



# 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

## Third Sunday of Lent

**March 23, 2025**



*Quidam autem ex eis dixerunt:*

*In Beélzebub príncipe dæmoniórurum eícit dæmónia.*

**From Fr. Krager**

Fr Loftus spoke at the homeschool co-op assembly this past week. He asked the children to pray for the seminarians who visited us and talked about their life and the beauty of the priesthood. He asked one boy how old he was. He replied, saying that he was six. Fr Loftus told him that the seminarians have to study for seven years, longer than the boy had even been alive. The boy then opened his eyes wide, leaned back, and eloquently exclaimed: “woooooah.” The time spent in seminary is long and the formation is great. It was the best seven years of my life. Despite the length and quality of preparation, though, I am daily confronted with my own inadequacy to accomplish the works of the priesthood and ministry. I should hope every priest feels this way. If not, he is dangerously blind either to his own imperfections or the dignity of the priesthood.

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This can be a distressing reality to face. And yet, Christ did not want His mighty archangels to be priests, nor the Cherubim with sleepless eyes who surround the heavenly throne. Instead, Jesus Christ desires the ranks of priesthood to be filled with those fallen, ignorant, broken sinners we call men. This was evident from the beginning of the priesthood; the Apostles and their leader were hardly notable for their learning, courage, or humility. And yet Christ loved them, pouring out His grace abundantly, transforming their weakness into strength, manifesting the mercy of God in a most perfect way. The feeling of inadequacy can (and ought to) strike all of us whatever our state in life.

How can a first communicant truly be ready to receive Christ's Body in the Holy Eucharist just because she has lisped off the commandments and a few prayers to Fr Krager on Monday in the office? How can a young man consider the seminary or a young woman consider becoming a bride of Christ despite their numerous sins and imperfections? How can a father or mother, with a straight face, say that they are fully prepared to become a coworker with God in bringing a new human into the world; immortal soul and all? And yet, people do these things. They ought to.

God does not see the human race like some sort of basketball team in which He intends to select people of a certain height who have a high enough field goal percentage. Rather, He sees us as so many opportunities to show forth the power of grace and mercy to heal and perfect. He seeks that one, wayward sheep when He could have 99 others that are perfect. He welcomes back the prodigal son when He could just have a faithful one who never abandoned home. He gives weak Peter the ability to walk on water during a storm as long as the eyes of the Apostle were trained on Him. He did not drag His Cross to Calvary unwillingly but carried it for you when it cost everything.

When we feel overwhelmed by the duties of our state in life and whatever God asks us to do by the circumstances in which we find ourselves, let us consider Saint Joseph. He was the head of a family that included the Eternal Son of God made flesh, Jesus Christ, and Immaculate Virgin Mary, Queen of the Angels. The least of the three, he was put in the position of authority; making decisions, providing, and protecting. Truly, silence is the only answer to such a commission. Let us imitate the trust, humility, and perseverance of Saint Joseph in all of our duties, looking to the mercy and grace of God rather than our own inadequacies.

Oh glorious St. Joseph, thou who hast power to render possible even things which are considered impossible, come to my aid in my present trouble and distress. Take this important and difficult affair under thy particular protection, that it may end happily. (Name a request like "form me a good husband," "show me how to love this wayward daughter," "give me strength to overcome this habitual sin," or "help me to discern my vocation in life.")

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23

#### Third Sunday of Lent

6:30 am Fr. Jose Salgado, FSSP+

by St. Teresa of Jesus Association

8:00 am Kevin O'Connor Family by Quispe Family

9:30 am God Children by Bob and Lorri Bolduc

**11:00 am (High Mass)** Pro Populo

1:00 pm Joshua and Elisabeth Gideon Family

5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

#### Anniversary of the Dedication of OLMC

**8:30 am (High Mass)** Juana Saturos Lapining+

by Wojniak Family

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

#### Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:30 am (High Mass)** Karen Jacobs' Intentions

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

#### Feria of Lent

8:30 am Sponsored Children by Bob and Lorri Bolduc

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

#### Feria of Lent

8:30 am Joshua and Elisabeth Gideon Family

7:00 pm Adoration and Benediction

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

#### Feria of Lent

8:30 am Kevin Garcia+ by Jorge and Gabriela Valdes

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**7:00 pm (High Mass)** Dianne Burnette+ by Barbara Ceurvels

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

#### Feria of Lent

**8:30 am (Requiem High Mass)** Fr. Jose Salgado, FSSP+

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

6:30 am Dowling Family

8:00 am Whisenant Family by Thomas Whisenant

9:30 am JoAnn Ice+ by Jolene DeNardo

**11:00 am (High Mass)** Pro Populo

1:00 pm Kim Indovina Muhe by Bruce D. Muhe III

5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

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**Fr. McCarthy's Private Intentions**

**24** Pope Francis

**25** Archbishop Aquila

**26** OLMC Volunteers

**27** For an End to Abortion

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Fridays in Lent - Vegetarian Potluck** at 4:45pm in the parish hall. Bring a dish to share. No potluck on Good Friday.

**Fridays in Lent - Stations of the Cross** starting at 6pm in the church. Booklets will be provided. Mass will begin directly afterwards at 7pm.

**The 7pm Friday Mass** during Lent will be a high Mass.

**2025 Holy Week Schedule** is now available on our website.

**Easter Flower Donation Envelopes** are 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 Apr 13.

**OLMC Parish Library:** Check out our recently added children and teen book section.

**Today - Morning Star Girls' Camp:** Visit our table in the parish hall after all morning Masses for info and to register. Camp will be July 28-31 for OLMC parishioners ages 7-18, run by the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart, Still River MA. Camp begins each day with Mass. Activities include catechism, arts and crafts, music and outdoor games.

**Today - FNE Butter Braid Sale** after all Masses. Please support them as they earn funds for summer camp! Online ordering is available via QR code. Order deadline is today. Contact Danielle at 720-364-0578 with any questions.



**Today - Wyoming Catholic College Tabling:** Stop by the Social Hall after all the Masses to learn more about Wyoming Catholic College's integrated Great Books curriculum and outdoor program. Reach out to Catherine Mershon at [catherine.mershon@wyomingcatholic.edu](mailto:catherine.mershon@wyomingcatholic.edu) with questions!

**This Mon, Mar 24 - High Mass** for the Anniversary of the Dedication of OLMC Church (transferred from Sunday).

**This Tue, Mar 25 - High Mass** for the Annunciation of the BVM at 6:30am (Monastery) and 8:30am.

**This Sat, Mar 29 - Requiem High Mass** at 8:30am for Fr. Jose Salgado, FSSP+, the founding pastor of OLMC.

**This Sat, Mar 29 - Leisure and Culture Movie Night:** Join us 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 ([h2jcxavier@gmail.com](mailto:h2jcxavier@gmail.com)) with any questions.

**Next Sun, Mar 30 - Corona Self Help Center** is a non-profit recovery residence that helps young and adult men who are struggling with drug and alcohol addiction completely free of charge. Visit their table in the parish hall after all Masses to learn more and how to support their cause. Visit their website for more info: [www.daamerica.org](http://www.daamerica.org).

**Sat, Apr 5 - The Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will be meeting in the St Albert room immediately following the 8:30am Mass. Bring a brunch dish to share!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bosco Ministries

Next Sun, Mar 30 - rebranded from St. John Bosco Camps, is a constellation of Catholic programs for boys and men that is staffed by FSSP priests & seminarians. They will host boys' camps, wilderness excursions, retreats, mission trips, and pilgrimages. Fr. Joseph Dalimata, FSSP, will speak after all Masses about this new ministry.

**Sat, Apr 5 - Altar Boy Training** for brand new servers, torchbearers and crucifers at 11:30am in the St. Albert room. If your son is interested in becoming an altar boy or receiving more training, please bring him to this training! Contact Mark Schulz at [sacristan@olmcfssp.org](mailto:sacristan@olmcfssp.org) to RSVP.

**Fri, Apr 11 - Colorado March for Life** at the state house in Denver, CO hosted in partnership with [Pro-Life Colorado](http://Pro-Life Colorado). For more information, go to [marchforlife.org/colorado](http://marchforlife.org/colorado)

**Fri-Sat, May 23-24 - Creation Seminar** at OLMC presented by the Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation. Presenters will be Hugh Owen and Dr. Kevin Mark. Registration is free but space is limited. Breakfast and lunch provided on Saturday. Please RSVP by 4/27 with your name, number in your party and dietary restrictions to Rick at [rdm3rdm3@gmail.com](mailto:rdm3rdm3@gmail.com).

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**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, Jacob Jaxson, Indigo Williamson, Jeff McBride, Shannon Coffey, Miriam Halazon, John Filipczak, Cristina Vigil, Maria McKinley, Rebecca Noël Moser, Joanne Leary, Ronald Rider.

### 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.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

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

Altar flowers for the Annunciation of the BVM are for Alexis McCarty by Kevin McCarty.

**Electronic Giving via Faith Direct**



