



# 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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OFFICE HOURS

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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 - 9:30 AM**

**SAT: 3 - 4 PM**

DAILY MASS

**6:30 AM SUN - SAT**

Carmelite Monastery

6138 S. Gallup St. Littleton, CO 80120

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### September 1, 2024



*Exhortatio enim nostra non de errore, neque de immunditia, neque in dolo; sed, sicut probati sumus a Deo ut crederetur nobis evangelium, ita loquimur; non quasi hominibus placentes sed Deo. (1 Thess 2:3-4)*

**From Fr. Krager**

There are certain aspects of the Catholic Faith that secular people and non-Catholic Christians see as very strange; our love of the Virgin Mary, Confession, and Purgatory, for example. Veneration of relics would certainly rank highly among these things. To good Catholics, the tour of Saint John Vianney's incorrupt heart around the United States inspired devotion and awe. For non-Catholics, though, such an event served rather to inspire skepticism or even horror. This need not be the case. As Catholics, we should be able to explain our veneration of relics as in accordance with Scripture, tradition, and reason.

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A relic is a piece of the body of a saint, or an item used by one such as a piece of clothing. Christians, and Jews before us, have always believed that God uses such things to inspire devotion, channel grace, and even work miracles. In the Old Testament, the prophet Elisha takes up the mantle of Elijah and immediately works a great miracle of parting the waters of the great Jordan river. Many years later, when the same prophet had long passed away, his bones worked the miracle of resurrection on a man being buried in his tomb. Luke’s Gospel recounts that a woman with an issue of blood touched the garment of Christ and was healed immediately. In Acts of the Apostles, the faithful cherish pieces of cloth touched to Paul’s body, and by their pious use, diseases were cured and evil spirits driven away.

In addition to this clear support from the Scriptures, the immemorial practice of the Church offers support for the veneration of relics. In the year 156, St Polycarp writes that, when a certain martyr was burned to death, the Christians “took up his bones, which are more valuable than precious stones and finer than refined gold, and laid them in a suitable place, where the Lord will permit us to gather ourselves together, in gladness and joy, and to celebrate the birthday of his martyrdom.”

Even today, whenever you go to Mass, you see the priest venerate relics. When he ascends the altar at the beginning of Mass, and before he turns to say “Dominus Vobiscum,” he bends down and kisses the altar where the “altar stone” is located. In this altar stone is encased the relic of a martyr. The priest will also incense any relics on the altar during a high Mass or solemn Vespers. In addition, it is common for a priest to give a blessing with a relic of the True Cross after community Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is blessed to have a treasury of many relics. Recently, we have been making an effort to put them out for public veneration on the relevant feast days. For example, last Sunday, it was the feast of Saint Louis IX, King and Confessor. If you see a reliquary out in the sanctuary one day, feel free to go up and pray before it, reverently touch it, place your rosary on it, and even kiss it (maybe bring a tissue to wipe away any lipstick!). As with other “weird” aspects of the Catholic Faith, it can be tempting to push relic veneration to the side in an attempt to make our beliefs more palatable to outsiders. This is a wrongheaded response. If the world finds our beliefs or practices unpalatable, that is because the world is in error and we should strive to correct it, not conform to it.

Relic veneration in particular reflects an incarnational understanding of the world. The world sees the body as something to be toyed with and disposed of at will. Death and human remains are detested as refuse to be destroyed and hidden from view. Catholic teaching is the opposite of the world’s teaching; God is the creator of all things, spiritual and material. Our bodies are holy, even when our souls depart from them, which is why we take such good care of graveyards. The relics of the Saints are especially holy and it is a good work to give them honor and reverence, and God smiles on our love and respect for the remains of His closest friends.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

6:30 am FSSP by Sally Woods  
8:00 am Esther Lerma de Castillo+ by Jeronimo Castillo  
9:30 am Gini Wicker+ by Susan Hranicka  
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo  
1:00 pm Alaina Reed+ by Susan Hranicka  
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

St. Stephen of Hungary, King and Confessor

8:30 am Linda Jean Enright+ by James Enright

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

St. Pius X, Pope and Confessor

8:30 am Women's Conference Planning Committee  
by Helen Kish

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Feria

8:30 am Samuel and Cynthia Larson by Legion of Mary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

St. Lawrence Justinian, Bishop and Confessor

8:30 am Tuttle Children by Danielle Tuttle

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Feria

8:30 am Robert and Jackie Briggs+ by Danielle Tuttle  
7:00 pm Robert Marc+ by Celeste Munoz

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Saturday of Our Lady

8:30 am Filiae Laboris Mariae

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

6:30 am FSSP and Preservation of the TLM  
8:00 am Paul Barrett+ by Susan Barrett  
9:30 am Fr. Cassian DiRocco  
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo  
1:00 pm James+, Christopher+, and Mark+ Shugarts  
by Helen Kish  
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

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Fr. Nolan’s Private Intentions:

- 2 Mary Senour+ Levesque Family
- 3 Cindy Lou Reitz+ by Maguire Family
- 4 Robert Dalton+ by Sally Woods
- 5 Celebrant’s Intention
- 6 Celebrant’s Intention
- 7 Celebrant’s Intention

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Parish Office** is closed tomorrow, Mon, Sep 2.

**Fr. Nolan** will be away Sep 4-7 inclusive.

**First Confession Classes Fall 2024:** Registration is now open for children in the 2nd grade (age 6-7). Classes will be on Sundays beginning Oct 6 at 2:15pm. To register, scan the QR code or see Flocknote.



**Sep 6-8 - Retrouvaille Marriage Weekend Retreat** in Denver. Spend a weekend focusing on your marriage and learning how to reconnect with each other. Retrouvaille is a marriage program that teaches a way to communicate with your spouse on a feeling level & to provide encouragement, hope, and practical tools to strengthen your marriage. Register at [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) or call 720-257-9106.

**This Sat, Sep 7 - The Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will be meeting in the St. Albert room after the 8:30am Mass. Fr. Krager will be discussing Catholic apologetics to use with your protestant friends and family. All ladies of the parish welcome. Please consider bringing a brunch dish to share!

**Sat, Sep 14 - Memorial Service for Aborted Children** at St. Louis in Englewood at 9am. Please join us for the ninth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. For more information, contact Tom Uebbing at [thomasuebbing@gmail.com](mailto:thomasuebbing@gmail.com).

**Wed, Sep 18 - Youth Group Night at the Cemetery** from 5:30-9pm for ages 13-17. Tour Mt. Olivet Cemetery, home to the mortal remains of over 150,000 people. It will come to life with live actors portraying saints and famous Catholic Coloradans. Fr. Krager will offer Mass for the deceased after the tour in the cemetery chapel. Sign up on Flocknote or the QR code.



**Sat, Sep 21 - ARS Jumble Sale:** Save the date for our third annual parish jumble sale! We are accepting your clean, unbroken, useful, & beautiful treasures! Drop off times are 9/7 and 9/14 at the rectory from 9am-12pm.

**Sat, Sep 21 - CCM Enrollment:** All women ages 16+ are invited to enroll in the Confraternity of Christian Mothers after the 8:30am mass. Join us in learning more about the Faith and in encouraging each other in our vocations.

**Sun, Sep 29 - OLMC Annual Parish Picnic** at DeKoevend Park in Centennial after the 1pm Mass. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

**Tue, Oct 8 - Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference** at St. Mary's Parish would like to invite you to a soup dinner with dessert to learn more about our mission and grow in spirituality, friendship, and service. In Ave Maria Hall at St Mary's Parish from 6-8pm. RSVP with your name & party # to: [stmlittleton.svdp@gmail.com](mailto:stmlittleton.svdp@gmail.com) or call: 720.283.4741.

**Oct 13-24, 2025 - FSSP Pilgrimage to Rome:** The Confraternity of St. Peter is pleased to announce this 12-day pilgrimage with Fr. James Fryar, FSSP for the occasion of the 37th Anniversary of the FSSP and the 2025 Holy Year. For more information, go to [stcharlespilgrimages.com/fryar-fssp](http://stcharlespilgrimages.com/fryar-fssp).

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Catechism and Cocktails

Next Sun, Sep 8 - Join Fr. Nolan for his first of a series of monthly talks at 6pm for single Catholics aged 24 and older, looking to deepen their faith in a relaxed social setting. Topics will include theology, philosophy, Biblical studies, marriage, social studies, advanced prayer, and more. Refreshments provided will be sparkling water, red and white wine, and a special cocktail of the evening. ID will be required to enjoy alcoholic drinks. \$5 cover charge appreciated. To reserve a spot at the first event titled "Adam & Eve, the First Pathological Marriage" scan QR code or email [catechismandcocktails@gmail.com](mailto:catechismandcocktails@gmail.com).



**Thu-Sat, Dec 5-7 - Healing the Whole Person:** Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you forgiven, but are still experiencing negative emotions? Join us at Light of the World in Littleton for this 3 day conference that will empower you with tools to live your life with deeper freedom and passion for God. Online registration opens Sep 3. Go to [jpiihealingcenter.org](http://jpiihealingcenter.org) for more info.

**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, Kim Poletto, Jacob, Jaxson, Indigo Williamson, Jeff McBride, Shannon Coffey, Miriam Halazon, John Filipczak, Mary Robles, Laurie Lewis, Raphael Morley, Cristina Vigil, Carla DePalma, Nicholas Trandem

**Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of**  
Tom Rogus, Irene Cornish, Mary Carter, John Lange, Evelyn Petty, James MacInnes, Lance Martin, Mark Munoz

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

**MONTHLY COLLECTION** - August  
Offertory: \$99,913.14  
Capital: \$2,658.01  
Poor Box: \$730

Sanctuary Flower Intentions		
Feast		Intention
XV Sunday after Pentecost	Main Altar	Michael T. Hall by Ray and Ann Hall
	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Irene Organista+ by Magdalena Astudillo

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct



*GET READY FOR THE  
ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY*

# GIANT JUMBLE SALE!!

**WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

(PARISHIONERS ONLY SALE FRI., SEPT. 20, 8 PM – 9:30 PM)

**WHERE: OLMC PARISH HALL**

## PLEASE DONATE!!

GO THROUGH YOUR CLOSETS, BASEMENT, AND GARAGE AND DONATE  
YOUR NEW OR GENTLY USED, CLEAN AND FULLY FUNCTIONAL:  
CLOTHING, SMALL FURNITURE, LAMPS, BOOKS, SPORTING GOODS, GAMES,  
TOYS, SMALL APPLIANCES, JEWELRY, DECORATIVE AND PRACTICAL ITEMS  
FOR HOUSE AND YARD, ETC.

(WE CANNOT ACCEPT MATTRESSES, LARGE APPLIANCES, TVs OR MONITORS, CAR  
SEATS, UPHOLSTERED LOVE SEATS & SOFAS, GRILLS, TREADMILLS OR CRIBS)

### DROPOFF ITEMS AT THE PARISH RECTORY:

SATURDAY SEPT. 7, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

SATURDAY SEPT. 14, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 18, 9:30 AM – 5 PM (AT THE PARISH HALL)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOME!**

**PLEASE LEND US YOUR CLOTHING RACKS!**

**QUESTIONS TO: GEDNEYGANG@GMAIL.COM**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE  
OLMC ALTAR FLOWER FUND**

