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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."

Summer Schedule

Sundays

Holy Mass 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

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

Monday – Saturday

Eucharistic Adoration 7:30 AM

Holy Mass 8:30 AM

Monday – Friday

Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm-5:55pm

Daily Mass 6:00 PM

Wednesdays

Reconciliation 7:45-8:15 AM

Thursdays

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Saturdays

Reconciliation 3:00-3:45 PM

Holy Mass 4:00 PM

Holy Mass 6:00pm

Office is closed from 12:00 PM to
1:00 PM for lunch.

Upcoming Events

July 26, 2026

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| July 25 & 26 | Last chance to order peaches |
| July 28 | Grace and Grub 5:30 PM |
| August 19 | Faith Formation Parent Meeting
5:00 PM |
| August 23 | Shroud of Turin Presentation
3:00PM |
| September 7 | Faith Formation Classes Begin
5:30—7:00 PM |



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.

CLERGY & STAFF DIRECTORY

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OCIA@olmestes.org

Ushers@olmestes.org

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



Grace and Grub!

Join us in the parish hall starting at 5:30pm on Tuesday, July 28 for an evening of food and fellowship! If weather permits, we will sit outside and enjoy the view. We'll be serving Hot Dogs, and we invite everyone to bring a side dish to share. Water will be provided, or feel free to bring your own favorite beverage. Come and enjoy good food, great company, and a wonderful evening with your parish family!

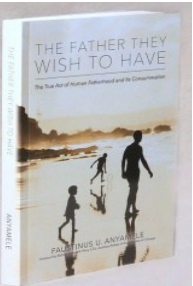


Our 2026 Our Lady of Guadalupe ornaments are here! Please stop by the Gift shop!



The Father They Wish to Have

You are invited to share in this letter of love. “The Father They Wish to Have” a book by our Pastor, Father Faustinus Anyamele. Rooted in a beautiful reflection on the vocation of fatherhood, this book invites readers to rediscover the heart of what it means to be a father who reflects God’s love through presence, guidance, and care. May it inspire and encourage all fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in their important mission of love within family



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From the desk of Deacon George Schmelter:

Beware of Scam Emails

Earlier this year, several parishioners received scam emails pretending to be from members of our parish staff. We want to remind everyone to remain cautious, as these scams can still occur.

Please remember: if the parish or clergy needs something from you personally, we will contact you directly by phone or in person to schedule a meeting.

We will never ask for gift cards, money, or personal information through suspicious emails or text messages.

Please stay vigilant and do not fall victim to these scam attempts. If you are unsure about a message claiming to be from the parish, contact the parish office before responding.

Thank you for helping keep our parish community safe!

Monthly Financial Recap through April 2026			
	April-Actual	Year to Date - Actual	YTD Last Year
Offertory	\$ 26,831	\$ 359,943	\$ 334,348
Other Income *	\$ 14,409	\$ 394,899	\$ 244,666
Totals	\$ 41,240	\$ 754,842	\$ 579,014
* Includes Church Preservation Fund, Donations, Wedding Receipts, Gift Shop Sales, etc.			
Note: \$113,199 other income is for refunds for Employee Retention Credits			
April Maintenance Costs:	\$ 622		

Tee up for a great cause !

Join us on **Friday, September 18**, For the 6th annual Our Lady of the Mountains Golf Tournament at the beautiful Estes Park 18–Hole Golf Course! This 4 Person scramble begins at 10:30am shotgun start and welcomes golfers of all skill levels.

Not a golfer? You can still support our parish youth by sponsoring a hole, donating a prize, volunteering, or making a monetary gift. Every contribution helps provide meaningful faith filled opportunities for our youth.

Registration and hole sponsorship forms are available in the parish office. For more information please call **970-586-8111** or email our pastoral assistant!

Pastoralassistant@olmestes.org



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Ministries at Our Lady of the Mountains:

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

FINANCE COUNCIL

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

MASS INTENTIONS

July	25	04:00pm	+Jim Callowich
		06:00pm	+Lena & Tony Palminteri
July	26	08:00am	Real Roy
		10:00am	+Lena & Tony Palminteri
July	27	8:30am	+Souls in Purgatory
July	28	8:30am	Karen Flannery
July	29	8:30am	Karen Flannery
July	30	8:30am	Harlan Wagoner

To schedule a mass intention ,
please call 970-586-8111 or stop by the office
during office hours

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

Office Hours:

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

Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel from Matthew 13 concludes Jesus' three-part teaching on the Kingdom of God. Two Sundays ago, with the Parable of the Sower and the Seeds, Jesus introduced the kingdom to us. Last Sunday, Jesus spoke of the growth of the kingdom throughout the earth and within ourselves. And today, Jesus presents four parables to teach us about the eternal value of the kingdom.

These are vivid parables that honestly can't be retold as masterfully as Jesus himself preached them. Buried treasure, fine pearls, and buckets of tasty nourishing fish are all valuable in and of themselves. But today Jesus is challenging us: What do WE treasure?

Would we sell everything we have to deepen our relationship with God?
Would we toss out the things that do not belong in our buckets – the grudges, distractions, and false treasures? Would we have the wisdom to keep what nourishes the soul and let go of whatever keeps us away from God's love?



Welcome Enrique Conner Burt!

We are very pleased to announce that our pastoral assistant, Alondra and her husband Conner welcomed their son, Enrique Conner Burt, to the world on Wednesday, July 15. He weighed 5 lb. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Many blessings to Enrique, Alondra and Conner!

Our Lady of the Mountains Feast Day 2027!



As we look ahead to next year's celebration we would love to hear your ideas! If you have any suggestions for ways to make our Parish Feast Day even more memorable, please feel free to stop by the parish office or send an email to :

Pastoralassistant@olmestes.org



Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, August 23 at 3:00 PM the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a special presentation on the Shroud of Turin.

You won't want to miss it!

Vanco Online Giving

As a parish family, we are continually invited to share our gifts in gratitude for all God has entrusted to us. Our Lady of the Mountains has now transitioned to a new, more intuitive online giving platform through VANCO, designed to make supporting the mission of the parish simpler and more accessible.

You may access the giving page through the parish website or through the QR code below.

This updated system allows you to direct your gift towards specific parish needs, such as general offertory, church preservation, and other important ministries. Each selection will guide you through a simple and secure giving process.

For your convince you will find QR codes in the back of the church.

Your generosity whether through time, talent, or treasure helps sustain the life and mission of our parish.

If you have any questions please feel free to stop by the office and ask for

Steve Ross Between 1-4pm

Monday through Friday. We are here to help in any way!



Exciting News! Chances to volunteer.

Move Items for Electrical System Update

We will soon be starting our electrical system update! To prepare for the project, our facilities manager, Doug Watry is seeking volunteers to assist us in moving items and heavy furniture out of the sacristy. He is asking for help at **10 AM on Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesdays**. Please contact Doug at facilitiesdirector@olmestes.org. Thank you for helping us with this important improvement to our church.

Counters Needed

A few more volunteers are needed for counting money on Monday mornings from approximately 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Contact the parish office if you can help.

Gifted Singers Wanted!!

The choir at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass could use three to four additional members (especially tenors!) If you sing beautifully and would like to share your talent and gift, please let us know. Practices are Thursday evenings as well as the 45 minutes before the 10:00 AM Mass. Visit with Dennis Fromholzer, the music director, after the 10:00 AM Mass or contact the parish office if you are interested.

FOCUS Summer Schedule is as Follows:

Daily Eucharistic Adoration-

Monday-Saturday at 7:30am

Monday-Friday at 5:00pm-5:55pm

Additional Daily Masses-

Monday-Friday at 6:00pm

Friday & Saturday at 8:30am

"You Leave the Commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men." - Mark 7:8

A Message from Archbishop Golka

As members of the Archdiocese of Denver, we are blessed to have the guidance of our Shepherd, Archbishop James Golka. In light of recent events concerning the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX), Archbishop Golka has shared a pastoral letter encouraging us to remain united in Christ and steadfast in the communion of the Catholic Church. We invite all parishioners to take a few moments to read his message and reflect on his words of faith, hope, and unity. And a link will be provided in our flock note to the letter and website as well. Thank you for joining us in praying for the unity of the church and for all those seeking to follow Christ faithfully.



Office of the Archbishop

July 7, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I write to you regarding the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX). After a warning from the Holy See not to conduct episcopal ordinations, the Society proceeded on July 1, without papal authority, to consecrate four new bishops. The Holy See has since notified those involved that by their actions they have incurred excommunication in accordance with the law of the Roman Catholic Church. This has caused a grave wound to the unity of the Church.

This is a sorrowful moment for us all. Every division within the Body of Christ stands in contrast to Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper: "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). Apostolic succession (communion with the successor of St. Peter, the first pope) is an essential mark of the Church established by Jesus Christ.

While many faithful Catholics have a deep love for the Church's liturgical traditions, this situation is not about the form of the Mass. At its heart is full communion with the Church and fidelity and obedience to the Holy Father.

As your shepherd, I have a responsibility to provide clear guidance. Out of care for souls, I must instruct the faithful of the Archdiocese of Denver to refrain from participating in the activities of SSPX in any location, including these locations within our archdiocese:

St. Isidore
32100 E. Colfax Ave.
Watkins, CO 80137

Annunciation Chapel Society of St. Pius X
290 E. County Road 56
Fort Collins, CO 80524

I know this news will be difficult for some who sincerely love the Church and have been drawn to SSPX. I encourage all the faithful to remain rooted in parish life, the celebration of the sacraments, and unity with the Holy Father. If you know individuals involved with SSPX, accompany them through this with charity, patience, and prayer, always reflecting the love of Christ. Laity involved with the SSPX community who wish to worship Christ in communion with the Church are welcome in any of our parishes; you may feel especially at home at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, in Littleton, where the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter celebrates the traditional Latin Mass.

Let us pray for the bishops, priests, religious, and faithful associated with SSPX, asking the Holy Spirit to heal this painful division within the Church.

Please also join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV, and for the unity of the Church throughout the world.

Mary, Mother of the Church, and St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ James R. Golka

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FAQ regarding SSPX and Schism

Updated: July 5, 2026

Q: What is the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX)?

A: The Society of St. Pius X (SSPX) was founded in 1970 by French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, who opposed several teachings of the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), including those concerning ecumenism, religious liberty, collegiality among bishops with the pope, and the Church's relationship with Judaism. The Society also rejected the liturgical reforms that followed the Council. Today, the SSPX operates seminaries, schools, chapels, and missions throughout the world.

Q: What happened on July 1, 2026?

A: On July 1, 2026, the Society of St. Pius X proceeded with the unauthorized ordination of four bishops in Écône, Switzerland, without a pontifical mandate, despite repeated appeals from Pope Leo XIV and the Holy See not to do so. The Holy See declared these ordinations a schismatic act.¹ The bishops who ordained and those who were ordained incurred canonical censures, and the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith subsequently issued norms for the reconciliation of SSPX clergy and faithful who wish to return to full communion with the Catholic Church.

Q: What is schism in the Catholic Church?

A: Schism is the refusal of submission to the Pope or of communion with those who are united with him.² It is a grave rupture of the Church's visible unity.

Q: What does it mean to be in full communion with the Catholic Church?

A: Catholics are in full communion with the Church when they are united by the profession of the Catholic faith, participation in the sacraments, and communion with the Pope and the bishops in union with him.³

Q: What is the Vatican's position on the Society of St. Pius X?

A: The Holy See has declared the July 1, 2026, episcopal ordinations a schismatic act and has established norms for the reconciliation of priests and certain lay faithful associated with the Society of St. Pius X. These norms reaffirm the Church's desire for reconciliation while requiring full acceptance of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council,

fidelity to the Roman Pontiff, and acceptance of the legitimacy of the Church's liturgy, sacraments, and discipline.

Q: What if I have attended an SSPX chapel?

A: The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith makes clear that not every lay person who has attended an SSPX chapel bears the same level of canonical responsibility. Those who attended only for liturgical or spiritual reasons and did not reject the authority of the Pope or the teaching of the Church are not presumed to have incurred a penalty. The Dicastery encourages these faithful simply to return to worship in full communion with the Catholic Church and not to attend SSPX liturgies in the future. Anyone with questions about his or her situation is encouraged to speak with a parish priest.

Q: May Catholics attend SSPX Masses or participate in SSPX activities?

A: No. Out of pastoral concern for the faithful, Archbishop James R. Golka instructs Catholics in the Archdiocese of Denver to refrain from participating in the liturgies, sacraments, or activities of the Society of St. Pius X. Catholics are encouraged to worship at parishes and chapels that are in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Q: What about the sacraments?

A: Baptism is almost certainly valid regardless of the minister's standing in the Church, so a baptism celebrated by an SSPX priest remains real and need not be repeated. The Confessions and Marriages illicit when performed by an SSPX priest.⁴ If you have a marriage scheduled with the SSPX please contact your local diocesan priest as soon as possible, to help ensure your upcoming marriage can be sacramentally valid.

Q: Is reconciliation possible?

A: Yes. The Church always desires reconciliation. The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has established a process for SSPX clergy and certain lay faithful who wish to return to full communion with the Catholic Church.⁵ Reconciliation includes a profession of faith, acceptance of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, recognition of the legitimacy of the Church's liturgy and sacraments, fidelity to the Holy Father, and, where applicable, the remission of canonical censures.

¹ <https://www.doctrinafidei.va/content/dam/dottrinadellafede/documenti/2026-07-02-Prassi-riconciliazione.pdf>

² Code of Canon Law, c. 751. https://www.vatican.va/archive/cod-iuris-canonici/eng/documents/cic_lib3-cann747-755_en.html

³ CIC, c. 205. https://www.vatican.va/archive/cod-iuris-canonici/eng/documents/cic_lib2-cann204-207_en.html

⁴ https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_dcf_doc_20260702_nota-espliativa-fsspx_it.html

⁵ <https://www.doctrinafidei.va/content/dam/dottrinadellafede/documenti/2026-07-02-Prassi-riconciliazione.pdf>