

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



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OUR PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Why the Catholic Church is 'Pro-Life' – IV: A Need Of Forgiveness and Healing, Too

Dear Our Lady of the Mountains:

[Previously from Oct. 25] “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.”

We *all* make mistakes; we all have done things that were deplorable and shameful in our life, things that we regret, even today. Today, there are countless women (and men) who deeply regret their having aborted their unborn baby; Christ's Church knows and understands this: that they need to be supported, too.

The Good News is, that God's love is always there for us; the biggest step for us, is to ‘trust’ in His mercy and tender love. One woman wrote in a letter that she felt “*she could not bring one more child into this world, and not to be able to offer him/her a stable future*” She went on to write, “*I wish to advise any woman who, in my situation, thinks that abortion is the practical, easiest and most reasonable way to solve any problems. I know by my own experience, that once in the clinic, everything sounds 'secure, simple, fast, confidential, practical, almost painless, that is the right thing to do.'* But, once everything is done, once one is out of there, then we cannot fool our conscience, our principles. *...It is impossible to ignore the conscience, to run away from it. ...Yes, the procedure is fast, but the pain and the guilt are endless. ... I always thought that I would never do such a thing, but I panicked. I didn't have faith. I was desperate and, now, I'm paying the consequences. Father [Dietzen], I feel awful. I truly regret will have done, from the bottom of my heart. I asked God to please forgive me, to help me. I hope you can tell me, that I can be forgiven.*” (Anonymous) [The New Question Box: Catholic Life in a New Century, by Rev. John J. Dietzen (Guildhall Publish)]

Yes, forgiveness is there, and God wants to forgive and to heal.

Abortion is very serious offense against God and humanity – since it is the taking of human life; we should never try to minimize that fact. But, like any good, healthy move towards getting better, the first step to ‘forgiveness,’ is an honest acknowledgment of our sinful action.

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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	NOV	7	OLM	4:30 PM	ADRIAN CANO
			ERITREA		BENEFACTORS
SUN	NOV	8	OLM	8:00 AM	STEVE HALL
SUN	NOV	8	OLM	10:00 AM	OLM PARISHONERS
SUN	NOV	8	OLM	7:00 PM	SPANISH MASS
			ERITREA		TOBY MCGILL
MON	NOV	9	OLM	8:30 AM	COMMUNION MASS
			ERITREA		SHIRLEY REECE
TUE	NOV	10	OLM	8:30 AM	+WAYNE & YVONNE MECHEM
			ERITREA		SHAUNA & BIANCA CLARK
WED	NOV	11	OLM	8:30 AM	TOM & DANA BELLMAN
			ERITREA		
THU	NOV	12	OLM	8:30 AM	+DEVYN KIMBELL
			ERITREA		
FRI	NOV	13	OLM	8:30 AM	+RUSS CAMPION
			ERITREA		

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

STEWARDSHIP Oct. 25th-Nov 1st

Offertory	Parishoners	\$ 8,329
	Visitors	2,322
	Candles	102
	TOTAL	\$ 10,753

Bldg Fund	Pledges	11,230
	New Money	1,970
Other	Fire Victims	2,825

Volunteer Hours

Sep 2009 **635**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Pastor's Message

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Sometimes we can feel so bad, that we think that not even God can forgive us; but He can and will. God is not out to 'punish' or shame us; He is out to heal and change us. Not oddly enough, God considers the 'forgiveness of sins,' the 'greatest' of all His works (Lk 23:34). In His love for us, God wants to help us trust and understand that no sin, no evil, no 'long-long past' – is beyond the reach of His love and mercy. *This is a joyous and the most basic fact of our Christian faith.*

Making an honest Confession, receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, offering a 'Mass of Thanksgiving' for the baby's life, and seeking out some Professional Counseling and Spiritual Counseling (including a 'praying through' the ordeal), drawing closer to the Blessed Mother, remaining in the Church — all goes a long way in finding some peace, hope and direction in our life again. As a parish priest (30 yrs), I have helped in this area, many a time. Other good avenues of help: "Project Rachel". [or, contact the Archdiocese of Denver: "Respect Life Office" (303-722-4687)]

God bless you all, and God bless and keep you – those who may be dealing with this cross-roads.

Rev. Joe Hartmann

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.

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, Irene King,
Judy Schreiber, Vernon Reece, Ruthie Watson,
Socorro Vargas, Bill Speiser and Connie Drumheller

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In today's First Reading it says, "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." Your love for your spouse can last forever, too. For more information about Marriage Encounter please visit these websites: <http://www.northerncoloradome.org> or <http://wwmedenver.org>.

ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER REMANDATION FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This is the mandation workshop, required every three years, for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of Denver.

All Extraordinary Ministers must attend a remandation workshop before the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2009; said workshop may be hosted by the Archdiocese or by their home parish. Msgr. Ken Leone, pastor of Risen Christ Parish, will be the keynote speaker and will speak on the importance of the Eucharist in our daily lives.

Cost of the workshop: \$5.00 per person.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- **Mon. Nov. 16th, from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at St. Thomas More Parish, 8035 S. Quebec St. in Centennial.**
- **Tue. Nov. 17th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm Our Lady Of The Mountains will host a workshop**

For more information, please contact the Office of Liturgy at 303.715.3156 or email John.Miller@archden.org

For OLM carpool information contact Fran Grooters, Don Saucier, or the parish office.

PARISH EVENTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- Nov 8 "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

*A poem by one of our parishioners.
Inspired by*

ST. MICHAEL'S WINDOW

Look up! Look up, as you leave Mass,
See Archangel Michael in stained glass.

Look up! Look up, and you will see
A battle waged for you and me.
Serpentine Satan at the Angel's feet,
But he's not yet in complete defeat.
Framed in environs we can view,
Long's Peak, Boulder Field, and flowers, too.
Revelation 12 reveals Satan's wrath,
Battling to block us on the narrow path.
Michael defends us from Satan's powers,
Holding him at bay, the serpent cowers.

At the end of the day, the battle is won,
Satan is vanquished by the brilliant sun.
Look up! Look up, at the sunset hours -
Murky Mount, burnt boulders, fiery flowers!
The Angel's armor shows signs of war,
But at his feet—Satan is no more!
Christ's cross stands amid the blaze,
Satan can't survive the Victor's gaze,
He cannot live in the light of the SON -
An allegory of life's battle won.

TOUCH YOUR HEART

As an act of devotion, some Catholics touch their heart after signing themselves with the "Sign Of The Cross. Here is a prayer for this act:
***Spirit of Christ, Pray, do not depart,
Remain with me, within my heart.***

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

PARISH EVENTS

YOUTH CORNER

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Bible Study 6:30 pm
- Middle School Youth Group will be collecting winter coats for Crossroads Ministry. You will find boxes marked "Coats For Crossroads" in the back of the church and downstairs in the Youth Room. The coats will be offered to those who are picking up Thanksgiving baskets. Coats will be collected through Nov. 22nd.

HIGH SCHOOL

- High School Youth Group Meets 7:30 PM
- High School and Middle School youth groups will host a Family Thanksgiving Potluck on Wednesday Nov. 18th at 6:30pm. Bring a side dish; Adam Thomas will cook the turkey. All middle school and High school families are welcome.
- Thanks to all who are supporting our Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee to go efforts after the 10:00am Mass. More to come!
- Thanks to Rick and Pat Burdick who generously supported our youth with complimentary tickets to their summer theater program. The proceeds from the sale of these tickets will support our mission trip to Saint Bonaventure's Indian Mission.
- A big thank you to Peter Webermeier who painted all the dividers in the parish center and built storage shelves for our new closets. Peter, a freshman at CU, did these tasks to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations!

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

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