



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A parish of the Archdiocese of Denver, CO served by the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP) dedicated to the Traditional Latin Mass and Sacraments according to the 1962 Missal of Pope St. John XXIII.

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SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES

303-241-2946

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

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



Que soy era Immaculada Councepciou.

From Fr. Krager

Father Leopoldo was a Croatian born in 1866. He was a sickly boy, but kind and prayerful. He joined the Capuchins, admiring their austere life and complete devotion to Christ through St Francis. The Capuchins of that time lived poverty to a degree it is hard for us to even imagine. They slept on a bag of hay while wearing their habit and were given blankets only in winter, but never sheets. Their habits were coarse wool and hand woven by the friars themselves. They never ate before mid day, and the meals they did take were modest throughout the entire year, but especially during Lent. Despite his poor health, Fr Leopoldo never complained or asked for any relaxations of the rule.

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Being from Croatia, he dreamed of being sent to preach to the Orthodox and bring them back into communion. His superiors, though, sent him to Padua, Italy, instead.

For the rest of his life, he labored in the Padua friary. He was unable to do many things on account of his health, but he was able to hear confessions. He gained a reputation for holiness and soon the entire city wanted to confess to this four foot tall Croatian. Sometimes he stayed in the confessional for up to 15 hours a day.

At the age of 76 in 1942, Father Leopoldo succumbed to esophagus cancer. His brothers carried him to his cell when he collapsed and sang the Salve Regina. He passed as they sang the final lines "O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary."

There is a wonderful biography on him titled Father Leopoldo by Father Pietro da Valdiporto which I highly recommend. Here are some quotations from the book.

"Above all else Satan fears our charity, our love: it is the love of a friendship in which two hearts love each other, each becoming the sole object of the other till both are fused into one heart. Such a love puts to flight Satan, our bitterest foe."

[Father Leopoldo's birth name was Bogdan. This is a dialogue between him and his parents when, at the age of 16, he left home for the seminary.]

"You're leaving us without a tear, Bogdan?"

"Tears? I'm going to my Father's house and you expect me to weep!"

"The greatest grace that God can give a human being is a vocation to the religious life. Although the good one can do in other states of life is certainly something, the immolation of engaging the religious life has much greater value and merit before God."

"As Christ our Redeemer redeemed mankind through His sufferings and cross and death, so He wishes his followers to apply His merits to redeemed mankind by use of the same means if suffering, sorrow and sacrifice, united with and sanctified by His sufferings as priest and eternal victim. Every member of the faithful is called upon to cooperate with the divine plan in this manner for the benefit of mankind, for to all of them was given the command to pray one for another and to be a cause of salvation one to another."

"The Son of God became man to destroy the kingdom of Satan. This kingdom which began with Adam's sin and will end with that is the last sinner, is nothing tangible, but exists within man so long as he has a mortal sin on his soul. The whole world of irreligious people gives allegiance to Satan and in this sense he is said to be the prince of this world. It is against this supreme enemy of the Gospel of Christ that we are called upon to fight."

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

First Sunday of Advent

6:30 am Joeann Katherine Parrott+ by Dave Parrott
8:00 am Paul Barrett+ by Steve and Nan Powers
9:30 am Yamilet Valdes Hernandez by Gabriela Hernandez
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory+ by Georgeann Reagan
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

8:30 am Bob Anselmi+ by R. Principato

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Feria of Advent

8:30 am Ed Siering+ by Sherry So

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor

8:30 am Yee K. So+ by Sherry So

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor

8:30 am Marlene Beaulieu+ by Beaulieu Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Private Intention by John Filipczak
12:00pm Private Intention by John Filipczak
7:00 pm (High Mass) Pro Populo

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Feria of Advent

8:30 am Private Intention by John Filipczak

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

Fr. Nolan will be offering private intentions while away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Fri, Dec 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 8:30am, 12pm, and 7pm High Mass.

Parish Office will be closed this Fri, Dec 8.

Fr. Nolan will be away this week on retreat Mon-Fri inc.

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.

William Trandem will be entering the postulancy at Clear Creek Abbey on Dec 30. Please keep him in your prayers! If you would like to contribute to the spiritual bouquet which will be given to him for Christmas, email Cecilia Trandem at cecilia@trandem.com. Thank you and may God reward you!

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

This Fri, Dec 8 - Aristotle Institute: Parishioner & author Anthony Vincent Morley will give a talk starting at 5:15pm in the St. Albert Room on the philosophy of Aristotle through history & it's great relevance & practicality to us as Catholics in a digital age. All are welcome.

This Sat, Dec 9 - Rorate Mass at Carmel at 6am. The 'Rorate' Mass is the Saturday Mass of the BVM in Advent, sung before dawn by candlelight recalling the darkness which shrouded the earth before the Incarnation, well worth making the effort to attend.

Sat, Dec 16 - Rorate Mass at OLMC at 6am.

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

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.

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Mission of Hope & Mercy

This Thu, Dec 7: The Mission provides aid to Christian families and victims of persecution, hate and violence in Lebanon and areas of conflict in the Middle East. The vice president, a fellow parishioner, will give a talk from 6-7pm to speak about the mission and how you can help.

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.

Sun, Jan 7 - OLMC's Annual Christmas Party will be after the 1pm Mass. There will be a potluck lunch and a talent show. More information to come!

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, Esther Garcia, Indigo Williams

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

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.

MONTHLY COLLECTION- November:

Offertory: \$100,368.91

Capital: \$2,027.69

Poor Box: \$915

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct



Saint Nicholas,



Pray for us!