



# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 AM until the line is gone.**

**SAT: 3 - 4 PM**

DAILY MASS

**6:30 AM SUN - SAT**

Carmelite Monastery

6138 S. Gallup St. Littleton, CO 80120

## First Sunday of Advent

### November 30, 2025



*Abiciámus ergo ópera tenebrárum, et induámur arma lucis.  
Sicut in die, honéste ambulémus.*

**From Fr. Stack**

The season of Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew, which happens to be the same day this year. The First Sunday of Advent takes precedence in such a case and thus, to some degree, overshadows this great Apostle. It is nothing new for Andrew whose brother tends to overshadow him as well. After all, St. Peter was charged with being Christ's Vicar on Earth, he was entrusted with the Keys and called to be Rock, a unifying principle for the Church Militant as he confirmed his brethren in the Faith. St. Peter is enormously important for us Catholics and particularly for us here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel who benefit from the priests of the Fraternity that bears his name. However, St. Andrew is also an important model for us in regards to the spiritual life and to our own call to bring others to Christ.

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On this day that we celebrate the frater Sancti Petri, we might remember how it was Andrew that first introduced Peter to our Blessed Lord:

“And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. And Jesus turning, and seeing them following him, saith to them: What seek you? Who said to him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? He saith to them: Come and see. They came, and saw where he abode, and they stayed with him that day: now it was about the tenth hour. And Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who had heard of John, and followed him. He findeth first his brother Simon, and saith to him: We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And Jesus looking upon him, said: Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is interpreted Peter.” (Jn 1:37-42)

Andrew is completely convinced that our Lord is the Messiah and says as much to his brother Simon Peter. How is it that he was convinced that this Rabbi whom John the Baptist called the Lamb of God was indeed the long-awaited Messiah? Was it merely a short visit with the Lord and a quick glimpse of where He had been staying? The great Scripture scholar Cornelius a Lapide recalls our Lord’s admission that, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head” (Mt. 8:20). In other words, the disciples were not going to find a great house within which our Lord was staying. Their deeper desire, however, and what they did find, was an opportunity in which the Lord might instruct them in divine things.

That this took place at the tenth hour (i.e. 4:00pm) is of great importance. Cornelius a Lapide points out that this would be just two hours before sunset and thus, “St. John adds these words, to show both the zeal of Christ, who though night was nigh, would not put them off to the following day, but entered immediately upon the things pertaining to salvation; as also to show the ardent devotion of the disciples to Christ, who, careless about their night’s lodging, had rather spend the night in listening to Christ, than at home in their beds.”

This ardent devotion pays off for the disciples, who, desiring to find where the Lord abode, come to understand that God’s dwelling place is with man (Cf. Rev. 21:3). Isaiah’s prophecy has come to fulfillment in this Rabbi who is the Messiah, who is Emmanuel—that is, God with us. It is no accident that St. John gives account of this moment in the life of St. Andrew within the first chapter of his Gospel. It comes immediately after the Prologue—we perhaps know it better as the Last Gospel at Mass—in which St. John is very clear that our Blessed Lord is the Word of God, the Logos, who has not only been with God but is God from all eternity, and has now taken to Himself human flesh and dwells among us.

Central to our Faith is the Incarnation; without it, we do not have the Christ. In order that we are well disposed to receive Him, we are given a season of prayer and penance to prepare for the great Feast Day of His Birth. Might we approach Advent much like St. Andrew approached the Lord: responding to the Lord’s invitation to come and see and thus praying through the night of Advent that, come Christmas day, we are convinced of who He is—the Christ, Emmanuel, God who has made His dwelling with man in the flesh. Then, like St. Andrew, we can let this truth take precedence over our lives and go proclaim it to the ends of the earth.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

#### First Sunday of Advent

6:30 am Beth Ampleman by Sarah Ampleman  
8:00 am OLMC Volunteers  
9:30 am Marie Whatley  
**11:00 am (High Mass)** Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Colleen Kilman Laura Summers  
5:00 pm Solemn Vespers and Compline

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

#### Feria of Advent

8:30 am Michael Anderson+ by Mary Anderson

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

#### St. Bibiana, *Virgin and Martyr*

8:30 am James LaRocca+ by Madelyn Leonardi

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

#### St. Francis Xavier, *Confessor*

8:30 am Fulton Kotrba by Perkins Family

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

#### St. Peter Chrysologus, *Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor*

8:30 am June Collinson+ by Anne and Charles Fitch  
7:00 pm Adoration and Benediction

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

#### Feria of Advent

8:30 am Members of SOMD+  
7:00 pm Stephen Tuttle by Tuttle Family

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

#### St. Nicholas, *Bishop and Confessor*

**6:00 am (Rorate Mass)** Charles J. Karsky  
by Larry and Lisa DiLorenzo  
8:30 am Matthew L. Doran  
by William & Theresa Dougherty

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

#### Second Sunday of Advent

6:30 am OLMC 2025 Senior Graduates  
8:00 am Matt and Peggy Tynan Family  
by Brett Ammerman Family  
9:30 am Chris and Caitlin Jay and Family  
**11:00 am (High Mass)** Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Fr. James B. Doran, OMV+ by Bruno Family  
5:00 pm Solemn Vespers and Compline

#### Fr. Dalimata’s Private Intentions

- 1 Donald Wasielewski+ by Beaulieu Family
- 2 Ann Baertlein+ by Brenda Wolf
- 3 Fr. James Doran, OMV+ by Bruno Family
- 4 Fr. John Berg, FSSP
- 5 Benedictines of Mary Queen of Apostles
- 6 Fr. William Lawrence, FSSP

#### Fr. Stack’a Private Intentions

- 1 James LaRocca+ by Madelyn Leonardi
- 2 Fr. James B. Doran, OMV+ by William & Theresa Dougherty
- 3 Mike Dalton by Brett and Maria Ammerman
- 4 Michael Anderson+ by Mary Anderson
- 5 Cecilia Margarita Alba Sanchez
- 6 Sean and Graciela Milligan and Family

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fr. Stack and Fr. Dalimata** will be away Dec 1-6 on retreat.

**St. Andrew Christmas Novena** begins today.

**First Sacraments 2026:** If you have a child in the 3rd grade of religion class in school (or age 8), they are eligible to receive First Holy Communion/Confirmation in spring of 2026. For more info, please go to [olmcfssp.org](http://olmcfssp.org) > sacraments > first holy communion/confirmation. Classes will be on Sundays at 2:15pm beginning on Jan 25. Registration ends Jan 11.

**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 Allison Glass at [alison.m.glass@gmail.com](mailto:alison.m.glass@gmail.com) by Sun, Dec 7. More info to follow regarding purchasing gifts.

**Christmas Poinsettia Donations:** There are envelopes in the vestibule and outside the office for Christmas Poinsettia donations. The 8am high Mass on Christmas morning will be offered for the donors' intentions. Return to by Sun, Dec 21.

**Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:** Are you ready to spread some holiday cheer? Show us your creativity by designing an 11x17 poster! Open to students in Grades K-8. Pick up an entry sheet in the parish hall and return by Dec 7.

**Knights of Columbus Essay Contest:** The KofC is hosting a contest for students in grades 8-12. All entries due no later than Sun, Nov 30. All essays must be submitted by emailing Matt Perkins at [jmattperkins@gmail.com](mailto:jmattperkins@gmail.com) with the name, grade level, and contact information included (including parents' names and phone number). Each grade winner will be forwarded to the next level. Parish winners will receive a cash prize of \$300 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd, & \$100 for 3rd place.

**Prompt:** The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St. Peter to lead His Church on earth. In an essay of 500-750 words, out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why? Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

**Today and next Sun, Dec 7 - ARS Advent Candle Sale** in the parish hall after all Masses. The ARS will also be accepting donations for a new set of Solemn Mass vestments as well as entries for a draw to win the BVM/Child statue which formerly adorned the high altar. You must be 18 or older and a registered parishioner to enter. Drawing will take place at the Lessons and Carols on Dec 14. You must be present to win.

**Sat, Dec 6 - 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

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

**Sat, Dec 6 - Confraternity of Christian Mothers** invites women of the parish to a talk by Fr. Loftus and brunch at 9:30am after Mass in the St. Albert room. Childcare provided.

**Mon, Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception of the BVM** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 6:30am (High Mass at the Monastery), 8:30am, 12pm, and 7pm (High Mass).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Advent Lessons, Carols & Vespers

**Sun, Dec 14** - Please join us at 4:15pm in the church for this 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. Please note that this is an earlier hour than last year's Lessons & Carols, and that it leads directly into 5pm Solemn Vespers & Compline of Gaudete Sunday. A festive reception will follow.

**Tue, Dec 9 - Colorado Catholic Business Network** invites you to join us for Catholic Networking from 11:30-1pm. Come to exchange ideas, grow your business, and grow the Catholic economy! Scan QR to register or see Flocknote



**Sat, Dec 13 - 4th Annual Advent Evening:** Our annual Advent evening of spiritual reflection and merriment for women is returning! Interested in hosting a table? We are currently filling hostess spots. You can sign up via QR code or Flocknote to host. More details about attending will come soon!



**Tue, Dec 16 - Men's Group:** The men of the parish are invited on to pray the rosary at 6:00pm. A talk from parishioner Richard Shaw on ham radios will follow.

**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, Cristina Vigil, Maria McKinley, Rebecca Noël Moser, Joanne Leary, Ronald Rider, Robert Tancredi, Pat Bergman.

#### Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of

Michael Anderson, Fr. James B. Doran, John & Eugenia Casbergue, Ronald & Dorothy Seybert, Blake Bratcher, James Hamm, Tony Morley, Susan Martin, Joyce Doherty.

#### HOMEBOUND

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

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

Advent is a penitential season, so there are no altar flowers.

Advent Wreath: Woods Family by Sally Woods

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct







# IN MONTEM

*A Backcountry Winter Adventure*

Happy  
Holy  
Hazardous

## Find the Source of Your Strength in God

Join clergy and seminarians from the FSSP on a backcountry expedition in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado in January. Through the physical challenges of ice climbing, snowshoeing, and winter camping, you will build joyful resilience and find your true strength in God. Visit <https://www.boscoministries.org/in-montem> or scan the code below for the details.

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