

**“We give thanks for the past, celebrate the present,
and pray for the future of our parish.”**



Circa 1949

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OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Our Lady of the Mountains:

Our condolences go out to the various families, several whose downtown businesses and shops were destroyed by a devastating fire, last Monday, Oct 19. The fire cost many – some of our own parishioners who owned or worked in the stores. As we learn more about how we – as a parish – can help pitch-in, I will pass information along to you. Thank you, and God bless you.

[WHY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS ‘PRO-LIFE’ – III]

“Why is the Catholic Church, so ‘Anti-abortion?’ “What’s so wrong with abortion? – A fair question. But, another ‘fair’ question is: “Is there any true, lasting ‘virtue,’ ‘honor’ or ‘good,’ that comes through Abortion? Where is the ‘good’ in abortion?”

GOD: (MIA) MISSING IN ACTION

Last weekend’s quote: *“In absentia luci, tenebrae vincu” – “In the absence of light, darkness prevails” (Latin axiom) — a foundational truth: when ‘God’ is absent (i.e., intentionally excluded) from human relationships, and decision making, and activities, ‘Evil’ and darkness will readily occupy the void.*

Every year, in the U.S. alone, well over a million babies are killed – in the womb. Many people do not get upset, or concerned at that figure, because the real ‘issues’ and consequences of abortion, are kept safely distant from the minds and hearts of Americans. Pro-Choice advocates vigorously object to considering (or labeling) ‘abortion’ as, ‘killing a baby’: it is merely a ‘medical procedure,’ something no more serious, than having a tumor removed. But, the reality is, that abortion is a gruesome, bloody act, and no degree of ‘sugar-coating’ can cover-up that reality.

“I have set before you life and death, blessing and the curse. Choose life, then.” (Deut. 30:19)

Mother Teresa is absolutely right: the greatest destroyer of Peace, is abortion. *“It is a war against the child, it is war against the human person.”*

Abortion is largely a problem of fear. Those who have abortions, do not have them because of ‘freedom of choice,’ but rather, because they feel they have ‘no freedom’ and have ‘no choice.’ Tremendous amounts of fear, pressure and confusion fall upon them.

The Good News is, however, that despite the real struggle against despair, and the temptation to follow this particular, regrettable (and unnecessary) sin, there is always sufficient grace to help, to forgive, to heal and to do what is right. Our Lord, Jesus, (God Incarnate) touched the unlovable – the lepers, the prostitutes, the addicted, the swindlers . . . He showed special mercy, compassion and tenderness to the sick, the poor, children – and those whose lives felt their lives were so ‘messed up.’ **There is always hope in Jesus.** (To be continued)

God bless you,

Rev. Joe Hartmann

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule
 Saturday.....4:30 pm
 Sunday.....8:00 am & 10:00 am
Summer Schedule (Memorial Day - Labor Day)
 Additional Saturday Mass.....6:15 pm
Mass In Spanish
 Every Sunday of the month.....7:00 pm
Weekday Schedule
 Monday Communion Service.....8:30 am
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.....8:30 am
Holy Days of Obligation8:30 am & 5:15 pm
Confessions-Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Every Saturday 3:00 to 4:15 pm or by appointment.
 First Friday..... 4:30 to 5:00 pm
 Tuesday thru Friday.....8:00 am
Office Hours
 Monday through Friday.....9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	OCT	24	OLM	4:30 PM	ANDY ANDERSON
SAT	OCT	24	OLM	6:15 PM	OLM PARISHONERS
			ERITREA		+ JAMES GADDIE
SUN	OCT	25	OLM	8:00 AM	OLM PARISHONERS
SUN	OCT	25	OLM	10:00 AM	CALISTE CENAC
SUN	OCT	25	OLM	7:00 PM	SPANISH MASS
			ERITREA		+ RUSS CAMPION
MON	OCT	26	OLM	8:30 AM	COMMUNION MASS
			ERITREA		
TUE	OCT	27	OLM	8:30 AM	GARY MATHEWS
			ERITREA		ELIZABETH WOJCIK
WED	OCT	28	OLM	8:30 AM	+ RUSS CAMPION
			ERITREA		
THU	OCT	29	OLM	8:30 AM	+ EUGENE PAZERA
			ERITREA		
FRI	OCT	30	OLM	8:30 AM	+ VIVIAN LORENZ
			ERITREA		+ RUSS CAMPION

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Schedule Requests or Changes?
 Contact Karen Phillips at 577-1282
 or jkphil@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory \$

FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE

TOTAL \$

Bldg Fund

Other

Volunteer Hours

Sep 2009 635

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SOULS DAY

Monday, Nov. 2, is All Souls Day. It NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is a traditional time of the Church in remembering our dead, those who died in the hopes of being forever with our Lord in Heaven.

If possible, visiting a loved one's grave is a good idea, or praying prayers of mercy and thanksgiving to God for them. **A Novena of Masses (Nine Days), starting November 2, will be offered for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.**

Please deposit your **All Souls Day Mass Intention Envelop** – with the name(s) of deceased family members, friends, good people that you've known – in the Sunday collections or drop it by the office on or before Nov. 2.

Thank you.

PROJECT RACHEL GROUP SESSIONS

Project Rachel, the Archdiocese of Denver's ministry to those men and women who are seeking healing and reconciliation from a past abortion, will have a six week group session.

The sessions begin on Wed. November 4, 2009 and end on Wed. December 9, 2009. Session times are from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Sessions will be held at John Paul II Center, 1300 South Steele Street, Denver, Colorado.

Registration is required.

Please email mimi.eckstein@archden.org or call the Respect Life Office at 303/715-3205 in confidence.

Misa es cada Domingo del mes a las 7:00 p.m.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Today is "World Priest Day" Worldwide Marriage Encounter thanks all of our priests for their loving service to God's people.

For more information about

Marriage Encounter please visit these websites:

<http://www.northerncoloradome.org> or

<http://wwmedenver.org>.

KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

Catherine Campion, Nicolas LaMontia,
Steve McDuff, Hazel Turnbull, Jane Swaney,
Mary Dorwart, Roman Cioch, Ken Kopp,
Helen Pratkelis, Kurt Niedringhaus,
Judy Schreiber, Vernon Reece, Ruthie Watson,
Socorro Vargas and Connie Drumheller

FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED 2009

Elizabeth Danton	Robert Anderman
Jack "Jay" Bedford	Elizabeth Wimpler
Caliste Cenac, Jr.	Eugene Pazera
Rudy Marquez	Russ Campion

THIS SUNDAY IS "PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY"

The Serra Clubs of the United States and within the Fort Collins Deanery would like to take this opportunity to ask you to pray for your priests throughout the Deanery. Priesthood Sunday has been designated as a special day for Catholics to celebrate our priests, to thank God for their vocations, and pray for many more. Let your priest know how important he is to your parish. Do not take him for granted.

Mary Mother of Vocations, Pray for Us.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST PRAYER VIGILS

at Planned Parenthood Clinic 7155 East 38th Ave., Denver begins Saturday November 7, 2009. For those who are attending there is Mass at St. James Catholic Church 1311 Oneida St., Denver at 8:15am. The Prayer Vigil, which will last an hour, begins at Planned Parenthood Clinic at 9:00am. It will be a monthly Prayer Vigil on the first Saturday of every month through October 2, 2010. All are invited to join our Priests in prayer for the unborn, their parents and the recommitment to a culture of life. These Prayer Vigils are bi-lingual.

For further information please email respectlife.office@archden.org or call 303/715-3243

PARISH EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- Oct 24,25 Rosary prior to Sat/Sun Mass
- Oct 26 Table at Caring Pregnancy Banquet
- Nov 1 Pancake breakfast after Sun. Masses
- Nov 1 Start 4th Degree "Keep Christ In Christmas" card sale
- Nov 12 Officer's Mtg. 6:00 pm Lower Center
Rosary 6:30 pm
Business Mtg. 7:00 pm Lower Center
Members Only

Pancake Breakfast Next Weekend

Put the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on your calendar for next Sunday. Pancakes, eggs, sausage and hashbrowns will be served up after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.

YOUTH CORNER

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CCD K-5th grade every Wed. 3:30-5:00 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bible Study 6:30 pm

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Youth Group Meets 7:30 PM

Oct 28 Louise Olsen

What can one person do about world hunger?
Louise Olson. Coffee Shop TBD.

Are you available on October 30 (no school) for a field trip? Corn Maze or Denver?

WEDNESDAY BIBLE GROUP

"Come and see" -- words of Jesus. All parishioners and visitors are welcome to learn more about the Sunday Readings and how they are relevant to each other and to our daily lives. Join us on Wednesdays in the Parish Library in the Upper Center, 10:00 am until Noon.

For more info. contact
Reenie Matthews 586-5093

PARISH EVENTS



ROSARY TIMES

For All Of October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30 am	9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am	4:00 pm
9:30 am				3:00 pm		

A special Rosary brochure has been produced especially for the parishioners Of Our Lady Of The Mountains parish. They are available from the rosary group at each of the scheduled rosary times.

Just ask and ye shall receive.

***O Mary, conceived without sin,
Pray for all who have recourse to Thee***

PRAYER CHAIN

If you wish to include someone, please contact Ruth McGraw 586-5412 or Helen Meyers 586-4014

MARY'S PRAYER GROUP

Join the Rosary after daily Mass and on Thursdays at 3:00 pm. For more info. contact Maureen Kolzow at 586-2391

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Are being offered again this October.

For information, call Jackie at 577-1584.