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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

August 2, 2026

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| August 7 | Last FOCUS Adoration and Mass |
| August 15 | Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not obligatory since it falls on Saturday) |
| 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 |
| September 18 | OLM Golf Tournament |
| October 7 | Teen Discussion & Desserts 8:00PM |



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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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

Chances to volunteer.

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!!

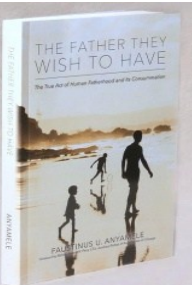
The choir at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass could use three to four additional members (especially tenors!) If you sing beautifully and would like to share your talent and gift, please let us know. Practices are Thursday evenings as well as the 45 minutes before the 10:00 AM Mass. Visit with Dennis Fromholzer,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

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.

Monthly Financial Recap through May 2026

	May-Actual	Year to Date - Actual	YTD Last Year
Offertory	\$ 27,345	\$ 387,288	\$ 366,093
Other Income *	\$ 20,060	\$ 414,958	\$ 266,283
Totals	\$ 47,405	\$ 802,246	\$ 632,376

* Includes Church Preservation Fund, Donations, Wedding Receipts, Gift Shop Sales, etc.

Note: \$113,199 other income is for refunds for Employee Retention Credits

May Maintenance Costs: \$ 2,961

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Kent Bosch (chair), Ubaldo Erives,
Dot Dorman (finance liaison), Paul Besson,
Glen Shirey (co-chair), Ericka Santana,
Elizabeth Paddock (secretary)
Deacon George Schmelter

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

August 1	04:00pm	+Danny Cummings
	06:00pm	+Joseph Ray
August 2	08:00am	+Virginia Van Westen
	10:00am	Karen Flannery
	12:00pm	+Amador Leon
August 3	8:30am	+Souls in Purgatory
August 4	8:30am	+Donna Henry
August 5	8:30am	M. Ozwurnet
August 6	8:30am	Diane Hund

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

Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus feeds the hungry crowd with only five loaves and two fish, revealing that God's generosity far exceeds our expectations. Where the disciples saw scarcity, Jesus saw an opportunity for faith. HE blessed the little they had offered and transformed it into more than enough for everyone.

This week, let us remember that the lord asks us not to give what we do not have, but to faithfully offer what we do have. Whether it is our time, our talents, our compassion, or our prayers, Christ can multiply every gift placed in his hands. May we trust in his providence and become generous instruments of his love to all we encounter.



“They all ate and were satisfied.” Matthew 14:20

Obituary for Deacon Tom Fox

It is with sadness that we share the news that Deacon Tom Fox, formerly of Estes Park and most recently of Payson, Arizona, passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the age of 85, following a battle with lung cancer.



Deacon Tom was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput on June 12, 2004. He faithfully ministered at Our Lady of the Mountains Parish in Estes Park until he and his wife relocated to Arizona in the summer of 2007. In 2017, he was granted retirement by the Archdiocese of Denver.

During his years of ministry, Deacon Tom served with quiet dedication, particularly in bringing Christ to the homebound and ministering to patients at the local hospital in Estes Park. Professionally, he was a self-employed computer consultant and proudly served his country as a veteran of the United States Army from 1958 to 1961.

Deacon Tom and his beloved wife, Dolores, shared 58 years of marriage before her passing in January 2023. They are survived by their four-children: Barbara (Phoenix), Mary Lynn, John, and Michael, along with their families. Please keep them all in your prayers during this time of loss.

May Deacon Tom, who faithfully served Christ and His Church at the altar and among God's people, now hear the words of the Master he served so well: *"Well done, good and faithful servant."* (Matthew 25:23)

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

- Vigil Service: Monday, August 3, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Messinger Funeral Home, Payson, Arizona.
- Mass of Christian Burial: Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Nativity Parish, Payson, Arizona.

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.

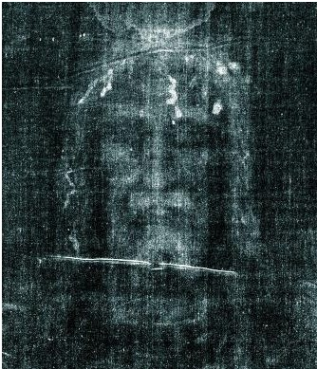
This updated system allows you to direct your gift towards specific parish needs, such as general offertory, church preservation, and other important ministries. Each selection will guide you through a simple and secure giving process.

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!



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Shrouded in Mystery

Sunday, August 23 at 3:00PM

The Burial Cloth of Jesus or Medieval Hoax? Where Science and Faith Meet.

What if the most studied artifact in history still carries a silent witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ?

In this presentation you will explore:

- How the Shroud of Turin points to the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.
- Why the Resurrection changes everything.
- How the Eucharist is our encounter with the Risen Lord.
- Why this mystery still matters for everyone today.

Presented by Richard C. Deanda and sponsored by The Knights of Columbus.

This presentation is free and open to the public.

The last FOCUS Adoration and Mass will be on Friday, August 7

Daily Eucharistic Adoration- Monday-Saturday at 7:30am

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

Additional Daily Masses- Monday-Friday at 6:00pm

We will miss our FOCUS Friends and wish them a safe return to their home parishes!

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, please feel free to stop by the parish office or send an email to : Pastoralassistant@olmestres.org

Are you looking to learn more about the Catholic faith? ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Is interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home?
- Was baptized Catholic, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Has been sitting next to your Catholic spouse or significant other for years wondering what you need to do to become Catholic?

This is your personal invitation to take the first step in finding out more about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly called RCIA, process at Our Lady of the Mountains Church. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. To find out more information, please pick up a brochure in the back of the church, contact the parish office, and/or join an informational meeting which will be announced for the end of August. Sessions will be starting in early September.