



# 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**

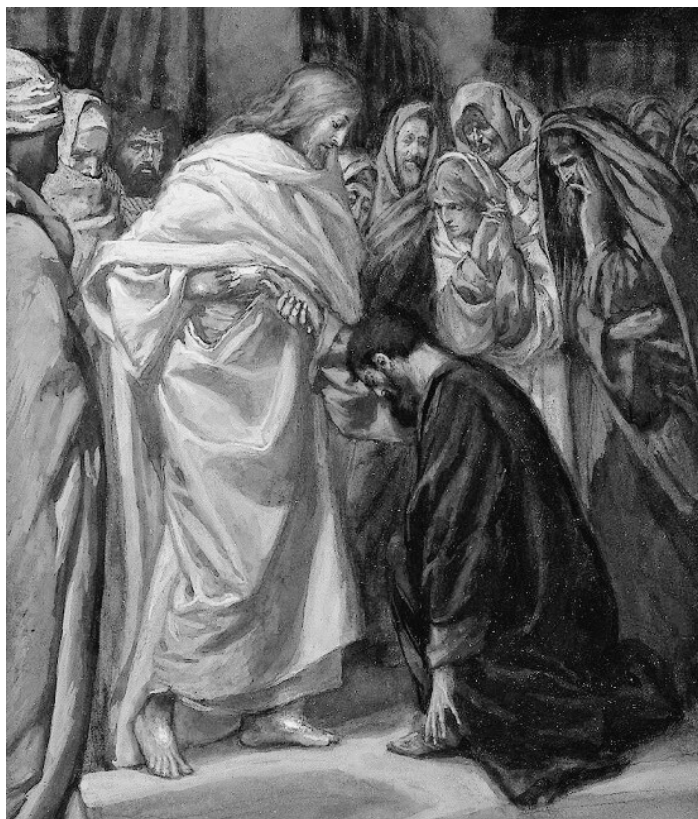
DAILY MASS  
**8:30 AM MON - SAT**  
**Also 7:00 PM FRI**

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

## Low Sunday

### April 7, 2024



*Noli esse incredulus, sed fidelis.*

**From Fr. Krager**

### Homing Instinct

Around this time of year, the sandhill cranes are migrating from their southern habitats up to the north in Canada. Hundreds of thousands of them converge in a narrow strip of land in Nebraska around the Platte River. It is quite a sight to see. It is also one of the very few sights to see in Nebraska, so all of the FSSP seminarians at Our Lady of Guadalupe do an outing to Grand Island, Nebraska in their first year to witness the great migration.

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This migration is just one example among many of the so-called “homing instinct” evident in many animals. The homing instinct is the inherent ability of an animal to navigate towards an original location through unfamiliar areas, either to a home territory or a breeding spot. Many birds migrate, not just sandhill cranes, like those annoying Canada Geese, who can travel even up to 3000 miles between their winter and summer habitats. In addition to birds, many animals possess a remarkable ability to navigate their way home such as bees, dolphins, and salmon. Human beings have selectively bred homing pigeons specifically for their ability to find their way to a very precise home location over distances of up to a thousand miles.

A writer named Caryl Houselander, in a book with the very Catholic title of “Guilt,” comments on this homing instinct in one particular animal, the toad, saying: “Toads are not very popular animals, except perhaps with witches; on the whole men think of them as repulsively ugly, squat, square, horny, coarse and altogether, in spite of the fact that they have beautiful eyes, unattractive... But there is one kind of toad (incidentally, he is the commonest kind, the large brown fellow we find under big stones in the garden) who is a most moving animal, as beautiful as he is grotesque, and for me at all events a symbol of mankind: the homing toad. This toad has an undefeatable drive in him to go back to his home: he can be taken as far away from it as anyone is cruel enough to take him, and he always gets back. Some have taken a homing toad fifty miles from his home, and after marking him in order to be sure of his identity, have let him go, and after weeks he has turned up at home, dusty from many hot dry roads, thin, nearly dead from exhaustion, but back again in his own home, where mercifully he recovers, fills out, becomes a plump happy toad again and falls into a beautiful beatific sleep under his home stone.”

She goes on to show how this homing toad is an image of mankind from which we ought to learn. Original and actual sin has put us far from our true home, a right relationship with God. Our actions and the events of our lives oftentimes seem grotesque and senselessly ugly. We gradually wither away in anxiety and hunger in this foreign, unintelligible land. But even in our ugliest sins, there is an underlying desire for and orientation towards God, though it be oftentimes horribly contorted. One writer has said “even the young man who rings the bell at the brothel is unconsciously looking for God.”

The Lord has made us for himself, to dwell with him in the true home of heaven. During this time of Easter, we are especially called to meditate on this fact, which is why the liturgy is all about peace and final victory. If we are far from home, resisting God's grace, not making use of the Sacraments, or we know of any friends or family in this situation, let us pray and work to return ourselves and others to that true home of a right relationship with God.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Annunciation of the BVM (transferred)

8:30 am (High Mass) Ausencio Maciel Hernandez+  
by Gabriela Hernandez

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Feria in Paschaltide

8:30 am Frank Scuito+ by Sherry So

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Feria in Paschaltide

8:30 am Anna Marie Mudd+ by Rick Mudd

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

St. Leo the Great, Pope, Confessor and Doctor

8:30 am Rev. Mr. Blaise Buches

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Feria in Paschaltide

8:30 am Margaret Heithoff by Ann Brown  
7:00 pm Justin McCarthy

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

St. Hermenegild, Martyr

8:30 am Margaret Heithoff by Ann Brown

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Second Sunday after Easter

6:30 am Tamas and Helen Kish by a grateful friend  
8:00 am FSSP and Preservation of the TLM  
9:30 am Kendall and Krystal Williamson Household  
by Kendal Williamson  
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Addis McCarthy+  
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

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Fr. Nolan will be offering private intentions while away.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fr. Nolan** will be away from Apr 7-14 inclusive.

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

**This Fri, Apr 12 - Colorado March for Life:** 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.

**Legion of Mary:** All are welcome to join our meetings held Mondays at 6pm and Thursdays after the 8:30am Mass. Please join us at either meeting once a week. The Legion is a sign of the Blessed Mother Mary's maternal love for the world and a means of enlisting all her children in the Church's Evangelizing work.

**This Sat, Apr 13 - Legion of Mary** will hold its annual Acies meeting at OLMC to publicly profess devotion to Mary in the spirit of St. Louis de Montfort. ONLY Auxiliary and Active Members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Please contact Milton Knopp at [miltonknopp@gmail.com](mailto:miltonknopp@gmail.com) for more details.

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

**Sat, Apr 20 - 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. Contact Hope (h2jcxavier@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Sun, Apr 21 - Burrito Breakfast:** The K of C will be selling burritos after all morning Masses. A large portion of the proceeds will go to OLMC parishioner Jim Blum's "My Father's House" which provides men coming out of prison with a home and helps to reintegrate them into society.

**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.

**Sat, Apr 27 - Youth Group Night** from 6-9pm for ages 13-17 led by Fr. Krager. More info to come!

**Sat, May 4 - May Crowning:** There will be a High Mass at 8:30am followed by a Marian procession and potluck breakfast. Please bring something to share.

**Sat, May 4 - Catholic Inquiry Classes** for all those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith starting at 10:30am, taught by Fr Krager. There is no fee and no obligation to convert. If you are non-Catholic or away from the Church, you are strongly encouraged to come. Please encourage anyone you think might be interested to come. The worst they can say is no! Email Fr Krager with any questions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### St. Joseph Business Club

This Tue, Apr 9 - Join us for our April Lunch & Learn featuring Chris Moreno. We will be discussing practical ways to live out your Catholic faith as an employee in large enterprises. Sign up in Flocknote.

**Sun, May 5 - Spring Craft Fair** after all Masses. Table vendors are needed! Contact Julie Perkins at [julieech@gmail.com](mailto:julieech@gmail.com) to sign up. Deadline to register is Sun, Apr 21. This is a perfect opportunity to shop for Mothers' Day and First Sacrament gifts while supporting parishioner-owned businesses.

**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.littletoncatholicschool.com](http://www.littletoncatholicschool.com).

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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

The altar flowers this Sunday are for Giovanna Santella+ by Joann and Pasquale DePalma

### HOMEBOUND

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

### MONTHLY COLLECTION - March:

Offertory: \$119,548.38

Capital: \$3,890.89

Poor Box: \$2,362

### Electronic Giving via Faith Direct



# *The Annunciation of the BVM*

