



# 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**

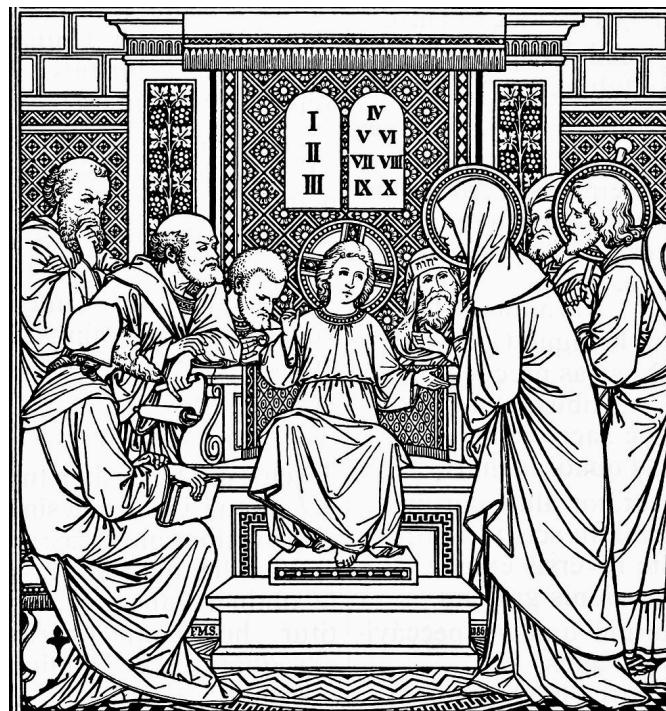
**DAILY MASS**  
**8:30 AM MON - SAT**  
**Also 7:00 PM FRI**

**CONFESIONS**  
**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

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### January 11, 2026



*Et dixit mater ejus ad illum: Fili, quid fecisti nobis sic?  
Ecce pater tuus et ego doléntes quærebámus te. (Lk 2:48)*

### From the Press

Potential Converts Strive for Dogma (Luke Ayers, Crisis Magazine)

The narrative surrounding the Gen Z convert often focuses on the “vibes” - the smell of incense, the intricate lace of the fiddleback chasuble, the Gregorian chant... We are told that the youth are starving for beauty, that they are fleeing the beige banality of modernity for the high-definition aesthetic of Tradition. This is absolutely true, but it misses the whole truth. Put another way, mere aesthetics will not sustain us...

My conversion... did not happen in a candlelit sanctuary or after some profound experience... I had been engaged in an intellectual wrestling

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match trying to understand the arguments and reasons for Catholic belief as best I could. I came to believe in the truth of the Catholic Faith before I even set foot in a Catholic church as a congregant or signed up for RCIA.

The primary agents of this conversion were not artists, architects or liturgists. I found professional apologists, whose relentless charity and pursuit of logical consistency, well sourced with Scripture and the Church Fathers, was like water in a desert of ahistorical emotionalism...

The modern world offers a buffet of soft truths - spiritualities which affirm us where we are and demand nothing of us. (1) The Church offered harder pills to swallow, to be sure: the prohibition of abortion, ... the indissolubility of marriage, the reality and eternity of Hell, the terrifying claim of the Real Presence... For me, they were real stumbling blocks... I did not accept them because they felt good. I accepted them because... I concluded they were true. This submission to an authority other than one's own whims is the necessary precursor to true worship. If one enters the Church because the chant is pretty, one will leave when the choir takes a week off. But if one enters because the dogma is true...

Because I had accepted the dogma of the Real Presence... I was able to kneel in that beige sanctuary and adore Christ because my faith was independent from the liturgical context I was in. Let me be clear - we should attend and demand access to beautiful liturgies... but it needs to be paired with a personal and robust assent to the truths of the Church.

The danger of beauty unanchored by truth is real - we might call it the vibe-chaser. The "Trad" profile with the marble statue avatar, posting slow-motion videos of thuribles and crusader memes, looks like the real thing, smells like the real thing, probably even prays and fasts like the real thing. But [if] it is a gilded surface without much underneath...

When beauty precedes truth, the convert can become unstable if truth doesn't take root quickly. The aesthetic of "high church" can become just another dopamine hit, a way to feel superior to the secular monoculture without submitting to the moral demands of the Gospel.

[Such a potential convert] is not seeking God; he is seeking an identity that feels "based." He is chasing the friction of counterculture rather than the friction of the Cross. He loves the incense because it smells like rebellion - not because it carries his prayers to a God who might command him to forgive his enemy.

Most of these young men and women do find a more solid foundation for their faith, eventually. The *via pulchritudinis* (the way of beauty) is a real path to lasting conversion for many. But without the corresponding *via veritatis* (the way of truth) something more rebellious and more appealing will inevitably appear.

When I finally stood in a liturgy that was ancient, chanted, and obscured by icon screens and incense, something did happen. But it wasn't a conversion; it was a "click." It wasn't just that it was prettier. Rather, it was that the *lex orandi* (the law of prayer) finally matched the *lex credendi* (the law of belief) I had fought so hard to acquire. The weight of the liturgy finally matched the weight of the dogma.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

6:30 am David and Kerry Feist Family by Kerry Feist

8:00 am FSSP and Preservation of the TLM

9:30 am Private Intention by Tom Chavez

**11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo**

1:00 pm Cecilia Margarita Alba Sanchez

5:00 pm Solemn Vespers and Compline

### MONDAY, JANUARY 12

**Feria of Epiphany**

8:30 am Mary Quinlan by Mary Quinlan

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

**Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord**

8:30 am Irma Gloria Ruiz Rivera+ by Francisca Rivera Ruiz

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

**St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor**

8:30 am Mariano Sanchez Servin+ by Laurel Sanchez

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

**St. Paul the First Hermit, Confessor**

8:30 am Maria Ann Lang by Gwyn Duke

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

**St. Marcellus I, Pope and Martyr**

8:30 am Roberto, Mario, Jose Saucedo+ by Rosario Cichos

7:00 pm Matthew Ogden Family by Ann Glaser

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

**St. Anthony, Abbot**

8:30 am Teresa Ponce Gonzalez+ by Francisca Rivera Ruiz

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

6:30 am Dominic, Rachel and Jacob Lee by Laura Lee

8:00 am Esteban/Tillie Mosqueda+ by Hugh/Gerrie Enockson

9:30 am Mary Grace McCool

**11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo**

1:00 pm Fr. Jose Maria Salgado, FSSP+ by Jule Salazar

5:00 pm Solemn Vespers and Compline

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### Fr. Loftus' Private Intentions

12 Mariano Sanchez Servin+ by Laurel Sanchez

13 Daniel Calderon Acosta+ by Otilia Calderon

14 Robert E. Dalton+ by Catholic Foundation

15 Jessica Woods by Sally Woods

17 Mariano Sanchez Servin+ by Laurel Sanchez

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Yearly Donation Statements** will be available at the parish office at the end of January.

**Fr Dalimata** returns on Wednesday.

**Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:** The winners in each grade are exhibited in the parish hall

**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 today.

**Today - OLMC's Annual Christmas Party** in the social hall after the 1:00pm Mass. The parish will provide beverages, parishioners are asked to bring the following:

Last name begins with A-G: Main Dish

Last name begins with H-O: Side Dish

Last name begins with L-Z: Dessert

**Today - Signature Gathering for Initiatives** will be conducted by volunteers to put the following on the ballot:

108 - Punishment for Child Traffickers

109 - Protecting Girls Sports

110 - Prohibiting Gender Transition Surgeries on Minors

**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.

**This Tue, Jan 13 - Christmas Decorations:** Help is needed to take down and store the Christmas decorations after the 8:30am Mass.

**This Tue, Jan 13 - Theology on Tap:** For ages 18-35. Join us at 6:30pm for talk by Fr. Loftus on the virtue of Religion and how we are to practice it. Wine and beer will be provided for those 21+. Please bring a snack to share.

**This Tue, Jan 13 - Colorado Catholic Business Network** 11:30am in the Parish Hall. Vince Jaramillo will present on Tax Planning for Catholic Business Owners. \$10 pre-register or \$20 at the door. Register via QR Code. 

**Next Sun, Jan 18 - Burrito Breakfast:** The Knights of Columbus will be selling burritos after all morning Masses.

**Next Sun, Jan 18 - Altar Flower Donation Drive:** Your support will help adorn the altar with beautiful floral arrangements in honor of Our Lord and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please visit the table in the parish hall after all Masses to select dates and request your intentions. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

**Next Sun, Jan 18 - Irish Dance Ceili:** Bring the family and join us for an Irish Dance Ceili on January 18th at 6:00pm after Vespers. No experience is required and partnered group Ceili dances will be taught as part of the event. Fr. Loftus will be making an appearance with his fiddle! Bring an appetizer to share. The event is free, though donations will be accepted to defray costs. RSVP to attend: [johannaconder@yahoo.com](mailto:johannaconder@yahoo.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Young Catholic Professionals

**Tue - Jan 20:** *Young Catholic Professionals* will host its *Executive Speaker Series* event at OLMC. General Kevin P. Chilton, an independent national security consultant and retired U.S. Air Force general who served more than 34 years, culminating as Commander of U.S. Strategic Command will speak about the power of Providence in his life's journey and his deep devotion to the Eucharist which he brought with him on all three Space Shuttle missions.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://ycp.glueup.com/event/executive-speaker-series-162127/home.html>

#### Schedule:

- 6:30 PM-7:15 PM — Check-in & Networking
- 7:15 PM-8:15 PM — Executive Speaker Series Talk & Q&A
- 8:15 PM-9:00 PM — Closing Prayer & Networking

**Being Catholic in the Modern World** - a conference in Houston on Feb 7-8, featuring speakers Bishop Joseph Strickland, Father Chad Ripperger, Mr. Kyle Clement, and Dr. Annie Tinnin. For more details and to register, use the QR code. 

**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

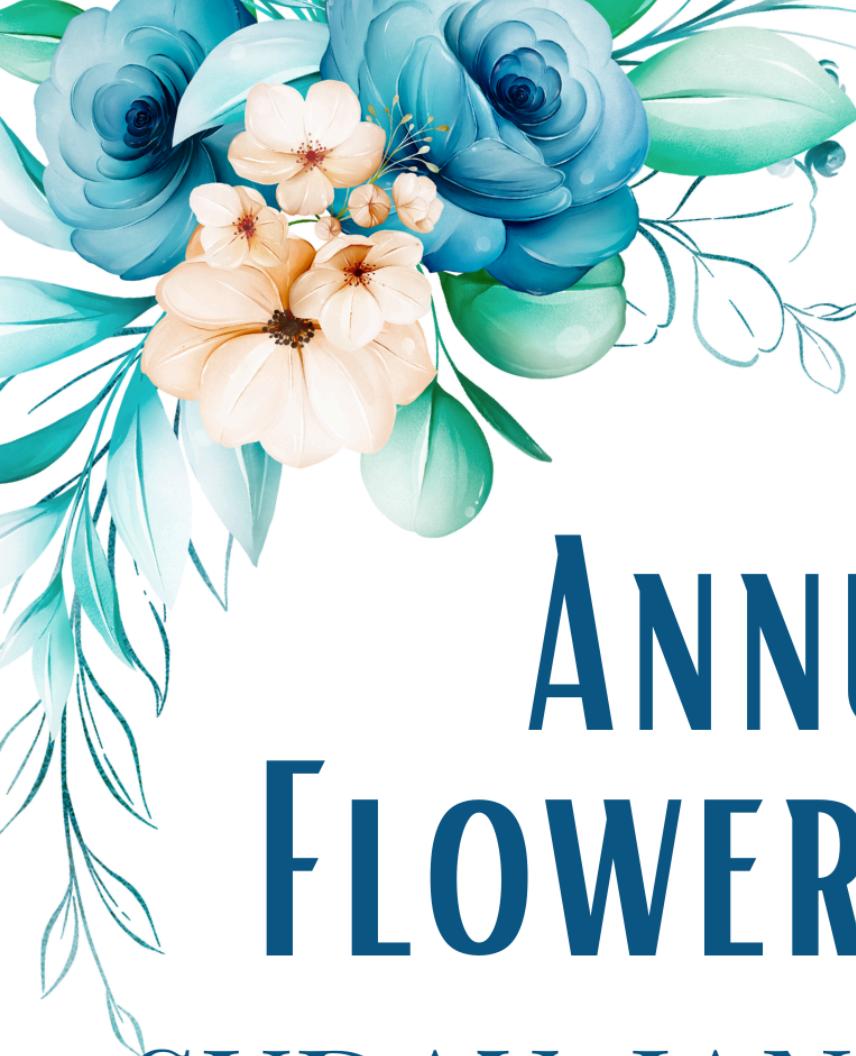
Any parishioner confined to home who would like to receive the sacraments or the bulletin, please contact the parish office.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

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

**Electronic Giving via Faith Direct**





Altar & Rosary  
Society



# ANNUAL FLOWER DRIVE

SUDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>

**YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US ADORN THE  
ALTAR WITH BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS FOR  
OUR LORD AND OUR LADY  
THROUGHOUT THE LITURGICAL YEAR!**

**Visit the table in the Parish Social Hall  
after all Masses.**

**Cash, checks and credit card accepted.**

