



# 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

## Easter Sunday

### March 31, 2024



*Iesum, qui crucifixus est, quæritis.  
Non est hic: surrêxit enim, sicut dixit.*

### From the Pastor

The four gospel accounts of Our Lord's crucifixion tell of certain women who were present: Mary Magdalen; Mary the wife of Cleophas and mother of James the apostle and Joseph; Salome, the wife of Zebedee and mother of the apostles James and John; and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

The gospel accounts of Our Lord's resurrection also tell of certain women who came to the tomb to anoint Our Lord's body. It is predominantly the same group who witnessed the crucifixion: Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Salome the wife of Zebedee. There is, however, one notable absentee: Mary, the mother of Jesus.

To explain her absence, many authorities posit that Our Lord already had appeared to His mother. Certainly possible, there is no scriptural warrant for this: the scriptures do not say so. On the contrary, St Mark states emphatically: *He appeared first to Mary Magdalene*. There is no scriptural account of the Blessed Virgin seeing her resurrected Son. The scriptures mention her at the

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foot of the cross, and subsequently - finally - with the apostles in the upper room after Our Lord's Ascension. Between these times, they are silent about her.

Prefiguring his passion and death, as a child Our Lord was lost for three days. When found and questioned by his mother, he replied: *why did you seek me?* Not then understanding this reply, *his mother kept all these words in her heart.*

Our Lord often rebuked the unbelief of his hearers: unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe. Our Lord wanted belief on the strength of his own testimony, i.e., because He said it.

After the Resurrection but prior to seeing Him, St John went into the empty tomb and - witnessing the burial cloths - believed Our Lord had risen. After eight days, Our Lord appeared to St Thomas, presenting him with the demanded evidence. Thomas' confession was not of the resurrection - now manifest - but of Our Lord's divinity. Our Lord gently rebuked Thomas: *you believe Thomas, because you have seen. Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed.* Note that Our Lord here uses the perfect tense: he is not referring to believers yet to come.

Also prefiguring Our Lord's passion and death, God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Carrying the wood for the sacrifice on his shoulders, Isaac asked his father: *where is the victim for the holocaust?* Abraham replied: *God himself will provide the victim.* Two thousand years later, God fulfilled that prophecy, providing - being - the victim. Our Lord prefigured in Isaac, in Abraham was prefigured the Blessed Virgin who was asked to offer up her own son.

Abraham was a man of faith. He believed that God would provide him with a son in seemingly impossible circumstances. God had promised progeny to Abraham through his son Isaac, although in the inscrutable ways of divine providence, it seemed that the death of that son had to intervene. Yet Abraham believed God: he believed that God would fulfil his promises, and that if it required the death of his son, God would raise his son from the dead. Abraham's faith was rewarded: *because you have done this, and have not spared your only begotten son... I will bless you, and I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is by the seashore.*

The Blessed Virgin - so much more so than Abraham - believed that God would provide her with a son, and in seemingly even more impossible circumstances. And she who more so than Abraham received the promise of progeny: *because you have done this, and have not spared your only begotten Son... I will bless you, and I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven;* who in Eve received the promise of progeny, that she would be *the mother of all who live*, i.e., the mother of all who believe; having contemplated her Son's words - *why did you seek me?* - even more so than Abraham believed that if the seed promised to her required the death of her Son, her Son would indeed rise from the dead. She who had perfect faith, believed because He had said so. And believing, she needed no signs and wonders; unlike Thomas, she needed no evidence, needed not to see her risen Son; and therefore, unlike John and the other women, did not to go to the tomb to seek him.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### 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

### MONDAY, APRIL 1

#### Easter Monday

8:30 am Ted and Vera Wasielewski+ by Beaulieu Family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

#### Easter Tuesday

8:30 am Mary Vickers+ by John Vickers

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

#### Easter Wednesday

8:30 am Kimberly Indovina-Muhe by Bruce Muhe III

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

#### Easter Thursday

8:30 am Mikey+ by Mary Morley

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

#### Easter Friday

8:30 am Addis McCarthy+

**First Friday Adoration until 8:00am Sat**

7:00 pm John Seybert by Ron Seybert

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

#### Easter Saturday

8:30 am Patricia Jambor+ by Bruno Jambor

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

#### Low Sunday

6:30 am Tom and Christina Martinez+  
by Yvonne Allensworth

8:00 am John Allensworth+ by Yvonne Allensworth

9:30 am James Lindholm by Daniele Lindholm

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

1:00 pm Maria Seybert by Ron Seybert

5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

#### Fr. McCarthy's Private Intention

**1** James Lindholm by Daniele Lindholm

#### Fr. Krager's Private Intention

**1** Mary O'Connor+ by Beaulieu Family

**2** Peter Doran+ by Richard Shaw

**3** Baby Lucy+ by Beaulieu Family

**4** Addis McCarthy+ Marilane McCarthy

**6** Jacob Seybert by Ron Seybert

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Priests of OLMC** wish for all the parishioners a peaceful and joyful Easter season celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord.

**Parish Volunteers:** Fr McCarthy offers sincere thanks to all who throughout the year freely give of their valuable time, without whom this church could not function, including in no particular order and not exhaustively: choir, MCs and altar servers, ushers, safety team, collection counters, those who help with sacraments preparation, ARS, K of C, those who organize/run parish events/groups, those who provide meals, do maintenance jobs or help out in any number of hidden ways. May God reward your zeal.

**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.

**Today - 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.

**Congratulations** to Dylan Nash, Jaeda Steinhorst, Katherine Lewis, and Tamara Lewis who were received into the Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Welcome to David Hughes** the new choir director who has been with us for Holy Week and will officially start in early May. Thanks are due to Tim Thaler and Nick King who have who have been overseeing the choir for the past several months with admirable results.

**The Parish Office** will be closed tomorrow, Mon, Apr 1.

**This 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.

**Mon, Apr 8 - Annunciation of the BVM** transferred from Mar 25. There will be a High Mass at 8:30am.

**Sat, Apr 20 - Church Spring Cleaning** after the 8:30am Mass. We will be focusing on deep cleaning the inside of the parish.

**Sun, Apr 21 - Burrito Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus will be selling burritos after all morning Masses.

**Tue, Apr 23 - Men's Group:** The men of the parish are invited to pray the rosary at the church on St. George's Day at 6pm. Afterwards, we will gather in the social hall for a conversation on future men's night events. Please bring drinks and snacks to share.

**Fri, May 17 - St. Mary's School 4th Annual Golf Tournament** at Arrowhead Golf Course. Play an exhilarating round of golf and enjoy breakfast, lunch, drinks, a silent auction & prizes. Register at [www.littletoncatholicsschool.com](http://www.littletoncatholicsschool.com).

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Colorado March for Life

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

**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 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).

**Aug 23-24 - 3rd Annual Women's Conference:** Save the Date! Registration opens in May. More info [restoretradition.com](http://restoretradition.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](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

The altar flowers this Sunday are for the intentions of those who donated towards the Easter flower fund.

The altar flowers for Holy Thursday were for Ted and Judy Copeland by Kristin Prewitt

### 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**





# 2024 Paschal Candle

The front of the candle depicts the Three Youths - the companions of Daniel - cast into the fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar for refusing to worship his golden idol (Dan 3): *Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.* Cast into the flames, the three youths were unharmed: *And they walked about in the midst of the flames, singing hymns to God and blessing the Lord.* Depicted in the ribbon, the Canticle records: *Bless the Lord, Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael... for he has rescued us from Hades and saved us from the hand of death.* Nebuchadnezzar was astonished: *Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?... But I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.* The appearance of one like a son of the gods who delivered the three youths from the fiery furnace was used even in the catacombs as a symbol of the resurrection.

The rear of the candle depicts Daniel in the lions' den (Dan 6). King Darius of Babylon was trapped into casting Daniel to the lions. The king said to Daniel: *May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!* Daniel was sealed in the den overnight. At daybreak, the king hastened to the tomb: *O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?* Daniel was taken up out of the den unhurt because he had trusted in God. In response, the king issued a decree: *Tremble and fear before the God of Daniel... who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions,* depicted in the ribbon slightly modified, 'us' substituted for 'Daniel.' Daniel's deliverance from the lions' den also is a symbol of the resurrection.

