



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

Holy Name of Jesus

January 5, 2025



*Et vocábis nomen eius Iesum:
ipse enim saluum fáciét pópulum suum
a peccátis eórum.*

From the Press

On Ambrose and Accompanying (John Grondelski, *Crisis Magazine*)

St. Ambrose was the great fourth-century bishop of Milan. A major reason he was chosen for that See was his opposition to the Arian heresy... His influence as a churchman is unquestionable: he was responsible for the conversion of St. Augustine, who himself held

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Ambrose up as the model bishop. His preaching and teaching were so powerful that he was regarded as one of four great ancient doctors of the Church... Theodosius was Roman Emperor in the late fourth century. Around 390, there was a massacre of citizens in Thessalonica... killed in collective punishment for the lynching of a Roman soldier who had a popular charioteer arrested for pederasty... Blame for the punishment was laid on Theodosius and his “choleric” temper... Theodosius made his way to Milan in the hope of repentance (and to redeem himself both politically as well as spiritually by ecclesiastical pardon). St. Ambrose did not want to be seen as sanctioning or whitewashing Theodosius’ deed, so he conveniently made himself absent from the city, corresponding with the errant Emperor and demanding extended public penance on his part prior to his restoration to full Communion. This Theodosius did. The tradition (and artists) turned that call for repentance and conversion into a confrontation at the cathedral door, where Ambrose bars Theodosius - dressed as an emperor - from entering the church until he first dons penitential habit and performs public penance for his bloodletting... This depiction stuck - and stuck positively - in the Catholic imagination. For centuries, nobody suggested that Ambrose was the “bad guy” or Theodosius the “abused victim.” ... Which makes me wonder: What would Francis have done with an Ambrose standing in the emperor’s path? Would he invite his early resignation? Tell us he’s been wrongly criticized before taking that resignation? Give him a coadjutor with right-of-succession? ... Or - in Francis’ fashion of criticizing those “who sit in the chair of Moses” - would he criticize the Milanese doctor for holding up the chair of Peter? Or send him a note on what proper “theology” is and how to apply it “pastorally?” Would we be told Ambrose was “weaponizing” the Eucharist and being “unaccompanying”? History tells us that Ambrose did not hesitate to exclude a politician from the Bread of Life for his crimes against life. History tells us Ambrose welcomed Theodosius first to show real repentance, which Theodosius did. One might ask: Who should be taking lessons from whom?

On Sedevacantism (Joseph Bevan, *Rorate Caeli*)

For the vast majority of laymen and clergy who have abandoned the Pope in favor of the various versions of sedevacantism (SV), it doesn’t end there. In the spiritual life one gets better, or one gets worse. One doesn’t simply stay the same. From initially laughing at the Holy Father and mocking [him], one can graduate to open and vehement dislike, aided and abetted by the internet. It will not be long before one goes only to SV Masses which may not happen more than once a month in special chapels where prayers for the Pope are left out. Sermons designed to fortify the faithful in the SV position can ultimately wear them down and they may start to miss Mass altogether as despair takes hold. Finally, they may give up their Catholic religion, which was what the Devil was planning all along.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 am Eleanor McCarthy

8:00 am Mark and Erin Monroe by Marie Monroe

9:30 am Darlene Aldridge+ by Mary Robles

11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo

1:00 pm Mr. Joseph Falciano, FSSP

4:30 pm Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

The Epiphany of Our Lord

8:30 am (High Mass) John Filipi Jr.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Feria of Epiphany

8:30 am Bonnie Vaughn+ by David Wilson

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Feria of Epiphany

8:30 am Blaine Palmer+ by Susan Hranicka

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Feria of Epiphany

8:30 am Dennis Schneider by Jeff Monroe

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Feria of Epiphany

8:30 am Michael Hermes+ by Mary Robles

7:00 pm Jess Medlin by Cassie Pippin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Saturday of Our Lady

8:30 am Matt Paul by Martin McDonough

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

6:30 am Voughn and Voughn Jr. Mercado+
by Beunellah Maestas

8:00 am FSSP and Preservation of the TLM

9:30 am Sherry Ohotnicky+

11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo

1:00 pm Bill and Sheryl Temaat Family

5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

Fr. McCarthy’s Private Intentions

6 Theresa Longhlin+ by Sherry So

7 Denise Gustafson by Therese Spoerl

9 FSSP

11 Holy Souls in Purgatory+ by Beunellah Maestas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sacraments 2025 - One week left to register! If you have a child in the 3rd grade of religion class in school, they are eligible to receive First Holy Communion/Confirmation in 2025. For more info, please go to olmcfssp.org > sacraments > first holy communion/confirmation. Classes will be Sundays at 2:15pm beginning on Jan 26. Registration ends Jan 12.

Catholic Inquiry Classes for all those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith starts Sat, Jan 11 at 9:30am, 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.

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.

Today - Chesterton Academy Tabling: *Our Lady of Victory & Our Lady Seat of Wisdom* academies are visiting OLMC. Please stop by their information tables in the social hall after Mass. Both schools are part of the Chesterton Network which offers a joyfully Catholic classical education, affordable tuition and small class sizes. For additional information, visit ourladyofvictorydenver.com and olswdenver.org.

Today - Epiphany Water Blessing at 5:15pm in the parish hall after Vespers. All are welcome to attend. There is a table in the hall for you to drop off containers of water to-be-blessed. Please only bring gallon size containers.

This Fri, Jan 10 - Mary's Budding Flowers is a parish group for women expecting and in early motherhood. Join us at 9:30am in the St. Albert Room. You are encouraged to bring a friend and dish to share. Toddlers and babies are welcome. Direct questions to Angela at angeladelcarmen@protonmail.com.

Tue Jan 14 - St. Joseph Business Club Lunch and Learn networking event from 11:30am-1pm in the parish hall. This month's topic is *Practical Cybersecurity for Small Business*. Sign up via QR code or Flocknote. Cost is \$10 at the door.



Sun, Jan 19 - Altar Flower Donation Drive: If you would like to provide flowers for a special intention, please stop by the ARS table in the hall after all Masses. Thank you for helping to make our altar beautiful.

Sun, Jan 19 - Burrito Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will be selling burritos after all morning Masses.

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Annual OLMC Christmas Party

Next Sun, Jan 12 - Join us after the 1pm Mass for a potluck style lunch which will be followed by Christmas carols, Irish dancing, and skits performed by the OLGC Co-op. Sign-up to bring a festive dish or to volunteer via QR code or Flocknote.



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.

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, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Poinsettias will remain on the altar until the Commemoration of the Lord's Baptism (Jan 13).

MONTHLY OFFERTORY - December:

Offertory: \$145,862.07

Poor Box: \$2,353

Capital: \$14,656.70

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct





Christmas Nativity Scene

Dating back to the 2nd century, the Catacombs of Rome hold some of the earliest Christian depictions of the nativity scene. These underground burial sites featured frescoes and carvings which portrayed biblical scenes, including the birth of Our Lord. The catacombs played a significant role in preserving the early Christian faith and its visual representations. These ancient artworks serve as evidence of the prominence and early fascination with the nativity story.

In the 13th century, St. Francis of Assisi was instrumental in popularizing the nativity scene. Motivated by the pervasive coldness to the reality of the Incarnation and Our Lord's temporal birth due to the influence of Gnosticism, Francis wanted to rekindle devotion. Francis's initiative had a lasting impact and the tradition of setting up nativity scenes spread across Europe. To our own creche, in addition to the historical figures, this year we added those of saints whose feast days immediately follow the Lord's Nativity, which saints are closely associated with and highlight the Incarnation:

St Stephen (Dec 26) - one of the first seven deacons (symbolized by his dalmatic and tonsure) and Protomartyr, being the first to willingly shed his blood as a witness to the Incarnation and the Gospel. Stoned to death, Stephen's figure carries the martyr's palm with stones at his feet. The words on the open book are from the Acts of the Apostles (6:15): They saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

St John (Dec 27) - the Evangelist, whose Gospel is an extended meditation on the great mystery of the Incarnation, opening with its incomparable Prologue declaring the eternity of the Son of God who entered his own creation, The words on the open pages of the book which he carries are from his gospel (Jn 1:14): And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

The Holy Innocents (Dec 28) - those male children aged two and under who were slaughtered out of hatred of Our Lord, whose temporal birth in Bethlehem had been foretold by the prophet Micah and announced by the Magi. The Innocents also carry the martyr's palm.