



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.

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

December 29, 2024

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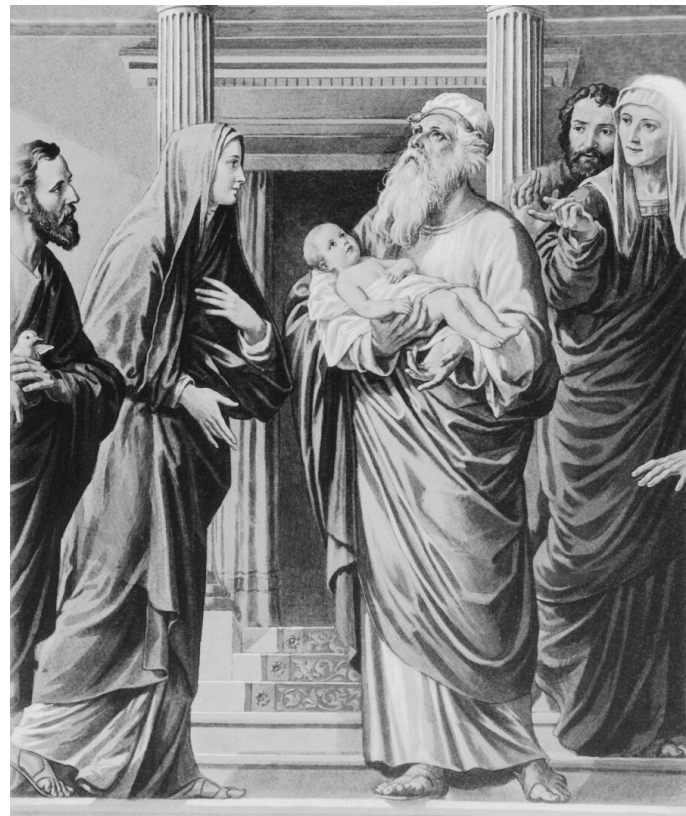
SUNDAY LOW MASS
6:30 AM | 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 1:00 PM

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



*Ecce p̄situs est hic in ruīnam
et in resurrectiōnem multōrum in Israel
et in signum cui contradicētur*

From Fr. Nolan

'While all things were in wrapped in silence, and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy Almighty word leaped down from heaven from thy royal throne.' - Wis 18:14

This most beautiful prophecy from the book of Wisdom is placed before us today on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. God

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was not content merely to “come down” from heaven, he leaped down, eager to accomplish his mission of salvation, eager to show us the immense love he has for us.

And when did he arrive? Not when the world was warm and beautiful in full bloom, but in the dead of winter, the darkest and coldest time of the year. And Christ, by his coming, turned this coldest, darkest, most wretched time of year, into the warmest, brightest, and most wonderful. Mankind, lost in sin for four thousand years, now saw that long-awaited promise of salvation coming true.

Think about that Christmas night over 2000 years ago. If somehow we could go back in time and be anywhere on earth on that night, where else would we want to be except in that cold, dark stable?

Who could bear to be in the most magnificent palace, if he knew he was losing the chance to be in the stable in Bethlehem? Who could stand to be in the presence of kings, if he knew thereby he was losing the chance to kneel next to the manger, and worship the newborn Christ?

This is what Christ does – he takes the worst and makes it the best. Just as the dead of winter and that cold stable became, by the presence of Christ, the most desirable of all times and places, so too, can the darkest and most painful times in our lives be transformed into the most magnificent, by the presence of Christ. But we must recognize first that he is there.

Who would turn down a spot next to the manger on that Christmas night, so close to Christ? Yet this is what we do when we flee the pain in our lives, not seeing Christ so close. Who would run out of that humble stable, leaving behind the Holy Family? Yet this is what we do when we run away from the trials and pains of our vocation.

Christmas time is story time, to tell the most beautiful story ever written, for it was written by God Himself. Which is that in the darkest and coldest and worst times of life, there we will find Christ, there we find redemption, there we find joy.

The stable remained dark, and the winter remained cold, but at one and the same time, there was no palace on earth more magnificent and no fireside burning with more warmth.

Let us ask Christ this season to show us his presence in the darkest and loneliest times of our lives and teach us to kneel before him there with the same awe and love as did the shepherds that first Christmas night. Then we too will find our salvation, our sanctity, and the true joy that no darkness can extinguish. +

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

6:30 am Michael Dixon+ by John Christian
8:00 am Deacon Toby Gaines+ by Sherry So
9:30 am Private Intention by Laurie Conder
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm FSSP and Preservation of the TLM
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:30 am Frankie Nolan by Tim and Nancy Nolan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:30 am Heather and Zappa Family by Maguire Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Octave Day of the Nativity of Our Lord

8:30 am William Easter Jr.
10:00 am Mary T. Newblum+ by Sherry So
12:00 pm (High Mass) Pro Populo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Feria in Christmastide

8:30 am Patsy Newman+ by Susan Hranicka

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Feria in Christmastide

8:30 am Jess Medlin by Cassie Pipin
7:00 pm Walsh Family by Ann Walsh

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Saturday of Our Lady

8:30 am Mark and Erin Monroe by Donna Monroe

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 am John Filipi Jr.
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
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

Fr. Nolan's Private Intentions

30 Robert E. Dalton+

31 David Hermes+ by Mary Robles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Office is closed through Wed, Jan 1.

Thank You to all who participated in the giving tree this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

This Wed, Jan 1 - Octave Day of the Nativity is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are at 6:30am (Carmel), 8:30am, 10am, and 12pm (High Mass). A plenary indulgence may be gained by singing or saying the *Veni Creator*. This will be sung before each Mass.

Yearly Donation Statements will be sent out at the end of January. The deadline for tax-deductible donations for 2024 is today, Dec 29, 2024. Any donations that come in after 12/29 will be counted for the 2025 tax year.

First Sacraments 2025: 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 on 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.

Today - Epiphany Home Blessings: The Altar and Rosary Society will be handing out Epiphany Home Blessing kits after Mass. The kit includes a pamphlet explaining how to use the blessed chalk to protect your home in the new year. Epiphany water will be available.

This Fri, Jan 3 - St. Gerard Majella Child Loss Support Group after the 7pm Mass until 9:30pm. Refreshments provided. Are you feeling alone in your grief? Come find consolation with fellow moms. Whether you knew your child only moments or a lifetime, a loss is a loss, and you are most welcome. This meeting is going to focus on giving us space and time to remember our children during this Christmas season. Any questions please call or text Angie Flees 720-936-5315.

Next Sun, Jan 5 - Chesterton Academy of OLV & Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, A Chesterton Academy, will both be visiting OLMC on, after all the Masses. Please stop by their information tables in the Social Hall. Both schools are part of the Chesterton Network, founded in 2008, which offers a joyfully Catholic classical education, affordable tuition, and small class sizes. Visit the school websites to learn more: ourladyofvictorydenver.com and olswdenver.org.

Next Sun, Jan 5 - Epiphany Water Blessing at 5:45pm 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.

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Catechism and Cocktails

Next Sun, Jan 5 - Join other single Catholics, aged 24 & older, looking to deepen their faith in a relaxed setting. Fr. Nolan will give a talk about the 3 Levels of Marriage. Food and drinks will be served, including sparkling water, wine and a special cocktail for the evening. Sign up via QR code or on Flocknote. Event begins at 6pm.



Sun, Jan 12 - Annual OLMC Christmas Party: 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.



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.

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).

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct





Thoughts for an Extraordinary Christmastide

(with thanks to Fr William Rock, FSSP)

The word "Christmas" comes from combining two late Old English words "Cristes Maesse" or "the Mass of Christ." The Latin name of the feast is "Nativitas Domini," the Nativity, or Birthday, of the Lord. In the Romance languages the name of this day is derived from the Latin (e.g. Noel in French and Navidad in Spanish).

The 40 days of Christmastide begin on Christmas Day and end on the Feast of the Purification (2 February). Due to its length, Christmastide often overlaps with Septuagesima. The Octave of Christmas is from 25 December to 1 January inclusive. The 12 Days of Christmas are from 25 December to 5 January inclusive.

The date of Christmas is determined by counting nine months from 25 March when Our Lord's incarnation in the womb of Mary is celebrated. Christmas Day traverses the days of the week from year to year so that each day of the week is sanctified by the celebration of Christmas.

Three Masses are said on Christmas Day, which practice originated in Jerusalem.

- The First Mass is the Midnight Mass and its theme is the birth of Christ in Bethlehem.
- The Second Mass is the Dawn Mass or the Mass of the Aurora and its theme is the birth of Christ in the soul by grace which is expressed by the visit of the shepherds in the Gospel. This Mass is also called "the Shepherds' Mass" on this account.
- The Third Mass is the Day Mass and its focus is on the eternal generation (birth) of the Son from the Father, true God from true God.

The Gloria is said/sung even on ferias until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The angels have sung the opening words of the Gloria to the shepherds and the Church takes up this hymn in joyful celebration of the birth of Christ.

The color of this season is white which expresses: (1) the gladness to which the angels invited the world, (2) the beauty of our Divine Sun that has risen in Bethlehem, (3) the spotless purity of the Virgin-Mother, and (4) the clean heartedness which they should have who come to worship at the mystic Crib.