



Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Historic Catholic Church

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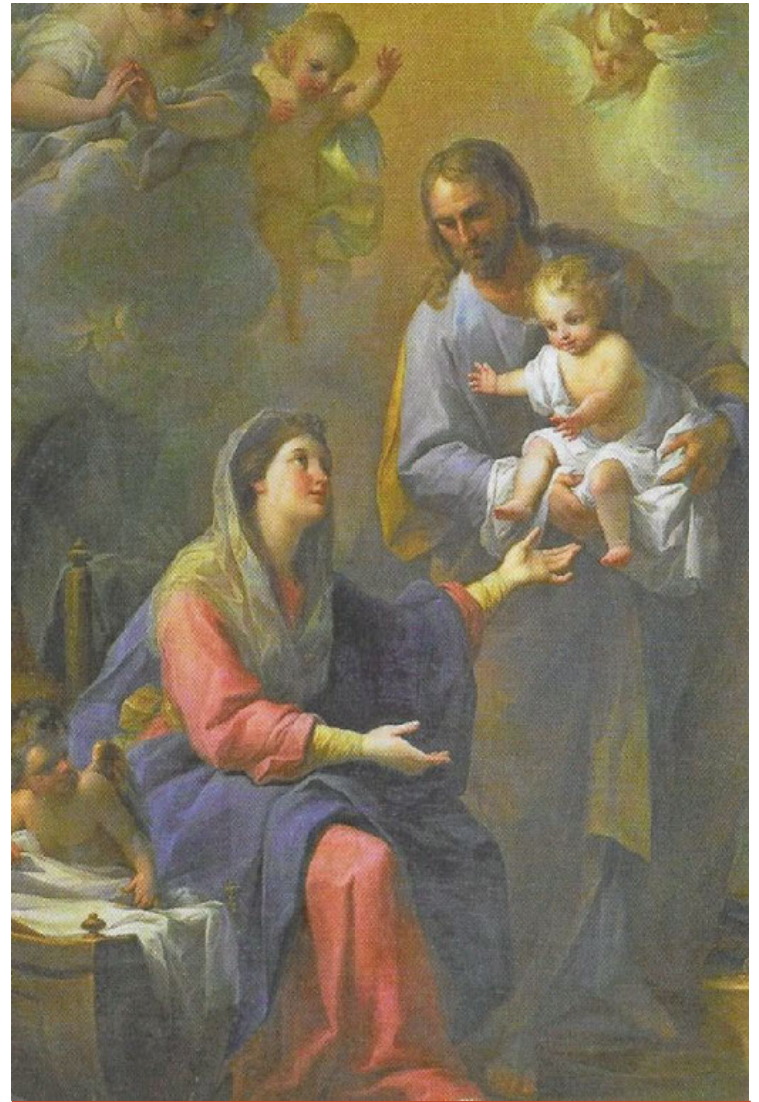
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM ANTICIPATED MASS
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM
MON - FRI.: 8:00 AM in the Parish Office,
Mary's Room Chapel
SATURDAY: 8:00 AM -1st & 2nd Saturday of
the month only

VISION STATEMENT

It is our vision at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, a Catholic Community, led by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to proclaim and live the Gospel. We accomplish this through our shared Baptism, celebrations of the sacraments, prayer, hospitality and service to others.



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Visitors and New Parishioners, WELCOME!

If you came as a visitor and would like to join Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, please return the information below by dropping it in the offertory basket.

Full Name: _____
Address: _____
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Phone: _____
____ New Registration ___ Change of Address
____ Want Envelopes ___ Moving out of Parish
Check out our website for updates & information

Welcome

FOOD FOR FAITH LIVING FROM THE DESK OF FR. MARK

The Nativity of the Lord is cause for great joy and peace. It isn't a recipe of formula guaranteeing good results, but a truth which liberates us from all that hinders, delays or detours us from the awesome experience of being loved, faithfully and unconditionally, by a God Who gifts us with life! The Nativity is not a Sacred day, a season of good feelings and high hopes for a better future. No, it is a way of life, taught us by living it fully and perfectly as one of us. Beautiful words, treasured thoughts which we easily speak about and share with others. It all evaporates, like breath does, if that's as far as we want it to go and be.

From the creation of life, onward through the ages and on-going history of people, God's Love contains the Truth of Life which is nurtured, sustained, renewed and restored when we live what it means, the purpose of it to make it everlasting as God intends it to be. To our surprise, perhaps disappointment, God needs us to fulfill God's Will. And we have been given the freedom to decide how we will live our lives.

This is not meant "to rain on our parade" or remind us of how ugly and brutal life can be. It is meant to remind us our joy and peace are experiences in real life, not fantasies and fairy tales, because the Nativity is real life, as are the Crucifixion and Resurrection, the awesome, incomprehensible truth that real life is more than physical and material. Its' true essence is spiritual.

The Nativity is presented in 3 Gospels in unique, but confirming, ways of real life. Matthew, writing to and for Hebrews, Presents it matter of factly highlighting the family from whom the Messiah will come (David's). It is Joseph's family lineage and Mary gives birth at home. Luke is a Gentile writing to people unfamiliar with Hebrew scriptures, but enthralled and captivated by God's Truth, eternal Love, given to them, in the heartwarming birth in a stable, etc. John's desire to explain the full meaning of Jesus' coming and the unending life of our souls because of it. John explains "Jesus is the Word of God made flesh" Who lives amongst us then, now and forever! In each Gospel, the call to love, be life-givers and uphold all of life's sacredness, is God's invitation to participate in fulfilling God's Will! Our answer, and living it, is the true reason to rejoice.

BUON NATALE.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25 **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

7:00 am-†Joseph Lochi/ Donna Elliott
9:00 am-†Jim & Margaret Ruscetta / Margaret Rose
11:00 am-Parishioners

Sunday, December 26

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 am -†Bill Sanders / Lou Sanders

Monday, December 27

8:00 am- †Tony Petrino & Josephine Gramieri/ Dan Petrino

Tuesday, December 28

8:00 am-†Bruce Visser/ Donna, Mark & Brett Elliott

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 am-†John Torres / Virginia Torres

Thursday, December 30

8:00 am -†Don Eafanti / Jackie & Family

Friday, December 31

8:00 am Dorothy Butterfield / Cindy Moses

4:00 pm-†John Ruffolo / Family

Saturday, January 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

4:00 pm-†Rosalie Ann Durante /Daughter Angela Durante

Sunday, January 2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00 am-Parishioners

9:00 am-†Carmen Dalla

11:00 am-†Bruce Visser / Kay Ponzio



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:

*Linda Lasasso *Kelven Cruz *Dolores Wood
*Virginia Lutes, *Ralph Avila *Tony Baldi *Robert Thomas
DiGiallonardo *Cindy Wilkinson *Denise Younger
*Ray Hudzki *Mary Workman



PRIMA DOMENICA Mass is celebrated in Italian the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 am. A reception is celebrated in the Parish Hall after Mass.

BAPTISMS Baptisms are scheduled quarterly. Sunday, Jan. 9th, May 1st, July 24th, Oct. 16th at 12 (noon).

Baptismal class is for Parents and Godparents (required).

You must first make arrangements with a priest. We meet on Thursdays, Jan. 6th, Apr 28th, July 21st, Oct. 13th at 6 pm.

MARRIAGE A wedding may be scheduled after a consultation with a priest or deacon. Please call the rectory for an appointment. Please notice preparation is eight months to a year.

RECONCILIATION Saturday: 3:30-4:00 pm or by appointment with a Confessor.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Upon request. Please call the rectory.

FUNERALS Please call the office before arrangements are made.

Blessed are THEY WHO DWELL IN YOUR HOUSE.

Pastor's Notes

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, December 26

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH**

9 am MASS

MONDAY, December 27

8 am Daily Mass

TUESDAY, December 28

8 am Daily Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 29

8 am Daily Mass
6:30 pm Choir practice

THURSDAY, December 30

8 am Daily Mass

FRIDAY, December 31

NEW YEAR EVE

8 am Daily Mass

4 pm Mass

SATURDAY, January 1

New Year Day 2022

4 pm MASS

SUNDAY, January 2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7, 9, & 11 am MASS

Again, we thank everyone who has supported Our Lady of Mount Carmel this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions.

Grazie!

RENEWED
STARTING THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

"A flower cannot blossom without sunshine, and man cannot live without love."
-Max Muller

We are grateful to All who attended the Christmas Masses and your generosity in the offering for our parish.

A BIG THANK YOU to the choir who provided the beautiful Christmas Concert. Your many hours of practice was heard.

The Religious Education children and teachers who presented the Christmas story in their own unique way.

Our gratitude, also, to the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters/Ushers, Servers, Sacristan, the Men who did the décor and the Presiders.

Lastly, **THANKS** for ALL the cards and goodies to the Parish Staff and Servite Friars.



May 2022 bring many Blessings and may the peace and love of Christ abound in **YOU, FAMILY** and **FRIENDS**.

I leave you with 'a' thought for the 2022 New Year from Langston Hughes:

Dreams, hold fast to dreams for if dreams die,

life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams for when dreams go,

life is a barren field frozen with snow.

To Health, Peace, and Joy in 2022- - - God Bless You,

The Parish staff, Servite Friars Fr. Mark and Fr. Hugh

RESPECT LIFE "When we learn to respect all life, we learn to love all life."

-A.D. Williams

PLEASE NOTE: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday at St. Patrick Oratory, 33rd & Pecos . Mass 7:30 am, Adoration 8 am to 7 pm.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA will be in the home of James & Rosena Archuleta, 2670 Perry St., Denver. From December 25 through January 1st. Our Lady will be in the home of Terri Brown 13745 Bayberry Dr. Broomfield. From January 1st through January 8th. Contact the parish office for more information.

REGISTER NOW for Summer Camp at Annunciation Heights! In a few short months, the youth and families of the archdiocese will be heading into the beautiful Rocky Mountains for a week of adventure and friendship in a dynamic faith-filled environment. With our summer camp schedule beginning in June, we will host six one-week youth sessions and three family camps. Youth camp sessions are offered for boys and girls from grades 4 through 12. Programming will include climbing, hiking, small group formation, Mass outdoors, and so much more. For more information about dates, pricing, and to register, visit: <https://annunciationheights.org> **Discount Info:** Early Bird Discount: Register BEFORE January 31 to receive \$50 off each child's registration.

"SYNODALITY REPRESENTS THE PATH BY WHICH THE CHURCH CAN BE RENEWED BY THE ACTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. LISTENING TOGETHER TO WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY TO HIS PEOPLE."

-POPE FRANCIS

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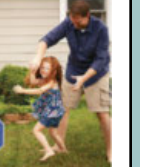
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