



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

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025



*O vere beāta nox, quæ sola mēruit scire tempus et horam,
in qua Christus ab ínferis resurrēxit!
Hæc nox est, de qua scriptum est: Et nox sicut dies illuminābitur.*

From the Pastor

Somewhat paradoxically for the defining moment of Christianity, there is no gospel record of Our Lord's Resurrection from the dead. Certainly, the gospels relate that it happened, telling of the confusion at the tomb and Our Lord's appearances to certain select individuals. But they all pass over the actual event of the Resurrection in silence.

The gospels record Our Lord repeatedly warning the apostles during that first Holy Week: *See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be*

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mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day. St Luke adds: But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

This was because of their imperfect faith. Peter, who had confessed Our Lord's divinity, failed to comprehend not just that he would die, but that he would be killed in the most agonizing way. Then after the horrors of the Passion, none of the apostles was expecting his Resurrection. Not even St John, who bravely had stood at the foot of the cross. Nor any of the holy women who went to the tomb to anoint the body. Also, subsequently, St Paul, certainly a contemporary to the events and so conversant with the Hebrew scriptures was blind to their meaning and so resisted the promptings of God's grace.

Only Our Lord's Mother, believing his words, had faith in his Resurrection. Fr Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange writes of Our Lady at the foot of the cross: *Not for a moment did the Blessed Virgin stop believing that her son was the Word of God made flesh, the savior of mankind, and that in three days he would rise again as He had said.* This would explain her absence from the tomb. The scriptures are clear that the Risen Lord appeared first to Mary Magdalene, suggesting that Our Lord never appeared to his mother, that her faith might be perfect.

Of all others, none was expecting, and so to none was it given to witness. The gospels record eye-witness accounts of Our Lord's glorious Transfiguration, his agony in Gethsemane, his brutal Crucifixion, and his triumphant Ascension into heaven. But of his Resurrection, there are no witnesses: not the apostles, not the holy women, not the soldiers, not even the Blessed Virgin - only silence.

Many dead had been raised back to life before Our Lord, most spectacularly Lazarus. All these, however, were raised back to natural life: they would all die again. Our Lord's Resurrection was singular in that he was the first to rise never to die again.

Now come to an understanding, St Paul writes of Our Lord: *He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.* Even though there was no sin in Our Lord, he still has this prerogative, of being the first of the sons of Adam to rise from death to corporal immortality.

Our Lord gently scolded the despondent disciples walking to Emmaus, who were at the events of the Passion: *O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all which the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and [so] enter into his glory?* God permitted sin that the incarnate Son might have the glory of conquering death. As St Paul writes: *For God has put all things in subjection under his feet ... and ... the last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

Eye-witness accounts tell of Our Lord's Transfiguration: *His face shone as the sun and his garments became white as snow*, a glory seemingly like that of an angel. Of his Resurrection, however, there is no witness.

At the Resurrection, God conferred on his Son - Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - a singular glory which the gospels can only pass over in silence. And this not just because there were no witnesses, but because it was a singular glory which cannot be put into words.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Sunday

6:30 am Pope Francis

8:00 am Flower Donors' Intentions

9:30 am Archbishop Aquila

11:00 am (Solemn High Mass) OLMC Volunteers

No 1:00 pm Mass

5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Easter Monday

8:30 am Maria Ammerman by Brett Ammerman

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Easter Tuesday

8:30 am Lois Hathaway+ by Debby Hathaway

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Easter Wednesday

8:30 am Raymond Lucchi Jr.+ by Claudia Williams

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Easter Thursday

8:30 am James Lindholm by Dani Lindholm

7:00 pm Adoration and Benediction

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Easter Friday

8:30 am For an End to Abortion

7:00 pm Patricia McCoy+ by Dianne Johnson

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Easter Saturday

8:30 am Tang Nguyen+ by Michael and Michelle Felipe

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Low Sunday

6:30 am Daniel and Hazel Pulse by Eileen Pulse

8:00 am Eileen Pulse by Ann Glaser

9:30 am Peter Nalty+ by Tamas and Helen Kish

11:00 am (High Mass) Pro Populo

1:00 pm Allen Yip+ by Michael and Michelle Felipe

5:00 pm Vespers and Compline

Fr. Krager's Private Intentions

22 Lucia Miele+

23 Private Intention

24 Fr. Matthew McCarthy, FSSP

by Michael and Michelle Felipe

25 Private Intention by Marla Benavides

26 Patricia McCoy+ by Dianne Johnson

27 Robert E. Dalton+

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Priests of OLMC wish for all the parishioners a peaceful and joyful Easter season celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord.

Parish Volunteers: Fr. McCarthy offers sincere thanks to all who throughout the year freely give of their valuable time, without whom this church could not function, including in no particular order and not exhaustively: choir, MCs and altar servers, ushers, safety team, collection counters, those who help with sacraments preparation, ARS, K of C, those who organize/run parish events/groups, those who provide meals, do maintenance jobs or help out in any number of hidden ways. May God reward your zeal.

Today - Easter Egg Hunt: Come to the parish hall immediately after the 11am High Mass. For children 12 and under. Remember to bring a basket or bag.

The Parish Office is closed tomorrow, Mon, Apr 21.

Fr. Krager will be away on vacation 4/22-5/2 inclusive.

This Sat, Apr 26 - 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.

This Sat, Apr 26 - Leisure and Culture 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.

Next Sun, Apr 27 - Bake Sale to Support Discernment Retreat for young ladies from the parish who will be visiting a traditional religious order in Kansas this July. The bake sale will be after the 8am, 9:30am, and 11am Masses in the parish hall. Proceeds will go directly to covering the cost of travel and lodging for the retreat.

Next Sun, Apr 27 - 3rd Carmel Rookies Chess Championship from 12:30-2:25pm. Players will be grouped by age and will play four 10min/player games. All participants get a chance to win raffle ticket prizes. All 1st & 2nd place finishers win a small trophy. RSVP with player's name and age to Rick Mudd at rdm3rdm3@gmail.com.

Sat, May 3 - May Crowning: High Mass at 8:30am followed by a Marian procession and potluck brunch in the parish hall. All are welcome. Bring a dish to share! Sign up using QR code.



Sat, May 3 - Annual Father Daughter Dance: Spring has sprung and tickets are live! This year it's happening on May Crowning, inspiring this year's theme: 'Our Lady's Garden'. The event is from 7-9pm and is \$10 per person; 2 and under are free. For more info or to sign-up, please scan the QR code or see Flocknote.



Sun, May 4 - Spring Craft Fair after all Masses. This is a perfect opportunity to shop for Mothers' Day and First Sacrament gifts while supporting parishioner-owned businesses. Table vendors are needed! Sign up via QR code. Deadline to register is Sun, Apr 27.



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Morning Star Girls' Camp

Mon-Thu, 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 & crafts, music & outdoor games. Space is limited. Register at the parish office or Flocknote.

Sat, May 10 - Young Adult Talk for ages 21-30 from 6-8pm. Fr Thomas Sofatzis, FSSP, will give a talk on courtship. There will be light refreshments along with wine and beer (ID required). Sign up info to come next week.

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 next Sun, Apr 27 with your name and number in your party to Rick at rdm3rdm3@gmail.com.

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, Cristina Vigil, Maria McKinley, Rebecca Noël Moser, Joanne Leary, Ronald Rider.

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

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
Holy Thursday	Main Altar	OLS Prayer Group by Joann & Pasquale DePalma
	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Patricia Jambor+ by Anne Briotet
	Altar of Repose	Angela Randolph by Evan Randolph
Easter Sunday	Main Altar	Intention of Easter Flower Donors'

Electronic Giving via Faith Direct



2025 Paschal Candle

The front of the candle depicts the Prophet Ezekiel preaching to the Valley of Dry Bones (Ezk 37): *The hand of the Lord was upon me and He... set me down in the midst of the valley... And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, thou knowest." Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord."* The words on the scroll are from Ezekiel's prophetic words: *Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.*

The rear of the candle quotes from the previous chapter of Ezekiel: *And I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.* The vision of the bones referred directly to the Jews in Babylonian exile on account of their infidelity. After a period of purification, God was promising to restore them: *Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost...' Therefore prophecy and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will... raise you from your graves... and I will bring you home into the land of Israel... I will put my Spirit within you and you shall live.* Exiled on account of infidelity, restoration was contingent on faithfulness to God's law. Including this event among the Easter Vigil prophecies, the Church discerns a symbol of the resurrection. Like the Jews in exile, however, bodily resurrection for us follows upon the resurrection of the soul, i.e., conversion to God. St Paul writes: *The just man lives by faith*, i.e., by grace. Warned that he would die, Adam clung to corporal life but was dead to God. St Paul writes: *If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit*, i.e., let us walk in the Lord's statutes and ordinances. When God breathed life into Adam, it was not just corporal life but even more so the life of grace, conformance to God's law, the measure of love. So too, if we are to participate in the Lord's corporal resurrection, to be brought back from exile, then our dried bones must also receive the Lord's breath; we must walk in newness of life, walk in the Lord's statutes and ordinances.

