



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

Third Sunday of Lent March 8, 2026



Erat Iesus eiciens dæmónium et illud erat mutum. (Lk 11:14)

From the Press

On the Meaning of Words (Fr. John Perricone, Crisis Magazine)

‘Tis a pity when a word dies. It is conceived in the womb of a certain culture, and it gestates in that culture until its meaning is set as firmly as the facets of a diamond. Words then become the privileged communication of truth to other men. If reckless men begin assigning different meanings to words, different from the meanings that they have borne over time immemorial, human communication comes to a halt. One man will mean one thing, still another man something completely different. Manipulating words weakens a culture, casts it into a spiral of disequilibrium. Chaos results.

Since totalitarians depend upon chaos, the manipulation of words is a paramount strategy. No thinker has analyzed this “death of words” with

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greater trenchancy than George Orwell. In his 1946 essay “Politics and the English Language,” he brilliantly demonstrates how vague, euphemistic and simplified language narrows the range of human imagination and enables authoritarian power. Political language is designed to hide rather than express the truth. He believed that bad language can stem from poor thinking, but sloppy and dishonest language can corrupt thought. Witness the Old Totalitarians in their recasting of words, draining them of their once exalted meanings... words, which endeared and attracted, become infused with malignant new meanings meant to smother truth and deliver men into bondage.

Similar tactics are being borrowed today... Formerly noble words such as diversity, inclusion, equity, compassion, and, dare we say it, love, have been taken hostage to serve as nooses around the necks of our culture. This whole project is designed to turn the minds of men inside out. Once accomplished, reality is altered just as the Overlords wish.

Closer to home, the once sacrosanct word “Tradition” has undergone a similar fate—but with a doubly dangerous manipulation. This eminent term’s august place in the arsenal of Catholic dogmatic teaching first endured a kind of banishment. The avant-garde theologians of the first half of the 20th century found the Church’s sacred Tradition to be suffocating and cramped. To them, it was nothing more than a ball and chain... (1)

Thus, their project was to discredit the necessity of Tradition. With patience, their task succeeded by the mid-20th century. Success was achieved as a Catholic intelligentsia led a compliant hierarchy to a New Frontier...

More recently, another strategy was employed... Rather than railing against Tradition, they would subtly alter its settled meaning. Fidelity to Tradition became fidelity to meanings foreign to its original meaning. Observe the title of [a recent] *motu proprio*: *Traditionis Custodes*. With a swift use of legerdemain, Tradition no longer possessed the firm classical meaning it possessed for two millennia. Cast aside was the faithful continuance of denotations and connotations that had accumulated over centuries. Now, tradition was to mean a divorce from those millennial meanings. Replacing them: practices of a mere 60 years.

This is reminiscent of the Cheshire Cat in Alice in Wonderland, “Words mean what I want them to mean.” (2) Yes, Lewis was a precursor of Orwell, sounding the warning of language’s manipulation.

The sacred Tradition of the Church has undergone of kind of death in the past century. Contrast the Modernist project with the primordial and perpetual meaning as the settled truths handed by Christ to the Apostles: “O Timothy, guard the deposit, avoiding the profane novelties of words, and opposition of knowledge falsely so called” (1 Timothy 6:20).

1. Hence the need for *Razing the Bastions* and a *Nouvelle Theologie*.
2. Rather, this was Humpty Dumpty.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Third Sunday of Lent

6:30 am Barbara McCarthy
 8:00 am FSSP and Preservation of TLM
 9:30 am Dan Seltzer by Jack Turner
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Nora Gean Aslin by Mary Hanson
 5:00 pm Solemn Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, MARCH 9

Feria of Lent

8:30 am Nancy Miller+ by Mark Miller

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Feria of Lent

8:30 am Nicole Nearing by Chris and Shari Nearing

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Feria of Lent

8:30 am Judy Shaw by Richard Shaw

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Feria of Lent

8:30 am Gladys Gibson+ by Rick Mudd

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Feria of Lent

8:30 am Carolyn Gedney
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm (High Mass) Holy Souls in Purgatory+

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Feria of Lent

8:30 am Juanita Werner by Dustin and Gabrielle Werner

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Fourth Sunday of Lent

6:30 am Celebrant’s Intention
 8:00 am Susan Martin+ by 6:30am Breakfast Club
 9:30 am For an End to Abortion
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
 1:00 pm Adam Sigler+
 5:00 pm Solemn Vespers and Compline

Fr. McCarthy’s Private Intentions

10 Shannon Coffey
11 David Oskirko by Dustin and Gabrielle Werner
12 Diann Chambers by Susan Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. McCarthy will be away from 3/9-3/12 inclusive.

Fr. Dalimata will be away from 3/9-3/14 inclusive.

Easter Flower Donation Envelopes are available outside the office or in the vestibule. The 8:00am Mass on Easter morning will be offered for donors' intentions. Return to the office by Mar 29.

All Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence by law, not pious custom.

Fridays in Lent - Vegetarian Potluck starting at 4:45pm in the parish hall and ending right before Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to share.

Plenary Indulgence – Jubilee Year of St. Francis On January 10, 2026, the Holy See announced a special Jubilee Year marking the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. A plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions (Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Holy Father's intentions) for the faithful who make a pilgrimage to a Franciscan church or place dedicated to or connected with Saint Francis, participate in Jubilee rites or spend time in prayerful meditation, and conclude with the Our Father, the Creed, and prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Francis, Saint Clare of Assisi, and all Franciscan saints.

Locations in the Archdiocese of Denver:

- St. Francis of Assisi Church – Longmont
- St. Francis of Assisi Church – Weldona
- Annunciation Church – Denver
- St. Patrick Oratory – Denver

Nearby (within about an hour):

- St. Francis of Assisi Church – Castle Rock
- St. Francis of Assisi Church – Colorado Springs
- St. Francis of Assisi Church – St. Francis, KS

Baby Bottle Drive The K of C is hosting their second baby bottle drive in support of our Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program, which helps women who choose life through pregnancy resource centers. Starting today, pick up a bottle from the parish hall and return it filled with loose change or bills by March 31. Contact James Cook at jamescook1295@gmail.com with questions.

This Tue, Mar 10 - Colorado Business Network invites you to their next lunch-and-learn event from 11:30am-1:00pm featuring Matthew Cain who will speak on *How Passive Income Can Work for You*. Tickets are \$20. Register on Flocknote or the QR code



This Tue, Mar 10 - Theology on Tap: Join OLMC's young adult group, ages 18-35, at 6:30pm in the parish hall for a talk by Fr. Loftus on Temperance. Wine and beer will be provided for those over 21. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Thu, Mar 12 - Holy Face Hour of Reparation at 5:30pm in the church. Join us on the second Thursday of each month for a time of prayer, where we make reparation for our sins and blasphemies against the majesty of God, especially those of the state of Colorado. We also will venerate His Holy Face on a relic image of the Veil of Veronica.

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Leisure and Culture Game Night

This Sat, Mar 14 - from 6-9pm in the parish hall for adults 21+, to connect adults from all walks of life in an enriching environment. Come in your Sunday best or teatime attire. Contact Hope (h2jcxavier@gmail.com) with any questions.

Next Sun, Mar 15 - Creation Study Group invites you to their next meeting from 12:30-2pm in the conference room. Rick Mudd will be speaking on *What was the world like after the Biblical Flood?* and *How did the Ice Age come about?*

Tue, Mar 17 - Men's Group will continue a series of talks on Pope Leo XIII's social encyclicals. All men of the parish are invited. We will start with a 6:00pm rosary.

Sat, Apr 25 - OLMC Father Daughter Dance from 6-8:30pm. The event is open to all ages and will include games, crafts, prizes, and refreshments. All excess proceeds will go to Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To RSVP scan code or email angie.flees@gmail.com or call/text 720-936-5315 Angie Flees.



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

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of

Blake Bratcher, James Hamm, Tony Morley, Susan Martin, Joyce Doherty, Keith Hoyt, Loye Bussey, Mary Spreier

HOMEBOUND

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Lent is a penitential season. so there are no altar flowers this week

MONTHLY OFFERTORY - February:

Offertory: \$97,109.73

Poor Box: \$1,326.00

Capital: \$4,648.07

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct





St. Joseph's Table

For the 3rd year, we honor Saint Joseph with a meatless feast of baked goods and breakfast foods. We gratefully accept your free-will donations which will be used to provide support to families facing difficult times within our parish community.

Sunday
March 15, 2026
After all Masses

*In the
Parish Social Hall*

