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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

February 28	4:00PM	+ Rosaline Oparah
March 1	8:00 AM	+ Virginia Van Westen
	10:00AM	+ Jose Silveira
	12:00PM	+ Diego Baeza
March 2	8:30AM	Communion Service
March 3	8:30AM	+ Donna Henry
March 4	8:30AM	+ Bob Winokur
	5:00PM	Ellen Finnigan
March 5	8:30AM	Judy & Mike DeCew
March 6	8:30AM	Souls in Purgatory

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

Upcoming Events March 1, 2026

- March 2** Communion Service 8:30AM
- March 3** The Creed 6:00PM
- March 4** Youth Mass 5:00PM
- March 4** OCIA Session 6:00PM
- March 4** Teen Discussion & Dessert 8:00PM
- March 6** Mass 8:30AM
- March 6** Stations of the Cross 5:00PM
- March 8** "Triumph of the Heart" Movie 1:30PM please RSVP
- March 10** The Creed 6:00PM

Upcoming March Lenten Events:

- March 22,23,24** Bishop Joseph Perry Lenten Mission
- March 26** Penitential Service (time TBD)

The Knights of Columbus 2026 Scholarship applications are available in the Parish office.

Applicants should comply with the following criteria: a practicing Catholic, parishioner and graduating high school in 2026.

The Spanish Rosary is prayed every Sunday at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Mountains



Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent at 5:00PM

Please join us on Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary. This is a wonderful way to enhance your Lenten journey.

CLERGY & STAFF DIRECTORY

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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: ourladyofthemountainschurch.org

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

Baptismal Preparation

2nd Monday of month (English)
3rd Monday of month (Spanish)

Call the parish office for more
information and to sign up for class.

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM until Noon

Bible Study has resumed and
will continue on Sundays
after the 10AM Mass until
March 29.

Everyone is welcome to
join including those who did
not participate in the first
half.

Please contact the Parish
office for more information.



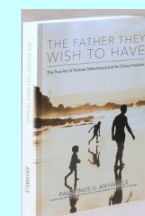
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Seeking a Pastoral Assistant

We are seeking someone with a compassionate heart and organizational skills to fill the part-time Pastoral Assistant position. This position requires knowledge of the Catholic faith, computer skills, record keeping, and the sensitivity to tend to parishioners' needs. If a fun, interesting and faith-filled office environment suits you, please contact the office for more information.
Businessmanager@olmestes.org 970-586-8111

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 without checking with the Parish Office.

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Ministries at Our Lady of the Mountains:

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Dot Dorman (chair), Rob Pieper,
Doug Watry, Jim Richard
Twyla Moraczewski
Steve Ross (Finance Manager)
Deacon George Schmelter

From the desk of Deacon George Schmelter: Beware of Scam Emails

Lately there have been several emails received by parishioners from "Father Faustinus" asking the recipient for a "favor". I have received several of these myself! The emails go ask the recipient to buy gift cards for various people. This is becoming more prevalent nowadays unfortunately.

Be assured that Father will never ask you to purchase gift cards for him, especially through emails. If Father needs something from you, he will talk to you in person, or by phone.

Always double check the address of the sender. If the email is not an olmstes.org address, it is not from Father or any staff member at the parish. If you are still unsure, please contact the parish office or stop in to speak to a staff member for guidance.

There are so many ways that people are being taken advantage of online these days that we all need to be vigilant and help each other avoid being a victim. As we have heard said many times in recent years, if you see something, say something.

Thank you and God bless, Dcn. George

For anyone interested in making volunteer service part of their Lenten journey this year opportunities for steam cleaning upholstery and shampooing carpets are available.

Please contact Doug Watry at
Facilitiesdirector@olmstes.org
for more information



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Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." [Matthew 25:31-32](#)

Throughout history, rulers have vied for power, and countless wars have been fought over ambitions for political control. Even in modern democracies, there is constant strife over who should lead. Yet, in the end, there will be only one King Who will sit upon His glorious throne forever.

Today's Gospel reminds us that although civil governance plays an important role in our earthly lives, we must never lose sight of the One Eternal King. When Jesus returns in all His glory, accompanied by the entire Celestial Hierarchy of Heaven, all justice and righteousness will be fully established. Each of us will appear before Him as Judge. At that moment, and for eternity, only one thing will matter: How did I live while on earth?

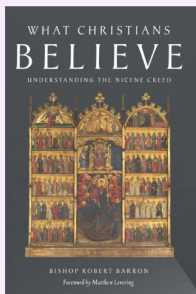
In the passage above, Jesus uses the image of a shepherd separating sheep from goats. This familiar image to the people of His time depicts the end of the age. During the day, a shepherd often allowed sheep and goats to graze together, just as God permits all people—the righteous and the unrighteous—to live in this world together. But at night, the shepherd would separate the sheep from the goats. Sheep, being more docile, obedient, and faithful, represent those who live according to God's will. Goats, often more unruly and independent, symbolize those who live selfishly.

The contrast is striking. Faith, hope, and charity are not abstract ideas; they are supernatural virtues that win for us a place in the eternal Kingdom of God. Self-centered living, worldly ambitions, and unruly passions extinguish these virtues, leading to God's judgment and condemnation at the end of time.

Reflect today on the eternal promises our Lord makes to us. At the end of time, He will separate the sheep from the goats. We must never forget that while God is perfectly merciful, He is also perfectly just. If His mercy is not embraced through repentance and conversion, His justice must be satisfied in the end. But if His mercy is embraced, it perfectly fulfills justice, and we will live with Him as our King and Shepherd forever.

My merciful and just King, at the end of time, You will return with all Your angels to judge the living and the dead, establishing Your eternal Kingdom. I pray that I will be counted among Your sheep. Please grant me the grace of humility and repentance so that I may grow in love for You and in charity toward all. Jesus, I trust in You.

Catholic Daily Reflection



Lenten Study Continues on Tuesdays at 6:00PM

The Knights of Columbus invite you to a 6-week study from Word on Fire on *The Creed*. **Everyone is welcome to join at any point in the study so please come join us!**

Learn about the great theological depth of this ancient and foundational prayer. Each session will feature a video by Bishop Barron on a part of The Creed followed by discussion. *The Creed* will help you reclaim unity, clarity, and conviction of the Christian faith.

Please make this a part of your Lenten journey. **Please RSVP to the parish office to sign-up.**



Parish Lenten Mission

We are very excited to announce that we will be having a Parish Lenten Mission this year!

Retired Bishop Joseph Perry of the Archdiocese of Chicago will lead this Lenten Mission on Sunday March 22, Monday March 23 and Tuesday March 24.

Please make time for this special gift to yourself this Lenten season.

Stay tuned for the evening meeting time and additional information.

Two OLM OCIA Catechumens attend the Rite of Election

On Sunday, February 22, Esther Rodriguez Escarcega and Lawson "Hap" Shoemaker become the Elect during The Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Jorge Rodriguez at Our Lady of the Valley in Windsor. This past weekend, more than 790 unbaptized adult Catechumens seeking initiation in the Catholic Church attended Rite of Election services across the Archdiocese of Denver. This is a 35% increase over the adult Catechumens seeking initiation in the Archdiocese last year.

Esther and Hap will join our nine other OCIA Candidates at the Easter Vigil when they will be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. Please continue to pray for these Elect as they journey towards Easter.



Knights of Columbus Host Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 20



The Knights will be cooking up delicious fish with all the fixings after Stations of the Cross on Friday March 20. Please invite your friends and neighbors and enjoy some great food and Lenten fellowship.



Join us for an exclusive screening of *Triumph of the Heart*, the moving true story of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Franciscan priest who offered his life in exchange for another prisoner at Auschwitz during World War II.

When: Sunday March 8 at 1:30 pm

Where: OLM Lower Level

Come and be inspired by this powerful witness of faith, courage, and sacrificial love. This movie is open to parishioners, families, and friends ages 13 and up. May not be suitable for sensitive viewers.

Admission: Free will offering to cover the licensing fee RSVP to pastoralassistant@olmestep.org

Join us for this unique opportunity to encounter the heroic story of St. Maximilian Kolbe!

See the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y29VTf8LHhs>



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Lenten Almsgiving

Please pick up your Lenten Rice Bowl in the church vestibule or by the Tip Tap at the top of the stairs. While you fast this Lent, why not donate what you would spend on food, a cup of Starbucks or other items you give up and put the money in the rice bowl?

Every gift you give helps a child thrive, brings hope to a family and rebuilds a community. Please return your rice bowl to the parish office at the end of Lent.