

**“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**

Dear Our Lady of the Mountains,

[I pray that everyone had a wonderful, thankful (and somewhat, relaxing) *Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends.*

Last Sunday, our Knights of Columbus presented to 30 of our parish's 'Widows and Widowers,' a beautiful and delicious Turkey luncheon. We came together to remember and celebrate the gifted lives and memories of our deceased spouses. As Grand Knight, Joe Phillips, wonderfully inspired the guests. "We wanted you to know, that YOU are not forgotten." I Thank the Knights and everyone who participated.

Last *Thanksgiving Eve*, our parish hosted the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service; it was a blessed time - to sing, pray together, hear the Word of God, and just to share faith elements that are common to each other; a great blessing for everyone.

On *Thanksgiving Day*, a goodly number of you attended Thanksgiving Day Mass. God bless you, for remembering to Thank the Lord through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. [And, my brother Jim, and his wife, Marty, drove up to Estes and graciously took me out to the Stanley Hotel for Thanksgiving; it's always good to be with them. I hope yours was blessed, too.]

This weekend, the Universal Church begins, what is for her, the unfolding of a new Liturgical year - **ADVENT**. Advent (Latin - Adventus) means 'coming'. In our Christian context, it is about the longing of the human heart, for awaited 'coming' of the promised 'Messiah.'

The ADVENT SEASON, which precedes CHRISTMAS and EPIPHANY, reminds us, that we are a 'pilgrim' people - both 'aliens' and 'exiles' in this present age: i.e., God's people who long for our true 'home' with God in Heaven. It is we who await, with joyful hope, for the return-coming of the Risen Lord.

When will the 'END TIMES,' and all these promises, take place? No one knows. That is why we begin with the 'FIRST COMING' of Christ - His INCARNATION, which we celebrate at CHRISTMAS and which culminates in His SECOND/FINAL COMING, on the Day of Judgment (see today's reading.)

This is why Advent takes place during the darkest days of the year, when there is the least sunlight. For Advent is the SEASON OF HOPE - it signifies to us, the waiting, the hoping and the longing - that the 'darkness of time' will come to an end, and we will see the fullness of Light and Life.

This weekend, Christ Jesus cautions us to be 'vigilant.' He tells us to avoid anything which undermines the precious time given us. He exhorts us to pray, and particularly to pray for courage and strength on the day of His coming: "Do not be afraid."

- Plant to make a good Confession.
- Make it your goal, to spend 10-15 minutes a day in quiet prayer.
- Try to attend, at least, one weekday Mass.
- And decide to put aside 10% of your intended 'Gift-giving allowance' - for the poor.

God Bless you all,  
And -- *Happy New Year* (liturgically speaking),

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 Obligation** .....8:30 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

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

SAT	NOV	28	OLM	4:30 PM	+ RUSS CAMPION
			ERITREA		BENEFACTORS
SUN	NOV	29	OLM	8:00 AM	OLM PARISHONERS
SUN	NOV	29	OLM	10:00 AM	BERT & JACKIE CUSHING
SUN	NOV	29	OLM	7:00 PM	MASS IN SPANISH
			ERITREA		+SUZANNAH BLACKWELL AND LOVED ONES
MON	NOV	30	OLM	8:30 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
			ERITREA		
TUE	DEC	1	OLM	8:30 AM	+ RUSS CAMPION
			ERITREA		
WED	DEC	2	OLM	8:30 AM	CHRIS SYLVESTER
			ERITREA		+VIRGINIA 'GINNY' VAN WESTEN
THU	DEC	3	OLM	8:30 AM	+ WAYNE MECHEM
			ERITREA		
FRI	DEC	4	OLM	8:30 AM	COLETTA STAPLETON
			ERITREA		

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Offertory**    **NO COUNT**    \$  
**THIS WEEK**

**TOTAL**    \$

**Bldg Fund**    Pledges  
                   New Money

**Other**    Fire Victims  
                   Seminary

**Volunteer Hours**

**Oct 2009**    **713**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERRA CLUB

The Serra Club will be meeting Saturday Dec. 5th at 8:00am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Collins followed by our regular monthly breakfast, program and meeting. For those of you who may be wondering about Serra, this is a great time to check us out. Note: we are SERRA not Sierra - We work for and promote vocations. This month we hope to have Bill Eck, Chairman of the Serra Trust for Vocations as our guest speaker.

The Serra Club welcomes anyone interested in the support of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and vowed religious life. In the Fort Collins Deanery we work primarily with our parishes in Fort Collins, Loveland and Estes Park. We have a wide range of activities scheduled during the year and welcome your support. If you are interested or have any questions about Serra, call Patsy Kress at 970-225-1285, or simply come to Mass at 8:00am and our meeting on December 5th.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wed Nov 25 7:00pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Thu Nov 26 8:30am Thanksgiving Mass

Wed Dec 16 3:30pm Children's Penance Svc.

7:00pm Adult Penance Svc.

Thu Dec 24 8:30am No Morning Mass

4:30pm Mass With Children

10:00 pm 'Shepherd' Mass

Fri Dec 25 8:00 & 10:00am Mass

Fri Jan 1 8:30am Holy Day of Obligation

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, Liam Smith and Connie Drumheller

### FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED 2009

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

### HOME/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME/ GOOD SAMARITAN RESIDENCY MINISTRY

If someone you know wants to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the Parish Office with your request. We want to help. Privacy laws preclude us from obtaining the names of patients in institutions, so we won't know of their need unless it is requested. Thank You.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another..."  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter can energize your sacrament.

For more information about Marriage Encounter please visit these websites:

<http://www.northerncoloradome.org>

or

<http://wmedenver.org>

Thank You

## PARISH EVENTS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- Dec 6 8:30am - Noon Pancake Breakfast
- Dec 10 6:00pm Officer's Mtg. Lower Center  
6:30pm Rosary  
7:00pm Business Mtg. Lower Center  
Members Only

### GIVING TREE

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Giving Tree" for less fortunate children in town.

Please help us make this a little nicer Christmas for a needy child.

Gifts need to be placed under the tree by Dec 13th. Gifts should be unwrapped with the name tag firmly attached.  
Thank you for sharing your Christmas.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT WEEKEND

Put the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on your calendar for next Sunday.

Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage  
Biscuits and Gravy  
Will be served up after the 8:00am and 10:00am Masses.

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

November 30th 6:00 - 7:00pm

Officer Robertson will introduce members of the Town of Longmont Youth Services regarding gangs in our community. Presentations in English and in Spanish.  
All are encouraged to attend.

## PARISH EVENTS

### YOUTH CORNER

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- CCD K-5th, every Wed. 3:30-5:00 pm
- Dec 13th 4:30pm Christmas Pageant

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Bible Study 6:30 pm

#### HIGH SCHOOL

- High School Youth Group Meets 7:30 PM
- Thanks to all who are supporting our Cinnamon Rolls and Coffee to go efforts after the 10:00am Mass. More to come!

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

December 4, 2009

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

BENEDICTION AT 5:15 PM

RECONCILIATION 4:30 - 5:00 PM

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR AN HOUR OF  
ADORATION ON THE POSTER IN THE VESTIBULE

### 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

### 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