



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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SUNDAY LOW MASS
6:30 AM | 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 1:00 PM

SUNDAY HIGH MASS
11:00 AM

DAILY MASS
8:30 AM MON - SAT
Also 7:00 PM FRI

CONFESSIONS
30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS
SAT: 8 - 9:30 AM
SAT: 3 - 4 PM

DAILY MASS
6:30 AM SUN - SAT
Carmelite Monastery
6138 S. Gallup St. Littleton, CO 80120

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



Eúntes renuntiáte Ioánni quae audístis et vidístis.

From the Press

Advent Reflection on Death

There is perhaps no truth today more shunned, suppressed, and vehemently ignored than the reality of death. Modern man is consumed with indulging his slavery to his passions, proclaiming himself free, and absolutely banishing the thought that he will die. He has invented words to shun even the mention of death: “macabre,” “morbid.” Yet he will murder anyone who gets in the way of his slavery to his passions. The debauchery into which he throws himself keeps his vision blinded to anything but his slavery. He cannot see the one thing in the future he can never avoid or deny. One could make a reasonable case that the historical decline in religious piety correlates with the

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decline in death from disease and the general modern advances in technology and comfort which obscure the reality of death. When a man can ignore death, he can ignore God. In the season most dedicated to the Four Last Things – Advent – he keeps himself distracted in his illusion with indulgence and celebrations. Yet by God’s grace, no man can ignore death forever. Eventually, a loved one dies. Eventually, a man contracts cancer or some other illness. Eventually he is face to face with what he has skillfully eluded his entire life. Then he will be confronted with this stark reality. Perhaps then he will face the difficult questions. Perhaps then he will turn to God and look over his life... Are you distressed about the state of the Church? Consider your death. The Lord says, He who perseveres to the end shall be saved (Mt. xxiv. 13). Soon you will die and face judgment. What will the Lord say to you at that time? Did you take the talent and out of fear bury it (Mt. xxv. 25), or did you invest the graces given you to produce merit and save souls? Your death is near at hand, when all of these things will be stripped away from you. As the 15th-century play Everyman shows beautifully, a man can take neither kindred, fellowship, goods, nor strength at death. Only good works can be brought before the judgment seat of Christ. Death causes us to see clearly the reality before us. Death causes us to see the emptiness of created comforts and place all our hope in the Uncreated. Death keeps us safe from lies, vanity, and most of all sin itself. Are you tempted to sin? Consider your death. Soon this empty pleasure will mean nothing at your death. Soon you will regret having taken momentary pleasure and forsaken eternal life. This transitory delight will last but an instant, while eternity will last for all time and beyond. Do not listen to the Devil, who says to you “It matters little. Tomorrow you will confess.” Listen instead to your Lord who says: “Fool! This night your life shall be required of you” (Lk. xii. 20), and again: “Keep watch for you know not the day nor the hour” (Mt. xxv. 13). The remembrance of death is victory over every sin.

On Crime and Punishment

According to two sources present at the Vatican meeting where the Pope allegedly called Burke his “enemy,” the Pontiff said that Burke’s actions were causing “disunity” and that is the reason for his punishment. So there is no specific charge being given here other than these vague slogans which we’ve heard before. This harkens back to that seminal essay by Dietrich von Hildebrand in his book *The Charitable Anathema* in which he adroitly summarizes the core issue at stake in the crisis, decades before Pope Francis: “the valuing of unity over truth plays a central role in the crisis of the Church.”(1) When the matter of truth is at stake, he says, the Church even breaks her unity for the sake of truth, by using the charitable anathema. Truth divides from falsehood, and the only unity possible is a unity in truth. Cardinal Burke has consistently sought to defend the truths of the Faith, and that is the justification for his actions.

1. The valuing of unity over truth was institutionalized by Pope Paul VI when he relegated the Holy Office/CDF below the Secretariat of State. We will know that sanity has been restored to the Church when this colossal error is reversed.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Second Sunday of Advent

6:30 am Paul Talley by Judith Raykovich
8:00 am FSSP and Preservation of the TLM
9:30 am Spiritual Children by Judith Raykovich
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm The Talley Family by Judith Raykovich
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

St. Damasus I, Pope and Confessor

8:30 am Dennis Schneider

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 am John G. King+ by Maguire Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 am Samuel Verderaime
by Steve and Danielle Goodnight

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Feria of Advent

8:30 am Karen Catherine Hickmann+ by Maguire Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Feria of Advent

8:30 am Philip Nearing+
7:00 pm Peter McCarthy

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr

6:00 am (Rorate Mass) Josephine Nearing+
by Chris Nearing
8:30 am Virginia Nearing+ by Chris Nearing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Third Sunday of Advent

6:30 am Eldean Thovson+ by Shari Nearing
8:00 am Tim McDonnell+ by Shari Nearing
9:30 am Eric Talley+ by Fleischer Family
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm Nancy Thovson by Shari Nearing
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

Fr. McCarthy’s Private Intentions

11 Dr. Gerald John Ziebert+ by Maguire Family
12 Paul A. Wester+ by Maguire Family
13 Robert E. Dalton+
14 For an End to Abortion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sat, Dec 16 - Rorate Mass at 6am. The 'Rorate' Mass is the Saturday Mass of the BVM in Advent, sung before dawn by candlelight recalling the darkness covering the earth before the Incarnation, well worth making the effort to attend.

Next Sun, Dec 17 - Sacred Music Concert: Floriani, a men's vocal ensemble dedicated to the beauty of sacred music, will visit OLMC to sing at the 11am High Mass and then provide a concert of sacred music at 6pm after Vespers. Join us for an evening of ancient chant, polyphony, hymnody, and original compositions from the seasons of Advent & Christmas, as we prayerfully and joyfully await the Birth of Our Lord! The concert is free, but donations will be accepted. Visit their website to learn more: www.floriani.org.

This Tue, Dec 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Gaudalupe: After the 8:30am Mass, there will be roses provided to lay before Our Lady's image while we sing Marian hymns.

This Sat, Dec 16 - Game Night from 6-9pm in the parish hall for adults 21+ to connect adults from all walks of life in an enriching environment. Please come dress in your Sunday best or teatime attire. Contact Hope Hecker (h2jcxavier@gmail.com) with any questions.

Next Sun, Dec 17 - Burrito Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will be selling burritos after the morning Masses. Donations will go towards their seminary fund.

First Sacraments: If you have a child in the 3rd grade of religion class in school, they are eligible to receive First Holy Communion/Confirmation in 2024. For more info, please go to olmcfssp.org > sacraments > first holy communion/confirmation. Classes will be on Sundays at 2:15pm beginning on Jan 28. Registration ends Jan 14.

Christmas Poinsettia Donations: There are envelopes in the vestibule and outside the office for Christmas Poinsettia donations. The 8am Mass on Christmas morning will be offered for the donors' intentions. Return by Dec 22.

Annual Christmas Giving Tree hosted by the K of C is used to gather gifts and provide meals for OLMC families who need extra help to make it through Christmas. The tree will be set up in the parish hall with a tub for collecting gifts. Take a tag, buy a gift and return wrapped gifts by 12/23.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: OLMC's Knights of Columbus invite children aged 5-14 to pick up an entry form outside the parish office and submit an 11x17 poster by Dec 17. Multiple entries accepted! Winners to be announced at the parish Christmas Party. For more info, contact Cormac Loftus at (720) 520-2321 or cormac77@protonmail.com

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest for any students in grades 8-12. All entries due by 6pm on Jan 5. Essays must be 500-750 words and submitted by emailing Matt Perkins at jmattperkins@gmail.com with the name, grade level, and contact information included. Winners will receive a cash prize of \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place, and \$125 for third place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Joseph Business Club

This Tue, Dec 12 - Join us from 11:30am-1pm for our 3rd lunch and learn networking event in the parish hall: "The Catholic Perspective on a Catholic Economy" presented by Fr. Nolan. RSVP on Evite via the Flocknote. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Sun, Jan 7 - OLMC's Annual Christmas Party will be after the 1pm Mass. Please bring a dish to share according to your last name. A-G, Main Dish; F-P, Side Dish; Q-Z, Dessert. Drinks will be provided. Sign up for the talent show in the Flocknote. If you are able to help decorate, serve, or clean up for the party, please email the office.

Our Lady of Victory High School is still accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year, and shadow days will continue next semester. Visit their website for info www.ourladyofvictorydenver.com. For questions or to set up a school tour contact our admissions director office@ourladyofvictorydenver.com

OLMC Online Parish Calendar is available via the website or the code to the right. Please check there for upcoming events.



DAILY PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

Contact Jane Brennan: jmbrennan555@gmail.com

Please Pray for the Sick

David Williamson, Lane Reagan, Joanne Leary, Jamie Jimenez, Kim Poletto, Jacob, Jaxson, Joan Anselmi, Indigo Williamson, Javier Benites

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of

Peter Doran, Jackie Briggs, Thomas Morley, Patricia Jambor, JoAnn Ice, Geraldine Marie Pellant, Lydia Ferran, Francis Smith, James Sohmer

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for the feast of the Immaculate Conception were for Bien Vu and Cam Nguyen+ by Mary Dam

Advent is a penitential season, so there are no altar flowers this week.

HOMEBOUND

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

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct





Our Lady of Guadalupe