



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 - 9:30 AM

SAT: 3 - 4 PM

DAILY MASS

6:30 AM SUN - SAT

Carmelite Monastery

6138 S. Gallup St. Littleton, CO 80120

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025



*Simile factum est regnum cælorum homini
qui seminavit bonum semen in agro suo.*

From Fr. Krager

Siméon-François Berneux was born in 1814 in France. At the age of 10, he heard of the martyrs and missionaries in the Far East and desired to give his life to God by following in their footsteps. What were you thinking about at 10 years old? At the age of 17, he entered seminary, embracing a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and pursuing his studies and spiritual exercises to prepare him for his life as an alter Christus, another Christ. What were you doing at 17 years old? At age 25, he said farewell to his friends, family, and homeland of France, almost certain he would never return. He was going to Vietnam to preach Christ, which was against the law there. Where were you headed at 25 years old?

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At age 27, after spending months traveling and then learning the difficult language, he served a brief mission. On Holy Saturday, five hundred soldiers surrounded the hut where he and two other priests lived (apparently four hundred soldiers would have been insufficient!). They were arrested and tortured, but remained calm and strong, encouraging other imprisoned Christians. At 27 years old, were you as faithful to Christ?

At age 28, after having been released from prison just before the sentence of execution was carried out, Siméon-François went to China, learning a new and unrelated language and living a difficult life to preach Christ to the people there. At 28 years old, what sacrifices were you making for Christ?

At age 43, Siméon-François was consecrated a bishop and sent to Korea, learning yet another new language unrelated to the previous two. There he founded a seminary, schools, and leper colonies. At 43 years old, were you still striving to do great things for Christ?

At age 50, Siméon-François was arrested by the government, his legs repeatedly broken with cudgels so that he could no longer walk. He was blinded, stripped naked, and then beheaded. Through it all, he maintained his characteristic peace and joy, shouting no curses, bearing all things patiently for love of God and neighbor. At the end of your life, will you have such peace springing from a life lived for love of God and neighbor?

What is zeal?

Zeal comes from the Greek which, in its most basic sense, means to boil over, to seethe, it gives an image of overflowing heat and intensity that leads to action. In Q28 of the IaIIae, St Thomas Aquinas says “Zeal arises from the intensity of love. For it is evident that the more intensely a power tends to anything, the more vigorously it withstands opposition or resistance.” He says that a zeal for God repels all that is contrary to God's will and honor. In other words, zeal conquers all obstacles that we bemoan as impossible to overcome.

Why is zeal like this so rare in our day and age?

Is it the fault of our priests? Is it the fault of our society? Is it the fault of our parents? No. Great and zealous saints have arisen from circumstances much more difficult than our own. The only cause for the lack of zeal in our lives is to be found in the nearest mirror.

How can we grow in zeal and take up the torch from heroes of old like Siméon-François Berneux?

If zeal arises from an intensity of love, it is clear that, if zeal is lacking, so is intense love for God. Instead of dedicating ourselves to Him who is the highest and eternal good, we turn our hearts towards pleasure, popularity, or possessions, all available in so much abundance in our own age. Instead of loving the Divine Man, Jesus Christ, making sacrifices for Him, we love passing, human goods, and make absurd sacrifices for pleasures that will soon pass away.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

6:30 am Stephen M.+ by James Blum

8:00 am FSSP and Preservation of the TLM

9:30 am Mark Clark+ by Martin McDonough

11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo

1:00 pm Celebrant's Intention

5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30 am For an End to Abortion

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30 am (High Mass) Mark Miller

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servants of the BVM

8:30 am Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Morley Wedd. Anniv.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Feria

8:30 am Children of Mark Miller by Mark Miller

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Feria

8:30 am Virginia Enockson+ by Hugh and Gerrie Enockson

7:00 pm Penelope Ann Christman+ by Maguire Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Saturday of Our Lady

8:30 am OLMC Volunteers

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

Fr. Krager's Private Intentions

10 Aly Schlanger by Matthew Schlanger

11 John Lange+ by Roberta Marek

12 Steven Heldt by Ted and Laura Anselmi

13 Bill McGarrity+ by Brett Ammerman Family

15 John James Ahern+ by Brett and Maria Ammerman

To grow in zeal, we must grow in love of God, or Charity. Charity is friendship with God. A friend is one loved, not on account of what he can give, but for his own sake. Do we love God in a contractual way, because He has done X and we expect Y? Or do we love Him for His own sake, seeking to know Him as the highest truth and love Him as the highest good and therefore order our entire lives accordingly?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 Tax Statements are available for you to pick up in the parish office. If you wrote checks from multiple addresses or names, please pick those up as well. These statements are for cash & check contributions put in the offertory. If you donated through Faith Direct, you will need to download your tax statement from the Faith Direct website. Thank you for your generous support throughout the year!

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

K of C Baby Bottle Drive supports charities such as ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). Pick up a bottle from the parish hall and **return it by Feb 16** filled with loose change. Contact James Cook jamescook1295@gmail.com/720-341-1798

This Tue, Feb 11 - High Mass at 8:30am for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

This Thu, Feb 13 - Homeschool Prayer and Support Group: Join fellow OLMC homeschooling mothers for a “Moms’ Night Out” to include dinner and a talk followed by Holy Hour every 2nd Thursday of the month in the St. Albert room from 5-7pm. Our meetings aim to support and encourage parish homeschooling families through fellowship, discussion, and prayer. Meeting topic: “Homeschooling: A Family Affair”
Contact: jessmedlin@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

This Fri, Feb 14 - Mary's Budding Flowers is a parish group for women expecting and in early motherhood. Join us at 9:30am in the St. Albert room every second Friday. You are encouraged to bring a friend and dish to share. Toddlers and babies are welcome. Direct questions to Angela at angeladelcarmen@protonmail.com.

Sun, Feb 15 - Burrito Breakfast sponsored by the K of C after all morning Masses.

Wed, Feb 19 - Men's Group: 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.

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.

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: <https://video.voiceofthefamily.com/courses/behold-your-king/>

Mary's Homes of Hope: If you are a single Catholic woman of any age (with or without children) in search of housing, Mary's Homes of Hope has many bedrooms available at a reduced rate. Please call Lynn Reid at (303)424-9007 for more information.

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St. Joseph Business Club

This Tue, Feb 11 - Join the Colorado Catholic Business Network from 11:30am-1pm for their lunch-and-learn and networking event featuring Enrique Medina who will present on the topic of *Tax Planning for Small Business*. Sign up via QR code or Flocknote. Cost is \$10.



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 and 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
V Sunday After Epiphany	Main Altar	Elizabeth Boackle by Susan Childress
	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Donoran Yoachim by Jeanne Reed

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct



*Our Lady of Lourdes,
pray for us!*

