



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 - 9:30 AM

SAT: 3 - 4 PM

DAILY MASS

6:30 AM SUN - SAT

Carmelite Monastery

6138 S. Gallup St. Littleton, CO 80120

Septuagesima Sunday

February 16, 2025



Tolle quod tuum est et vade: volo autem et huic novissimo dare sicut et tibi. Aut non licet mihi quod volo facere?

From the Press

Liturgical Grumbles (Austin Ruse, Crisis Magazine)

1. On Lectoring (Not a Problem at OLMC...)

While I am bellyaching about the Mass, a note to the lectors. Stop looking at us. Do not look at us. Please do not give us meaningful pauses and glances. We do not need your dramatic reading. Some lectors think this is an occasion to emote. One guy even changes the tone of his voice when he is speaking as the voice of God. In the readings this week we had Genesis; in a soft, dramatic voice, he read "God said," and then he let loose like he was Charlton Heston, "let the

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water team with an abundance of living creatures, and on the Earth, let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky.” He is practically shouting and looking at us meaningfully. Cut that out; just read.

2. On Slow Singing (But This...?)
It is not just the Mass where we sing ponderously. The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is perhaps the most painful of these examples! “Tantuuuuuuuuuuuum errrrrgooooooo Sacramentuuuuuuuum, veneremur cernuuuuui: et antiquuuuum documentuuuuuum, novo cedat ritui.” It is almost too painful to sing the next part, “Præstet fides...” But there is even stage direction from St. Thomas, “To the begetter and the begotten, be praise and jubilation...” He calls for praise and jubilation, not sorrowful droning. When this is going on, I generally stop singing, as a lot of people do. I tell my wife, I can’t sing that slowly, I’ll fall over.

Know Your Enemy (Fr Kevin Cusick, Crisis Magazine)
Sister Marie Bernarde Soubirous [a.k.a. St Bernadette] is in the convent of the Sisters of Charity in Nevers, it is 1870, war is raging throughout northern France as the Prussian-led German armies march towards Paris... A visitor came to Bernadette with the following questions:
- Did you receive, in the grotto of Lourdes, or after then, any revelations related to the future and fate of France? Did not the Blessed Virgin deliver any warning for France, any threats?
- No
- The Prussians are at our gates; does that not cause you any fear?
- No.
- There is thus nothing to fear?
- I only fear bad Catholics.
- You do not fear anything else?
- No, nothing else.

On Catholic Life/Lite (Joseph Bevan, Rorate Caeli)
The proclamation of some Catholic doctrines would invite jail sentences of varying lengths, and so parts of Catholic life become subject to alteration in order to synchronize with public opinion which holds that all religions are equally valid. This popular notion has Church authorities running scared... Whilst the Holy Father promotes secular values, he knows that he is secure, as the sedevacantist movement is not a significant threat to him. On the other hand, were he to restate Catholic doctrine in its eternal purity, there is little doubt that his position would be tenuous at the very least, as most of the bishops and Faithful would probably abandon him. The question is: are there any amongst the Catholic hierarchy who are prepared to suffer for the Faith like St Thomas Becket in the face of overwhelmingly hostile governments, which are merely reflecting public opinion? It seems not. We can only hope and pray that God himself sorts this problem out, perhaps by sending us another St Theresa of Avila. From a purely human point of view, this crisis is insoluble, requiring divine intervention which we must ask for on a daily basis by clinging to our rosaries.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Septuagesima Sunday
6:30 am Celebrant's Intention
8:00 am Celebrant's Intention
9:30 am Ted and Laura Anselmi Family
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm Mr. and Mrs. William Dougherty
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
Feria
8:30 am John Lange+ by Roberta Marek

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Feria
8:30 am Archbishop Aquila

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Feria
8:30 am Robert E. Dalton+

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Feria
8:30 am Pope Francis

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
Feria
8:30 am Leo Anselmi by Ted and Laura Anselmi
7:00 pm Gabriel Morton by Jessica Morton

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
8:30 am (High Mass) God Children of Rebecca Miller

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Sexagesima Sunday
6:30 am Fred Vickers+ by John Vickers
8:00 am Daniel Ponce de Leon Rivera
by Francisca Rivera Ruiz
9:30 am Celebrant’s Intention
11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo
1:00 pm Maria del Refugio Martinez+ by Gonzalez Family
5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

Fr. Krager’s Private Intention
17 Celebrant’s Intention
18 Celebrant’s Intention

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Krager will be away Feb 16-18 visiting the FSSP seminary in Denton, NE with boys from OLMC. Please pray for safe travels and vocations!

The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Mon, Feb 17.

Today - The K of C Baby Bottle Drive supports charities such as ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). All bottles must be returned today. Contact James Cook with questions: jamescook1295@gmail.com/720-341-1798.

This Sat, Feb 22 - High Mass at 8:30am for the feast of the Chair of St. Peter.

This Sat, Feb 22 - Planned Parenthood Prayer Vigil: Join us for our monthly parish prayer vigil starting at 10:15am. The abortuary is located at 7155 E 38th Ave. in Denver.

Next Sun, Feb 23 - Holy Face of Jesus Devotion: Jule Lane will have an information table in the Parish Hall after all Masses. Come learn about the devotion which brought the Blessed Mother to La Salette, has the support of popes, the establishment of an Archconfraternity, the devotion of many saints including St Therese who added the Holy Face to her name. Join in this Revolution of Reparation and Hope!

Thu, Feb 27 - CCM Enrollment: All women ages 16+ are invited to enroll in the Confraternity of Christian Mothers after Adoration (8pm). Join us in learning more about the Faith and in encouraging each other in our vocations.

Fri, Feb 28 - Quo Vadis Evening: Join us as we host Joseph Pearce for his talk “The Evangelizing Power of Beauty: Converting the Culture” at Angelos Taverna in Littleton. Event starts at 6pm and is \$60 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance. See the Flocknote for ticket info.

Sat, Mar 1 - Leisure and Culture Game Night from 6-9pm in the parish hall for adults 21+, to connect adults from all walks of life in an enriching environment. Please come dress in your Sunday best or teatime attire. Contact Hope Hecker (h2jcxavier@gmail.com) with any questions.

Wed, Mar 5 - Ash Wednesday: Masses will be at 8:30am, 12pm and 7pm High Mass. Ashes will be distributed promptly at the start of Mass.

Mar 5-Apr 14 - Behold Your King: Former parishioner Dr Alan Fimister will present a seven-part course on Catholic Social Teaching from Pope Pius XI’s 1925 encyclical, Quas Primas, instituting the feast of Christ the King. Starts Mon Mar 5 at 10am MST or on demand for \$79. Visit: video.voiceofthefamily.com/courses/behold-your-king/

Affordable Apartments for Seniors: Catholic Charities just completed All Saints Apartments in Denver - 63 brand-new apartments for seniors with an income under \$63K. Studios and one-bedrooms range from \$684 to \$1,467 depending on income. Anyone interested should contact Scott at 720-639-7605 or hfisher@ccdenver.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men’s Group

This Wed, Feb 19 - The men of the parish are invited to pray the rosary in the church beginning at 6pm followed by a presentation from Patrick Werner on his work and life in Antarctica.

Sep 28 - Oct 11 - 2nd Holy Face Pilgrimage of Reparation: Join Fr. Frank Furman and Jule Lane for a TLM pilgrimage to France. Places visited will include Holy Face Archconfraternity tombs of St Veronica & St Therese, and Mont St. Michel. Also, Marian Apparitions: Lourdes, La Salette and Rue de Bac. Additional sites: Paray le Monial (Sacred Heart), Notre Dame, Chartres, and Ars. For more info, scan 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

Please Pray for the Sick
David Williamson, Jamie Jimenez, Jacob Jaxson, Indigo Williamson, Jeff McBride, Shannon Coffey, Miriam Halazon, John Filipczak, Laurie Lewis, Cristina Vigil, Maria McKinley, Rebecca Noël Moser, Joanne Leary, Steve Berning.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of
Lance Martin, Marc Munoz, Jack Lappan, Earl Ammerman, Mary Robles, William Luetticke, Elvie Proto, Kim Poletto.

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

Sanctuary Flower Intentions		
Feast		Intention
Septuagesima Sunday	Main Altar	John Lacroix+ by Jodi Lacroix
	Our Lady of Guadalupe	In Honor of Our 25 th Wedding Anniversary by Jessica Medlin
Chair of St. Peter	Main Altar	Robert & Jon Connolly by Connolly Family
	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Danny Campo+ by Connolly Family

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct

Thoughts for an *Extraordinary* Septuagesima

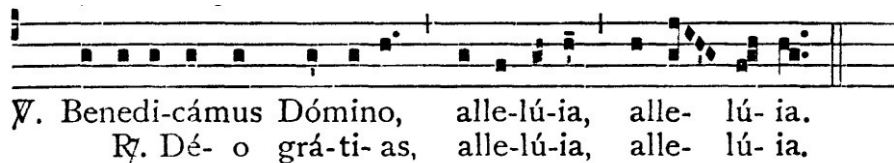
Drawn from various sources by Fr. William Rock, FSSP – please pray for him.

The season “Septuagesima” is named after the first of the three Sundays of this season (which is also known as “Pre-Lent”). The names of these Sundays are: Septuagesima Sunday, Sexagesima Sunday and Quinquagesima Sunday. These Latin names mean respectively 70th (“day” being implied), 60th (day), and 50th (day). These Sundays are named after the manner of Quadragesima (40th), an alternative name for the season of Lent, indicating the forty days of Lent, the first Sunday in Lent being Quadragesima Sunday.

The season of Septuagesima is set aside as a season of preparation for Lent and for the reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday. We are invited by the Liturgy to contemplate the misery of fallen humanity and the fatal consequences of Original and actual sin. The Fall (Original Sin), the Flood (resulting from the malice of actual sin), and the Sacrifice of Melchisedech (a foreshadowing of the Sacrifice of Christ by which He worked our salvation from sin) are presented in the Matins readings over the course of the season. The Gospels and Epistles of the Sundays also touch on the themes of the Passion, salvation, and the necessity of penance. The season also serves as a transition period from the joys of Christmastide to the austerities of Lent.

The liturgical color for the season is violet, although still permitted until the start of Lent proper on Ash Wednesday are playing the organ at Mass and flowers to adorn the altar. The “Gloria” however is not sung/said at Masses of the season.

At the conclusion of First Vespers of Septuagesima Sunday (the Saturday evening before), the Easter *Benedicamus* with double *Alleluia* is sung:



After this, the *Alleluia* will not be heard again in the Liturgy until the Easter Vigil. In some places an *Alleluia* banner is buried on this day and then dug up on Holy Saturday. The absence of the *Alleluia*, which is a heavenly word, serves as a striking reminder that we are in a land of exile and should set our hearts on our heavenly home and that, were it not for the Sacrifice of Christ, which will be solemnly commemorated during Holy Week, the gates of Heaven would, due to sin, still be closed to us. The *Alleluia* in the Mass is replaced by the Tract and in the opening of the Office by “Laus tibi, Domine, Rex æterne gloriæ! / Praise be to Thee O Lord King of eternal glory!”

“Shrovetide” refers to the three last three days of Septuagesima (Quinquagesima Sunday and the following Monday and Tuesday). The English terms “shrove” and “Shrovetide” come from the verb “to shrive,” which means “to hear confessions.” It was a traditional practice to confess one’s sins before the start of Lent. These are also the final days of Carnival (derived from the Latin “carnem levare,” “taking away of flesh/meat”). Tuesday of Shrovetide, Shrove Tuesday, is also called “Mardi Gras” (French for “Fat Tuesday”) or “Pancake Tuesday” because fats, eggs, and butter in the house had to be used up before Lent began (when the Lenten fasting laws were stricter), and making pancakes or waffles was a good way to do it (this also helps explain the practice of the Easter egg). Unfortunately, the innocent merrymaking kept during this time before entering the exercises of Lent was corrupted by a general excess. In order to provide a pious alternative and to make reparation for these excesses, the Church instituted for this time the Forty Hours Devotion (forty hours of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration).