.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

Fr. McCarthy will be out of town this week starting tomorrow, December 13-17. Also, Fr. Nolan will be out from December 14-18.

Christmas Break for Office Staff

The OLMC parish office will be closed beginning at 2pm on Dec 22—January 3 at 8:30am. During this time the emergency sacramental line will be open to those who need it. We ask that if you need something non-urgent during this time, to please leave a voicemail or email and the staff will get back to you as soon as they can.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Giving Tree

If you have taken a tag from the giving tree, please return the requested gifts, wrapped, by Saturday, **December 18**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil

Because of Christmas falling on the 4th Saturday this month, the monthly parish prayer vigil at PP will be moved to Saturday **December 18** at 10:15am. In honor of the birth of Jesus, please join us in praying for the unborn.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burritos

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a burrito breakfast next **Sunday, Dec 19**, after all of the morning Masses. The burritos will be from a local restaurant called Don Juan's.

Creation Study Group

DINOSAURS! Creation Group - **December 19**, 12:30 - 2:00, (OLMC upstairs conference room). What happened to the dinosaurs? When did they live? Did humans live with dinosaurs?" For kids age 10-95..

Respect Life March & Rally

The next respect life rally and march will be on **January 15**, 2022 at the Colorado state capital The rally will be held at 1pm and the march will begin at 2pm. Archbishop Aquila will be celebrating Mass beforehand at the Cathedral at 11:30am.

Upcoming Sacramental Prep Classes

Sacramental prep classes for the people receiving First Holy Communion, First Confession, and/or Confirmation will begin on Sunday, January 23rd. Starting then, the classes will be held weekly at 2:15pm every Sunday. Confirmation and First Holy Communion will both be conferred at 10:30 am on May 7, 2022, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass times will be as follows:

Christmas Eve: 6:30 and 8:30

Christmas Day:

12 a.m. Solemn High Mass

6:30 am Dawn Mass at both the Carmel and OLMC

8 a.m. Dawn Mass

9:30 a.m. Day Mass

11 a.m. High Mass (Day)

New Years Eve and New Years Day Mass Schedule

Please note that January 1 is a **holy day of obligation**. The New Years Eve and New Years Day Mass times will be as follows:

New Years Eve: 6:30 and 8:30

New Years Day:

12 a.m. High Mass

6:30 a.m.—Carmel only (No Mass at OLMC)

8 a.m. Low Mass

9:30 a.m. Low Mass

11 a.m. High Mass

1 p.m. Low Mass