



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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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

Sexagesmia Sunday

February 4, 2024



*Scio hóminem in Christo raptum usque ad tertium caelum,
et audívit arcána verba quae non licet hómini loquí.*

From Fr. Krager

Vocation comes from the Latin for “calling.” In a general sense, it can refer to the call every Christian has to holiness according to whatever state in life he finds himself. In a more particular sense, we speak of vocation in terms of a call to the priesthood or religious life. When a young person is attracted to the priesthood or religious life and actively investigating it, we say he is discerning.

Three aspects of a vocation

1. Aptitude - God does not ask the impossible. There are mental and physical requirements for the priesthood and religious life that may

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not be compatible with our own situation. If you are a mute, you can't be a priest, for example. Even if we have a sincere desire to enter into a vocation, if we do not have the aptitude, we must humbly sacrifice that desire, knowing God has something better in store for us.

2. Supernatural Motive - There are many reasons that someone could desire to enter the priesthood or religious life. Pressure from family is a very bad reason to pursue a vocation. Seminarians and novices have to explicitly state that their decision to enter the monastery or seminary is in no way compelled, but the decision is made freely of one's own volition. Good, supernatural motives would include; a desire to serve Christ more radically, a desire to save souls, a desire to say or assist at Mass daily, etc. Our motives to do many things are often mixed and imperfect, and so we must exercise maturity in examining those motives, bringing them to prayer and talking them over with trusted friends and confessors.

3. Call of the Church - The Church is a visible, hierarchical communion. This means that we have living, breathing agents of God, however imperfect, in the form of our superiors in religious houses and seminaries. They have experience walking with those who are called to the life and living it joyfully, and probably some sorrowful experiences as well. All of this knowledge forms their decisions. Even bad decisions are ultimately within God's Providence.

Two Common misconceptions

1. If I don't choose the correct vocation, I will go to hell. - False. There is no sin which the blood of Christ cannot wash away. Even if someone chooses a state of life for the worst reasons imaginable, he can become a saint if he sincerely repents and asks for pardon from God. That being said, graces will be more readily poured out on the Christian who chooses his vocation prayerfully and prudently.

2. If I start discerning or I enter the seminary or religious life, I am locked in right away. - False. The Church has made it so that permanent commitments in the form of vows come only after many years of formation. This gives the religious community and the individual ample time to discern what is best. Many people have tried their vocation, left, and found the experience to be deeply fulfilling.

Personally, I have a strong memory of being at prayer before I knew the priest council's decision to accept me into major orders in 6th year of seminary. I was anxious at first, but then I thought about how joyful and beneficial the previous years had been to me. An immense peace came and I knew I would be fine no matter the outcome. The time at seminary, among men striving for holiness, assisting at Mass daily, living a life of prayer, work, and study, cannot possibly be wasted by a man of good will.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Sexagesima Sunday

6:30 am Donald Shepard+ by Julie Arnold
8:00 am Molly Poletto by Kim Poletto
9:30 am Patricia Hughes by Shawn Maisen
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm Peter Doran+ by Gabriel Quispe
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 am Sr. Martina, OSB

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor

8:30 am Emily Joy+ by Maguire Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

St. Romuald, Abbot

8:30 am Jean M. Roche+ by Maguire Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

St. John of Matha, Confessor

8:30 am Joanne Ray+ Stephanie Muecke

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

St. Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Doctor

8:30 am Stephen McDonald+ by Jim Blum
7:00 pm Joele Gaydosh+ by Wilson Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30 am Julian Sparks+

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Quinquagesima Sunday

6:30 am Maria de Joudes Ronquillo+ by Jeronimo Castillo
8:00 am FSSP and Preservation of the TLM
9:30 am George Lesnak+ by Sandra Kelly
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm Jane Brennan by OLS Prayer Group
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

Fr. Nolan's Private Intentions

7 Mary Carter+ by Mary Ann Dixon

8 Gaydosh Family by Wilson Family

10 Sean Kelly, USMC by Sandra Kelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Krager will be away Feb 4-6 visiting the FSSP seminary with boys from OLMC. Please pray for safe travels and vocations!

Lost and Found Please stop by the parish hall to claim any lost property. Remaining items will be donated tomorrow.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8:30am, 12pm, and 7pm High Mass. Ashes will be distributed promptly at the start of Mass.

Fridays in Lent - Vegetarian Potluck starting at 4:45pm in the parish hall and ending right before Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to share.

Fridays in Lent - Stations of the Cross starting at 6pm in the church. Booklets will be provided. Mass will begin directly afterwards at 7pm.

Children's Music Program: The spring semester will be Feb-May on Tue from 6-7:15pm, beginning Feb 13. Tuition is \$100 per family and due by Feb 4. Make checks to "OLMC", with "Children's Choir" in the memo. Please email Fr Krager to register or with any questions.

Petition to Protect Every Living Child from conception to adulthood. We need your signature to help stop abortion in Colorado! The Colorado Secretary of State has approved an initiative to abolish abortion in Colorado to be voted on in the Nov. 2024 election. But first we have to get it on the ballot by collecting 125,000 valid signatures. Please do your part in stopping this holocaust in our state by signing this petition and then voting for life in November! We will be collecting signatures after all the Masses next Sun, Feb 11. To sign, you must be registered in the state of Colorado. It doesn't matter what county you live in. If you're not registered to vote, we have the QR code at the tables, please come speak to us!

This Tue, Feb 6 - Petition to Protect Every Living Child: Please join OLMC's contact, Laura Anselmi, at 7pm in the Hall to see how you can help get this on the Nov 2024's ballot. Refreshments will be served.

This Fri, Feb 9 - CCM Enrollment Ceremony after the 7pm Mass for all women 16+ who wish to be enrolled.

Tue, Feb 13 - St Joseph Business Club: Join us for our monthly event in the parish hall from 11:30am-1pm. Tamas Kish will present on *Marketing for Small Business*. Cost is \$10 at the door. Sign up via Flocknote.

Sat, Feb 17 - Leisure and Culture Movie Night from 6-9pm in the parish hall for adults 21+, to connect adults from all walks of life in an enriching environment. Come in your Sunday best or teatime attire. Bring French-themed snacks to share. Contact Hope Hecker (h2jcxavier@gmail.com) with any questions.

Mar 8-10 - Retrouvaille Marriage Weekend: Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. This program has helped couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential info or to register for the program call 720-257-9106 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th Annual Winter Dance

This Sat, Feb 10 - open to parishioners, 18+, no dance experience required, starts 7pm. Refreshments provided. Goodwill donations will be accepted at the door. If you are a newlywed, please wear your wedding attire! Help is needed for set up on Saturday. Contact Mary Morley at mecasalazar22@gmail.com if you are willing to volunteer.

July 3-8 - Floriani Pilgrimage to Cartagena de Indias: Walk in the steps of the saints this summer with Floriani. In Cartagena, you will have the unique opportunity to experience some of the most beautiful churches in the world, brought to life by transcendent sacred music. To sign up or to obtain additional information: Ana Yacaman at ayacaman@thebestofcartagena.com.

Oct 14-23 - FSSP Pilgrimage to Ireland: The Confraternity of St. Peter is pleased to announce its 2024 pilgrimage to Ireland for the 36th Anniversary of the FSSP, with Fr. James Smith FSSP as chaplain. For more info or to register visit: www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/smith-fssp.

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 Williamson, Jeff McBride

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of

Thomas Morley, Patricia Jambor, JoAnn Ice, Geraldine Marie Pellant, Lydia Ferran, Francis Smith, James Sohmer, Fr. James Buckley FSSP, Tom Rogus, Irene Cornish, Mary Carter

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for the feast of the Purification of the BVM were for the Walsh family

The altar flowers this Sunday are for Joseph A. Garr donated by Igielinski Family

HOMEBOUND

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

MONTHLY COLLECTION - January:

Offertory: \$119,678.96

Capital: \$2,549.89

Poor Box: \$585

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct



St. Scholastica, Pray for us!

