



# 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

## Palm Sunday

**March 24, 2024**



*Ecce rex tuus venit tibi mansuétus,  
sedens super ásinam, et pullum filium subjugális.*

**From Fr. Nolan**

(Taken from the story of *The Three Trees*)

ONCE there were three trees on a hill in the woods - an Olive tree, an Oak tree, and a Pine tree. They all discussed their hopes and dreams for the future. The Olive tree said, 'Someday I hope to be a treasure chest, filled with gold and silver and overlaid with carvings. Everyone will marvel at my beauty!' This tree was very vain. The Oak tree said, 'Someday I hope to be a mighty ship, taking kings and queens across the waters. Everyone will admire my strength!' This tree was very proud. The Pine tree said, 'I want to stay right here on the top of this hill, and grow to be the tallest tree in the forest! When people see me, I want them to think of how close to God I am! This third tree was both vain and proud.

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After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When the first came to the Olive tree he said, 'What a beautiful tree!' and began to cut it down. The Olive tree was very hopeful, as he had been chosen for his beauty. Surely he would be made into a treasure chest! The second woodsman came to the Oak and said, 'What a good, strong tree! I will sell it to the shipyard.' The Oak tree was confident he would become a mighty ship. The third woodsmen came to the Pine tree, who was very frightened. If he were cut down, his dream could never come true. The woodsmen said, 'I just need some wood, I could choose any old tree, but I guess I'll take this one.' and he cut the Pine tree down.

When the Olive tree arrived at the carpenters, instead of being made into a beautiful treasure chest, he was made into a feed box, and placed in a barn full of filthy animals. This was not what he had prayed for. He was sorry he had been so vain. The Oak tree was taken to a shipyard, where he was made into an ordinary fishing boat. He realized how proud he had been. The Pine tree was sawed into rough-hewn planks and thrown into a dark corner. He was very angry. Not only could he never be the tallest tree in the forest, he would never be anything at all. But he realized how vain, proud and foolish he had been. He grew to be sorry, and learned much in the silence and darkness.

Then one cold winter's day, a man and a woman came to the barn. She gave birth to a baby and placed him in the feed box made from the Olive tree. The Olive tree suddenly realized that he held the greatest Treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the Oak tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose. The frightened men awoke the man sleeping, and He stood and said 'Peace!' and the mighty waves ceased. The Oak tree then realized he carried the King of Kings.

Finally, someone came and got the planks of the third tree. He was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man carrying it. They came to the top of a hill, and the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die. The tree then realized then that he was closer to God than he ever thought possible.

So when our lives don't turn out the way we had hoped, remember that God has a plan. Too often, our hopes and dreams and even prayers are filled with pride and vanity. Were God to give us what we asked, it would be to our spiritual harm. But if we can learn to accept our difficult life circumstances with peace and resignation, God will be able to fulfill our prayers after all, in a way much different, but far greater than we could possibly have imagined. +

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

#### Palm Sunday

6:30 am Anna Worachek by Lane Reagan Family

8:00 am Robert Schlimm+ by Sherry So

9:30 am Anna Polley by Lane Reagan Family

**11:00 am (High Mass)** Pro Populo

**No 1:00pm Mass**

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

#### Monday of Holy Week

8:30 am Fr. Matthew McCarthy, FSSP by Lyon Family

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

#### Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 am Shannon Coffey by Coffey Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

#### Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 am Connie Quinnan+ by John Christian

7:00 pm Tenebrae

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

#### Holy Thursday

**7:00 pm (Solemn High Mass)** For Parish Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

9:00 pm Tenebrae

10:30pm - 12am Vigil at Altar of Repose (approx time)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

#### Good Friday

2:00 pm Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm **Solemn Liturgy**

7:00 pm Tenebrae

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

#### Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil

**7:00 pm (Solemn Vigil)** Pro Populo

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

#### Easter Sunday

6:30 am Pope Francis

8:00 am Intentions of Easter Flower Donors

9:30 am Archbishop Aquila

**11:00 am (High Mass)** OLMC Volunteers

**No 1:00pm Mass**

5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

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#### Fr. McCarthy's Private Intentions

**25** Fr. Daniel Nolan, FSSP by Lyon Family

**26** George "Monte" Montgomery+ by Kristin Bjornsen

**27** Intentions of Joanne Davala by the 6:30am B-fast Club

#### Fr. Nolan's Private Intentions

**25** Elaine Leising+ by Maguire Family

**26** Fr. Eric Krager, FSSP by Lyon Family

**27** Leon Hrcek

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New OLMC Choir Director:** Mr. David Hughes is a composer, conductor, organist and an instructor of Gregorian chant. He has developed choral programs at several parishes in his native Connecticut. David is on the board of directors of the Church Music Association of America. He is also director of music for the Roman Forum Symposium at Lake Garda, Italy. David's composition of sacred works includes Masses and motets. David is particularly keen to establish a wide-ranging children's music program at OLMC. He will be here for Holy Week but will officially start in early May.

**The Parish Office** will be closed from 2pm this Thu, Mar 28 through Mon, Apr 1.

**2024 Holy Week Schedule** is on our website. Overflow seating will be set up in the parish hall. Please note that no confessions will be heard during any of the solemn liturgies.

### **Carmelite Monastery Holy Week Schedule:**

- **Palm Sunday:** 6:30am High Mass and Blessing of Palms
- **Holy Thursday:** 4:30pm High Mass
- **Good Friday:** 3:00pm Liturgy
- **Easter Vigil:** 8:00pm Solemn Easter Vigil
- **Easter Sunday:** 8:00am High Mass

**Today:** Blessed Palms will be available in the church vestibule after the 11am Mass and throughout Holy Week. Please note that there will not be a 1:00pm Mass.

**Easter Sunday Obligation:** Under the Code of Canon Law presently in force, attending the Easter Vigil fulfills the obligation to attend Mass on Easter Sunday.

**Easter Flower Donation** envelopes are outside the office and in the vestibule. The 8:00am Mass on Easter Sunday will be offered for donors' intentions. Return to the office by today.

**This Fri, Mar 29 - Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion** at 9am at Planned Parenthood (7155 E. 38th Ave., Denver). Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land. For more info, call Tom Uebbing at 574-383-7173 or thomasuebbing@gmail.com.

**This Sat, Mar 30 - Easter Celebration** after the Easter Vigil in the parish hall. All are welcome. Desserts & drinks provided.

**Next Sun, Mar 31 - Easter Egg Hunt:** Come to the parish hall immediately after the 11am High Mass. For children 12 and under. Remember to bring a basket or bag.

**Sat, Apr 6 - Confraternity of Christian Mothers** invites the ladies of the parish 16+ to our monthly meeting after the 8:30am Mass in the St. Albert room. We're planning a tea party with a fashion show and color palette consulting. Please bring fancy foods to share since we'll be celebrating Easter! Childcare will be provided.

**Fri, Apr 12 - Colorado March for Life** at the state capitol. Join us after the 8:30am Mass for a bring-your-own breakfast and afterwards we will head down to the capitol. There is a rally beginning at 11am with the march beginning at 12pm. The route will encircle the Capitol Complex.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Easter Basket Blessing**

This Sat, Mar 30 - The traditional Easter basket blessing is for foods that have Easter blessings tied to them. Check the Flocknote for a list of common food items. Please bring your basket of food to the parish hall by 10am. The blessing takes about 10 minutes.

**Jul 14-18 - Silent Ignatian Exercises Retreat:** You are invited to join this 5-day silent retreat led by Fr. Jeffery Jambon (chaplain of Benedictines of Mary in Ava, MO). Sponsored by the FSSP parish in Sacramento, CA. Cost is \$750. Register before Sun, Jun 23. Call 916-407-7930 for more information.

**Mon Jul 29 - Thu Aug 1 - OLMC Girls' Summer Camp** for OLMC parishioners ages 6-18 run by the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart, Still River MA. Camp begins each day with Mass at OLMC. Activities include catechism, arts and crafts, music, and outdoor games. More info to come.

**Aug 12-22 - FSSP Boys' Summer Camp** at Custer State Park, SD for young men age 13-15, staffed by FSSP seminarians. Every day begins with Mass (TLM) and includes hikes, prayer, sports, spiritual talks and catechism classes given by the chaplain & seminarians. Cost is \$500 per camper. For more info or to register visit: [www.stjohnboscocamps.org](http://www.stjohnboscocamps.org).

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**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](mailto:jmbrennan555@gmail.com)

### **Please Pray for the Sick**

David Williamson, Joanne Leary, Jamie Jimenez, Kim Poletto, Jacob, Jaxson, Indigo Williamson, Jeff McBride, Shannon Coffey, Susan Martin

### **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**

Lent is a penitential season. There are no altar flowers this Sunday.

The altar flowers for the feast of St. Joseph were for Francis Watson+ by Sally Woods

### **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**







## **Thoughts for an Extraordinary Passiontide - Pt 2**

Excerpts taken from Fr. William Rock, FSSP – please pray for him.

Holy Week serves as the immediate preparation for Easter. Each day of Holy Week makes present the final events of Our Lord's earthly life:

**Palm Sunday:** Christ triumphantly entered into Jerusalem and cleansed the Temple. The name "Palm Sunday" is due to the procession with blessed palms inspired by the greeting of Our Lord by those carrying palms. Palm branches are symbols of joy (Lev 23:40), victory over enemies, and, for the Christian, especially the victory over the flesh and the world (see Ps 91:13).

**Holy Monday:** The Gospel of this day recounts when Mary Magdalen anointed Christ in preparation for His burial. This event is considered the beginning of Christ's Passion.

**Holy Tuesday:** Christ taught in the Temple and then returned to Bethania.

**Holy Wednesday:** This day is also known as "Spy Wednesday" in reference to Judas' betrayal of Christ to the Jewish High Priests: *from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him* (Mt 26:16).

**Holy Thursday:** Christ celebrated the Last Supper in which He kept the Jewish Passover, instituted the Holy Eucharist and offered the First Mass, ordained the Apostles as the first Priests of the New Testament, instructed them on how to consecrate the Holy Oils (which is why the blessing of the Holy Oils traditionally occurs on this day), and washed the feet of the Apostles. After the Last Supper, He underwent His agony in the Garden and was arrested.

**Good Friday:** Christ's Passion, Crucifixion, Death, and Burial. So vividly is the Church impressed with the remembrance of the great Sacrifice offered today on Calvary, that she refrains from renewing on her altars the unbloody immolation of the Divine Victim in the Mass.

**Holy Saturday:** Our Lord's body rested in the tomb and his soul descended into the Limbo of the Fathers.

**Tenebræ:** During the Triduum (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), the Divine Office is altered to reflect the somberness of the days. The most impressive of these changes is the celebration of Matins and Lauds. The joint celebration of Matins and Lauds on these days is called Tenebræ, which is Latin for "darkness," as these ceremonies took place during the night. During the celebration, a large triangular candlestick (the Tenebræ Hearse) holding 15 unbleached candles is placed on the Epistle Side of the Sanctuary. The color of the candles adds to the somberness of the celebration. At the end of each of the Psalms, one of the candles is extinguished, leaving only the top-center one lit at the end. Then, during the Benedictus the 6 candles on the Altar are extinguished. Then, at the end of the Office, while all are kneeling, the remaining candle is carried behind the altar and all present make noise according to local custom (banging books, knocking on the choir stalls, etc.). This extinguishing of the candles represents the Apostles and Disciples abandoning Christ. The placement of the remaining candle alone near the altar represents Christ's Crucifixion and Death. The hiding of this candle represents the obscuring, but not extinguishing, of Christ's glory during these days and also during His burial. The noise represents the confusion of nature at the death of its Lord. When the candle returns, showing that through all this that Christ is still the Light of the World, the noise stops and the ceremony is over.