



# 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

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

### January 19, 2025



*Hoc fecit initium signorum Iesus in Cana Galilææ:  
et manifestavit glóriam suam.*

**From Fr. Krager**

### The Catholic Church in Korea

Many people think that the shortage of priests and religious we are currently experiencing is a big reason for the troubles in the Church. However, I am not aware of any time in history where there were “enough” priests and religious. And yet, the Church could still flourish due to the zeal of the priests and religious there were, and also due to the power of a well formed laity. The clearest demonstration of the power of a well formed laity would be found in Korea. The Catholic Faith there spread without any missionaries at all.

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The peninsula was, for many centuries, closed off to all foreign visitors and became one of the most isolated places in the world. The only country with which it maintained relations was China. In China, some missionaries were permitted at times. For example, Jesuits were permitted even to join the courts of the emperors due especially to their knowledge in subjects such as astronomy and mathematics. While there, they would write works in Chinese about science, but also Faith. Korean scholars would copy and translate these works and bring them back to Korea.

This mostly happened in the 1500s. Some Koreans became interested in Catholicism, but did not convert. In the 1700s, a man named Yi Seung-hung read those works and became convinced of the Catholic Faith. He traveled to China, was baptized, and returned to Korea to preach, bringing more books, crucifixes, and rosaries. In a few years, he made 4,000 converts. These converts mostly belonged to the aristocratic and scholarly class called the “Yangban.” This is interesting because these people had the most to lose by conversion, and they would be the most resilient to arguments since they would have been exposed to many other ideas by their studies. After 10 years, a single priest came to minister to the new Catholics.

In 1801, hundreds of Korean Catholics would receive the palm of martyrdom in the first persecution. The King and nobles were Confucians and saw Catholicism as a threat to the Korean way of life and tried to use violence to snuff it out. It was the first of many persecutions that would occur over the next century, during which over 10,000 Catholics gave their lives for Christ. Very few Korean priests were ordained during this time, and only a handful of French missionary priests were able to infiltrate the country. The laity kept the Faith, regardless, and many became great saints. Look up the Korean martyrs and read some of their stories. Their devotion and suffering will bring tears to your eyes.

Nowadays, despite many setbacks, there are millions of Catholics in South Korea. The Church is growing even though the country’s population overall is shrinking. In the North, the Faith is illegal, but there are dozens of clandestine parishes without priests operating as the earliest Korean Catholics did, awaiting the day they will be able to receive all the Sacraments again.

We can learn many things from the Catholic Church in Korea. For one, we should not fear any sort of persecution we have to suffer or sacrifice we have to make for our Faith. These sorts of things will always work to purify us and make us more like Christ, they will always be fruitful if we place them at his feet.

We can also see the great importance of spiritual reading. The early Korean Catholics didn’t have the luxury of putting their Faith on the backburner and entrusting zealous, abundant priests and religious to spoon-feed them everything Faith related and to do the work of preaching, teaching, and organizing the Church. Rather, they had to rely on their own prayer, study, and work. They knew that their neighbor would only hear of the saving message of Christ if they spoke it and could defend it by their example and explanations. Many of your friends and neighbors are probably in the same position of not being in contact with any priests or religious, and have only you to be a witness to Christ and His Church.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

#### Second Sunday after Epiphany

6:30 am Jim and Maryellen Murray by Thomas McDonough  
8:00 am Michael Young and Family by Cassandra Pippin  
9:30 am Gillaine Warne+ by Jule Salazar  
**11:00 am (High Mass)** Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Celebrant’s Intention  
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

#### Ss. Fabian, Pope and Sebastian, Martyrs

8:30 am Mary Grace McCool

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

#### St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 am Pope Francis

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

#### Ss. Vincent and Anastasius, Martyrs

8:30 am For an End to Abortion

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

#### St. Raymond of Penafort, Confessor

8:30 am Laura Ussery+ by Rick Mudd

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

#### St. Timothy, Bishop and Martyr

8:30 am Archbishop Aquila  
7:00 pm D. David Breen+ Rachelle Lyon

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

#### The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

**8:30 am (High Mass)** John Ring+ by Jerry Ring

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

#### Third Sunday after Epiphany

6:30 am Celebrant’s Intention  
8:00 am Celebrant’s Intention  
9:30 am OLMC volunteers  
**11:00 am (High Mass)** Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Robert E. Dalton+  
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

### Fr. Nolan’s Private Intentions

**13** Raymond Lucchi Jr.+ by Claudia Williams

**14** Vaughn and Vaughn Jr. Mercado+  
by Beunellah Maestas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Parish Office** will be closed tomorrow, Mon, Jan 20.

**Welcome to Fr. Robert Ferguson, FSSP** who will be known to some of you from his first assignment here at OLMC over 20 years ago. Fr will be helping out at OLMC each weekend until July when a permanent priest assignment will be made.

**Lost Property:** Please reclaim any items from the parish hall.

**Today - K of C Membership Drive** in the parish hall after each Mass. If you are a Catholic man interested in helping build up Holy Mother Church and serving your parish, please consider joining the Knights or at least learning more.

**Today - K of C Baby Bottle Drive** in support of charities such as ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). Pick up a bottle from the parish hall and return it filled with loose change. Bottles must be returned by Feb 16. Contact James Cook with questions: 720-341-1798, [jamescook1295@gmail.com](mailto:jamescook1295@gmail.com)

**This Wed, Jan 22 - Roe vs Wade Anniversary** is a day of penance per the USCCB. The Mass of the day will be the Votive Mass for Peace.

**This Sat, Jan 25 - Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil:** Join us for our monthly parish prayer vigil starting at 10:15am. The abortuary is located at 7155 E 38th Ave. in Denver.

**Next Sun, Jan 26 - Society of Masses for the Dead:** Please stop by the social hall after all Masses to learn more or enroll your deceased loved ones into the Society. The 8:30am First Friday Mass each month (starting Feb 7) will be offered for those who are enrolled. A book of Catholic prayers for the dying titled *Running to Christ*, compiled by four parishioners with a forward by Fr. McCarthy, will be available for purchase.

**Tue, Jan 28 - Men's Group:** The men of the parish are invited to pray the Most Holy Rosary at 6pm followed by a presentation from Michael Paulick on the Spanish Civil War.

**Sun. Feb 2 - Purification BVM/Candlemas:** The blessing of candles will take place FIVE MINUTES BEFORE the 11am High Mass. Candles to be blessed can be dropped off in front of the Divine Mercy Image starting next Sunday. DO NOT try to drop off candles immediately before the high Mass.

**Sun, Feb 2 - St. Blaise Throat Blessing** will take place following all Sunday Masses and after the 8:30am Mass on Mon, Feb 3.

**Sat, Feb 8 - St. Gerard Child Loss Grief Support Group** after the 8:30am Mass. Need to put everything on pause? Come and enjoy a Breakfast Tea in the company of fellow moms. No sharing is required, just come sit & drink tea, bring something to knit, embroider, crochet or maybe build a puzzle...whatever you need. Refreshments will be provided, though bringing a dish to share is welcomed. Contact Angie Flees 720-936-5315 if you have any questions.

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### Leisure and Culture Game Night

This Sat, Jan 25 - 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 Hecker ([h2jcxavier@gmail.com](mailto:h2jcxavier@gmail.com)) with any questions.

**Sun, Feb 9 - OLMC Blood Drive** organized by the K of C. Join us at our upcoming blood drive and make a difference in your community. Visit [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org) and use blood drive code 10055655 or scan the QR code  
Appointments preferred, walk-ins are welcome!



**May 26-Jun 5 - Pilgrimage to Poland & Prague:** Join Fr. Neal Nichols, FSSP, on a pilgrimage to the magnificent lands of Poland and the Czech Republic. Travel to the sites so dear to Pope John Paul II, his hometown and the See of Krakow. Come to know better the story of Divine Mercy and the mission of Sr. Faustina to spread the message of mercy and redemption for the world. Travel through the Slavic lands of Moravia and Bohemia taking in the sacred sites of the cities of Brno and Prague. Encounter the "Little King" known to the world as the Infant of Prague and return home with the grace of peace of the many blessings of this pilgrimage. Go to [www.syversentouring.com/2025-poland-and-prague](http://www.syversentouring.com/2025-poland-and-prague).

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

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of**  
Lance Martin, Marc Munoz, Jack Lappan, Earl Ammerman, Mary Robles, William Luetticke, Elvie Proto, Kim Poletto.

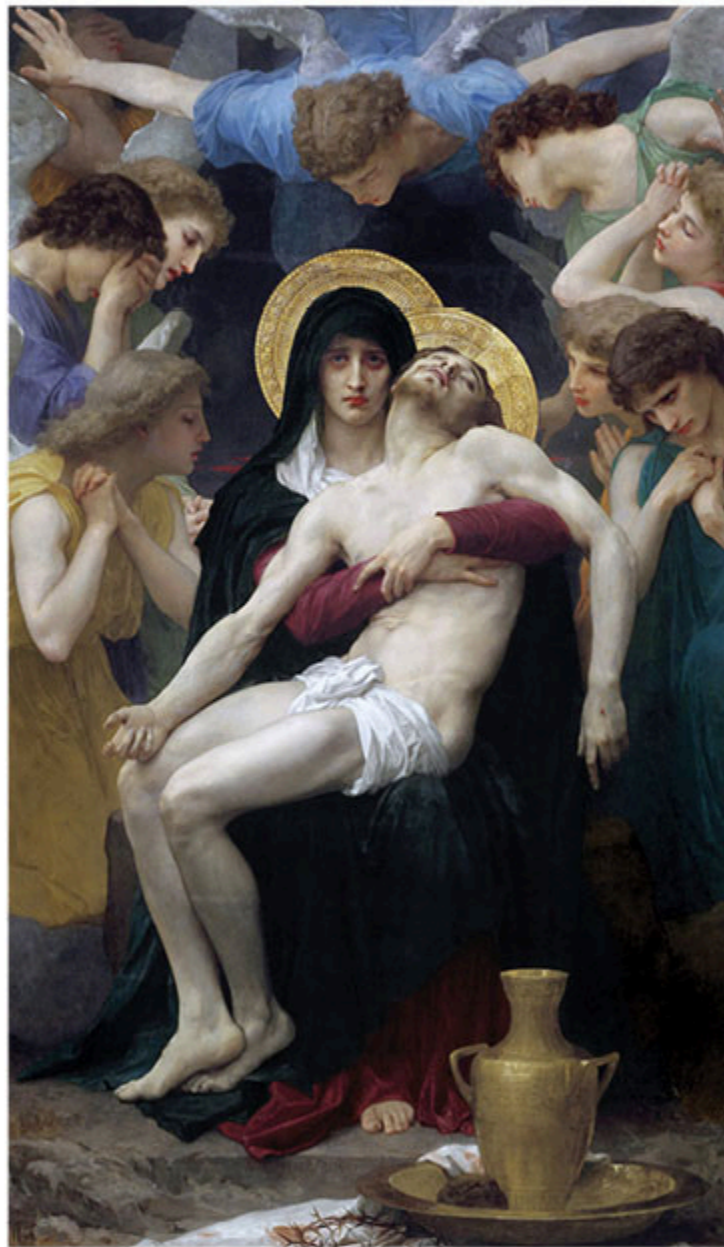
**HOMEBOUND**  
Any parishioner confined to home who would like to receive the sacraments or the bulletin, please contact the parish office.

Sanctuary Flower Intentions		
Feast		Intention
II Sunday after Epiphany	Main Altar	Mark Auger+ by Ellen Auger
	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Lisa Filipczak by John Filipczak

### Electronic Giving via Faith Direct



# Society of Masses for the Dead



THE GREATEST PRAYER  
WE CAN OFFER IS THAT OF  
THE HOLY MASS.

Please join us next Sunday, January 26, in the social hall after all Masses to learn more and enroll your loved ones into the Society of Masses for the Dead.

A one-time donation at the time of enrollment into the Society covers your loved one with a Mass every month for as long as the Society exists.

**Individual Enrollment Donation \$30**

**Family Enrollment Donation \$50**

The Masses dedicated to these souls will be prayed at every First Friday 8:30 Morning Mass beginning February 7th.

Proceeds from the Society will be donated to an approved Catholic organization that adheres to Christ's teachings.

Certificates of Enrollment are available for mailing.

Payment methods include cash, check, credit card, and Venmo.

A book of Catholic prayers for the dying, compiled by four parishioners with a forward by Father McCarthy, titled *Running to Christ*, will also be available at a special price of only \$20.

For enrollment and questions beyond January 26, please contact:  
**Running to Christ Ministry**  
Phone or Text: (303) 589-4377  
Email: [RunningtoChristLLC@gmail.com](mailto:RunningtoChristLLC@gmail.com)