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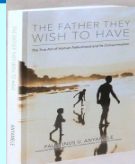
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# Our Lady of the Mountains

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"Our Lady of the Mountains Parish is one family fed by the Body of Christ, the Eucharist. Our mission is to become the image of God to one another through the practice of our faith and offering hospitality to all."

**MASS INTENTIONS**

September 27	4:00 PM	+ Roy and Verna Jones
September 28	8:00 AM	+ Angelina Gonya
	10:00 AM	+ Dick and Chris Marshall
September 29	8:30 AM	+ Steven Thoms
September 30	8:30 AM	+ Shirley MacMurray
October 1	8:30 AM	+ Patrick Conley
October 2	8:30 AM	+ Jim Callowich

To schedule a Mass Intention, call 970-586-8111

**Upcoming Events**  
Week of September 28, 2025

September 28 Sunday Morning Bible Study

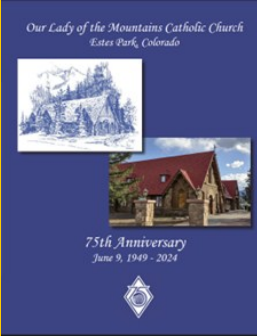
October 1 Faith Formation Classes  
OCIA Session  
Teens Discussion and Dessert

October 4 Blessing of the Animals 2pm

October 5 Knights of Columbus  
Pancake breakfast

October 5 12:00PM Spanish Mass  
Guest Priest, Father Anthony Ariniello  
Father Anthony will also be hearing confession in Spanish at 11:30 AM

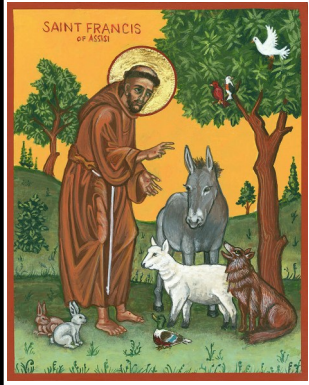
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**Communion Services**

Tuesday September 30th  
Wednesday October 1st

Morning Mass  
Thursday October 2nd  
Friday October 3rd



**Blessing of the Animals**

October 4th  
2:00pm

## CLERGY & STAFF DIRECTORY

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**Music Director:** Dennis Fromholzer

**Register at OLM:** For Fr. Faustinus to sign godparent or Confirmation sponsor paperwork, ensure you have been a registered member of our parish for six months or more.

Register online: [ourladyofthemtns.org](http://ourladyofthemtns.org)

### Our Lady of the Mountains Property Management

To maintain OLM property, including buildings, equipment and grounds, in a manner that respects the sacredness of our Catholic Church and the people who come here, please do not leave items on our grounds or have materials for distribution/perishables delivered

### Saturdays

Reconciliation 3:00-3:45 PM

Holy Mass 4:00 PM

### Sundays

Holy Mass 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Holy Mass (Spanish) 1st Sunday of  
Month 12:00 PM

### Mondays and Tuesdays

Holy Mass 8:30 AM

### Wednesdays

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30-8:15 AM

Reconciliation 7:45-8:15 AM

Holy Mass 8:30 AM

### Thursdays

Holy Mass 8:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 AM-3:30  
PM

### Fridays

8:30 AM Communion Service

Other Sacraments: By appointment,  
call the parish office 970-586-8111

### Office Hours:

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## Ministries at Our Lady of the Mountains:

Altar Linen \* Altar Servers \* Baptismal Bib \* Bereavement \* Counting Team \* Eucharistic Adoration \* Faith Formation/RE \* Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion \* Lectors \* Funeral Receptions/Hospitality \* Grace and Grub \* Knights of Columbus \* Ministry for the Homebound \* Liturgical Music Ministry/Choir \* OCIA \* Parish Gift Shop \* Parish Library \* Prayer Chain \* Sacristan \* Spanish Speaking Community \* Sunday Bible Study \* Ushers \* Technology Ministry \* Youth Ministry

## Sixth Annual Rosary Rally

You are invited to join in a Public Square Rosary Rally on **Saturday, October 11 at 12:00 noon at the OLM Church parking lot.** This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 23,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States.

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praying  
the Rosary**



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The dictionary definition of catechesis is: “religious instruction given to a person in preparation for Christian baptism or confirmation”.

The importance of catechesis lies in this, found in the second section of the prologue in *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church’s life. Not only her geographical extension and numerical increase, but even more her inner growth and correspondence with God’s plan depend essentially on catechesis”.

Catechesis is about learning about your faith, and as you grow in faith you grow in understanding of the purpose of God, and your unique giftings as part of God’s plan for this world. You are a part of His plan, with a unique gifting and mission to help bring the Good News of the Gospel to the world.

*“Rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, insincerity, envy, and all slander; like newborn infants, long for spiritual milk so that through it you may grow in your salvation, for you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture:*

*“Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.”*

*Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:*

*“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.”*

*They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.*

*But you are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises” of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

*Once you were “no people” but now you are God’s people; you “had not received mercy” but now you have received mercy.”*

*~ 1 Peter 2:1-10*

## New Website Launch!

The new website has been launched and is now up and running! Be sure to update your books to our new address.

<https://OurLadyOfTheMountainsChurch.org>

Check it out, and be sure to give us feedback so that we can continually improve your experience.

We now have “Tip-Tap” available for quick and easy \$20 donations.

Tip-Tap is located on the column near the top of the stairs that lead to the lower level of the Church.

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## Church Financial

### Monthly Financial Recap through August 2025

	August - Actual	Year to Date - Actual	YTD - Last Year
Offertory	\$35,563	\$73,443	\$64,171
Other Income*	\$119,219	\$144,142	\$66,684
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$154,782</b>	<b>\$217,585</b>	<b>\$130,854</b>

\*includes church preservation fund, donations, wedding receipts, gift shop sales, etc.

Note: Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026

Other Income from August 2025 includes a refund of \$72,450 for Employee Retention Credit from the US Treasury for 2020 and 2021, COVID related.

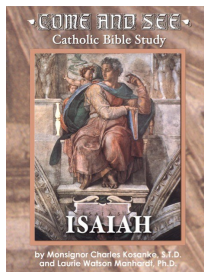
## August Update



### Adoration Ministry

Would you like to spend a personal quiet hour with Jesus once a week? The Our Lady of the Mountains Adoration Ministry needs Adorers and substitute Adorers. Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday from 9:15 AM to 3:30 PM

Please contact the office for more information. 970-586-8111



### Sunday Morning Bible Study, “Come and See: Isaiah” starts September 7!

This year's study will run for 11 Sundays (September 7 thru November 16). You do not need to attend every session to enjoy this study. Sessions will be held starting at 11:15 AM after the 10:00 AM Mass in the parish library.

## Pastoral Letter from Deacon George

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is no secret that we have a vocation crisis in the church. While the number of seminarians has slightly increased in recent years, we will still have a shortage of priests for the foreseeable future. Here in the Archdiocese of Denver, we currently have 148 active priests in ministry. We also have 148 parishes in a diocese that spans 40,000 square miles and serves about 600,000 Catholics. That means that most parishes have only one priest including here at OLM.

So why am I telling you all this? The reason is that we have difficulty obtaining priests for mass when Father Faustinus is not available. I am sure you can appreciate that Father has a lot to do here as he is our only priest. Saying mass, hearing confessions, sick calls, and the normal business of serving as pastor keep him very busy. So, he needs to take time off every once in a while, to rest and recoup.

During these times we try our best to find priests to fill in for daily and weekend masses. Most of the time we use a list of retired priests to fill in. However, our location complicates things. While we live in one of God's most beautiful creations here in the mountains, it makes travel more challenging. Especially in winter.

Many of our retired priests are reluctant to travel here from Denver where many of them reside. It can be a tiring trip for those of us who are younger, let alone men who are well into their 70's or older.

Generally, we will have priests for weekday masses, however on the occasions when we cannot have a priest to officiate at weekday Mass, we will have communion services that I will preside at. I understand that these services cannot replace the beautiful sacrifice of the Mass. We hope you understand and appreciate that these are challenging times for the Church and the last thing we wish to do is deprive people of Mass. However, on some occasions it cannot be helped.

There are some things we all can do. Pray for vocations, say rosaries, novenas, offer our sufferings for an increase in the priestly vocations. Encourage young men in the parish to consider the priesthood. If you are a young single man, consider a vocation to the priesthood. Speak with Father Faustinus about his vocation. Most of all, pray for our priests, that they have strength to carry out their vocations.

In many areas, the number of vocations has increased, which is wonderful. In the meantime, we must work with what we have. We ask for your patience, understanding and your prayers as we navigate the times we are in.

May God bless you and your families.

Deacon George