



"When you heard the...word of truth, and believed in it, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit who had been promised."
(E phesians 1:13)

The Loreto Letter

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"As stewards of God's manifold grace, serve one another with the gifts you have received."

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The prophet Daniel proclaims, "Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat;...Bless the Lord, ice and cold;...Bless the Lord frosts and snows" (3:67, 69-70). Boy, did we heed the prophet's call this past week!

What do I think about digital technology? It is true: I have been critical of it; that is because I am in a unique position to see its great potential—both the good and bad. Digital devices are a tool, just that, nothing more nor less. As any tool, digital devices can be used for good, and in many, many instances they are, and they can be used for bad. One who isn't careful can expose oneself to its many harmful effects. That is what I am most critical of, actually: those who aren't careful, who don't know, and who allow technology to harm us, their children, and themselves. A cell phone, for example, is great for kids to communicate with parents. But a cell phone can become death's tool when it is used, *by anyone*, while driving (even hands free.) An iPod is great for listening to one's favorite music, but harmful when it prevents one from hearing the sounds of nature, the communication of a loved one, the cry of the poor. A digital gaming device, computer, or television can connect us to friends and family, but is very destructive if we use them to babysit our kids, have to have them on while we eat, turn to them for pornography, to connect with old boyfriends or girlfriends, if we become addicted to them. Many adults don't even know the how's, when's, where's, and why's of all this new technology, and so haven't taught their children and young people. (For example, it is rude to answer one's cell phone, even to look to see who is calling, anytime one is in the presence of another person without that person's permission.) Many digital devices serve us, but we use them immorally if we use them to lead a double life, an unreal life, to spread untruth, gossip, and rumor. Anything digital can help or hurt us, but we ourselves decide the help or the hurt. No, I am not opposed to technology; I am very much in favor of it. I am opposed to its misuse if it destroys one's personality, hampers the development of one's social and personal skills, and breaks down relationships of friendship and love.

That having been said, social media can be used to proclaim the Gospel. And so, I am now tweeting. I have set up a Twitter account and invite you to follow me. My Twitter user name is MyPriest. To follow me, go to <http://twitter.com>. In the search function at the top left-hand corner of the home page type in MyPriest and my tweets will appear. Click on the blue "MyPriest" to the right of my picture. On the next page click on "Sign Up." You'll be set to go. Then we can follow Jesus together. We'll be "Jesus co-tweeters!"

I don't intend to use Twitter to talk a lot about myself. I hope simply to keep in touch with you, your kids at college, your grandkids—anyone you want to invite to follow me. It's a great way to preach the Gospel, reflect together on circumstances and happenings in life, and communicate to one another how much Jesus loves us, is present to us, and wants to be involved in our lives.

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This Week's Liturgies

Celebrations of the Eucharist

Sunday Anticipated	Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday	7, 9, 11 am and 5:00 pm
Monday—Saturday	7:30 am
Wednesday—Friday	5:30 pm

Mass Intentions for the week of February 6th

Sat.	5:00 pm	Corabella Boutz McKinnon†
Sun.	7:00 am	Corabella Boutz McKinnon†
Sun.	9:00 am	OLOL Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Elizabeth Jane Ellis†
Sun.	5:00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Mon.	7:30 am	John Myers
Tue.	7:30 am	Yvonne Taylor†
Wed.	7:30 am	Dominic Le Ba Cu
Wed.	5:30 pm	Elizabeth Drum†
Thu.	7:30 am	John Rossi
Thu.	5:30 pm	Helen G. Baratono
Fri.	7:30 am	Mary Jo Ford†
Fri.	5:30 pm	Paddy & Anne Murphy
Sat.	7:30 am	Anna Le Thi Trinh
Sat.	5:00 pm	Nona Olsen†
Sun.	7:00 am	Captain Thao
Sun.	9:00 am	OLOL Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Gene Maxfield†
Sun.	5:00 pm	Roger Clarizio†

This Week's Readings

Sun	1st.	Is 58:7-10
	2nd.	1 Cor 2:1-5
	Gospel	Mt 5:13-16
Mon	1st.	Gn 1:1-19
	2nd.	Mk 6:53-59
Tue.	1st.	Gn 1:20—2:4a
	2nd.	Mk 7:1-13
Wed.	1st.	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
	2nd.	Mk 17:14-23
Thu.	1st.	Gn 2:18-25
	2nd.	Mk 7:24-30
Fri.	1st.	Gn 3:1-8
	2nd.	Mk 7:31-37
Sat.	1st.	Gn 3:9-24
	2nd.	Mk 8:1-10
Sun.	1st	Sir 15:15-20
	2nd	1 Cor 2:6-10
	Gospel	Mt 5:17-37

Responsorial Psalm

“The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.”

Communion Antiphon



This Week's Meetings

Sun.	10:30 am	RCIA & Inquiry Sessions	RG—A & B
Sun.	10:30 am	RCIC & RCIT Sessions	CW & MO
Sun.	2:15 pm	Natural Family Planning Session	RG-A
Sun.	6:15 pm	High School Leadership Session	MO
Sun.	7:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Ministry Meeting	RG
Mon.	5:30 pm	2nd Grade Religious Education Class	CW
Mon.	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Practice	SNO
Mon.	6:30 pm	Fathers Challenge Weekend Planning Meeting	CO
Mon.	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Meeting	CW
Mon.	7:00 pm	High School Youth Group Meeting	MO
Mon.	7:00 pm	Reconciliation Meeting	SA
Tues.	5:30 pm	3rd—6th Grade Religious Education Classes	CW
Tues.	7:00 pm	6th Grade Youth Group Meeting	MO
Tues.	7:00 pm	Cantanti Loreti Practice	SNO
Tues.	7:00 pm	Great Adventure Bible Study	RG-A
Tues.	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary	RG-B
Tues.	7:00 pm	Track I Confirmation Class	CW
Wed.	6:00 am	Medical Ministry Meeting	CW
Wed.	9:30 am	Great Adventure Bible Study	RG-A
Wed.	7:00 pm	Bible Study / Matthew	CW
Wed.	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting	RG
Wed.	7:00 pm	Saturday 5 PM Choir Practice	SNO
Wed.	7:00 pm	Venture Scouting	MO
Thurs.	9:30 am	Bible Study / Matthew	CW
Thurs.	6:30 pm	Brothers of St. Joseph	SA
Thurs.	7:00 pm	7th & 8th Grade Youth Group Meeting	MO
Thurs.	7:00 pm	Parent Session on Media & the Family	RG-A
Fri.	6:00 am	That Man Is You!	CW
Fri.	7:00 pm	Mass For The Sick	CH
Sat.	8:30 am	Pastoral Council	RG-A
Sat.	9:00 am	1st Reconciliation and Eucharist Retreat	CH

Pastoral Services

Baptism of Infants—Call Pat Kehl at 303.690.5159 prior to the birth of your baby. Baptisms are scheduled the first four Sundays of the month.

Christian Initiation of Adults—Non-Catholic adults who are called to full communion in the Catholic Church are asked to contact Shirley at 303.414.2255 for further information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Saturdays, 8:30-10:00 am at the Church or by appointment.

Marriage—Spiritual preparation is vital for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage. Couples are invited to call Owen Vynar at 303.414.2259 to arrange an individual meeting to discuss the marriage preparation process. A minimum of nine months is needed.

Care of the Sick/Dying—Please call at the beginning of any serious illness or hospitalization. If ill and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the office. In the case of death, please call Fr. Ed Buelt before meeting with the funeral director.

Adoration—The Adoration Chapel is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Please contact Marge or Tom Doyle at 303.693.1824 if you have questions or would like to sign up for Adoration.

Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) - An e-mail prayer ministry at OLOL Parish. E-mail CorJesu_olol@zofeb.com to join the e-mail prayer group, or to offer your specific prayer requests.

The Gabriel Project—Pregnant? Need help? Be not afraid. For help, hope and healing, call 1.800.713.3021

Come Home—If you are struggling with a past abortion, please contact Fr. Ed or Jane at 303.617.7472.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to participate in this ministry, you may sponsor flowers for the Altar for \$50, the Blessed Mother or The Sorrowful Mother for \$25. There is a “Flower Book” located in the Narthex on the south wall-table where you may sign up to sponsor on a weekend of your choice in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

6th Grade Group

February 8th: Prayer Night for Parents and Students. If your parents are unable to attend, students are still welcome! We meet 7:00—8:15 pm in the Modular.

7th/8th Grade Group

Special note to all 7th and 8th Grade youth: 2/10 is our first meeting on “The 12 Kinds of Touch,” the second half will be presented on 2/17. **All students must have a permission slip from their parents to attend these sessions.** The meetings are from 7- 8:15 pm in the Modular.

High School Youth Group

February 7th: Topic, “Break-ups, In The Beginning It Was Not So.” February 14th: Topic, “Valentine’s Day, At Last!” February 21st: Topic, “Competing Well, Do You Stand A Chance?”

CRS Food Fast and Lock In 2/11—2/12

This is your last chance to sign up for the “Food Fast” & “Lock In” on February 11th—12th at St. Thomas More. For more information contact Neely at nmeeks@ourladyofloreto.org.

High School Summer Mission Trip

An information & sign-up meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2/23, at 7:00 pm for the “Prayer In Action” Mission Trip. All High School & current 8th grade youth (2010-2011 school year) are invited to participate in the Mission, 7/17—7/22. The cost is \$150 per person & is limited to 25 students.

Ain’t Misbehavin’ Purity Rally ~ 2/27

Join us for the Purity Rally on 2/27 from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm at STM. The cost is \$15 per person. Skits, talks, praise and worship, Mass, purity cards, purity rings, and pizza. Sign up this weekend.

Confirmation Session

There are just a few spaces remaining in the Summer Confirmation Track. Sign up now before registration is closed. Forms are available in the Narthex.

Inclement Weather Closures

We have a focus on safety and during adverse weather conditions; therefore, when Cherry Creek Public Schools are closed, Our Lady of Loreto is closed. If this is the case, the offices will be closed and all activities at the church are cancelled. Closures are listed on channels 4,7 and 9 each morning and sometimes the evening before.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for adults interested in being baptized, coming into the Catholic Church from another denomination or Catholics who need to receive Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation. During the *Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate* (Inquiry), those inquiring are introduced to the parish through a microcosm of the Church that is the initiation team. Here they meet Christians strong in faith, hope and charity who widen the “tent pegs” of their hearts and lives to welcome all who would “come and see.”

If you would like more information on the Catholic Church, contact Shirley McDermott at 303.414.2255 or smcdermott@ourladyofloreto.org.

Calendar

- 2/6: Catechumenate Session, 10:30 am, RG-A. The theme will be “**The Commandments.**” Inquiry Session, 10:30 am, RG-B.
- 2/6: Catechumenate Session, 10:30 am, RG-A. The theme will be “**Holy Orders and Vocations, God’s Call.**” Inquiry Session, 10:30 am, RG-B.
- 2/20: Catechumenate Session, 10:30 am, RG-A. The theme will be “**The Sacrament of Reconciliation.**” Inquiry Session, 10:30 am, RG-B.

Children’s Ministry

If you have a question regarding Religious Education or First Eucharist classes, please contact Joan at 303.414.2274.

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist (2nd & 3rd Grade)

Make-Up Class for Reconciliation Rescheduled
The make-up class for Reconciliation has been rescheduled for 2/7, at 7:00 pm. If your child missed either of the last two classes for Reconciliation, please plan to attend the make-up class which will be held in the Sacristy.

Reconciliation Retreat ~ 2/12

The Reconciliation Retreat for Track I & II will be held on February 12th, 9:00 am to noon in the Church. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks will be provided.

1st Reconciliation ~ 2/26

1st Reconciliation (Confession) for Track I & II is February 26th, at 10:30 am in the Church.

First Eucharist Class

Track I: We have class Monday, 2/7, at 5:30 pm. Due to the cancellation of class on 1/31, a make-up class will be offered on Thursday, 2/24, 7:00 pm in the Chapel of the Word.

RCIC/RCIT (1st Eucharist 4th- 12th Grade)

We will have class on Sunday, February 6th.



Opening Hearts and Minds to the Sanctity of Life.

The Incarnation reveals to us, with intense light and in a surprising way, that every human life has a very lofty and incomparable dignity. ~ Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Vigil for All Nascent Human Life, Nov. 27, 2010

Charismatic Prayer Ministry ~ 2/6

Everyone is welcome to join us at our next gathering this Sunday, 02/06, at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Garden Room. For more information, Contact Vicky at 303.699.8927 or Bob at brouelle7298@msn.com.

Medical Ministry-Curationis et Vitae ~ 2/9

Our next meeting of prayer and discussion will be Wednesday, 2/9, from 6:00—7:15 am in the Chapel of the Word. Our topic will be “Grace Filled Moments at Work.” All who are in the medical profession are invited to join us for a reflection on those times at work in healthcare when we felt touched and guided by the Holy Spirit.



Prayer Vigil for Life ~ 2/11

Join us for Mass at 7:30 am at OLOL followed by the 2nd Friday Prayer Vigil for Life at Planned Parenthood (38th and Pontiac) at 9:00 am.

Couples Seminar ~ 2/12

Reconsider Valentine’s Day with your loved one! ENDOW is offering a one day intensive course for couples on the Church document, *Humanae Vitae* (of Human Life). on Saturday, 2/12, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the John Paul II Center. The cost is \$125 per couple/\$75 per person, lunch included. Register online at: www.Endowonline.com.

Caring Hands ~ 2/13

Caring Hands is a knitting, crocheting, and sewing ministry, begun in 2002 for homebound parishioners wishing to serve others. We keep a supply of donated yarn, material, and patterns for your use. Make what you like, as time permits, drop it off here and we will deliver it for you. Want to learn to knit or crochet? Join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month, 12:30—2:00 pm, in the Calming Room. Our next meeting is 2/13. If you have any questions, please call Becky at 303.699.7149, or decjenn@netscape.com.

Free Haircuts ~ 2/17

The Student Athletes of Ridgeview Academy will be here on Thursday, 2/17, 2:30—4:30 pm m, giving free haircuts! Come and support these fine young men.



Other Happenings

Newcomer’s Open House ~ 2/13

Are you new to Our Lady of Loreto? You and your family are welcome to attend the “Newcomer’s Open House” Sunday, 2/13, at 12:30 pm, in the Rectory Garden Room. If you would like to RSVP, have questions or would like to volunteer, call Kathy at 303.690.2041 no later than Thursday, 2/10.

That Man is You!

Do you want to know more about responding to God’s call to you as a man, husband and Father? Register on line at www.paradisusdei.org/tmiy or contact Roy at 303.627.4836 for more information. Come join other men in the parish Friday mornings in the Chapel of the Word 6:00—7:20 am.

Liturgy & Luncheon for Ladies ~ 2/19

The Little Sisters of the Poor will host a retreat day for single women, ages 18—35, who are discerning a religious vocation. Join us on Saturday, 2/19, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm at 3629 W. 29th Ave., Denver. No cost. Register online at veden-ver@littlesistersofthepoor.org or call 303.594.7420.



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The more one imitates Christ, the more effective they will be as a steward of Providence. In today’s Gospel, we heard the proclamation of the Beatitudes (Mt. 5:1-12) – probably the greatest description we have of what it means to be Christ-like. Pray the Beatitudes often. Then live them.

Gifts of Treasure

January 30, 2011	Adults	\$36,583.39
	Children	\$263.91
January 23, 2011	Adults	\$35,507.00
	Children	\$385.43
YTD Actual Offertory		\$1,337,423.00
YTD Budgeted		\$1,463,500.00

Financial Status as of 12/1/10

St. Joseph Ministry Center Construction

Estimated Costs

Now Under Construction, East Wing:	\$7,500,000
East Wing Garden Meeting Space:	\$300,000
Future Cost of West Wing:	<u>\$6,750,000</u>
Total Estimated Cost:	\$14,550,000

Funds Available

Current Funds Available:	\$4,605,000
Current Pledges to be collected:	\$4,918,000
Total Funds Expected to be available	\$9,523,000

New Pledges needed to complete construction \$5,027,000

Please note that funds available & pledge information will be updated on a monthly basis.

Our Lady of Loreto Debt
Church—\$8,836,020