

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
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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

Sixth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany
November 15, 2026



Símile est regnum cælórum grano sinápis...
quod mínimum quidem est ómnibus semínibus. (Mt 13:31-32)

From the Press

On St Didacus - Feast Nov 13 *(Michael Foley, New Liturgical Movement)*

Didacus of Alcalá (1400-63) came from a poor but pious family in Spain. He is known to us today as a saint from the (communal) Franciscan Order, his first aspirations were to be a hermit. He embraced the hermit's life as a child, placing himself under the spiritual guidance of a hermit who lived not far away. And when he was old enough, he became a wandering hermit.

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But after a while, Didacus felt a calling to the religious life. He entered the Observant (or Reformed) branch of the Order of Friars Minor in Albaida and was sent to the friary in Arruzafa, where he was received as a lay brother. A lay brother was a member of a religious community who did not pray in choir or prepare for holy orders. Lay brothers did most of the manual labor in a community while their better-educated brethren focused on liturgy, preaching, and leadership. For Didacus that meant working at various trades to support the friary.

The Canary Islands, located about sixty miles off the coast of North Africa, had recently been conquered by Spain, and the Franciscans wished to bring the Gospel to the native Guanche people. Didacus was among the first missionaries to set foot on the islands. In 1445, he was appointed as Guardian of the Franciscan community on Fuerteventura. It was unheard of to make a "mere" lay brother the superior of a community, but Didacus stood out for his holiness and prudence. He was also passionate about justice. His defense of the Guanche against the genocidal practices of the colonizers forced his return to Spain in 1449.

After a brief stay in Rome helping victims of an epidemic, Didacus spent the rest of his life in the friary of Santa María de Jesús in Alcalá. After his death, his body is believed to have remained incorrupt, not undergoing rigor mortis and emitting a pleasant odor.

Two posthumous miracles seem to corroborate this belief. During a hunting trip, King Henry IV of Castile fell from his horse and injured his arm. After doctors failed to alleviate the intense pain, the king prayed to Didacus for a cure. The Saint's body was then removed from its coffin and placed next to the king. Henry kissed the body and placed Didacus' hand on his injured arm. Instantly, it was healed.

Second, Don Carlos of Asturias fell down a flight of stairs after a night of carousing and landed on his head. Partially paralyzed, blind, and feverish, he asked to make a petition to Didacus. The Saint's body was brought to the prince and the prior placed the prince's hand on Didacus' chest. Carlos fell into a deep sleep, had a dream in which Didacus told him he would be alright, and awoke healed.

If "Saint Didacus" does not sound familiar, perhaps you know the Spanish version better: "San Diego." California's second-most populous city received its name when Sebastián Vizcaíno (1550-1629), commanding the ships San Diego, Santo Tomás, and Tres Reyes, landed on the shores of the San Diego Bay on November 12, 1602, and had Mass said in honor of St. Didacus, even though Didacus' feast day is on November 13. After the Mass, Vizcaíno named the bay after the Saint.

But whether Didacus is the Latin version of Diego remains disputed. All we know is that when Rome canonized the man, they named him Didacus, which in turn is inspired by the Didache, a first-century Christian text. Apparently, the Congregation reviewing Diego's holiness was so impressed that they considered him to be an embodiment of the ideals of primitive Christianity. And thus the name Didacus/Diego was transferred from a book to a man to a bay to a city.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Sixth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany
6:30 am Mary Carter† by St Teresa of Jesus Association
8:00 am Gabriel & Josephine Morton by Mom & Dad
9:30 am Nathaniel Schuster by Eileen Pulse
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm Deceased Members of the Dunsford Family† by Bart & Yadira Dunsford
5:00 pm Solemn Vespers & Compline

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
St. Gertrude, *Virgin*
8:30 am The Whisenant Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, *Bishop*
8:30 am Allen & Judith Murphy

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul
8:30 am Kase Thomas Greenstreet by Hare family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
St. Elisabeth, *Widow*
8:30 am Gerald Mooney†
7:00 pm Adoration & Benediction

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
St. Felix of Valois, *Confessor*
8:30 am James Whisenant by The Whisenant Family
7:00 pm Dorothy Blackwell† by The Whisenant Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am Rev. Matthew McCarthy, FSSP by OLMC Priests & Staff

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Twenty-fourth and Last Sunday after Pentecost
6:30 am Salma Ghaly† by Michelle Burns
8:00 am Deceased Members of the Villalobos Family† by Bart & Yarida Dunsford
9:30 am Todd Gassen† by Kim Anderson
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm Silvia Richards by David & Mandi Richards
5:00 pm Solemn Vespers & Compline

Fr Loftus's Private Intentions
16 Jon, Mary & Baby Gossman by Jason & Janet Woodward
17 Sara Rose Smith by Hannah Anderson

Fr Ramirez's Private Intentions
16 Joann Ice† by JoLene DeNardo
17 Joan Anselmi† by Barbara Ceurvels
18 Sam Conder† by Kathy Miller
19 Dale Hasse† by Julie Hasse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Loftus will be away Nov 18 - Dec 3 inclusive.

Archdiocese Seminary Appeal: Through your generosity, seminarians receive the formation they need to become faithful priests who will bring Christ closer to those they serve. Your gift today helps prepare the priests our Church will need tomorrow. Make your gift at archden.org/futurepriests or call 303-867-0614.

Knights of Columbus 'Keep Christ in Christmas' Poster Contest: Are you ready to spread some holiday cheer? Show us your creativity by designing a poster! Open to students in Grades K-8. Drop off your 11x17 entries in the box in the social hall by Sat Dec 5 to be in the running for some amazing prizes.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest for students in grades 8-12. All essays must be submitted no later than Sat Dec 5 by emailing Matt Perkins at jmattperkins@gmail.com. Please place on a separate last page the name, grade level, and contact information including parents' names and phone number. Each grade winner will be forwarded to the next level of the competition. We will also award cash prizes for winners from the parish: $300 for first place, $200 for second place, and $100 for third place. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way which showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

- **Prompt: "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."** In 500-750 words, explain what this quote from former U.S. President and Knights of Columbus member John F. Kennedy's 1961 Inaugural address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation.

FSSP Christmas Card Novena: Enroll yourself and your loved ones in the FSSP Christmas Mass Novena from Dec 17-25 and receive a beautiful set of Christmas cards. There are enrollment envelopes available outside the parish office, or you can enroll by visiting fssp.com/ccm-p. Enroll by Dec 1.

Today - Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) will be holding a Mystic Monk Coffee Fundraiser as well as selling St. Andrew Novena kits on November 15th and 22nd after all Masses. If you would like to place an order early, please contact Stacie Eggemeyer at eggemeyers@gmail.com.

Today - Burrito Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus will be selling burritos after all morning Masses in the parish hall.

Today - Advent Candle Sale: The ARS will be selling Advent candles and holders after all Masses in the parish hall. Stop by their table in the parish hall to purchase or to pick up your order All proceeds will be used to beautify the sanctuary in the church.

Sun, Nov 22 - Knights of Columbus Semi-Annual Blood Drive: 10:30am - 1:30pm in the Vitalant Blood Donation Bus at OLMC. Sign up using the QR code. Walk-ins allowed as staffing permits.

Sat, Dec 5 - 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 the effort to attend.

Sat, Dec 12 - 5th Annual Advent Evening: Save the date for our Annual Advent evening of spiritual reflection and merriment for the women of the parish! More details soon!

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OLMC Thanksgiving Feast

Thu, Nov 26 - Thanksgiving Feast: All parishioners and friends are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving at the parish with a potluck dinner from 2-5pm. Sign up to bring a dish via the link in the Flocknote.

Sun, Dec 13 - 3rd Annual Advent Lessons & Carols: 4:15pm followed by solemn Vespers. This traditional Advent service centers around readings from Sacred Scripture prophesying the birth of our Lord, interspersed with chants, motets, and congregational hymns. A festive reception will follow.

PARISH CALENDAR
Scan the code to the right or visit our website to learn about upcoming events: olmcfssp.org/calendar/

DAILY PRAYER LINE REQUESTS
Contact the parish office.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Contact the parish secretary to have your name published in the bulletin: secretary@olmcfssp.com

Please Pray for the Sick
Shannon Coffey, Miriam Halazon, John Filipczak, Cristina Vigil, Maria McKinley, Rebecca Noël Moser, Joanne Leary, Ronald Rider, Robert Tancredi, Pat Bergman, Maria Lonardo, Karin Layman, Barbara McCarthy, David Beckel, Cindy Arellano, Shiloh Garza, Toni Beaulieu

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of
Paul Enockson, Joan Anselmi, John Miller, Richard Baker, Kevin Smith, Mary Therese Anton, Samuel Conder, Daniel Felten

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

October Offertory
Offertory: $84,799.56
Building: $4,324.00
Poor Box: $1,059.00

Sanctuary Flower Intentions		
Feast		Intention
Sixth Resumed Sunday after Epiphany	Main Altar	Mel Caldwell by Lois Caldwell
	Our Lady of Guadalupe	The Caldwell Family by Lois Caldwell

Electronic Giving (ParishSoft Giving)

Legion of Mary NEWSLETTER

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True Devotion to Mary Obliges Apostleship

"If we want, like St. John the beloved disciple, to take her [Mary] to our own (Jn 19:27), it must be in her completeness...Obviously, devotion to her must attend to and try to reproduce every aspect of her personality and mission...That motherhood of souls being her essential function and her very life, it follows that without participation in it there can be no real union with her. Therefore, let the position be stated once again: true devotion to Mary must comprise the service of souls. Mary without motherhood and the Christian without apostleship would be analogous ideas. Both the one and the other would be incomplete, unreal, unsubstantial, and false to the Divine intention."
-Legion of Mary Handbook, pg. 31 #3

Apostolic Works in the Legion

Our Blessed Mother works through Legionaries to bring souls closer to Christ through spiritual works of mercy. Some works of the Legion include:

- Home Bound visits
- Prison ministry
- Street evangelization
- Praying public rosaries
- Door-to-door visitation
- Pilgrim Virgin Statue transportation

How Can You Serve Our Lady?

The Legion has two types of membership:

Active members attend weekly meetings, participate in apostolic works, and recite the Catena prayers daily.
Auxiliary members support the Legion's apostolate through daily prayer, including the Rosary and the Tessera prayers.

Inquires? Email legionofmaryOLMC@gmail.com



THE PROMISE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Those Legionaries who made their Promise!

Evening Presidium
Jason - Sept 2026
Ezekiel - Sept 2026
Aaron - Sept 2026
Rhianna - Oct 2026
Mollie - Nov 2026
Maria - Nov 2026



SAVE THE DATE

Celebrating the Immaculate Conception

All **active and auxiliary members** of the Legion of Mary are invited to gather for a celebration of the Immaculate Conception. The event will include reconsecration to Our Lady, Adoration, Benediction, and a social in the parish hall.

Saturday, December 5th from 1-3pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.