



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.

Twenty-fourth and Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 24, 2024

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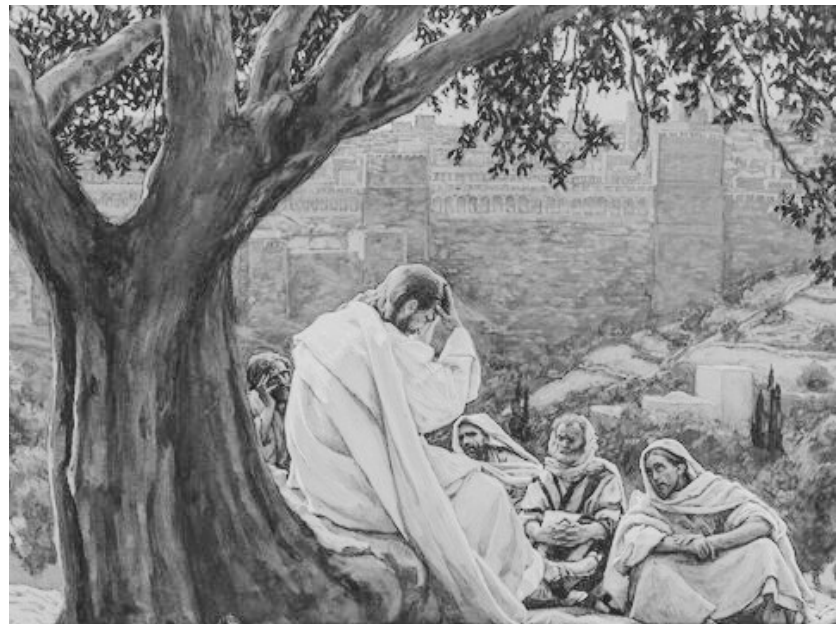
SUNDAY LOW MASS
6:30 AM | 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 1:00 PM

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



*Tunc si quis vobis dixerit:
Ecce hic est Christus, aut illic, nolite credere.
Surgent enim pseudochristi, et pseudoprophetae.*

From Fr. Krager

The fourth commandment says to honor your father and mother. It does not say to honor them because they are so virtuous, or because they have given you a great childhood. The commandment does not contain a release clause even for especially wicked parents. It just says to honor them. The honor, then, is clearly not due to them according to their personal attributes, but because of their lawful authority derived from being your parents. Of all the billions of men and women He made, God chose them to be your parents. They gave you your body, God gave you your soul. God became their co-worker in making you. If they did nothing else, you would still be called to honor them.

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Indeed, the fourth commandment extends to all of our lawful superiors and those in positions of authority; presidents and policemen, priests and popes. Again, this is not due to them according to their personal goodness, but according to their office. When we dishonor our lawful superiors, we dishonor God who, in His Providence, permitted them to be in that office. To dishonor our lawful superiors and to bellyache constantly about how bad they are is to imply that we deserve good superiors. We don't. Imperfect and even bad superiors are the norm. Good ones are the rare exception. That isn't to say we cannot disagree and correct, even vigorously, but we must always do so in a patient and charitable spirit.

There are many Biblical arguments that we can make to support this position. Paul commands us to pray for the king and all those in high station in First Timothy. This would obviously include the Emperor at the time. This was none other than Nero, the man who used Christians as torches to light up his evening garden parties. In the Old Testament, Saul tries to murder David. David has the chance to kill Saul, but does not, only cutting off a piece of his robe. Even for that act, he repents, saying: "May the Lord be merciful unto me, that I may do no such thing to my master the Lord's anointed, as to lay my hand upon him, because he is the Lord's anointed."

The best example of how to react to bad superiors has to be Joseph, though. He is the son of Jacob, who is a bad father. He openly shows favoritism to Joseph, causing his brothers to hate him. Joseph's older brothers use their authority to betray him and sell him to slavers. Joseph is then a faithful servant to Potiphar and his wife, but the wife uses her authority to falsely accuse Joseph, landing him in jail. The Pharaoh's judicial system is obviously lackluster and Joseph rots in prison for years. When Joseph is made the Grand Vizier, he has the chance to revenge himself on everyone who has previously failed him, but he does not. He helps Pharaoh and the Egyptians, he reconciles with his wicked brothers, he embraces his aged father. He brings peace and mercy where he could have easily brought destruction, foreshadowing the work of Christ.

Don't let your bad father or mother be your sorry excuse for being a bad son or daughter. Don't let bad government officials be your sorry excuse for not loving your homeland and your neighbor. Don't let your bad priest or Pope be your sorry excuse for being a bad Christian.

When Christ saw your sins and evil, He could have reacted with wrath and destruction, but instead He held out His mercy and grace. If you have strict and exacting standards for superiors whom you condemn without a second thought, understand that if God applied those standards to you, you would certainly be damned to the deepest depths of hell. So be merciful to them as God is merciful to you. Flawed superiors cannot frustrate God's plan for you and for the world. On the contrary, they play an important role in that plan; teaching you humility and patience, teaching you to trust only in God, and never in men.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Twenty-fourth and Last Sunday after Pentecost

6:30 am Jose Servin+ by Benita Sanchez

8:00 am Kenneth Hager+

9:30 am Fr. Carlos Martin by Gonzalez Family

11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo

1:00 pm Children of St. Jude Hospital by Kim Poletto

5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 am Benedict McCarty by Kevin McCarty

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

St. Sylvester, Abbot

8:30 am Steve, Mary Ann, and Morgan Berning

by Kaleigh Sims

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Feria

8:30 am Deceased Relatives of Patrick Torsell Family

by Torsell Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Feria

8:30 am Deceased Members of the Schuler Family

by Greg and Elizabeth Martin

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Feria

8:30 am Audrey Hegener+ by Therese Ton

7:00 pm Lisa Tipane by Fred Tipane

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

8:30 am David Dean Cooper+ by Fred and Lisa Tipane

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

First Sunday of Advent

6:30 am Jennifer Bailey and Family by Coffey Family

8:00 am Fr. Daniel Kluge by Coffey Family

9:30 am Jorge and Gabriela Hernandez

11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo

1:00 pm Joseph Ortega by Irene Ortega

5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

Fr. McCarthy's Private Intentions

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Fr. Nolan's Private Intentions

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30 Jason Hrcek by Cheryl Hrcek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. McCarthy returns this Tue, 11/26.

Fr. Krager will be away on retreat from 12/2-12/7 inclusive.

The Parish Office will be closed this Thu and Fri, 11/28-29.

Thursday Adoration is cancelled this week for Thanksgiving.

Borrowed Church Veils: The veils in the vestibule are for parishioner and guest use. Please make sure to return them. They are washed regularly. Thank you.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena begins this Sat, 11/30.

OLMC Christmas Giving Tree sponsored by the K of C. Parish families in need of assistance for Christmas gifts (or if you know of a parish family) should contact Mr. James Cook via email at jamescook1295@gmail.com or text at (720) 341-1798 by Fri, Dec 4th. More info to follow regarding purchasing gifts.

Today - FNE Catholic Scouting Group will be holding a coffee fundraiser before and after all Masses. If you would like to order coffee and support the parish youth, please stop by or email joannematel@gmail.com to place an order for coffee or tea. Order deadline is December 1st.

Today - Our Lady of Good Counsel Homeschool Drama Club will be performing *The Snow Queen*, a funny heart-warming retelling of the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale that the whole family will enjoy. Please join us today at 4pm in the parish hall for the performance.

Today and Next Sunday - Advent Candles/Calendars Sale! Visit the Altar & Rosary Society table in the Parish Hall after all Masses! Cash preferred. \$12 for candles, calendars \$3-\$5. Laura O'Connor will be selling her beautiful hand painted Christmas items next to the ARS table today only. Her website is reginasanctorum.com

Sat, Dec 7 - Confraternity of Christian Mothers Do you see other woman as a threat? Is social isolation a recurring theme in your life? All women of the parish who are married, widowed, single, and teens are invited to a *Freedom From Comparison* workshop at 9:30am in the St. Albert room. Bring a friend (or foe) and a brunch dish to share. Childcare provided.

Sat, Dec 7 - Rorate Mass at 6am OLMC. 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.

Mon, Dec 9 - Immaculate Conception of BVM: As Dec 8th falls on Sunday this year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception has been **transferred to Monday, Dec 9th which is a Holy Day of Obligation** this year for the United States. Masses will be at 6:30am (Monastery), 8:30am, 12pm, and 7pm (High Mass). The children's schola will be singing at the high Mass.

Sat, Dec 14 - Rorate Mass at 6am at the Carmelite Monastery.

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Thanksgiving Feast

This Thu, Nov 28 - All parishioners and friends are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving at the parish with a potluck dinner from 2-5pm. Sign up via the QR code or the Flocknote to bring a dish to share. More info in sign-up.



Sat, Dec 14 - 3rd Annual Advent Evening: Ladies of the parish are invited to attend an elegant evening of prayer, friendship and spiritual reflection to prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. RSVP required as space is limited. Have questions? Please email Melyssa Campbell at melyssajmj@gmail.com.



Sun, Dec 15 - Advent Lesson and Carols: Please join us at 6pm in the church for this hourlong service centering around readings from Sacred Scripture prophesying the birth of our Lord, interspersed with chants, motets, and congregational hymns. The OLMC Parish Choir, St. Cecilia & St. Gregory Student Scholæ, & Our Lady of Good Counsel Cooperative schola will sing. A festive reception will follow.

Jan 5-10 - St. John Bosco Backcountry Ski Camp in the Uinta Wilderness, Utah for men aged 18-25 run by the FSSP. For more info and to register, visit: stjohnboscocamps.org

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, Jamie Jimenez, Kim Poletto, Jacob, Jaxson, Indigo Williamson, Jeff McBride, Shannon Coffey, Miriam Halazon, John Filipeczak, Laurie Lewis, Cristina Vigil, Maria McKinley, Rebecca Noël Moser, Joanne Leary, Steve Berning

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of

John Lange, Evelyn Petty, James MacInnes, Lance Martin, Marc Munoz, Jack Lappan, Earl Ammerman, Mary Robles

HOMEBOUND

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

Sanctuary Flower Intentions		
Feast		Intention
XXIV and Last Sunday after Pentecost	Main Altar	For Our Marriage by Anonymous
	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Andrew Woods by Sally Woods

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct



St. Andrew, ora pro nobis!

