

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, January 2, 2022
Most Holy Name of Jesus

Mass Times

Sunday
Low Mass: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m.,
9:30 a.m., 1p.m.
High Mass: 11 a.m.

Mon-Thu, Sat 8:30 a.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

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

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
asst.pastor2@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:

Joseph Albi, Zabrina Hajde, Jane Augustine, Maria Williamson, David Williamson, Brenda Wolf, Grace, Ruth-Anne Olson

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

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

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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 2

Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 am +Francis Neal by Kristen Hrecho
8:00 am Intention of Fr. Kluge
9:30 am +Baby Matthai by Kristen Hrecho
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm Intention of Fr. Nolan

Monday, January 3

Feria of Christmastide

8:30 am Jordan & Ellie Matthai by Kristen Hrecho

Tuesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Seton, Widow

8:30 am Special Intention by Chris Zabalaga

Wednesday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop & Confessor

8:30 am Fr. Michael Cunningham, FSSP by Pilat Family

Thursday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Intention of Akela Mike
by Zachariah & Simon Wilson
7:00 pm (High Mass) +Ray Woods
by George & Brigid Jenkins

Friday, January 7

*Feria after the Epiphany **

8:30 am +Ray Woods by George & Brigid Jenkins
7:00 pm +Ray Woods by George & Brigid Jenkins

Saturday, January 8

Saturday of Our Lady

8:30 am Adrienne Coleman by OLMC

Sunday, January 9

Holy Family

6:30 am Adrienne Coleman by OLMC
8:00 am Intention of Fr. Nolan
9:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Richard Quicker by OLMC
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

3rd Jose Muvillo by Kristen Hrecho
4th +Steve Cunningham, Sr. by Kristina Pilat
5th The Cunningham Family by Kristina Pilat
8th Adrienne Coleman by OLMC

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this Sunday are for the FSSP Fraternity, donated by Phil Gallagher.

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

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Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! I hope that you all had a restful and peaceful Christmas Octave. A lot of work and preparation goes into Christmas (as you know); it would be a shame to waste it by hurrying along to the next thing, to get on with life. I hope that you've all been able to take a little break from work and school, as well, and were—or are—able to enjoy the peace appropriate to this season.

We did a lot of preparation for Christmas in my house growing up. My mother baked all kinds of things, too many to mention (but I am hoping they save some lebkuchen for me when I visit); we decorated the whole house, made paper snowflakes, shopped, bought, wrapped gifts, all of our business culminating in putting up and decorating the Christmas tree on the 24th. This entailed quite a bit of work—including writing straight with crooked lines—how else do you stand a tree up that has a crooked trunk? The lights were a yearly source of frustration for my father, unstringing them, finding and replacing the burnt out bulbs (especially fun were the temperamental ones which would light up some of the time, but if moved just slightly would not). Finally, in the evening, usually in the form of a party, we would have friends over and hang all our ornaments on the tree (for many years, my godfather would play carols on the piano while we'd sing along). At last, when everything else was put on the tree, the last thing to go on was the angel on top, bringing all of our Christmas decorations to completion.

I wonder sometimes about all the work we put into things like Christmas—and all the high tensions that such work can often produce in families. And I might be tempted to think that all that work—and the added risk of strife and discord—was not worth it, if not for my own powerful memories of this time at home, for Christmastime was a time that I began to practice a sort of contemplation as a child, and it serves me even now as a model.

Going back to that great tall tree we had, and its decoration: We had all different kinds of ornaments (a sure and certain gift for my father was a good tree ornament), some very expensive—glass balls of various colors (one of which was clear and had tiny dried flowers inside!), real silver ones, decorations of great delicacy—as well as ones relatively cheap, like tiny wooden figurines, some made of cloth, and so on. We each had our favorites (with some overlap, and thus some competition about who got to hang which ornament where). I was particularly fond of this blue and green glass sea dragon, who was missing at least a couple of his feet, and was hard to find in the tree when hung. We'd hang all these on the tree—all at varying heights, using stools and ladders and reaching way out over the balcony up top (scaring our mother) to get one 'just so' in that on empty spot. Each ornament had its own beauty—and every

year, each tree having its own character, each ornament had to find a new place.

When all of this was done—all the ornaments hung, the angel safely on top, then we would turn out all the lights save those on the tree, and simply sit and gaze at it in silence. We would do this other times too, especially in the early morning. In later years, we would accompany such quiet splendor with Morten Lauridsen's "O Magnum Mysterium," which fit perfectly. I would often find other opportunities to sit quietly and simply be with the tree all throughout the Christmas season; while others were bustling around, I would sneak upstairs and simply sit in the dark, drinking in the radiance of that tree.

I've gone back to this experience before, trying in my own way to describe the difference in between meditation (discursive prayer) and contemplation (the prayer of quiet), and about how one can lead to the other. In this view of things—and certainly you should trust more expert spiritual authors than myself—meditation is like hanging the ornaments on the tree. It's a bit of work—you have to set the tree up, take time away, lay everything out, the content of your meditation, and then consider each point as you go through it, enjoying the goodness of each point, each ornament, and finding exactly where it belongs on that tree. If we stop there, we've done something good—a number of good things, for that matter—and have made a good meditation, hopefully with some fruit in the form of a resolution. Similarly, God calls each creation of His "good" after it is made. But it is only after the whole of creation is completed that "God saw all the things that he had made, and they were very good," and it is only after this that "God rested." Contemplation is like that rest we take in the Christmas tree. It is us sitting still after all our mental labors; the gaze of one who simply basks in the radiance of the Christmas tree, who sees all the tree and the lights and the ornaments not individually, but as one "very good" whole, something that words can't touch anymore, who can only rest speechless in the quiet presence of magnificent completion.

This, or something like it, is what I hope you have found, or are continuing to find, this Christmas season. I hope that you have found that rest from your labors after putting all the things in their proper place, that you have time to enjoy what peace and harmony you have in your homes; that even if the outside world is loud and chaotic, your heart has become a quiet refuge for God to shine His radiance into, His beauty and goodness and peace.

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 15 of the Confessions.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

Office Hours this Week

The OLMC parish office will be open again following Christmas break starting tomorrow, January 3, at 8:30 am. Also, the office will be closed this Tuesday, January 4, after 12pm.

1/9/2022 -Upcoming Christmas Party

Save the date for the annual parish Christmas party Sunday, **January 9, 2022!** This will be a community potluck event in the parish hall after the 1 p.m. Mass. It will be a wonderful time, and we will be celebrating together the birth of our Savior as a community. If you plan on attending, please sign up using the link given in the latest flocknote.

Merry Christmas!

Epiphany Home Blessings

The Altar and Rosary Society will be handing out Epiphany Home Blessing kits after the following Masses on Sunday, **January 2nd and 9th.**

6:30 am, 8 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am

The kit includes a pamphlet explaining how to use the blessed chalk to protect your home in the new year.

1/22/22 - Upcoming Christmas SOCA Waltz

All parishioners 18+ are invited to come to a traditional Christmas waltz hosted by Souls of the Christian Apostolate. Save the date for 1/22/22. See flocknote for more details and an attendance sign-up. Merry Christmas!

Upcoming Sacramental Prep Classes - Clarification

Sacramental prep classes for the children receiving First Holy Communion, First Confession, and/or Confirmation are happening this spring! The classes are set up into two block schedules. If your child is receiving the sacrament of First Confession, then they will go to classes from January 23-February 27. If they are receiving First Communion and/or Confirmation, they will go to classes from March 6 onwards. If they are receiving Confession + Communion and/or Confirmation,

they will go to all of the classes. 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.

Clearing Out Lost & Found + Blessed Items on Jan 3rd

The lost and found and the blessed items table has been piling up for a while now and it is time to clear it out! The lost & found is located on the north side of the parish hall on the floor in a large black bin with a yellow lid. If you believe you may be missing something, or need to pick something up, please take a look because ALL of the lost and found will be going tomorrow, January 3rd! For the blessed items, the only items which will be removed are those which have been there for over 2 weeks prior to January 3rd.

Upcoming Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burrito Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a burrito breakfast **January 16** after all of the morning Masses. The funds made from this fundraiser will be going to parishioner families in need, so please consider supporting them in this great charity. The burritos will be from the local restaurant Don Juan's.

Also, the Knights now accept credit cards as payment for breakfast burritos!

1/15/22 - Respect Life March and 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.