



# 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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**SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES**

**303-241-2946**

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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 21, 2025**



*Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant iustum:  
aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem*

**From the Press**

The Byzantine Antidote to Low Mass (Gregory DiPippo, NLM)

I had a chat with one of the wise men I consult about such things, and we got to talking about the length of the service known as All-night Vigil... The term "all" in "All-night" is something of a rhetorical exaggeration, but in large monasteries such as the great houses on Mt Athos, not by much, and this was his description of the order of services for a patronal feast which he attended at one of them: Ninth Hour, Small Vespers, dinner in the refectory with

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solemn procession from the church and then back afterwards. Break for confessions. Beginning of All-Night Vigil proper: Vespers with Artoklasia (4 hours; the troparia at the artoklasia took 30 minutes with the terirems, Psalms 103 took 1.5 hours). Reading of the Saint's Life (around midnight). After the Kontakion of the Sixth Ode they passed to a full Akathistos (I went to sleep at that point) (Presumably) First, Third, and Sixth Hours, Divine Liturgy.

#### A Protestant Comments on Worshiptainment (You Tube)

Many Christians take worship in Church for granted. In my church, some come late for service, dose off during service, come dressed inappropriately, chit chat during service, playing with their phones while the service is going on etc. All these they do in the holy presence of God. Would they do the same if they were invited to attend a meeting with someone very important like the King? God is above all and yet some do not show Him reverence and claim to be worshipping Him. May God help them to be faithful and fear God.

#### Assessing Interreligious Dialogue (Fr Alexis Portella, Crisis)

The Pontiff also went to visit the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, where, at the behest of his guide the imam Askin Musa Tunca, he was invited to pray saying: "This is the house of Allah—it's not my house; it's not your house." To which Leo responded: "No, I'll just look around."

Unlike his predecessors Benedict XVI and Francis, the reigning Pontiff showed no condescension toward the religion of the Koran, regardless of the controversy he anticipated would follow. And, indeed, almost immediately the Vatican Press Office tried to do some damage control...

The Roman pontiff made it clear that - notwithstanding his meeting with Turkish leader... who in 2020 turned the 1,500-year-old church of Hagia Sophia, built by the Emperor Justinian I, into a mosque - his visit was a pastoral and an ecumenical one. In other words, he was not there to appease a religion that, since its inception 1,400 years ago, has killed Christians and other non-Muslims alike, conquering and stripping their lands.

Yet there is an artifice to the interreligious dialogue in that there can be some sort of congruence with a religion that refuses to call God "Father" and simultaneously acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God and not just an inferior prophet to Muhammad, as Muslims hold...

I myself do not have a single problem, and nor should any Catholic, in having interreligious dialogues and encounters if they are geared to drawing Muslims (and other non-Christians) to embracing the fullness of who God is as taught by the Catholic Church which He Himself founded. Yet what we have had for the last 60 years has been a political dynamic that, by its very nature, is incompatible with the Gospel teaching of Jesus Christ.

From a sociopolitical perspective, there can be a meeting of minds with Muslims to defend the institution of the family, since they collectively are against same-sex unions and every other type of LGBTQ+ agenda. But then it would no longer be "interreligious" dialogue. It would be beneficial if the Holy See reevaluates this endeavor, and not just for our sake. Otherwise, they will continue to be, as Dr. Imtiyaz Yusuf, Research Fellow at the Center for Islam in the Contemporary World, argues, "one-time meetings or a photo opportunity, or what I call 'goody-goody dialogue,' where you just talk about the good in one's own religion and the good in other religions."

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

6:30 am Baby Gabriel Michael Schafer by Anna Coffey  
8:00 am For an End to Abortion  
9:30 am Milly Ritter and Family by Diane Veazie  
**11:00 am (High Mass)** Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Kim Poletto+ by Chris Poletto  
5:00 pm Solemn Vespers and Compline

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

#### Greater Feria of Advent

8:30 am Mark Miller by Rebecca Miller

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

#### Greater Feria of Advent

8:30 am Larry Elo+ by Hugh and Gerrie Enockson

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

#### Vigil of Christmas

8:30 am Kim Poletto+ by Chris Poletto

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

#### The Nativity of Our Lord

**12:00 am Midnight Mass** Pro Populo  
6:30 am OLMC Volunteers  
**8:00 am (High Mass)** Christmas Flower Donors' Intentions  
9:30 am Archbishop Aquila  
**11:00 am (High Mass)** Pope Leo XIV

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

#### St. Stephen, Deacon and Protomartyr

8:30 am Schneider Family by Jeff and Donna Monroe  
7:00 pm Beth Stack

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

#### St. John the Evangelist, Apostle

8:30 am Jane Brennan

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

#### Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

6:30 am Kerry Feist by Brett and Maria Ammerman  
8:00 am Matthew Peacock+ by Barbara Ceurvels  
9:30 am Celebrant's Intention  
**11:00 am (High Mass)** Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Chris Caplis and Family by Tom Chavez  
5:00 pm Solemn Vespers and Compline

#### ----- Fr. Stack's Private Intentions

22 Michael Anderson+ by VanderWeele Family  
23 Roberto, Mario, Jose Saucedo+ by Rosario Cichos  
24 Beth Stack  
25 Fr. Patrick Moser, Celebrant's Intention  
27 Fr. Lawrence Carney by Ann Glaser

#### Fr. Dalimata's Private Intentions

24 Monroe Family by Donna Monroe  
25 Celebrant's Intention  
26 Matthew Peacock+ by Barbara Ceurvels  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parish Volunteers:** Fr. McCarthy offers sincere thanks to all who throughout the year freely give of their valuable time, without whom this parish could not function, including in no particular order and not exhaustively: choir, MCs and altar servers, ushers, safety team, collection counters, those who help with sacraments preparation, ARS, K of C, those who organize/run parish events/groups, those who provide meals, do maintenance jobs or help out in any number of hidden ways. May God reward your zeal.

**The Parish Office** will be closed Dec 24-Jan 1 inclusive.

**No Thursday Adoration this week**

**Thu, Dec 25 - Christmas Day Mass Schedule:**

12am Solemn High Mass. Carols begin at 11pm in the church.  
6:30am (Low), 8am (High), 9:30am (Low), 11am (High)

**Christmas Day Mass Schedule at the Carmel:**

Thu, Dec 25: 12:00am (High)

Thu, Dec 25: 8:00am (High)

Please note, Christmas Day Mass is not at the regular time

**Thu, 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).

**Yearly Donation Statements** will be sent out at the end of January. The deadline for tax-deductible donations for 2025 is Dec 28, 2025. Any donations that come in after 12/28 will be counted for the 2026 tax year.

**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.

**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 by today.

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

**Next Sun, Dec 28 - Epiphany Home Blessings:** The Altar and Rosary Society will be handing out Epiphany Home Blessing kits after Mass next Sunday. 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...

**Mon, Jan 5 - Epiphany Water Blessing** at 5:45pm in the parish hall after Vespers. All are welcome to attend. There will be a table in the hall for water to-be-blessed beginning on Sun, Dec 28. Please only bring gallon size containers.

**Sun, Jan 11 - OLMC's Annual Christmas Party:** Save the Date! will be after the 1pm Mass. More information to come!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### From the Priests

**The Priests of OLMC** wish for all the parishioners a peaceful and joyful Christmas season celebrating the birth of Our Lord.



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**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.

**Electronic Giving via Faith Direct**







# Planning for You and Your Loved Ones

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## Join us for a Catholic End-of-Life Conference focused on:

- Wills and Estate Planning 101
- Living Wills, Medical & Financial Power of Attorney
- How to Support Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- Catholic Funeral and Burial Planning

### **The panel includes:**

**Matt Perkins**

*Estate Planning Attorney*

**Deacon John Volk, MD**

*End-of-Life Directives - via video*

**Deacon Marc Nestorick**

*Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services*

**Mark Hahn**

*Emmaus Catholic Hospice*

**Christine M. Hoyer**

*The Catholic Foundation*

**Saturday,  
January 10**

**9:30 - 12:30pm**

*Light refreshments included*

**Our Lady of  
Mt. Carmel**

*Social Hall*

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