



“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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“As stewards of God’s manifold grace, serve one another with the gifts you have received.”

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Congratulations again to Father Gregg Pedersen, who was ordained to the sacred priesthood yesterday (Saturday). Father will begin his ministry with us on June 15.

Several weeks ago I introduced a series of reflections on the vocations of marriage and the single life. Today I would like to pick up on the first theme in that series, namely, that, as the church teaches, God himself is the author of marriage. In fact, the bible both begins and ends with marriage—in the book of Genesis with that of Adam and Eve, and in the book of Revelation with that of Jesus (the new Adam) and the church (the new Eve).

In the book of Genesis we read that God created Adam and Eve and gave them to each other before he revealed to them his moral law—that they were to be fruitful and multiply and not eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In other words, not only their being *created* male and female by God but also their being *given* to each other is part of their human nature. God created them for each other; theirs is a “being for” the other. It is in their nature to be for and to be given to others. And so he gives them to each other for their own sake, not for his. The moral law which he then reveals to them, which he inscribes onto their hearts, he reveals to preserve their nature and dignity as humans, that is, their both having been created in his own image and likeness *and* his having given them to each other for their own sakes.

According to the bible God gives them to each other because it is not good—either in his divine plan or in their own nature—that the man should be alone. God knows what is good for man, and so he provides the man with a suitable helpmate. Note that the suitable helpmate is someone who is at one and the same time the same as the man (she is made from “her man”) and yet different from him; God does not give to Adam another man. This is essential to their being created for *and* being given to each other. Each is capable of giving and receiving the other precisely because each is of the other, *and* precisely because each is different from the other. And so the bible reveals to us not only that we are to give ourselves to the other but why we are able to do so. We are able to do so because the other is like us and yet different from us. (Jesus will eventually reveal to us that this simultaneous sameness and difference is of the nature of our Triune God: that Father and Son in the Holy Spirit are simultaneously same yet different.) We are able to give ourselves to one another because it is in our nature to do so, we need to do so, and it is good that we do so. (We will consider all of this in light of the vocation to the single life too.)

Finally, each year as part of our stewardship program we donate 10% of our parish’s offering to charity. I invite you to apply for some of those funds for charities of your own interest. Applications forms are available on the parish web site and in the narthex.

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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 May 22nd

Sat.	5:00 pm	Kenneth W. Klein†
Sun.	7:00 am	Gurly Titland†
Sun.	9:00 am	OLOL Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Kathleen Kennedy†
Sun.	5:00 pm	Greg Davis
Mon.	7:30 am	Virginia Barth†
Tue.	7:30 am	Kristin Myers
Wed.	7:30 am	Sidney McKenna†
Wed.	5:30 pm	Robert Hennebry†
Thu.	7:30 am	Dahabia Deeb†
Thu.	5:30 pm	John Edwards†
Fri.	7:30 am	Arielle Farmer†
Fri.	5:30 pm	Joe & Ellen Dilger†
Sat.	7:30 am	Robert Hennebry†
Sat.	5:00 pm	Anton Sturn†
Sun.	7:00 am	Virginia Barth†
Sun.	9:00 am	OLOL Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Joseph Falco†
Sun.	5:00 pm	Dudzic Family

This Week's Readings

Sun	1st.	Acts 6:1-7
	2nd.	1 Pt 2:4-9
	Gospel	Jn 14:1-12
		<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
Mon	1st.	Acts 14:5-18
	2nd.	Jn 14:21-26
Tue.	1st.	Acts 14:19-28
	2nd.	Jn 14:27-31a
Wed.	1st.	Acts 15:1-6
	2nd.	Jn 15:1-8
Thu.	1st.	Acts 15:7-21
	2nd.	Jn 15:9-11
Fri.	1st.	Acts 15:22-31
	2nd.	Jn 15:12-17
Sat.	1st.	Acts 16:1-10
	2nd.	Jn 15:18-21
Sun.	1st	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
	2nd	1 Pt 3:15-18
	Gospel	Jn 14:15-21
		<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>

Pastoral Services

Baptism of Infants—Please pick up a Baptism Prep Packet in the Parish Office at least three weeks prior to the birth of your baby or the date you would like to have your child Baptized.

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 Vyrner 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.

Flowers

The flowers decorating the altar this weekend have been donated by Joseph & Omana Muckom in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.

The Blessed Mother's flowers have been donated by Mary Lou & Felix Vasquez in celebration of Andrea & Bob Collins' marriage.

A-80 Let Your Love Be Upon Us, O Lord
 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A
 Song for the Word



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Oh yes...We still sing in the summer! It's a great time to join one of the choirs and get acquainted with the music. Contact Rene Jenkins if you are interested in offering your musical talents at 303.414.2254.



This Week's Meetings

Sun.	10:30 am	RCIA & Inquiry Sessions	RG-A&B
Sun.	9:00 am	Choir Practice	MO
Sun.	4:00 pm	Choir Practice	SNO
Mon.	7:00 pm	Book Club	RG-A
Mon.	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Meeting	CW
Mon.	7:00 pm	Summer Confirmation Meeting	MO
Mon.	7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	RG-B
Tues.	7:00 pm	Cantanti Loreti Practice	SNO
Wed.	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	SNO
Wed.	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting	RG
Thurs.	7:00 pm	Schola Practice	SNO



Congratulations High School Graduates
 Welcome Back College Students



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Summer Confirmation Meeting ~ 5/23

All Candidates for the Summer Confirmation Session will meet on Monday, 5/23, in the Modular from 7:00—8:15 pm.

St. Joseph Ministry Center Meeting ~ 5/26

The Youth Ministry Program will host a meeting on 5/26 from 7:00—8:15 pm. This proves to be an exciting meeting. Our focus will be Ministry Center updated plans, possible space usage and the Youth Program.

High School Youth ~ 6/13

Join us for our “Summer Kick-Off” on June 13th from 7-8:30 pm in the Modular.

Go! Leadership

Perhaps you would be interested in being a mentor for our Middle School group or a mentor for a Confirmation Track? Would you like to get more involved in the parish with skits, music, testimonies and more? Your opportunity is right around the corner. Look for a *GO!* Leadership application in the Youth Section starting May 30th!

Girl ~ 6/1

Kick-Off, Wednesday, June 1st, 5:15 pm—7:15 pm. Bring a dessert to share!

Guppy Fest ~ 6/17

“*Guppy Fest*” is a one-day Catholic Youth Rally, featuring sessions for Middle School & High School Youth to be held on June 17th. There will be several speakers including: Neely Meeks, Fr. Matt & Susie Powers, a former CU Lady Buff basketball player. Also plan to attend Mass and a concert with Ceile Rain. Look for Registration Forms in the Narthex next weekend; the cost is \$15 per person.

Water World Road Trip ~ 7/13

Our Water World excursion will be July 13th. Permission forms are in the Narthex.

United States Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Boy Scouts in Troop 317 will be holding a flag retirement ceremony on May 30th, in the OLOL parking lot at 7:30 pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend the ceremony. We will be collecting flags the weekends of May 21st & 28th. The collection station is in the Narthex.

Join OLOL Cub Scout Pack 317

OLOL Cub Scout Pack 317 is now recruiting new Cub Scouts! All boys who will be in 1st through 5th Grade for the school year 2011-2012 are welcome to join! For more information, contact Kim at hanley18106@comcast.net.

R.C.I.A.

Christian Initiation of Adults

What is RCIA? It is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, & the Eucharist). The Rite speaks of conversion as a “spiritual journey.” Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church He founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. The RCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. The Second Vatican council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

Calendar

- 5/22: Mass at 9:00 am followed by Mystagoga at 10:30 am in the RGR-A. Inquiry Session, 10:30 am, RGR-B.

Children’s Ministry

1st Eucharist



Congratulations to all of the children who made their 1st Communion this past weekend! This is a proud moment in the life of our parish. The entire OLOL Community congratulates you along with your parents and family. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped. We could not have done it without you!

What is the RCIC/RCIT?

This is the Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for children and teens. If you have a child or teen between the ages of 9—18 who is in need of receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist or Baptism, please call Joan at 303.414.2274.

Totus Tuus ~ Lunch vs Dinner

We need help from our families who are willing to provide a lunch or dinner for the four-member Totus Tuus team. If you are interested in providing a lunch (to be dropped off at the Church), or a dinner in your home, please call Joan in the Children’s Ministry Office at 303.414.2274.



Totus Tuus Session Dates

Middle School & High School session is 6/26—6/30.
Elementary School Session (Grades 1—6) is 6/27—7/1.

If you are in High School and would like to help with the Elementary day-time program, we are looking for a few hard workers! This is a great gig; spaces are limited. If you are interested, please call Joan at 303.414.2274.



Opening Hearts and Minds to the Sanctity of Life.

The value of scientific and medical research and the need for solidarity are very clearly highlighted in the case of the use of umbilical cord stem cells. These are important clinical applications and promising research at the scientific level, but their implementation relies heavily on generosity in donating umbilical cord blood at the moment of birth, and on updating structures to enable women giving birth to donate this blood if they so wish. ~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life, February 28, 2011

Life Closet

At this time we are accepting only spring and summer clothing. We are in extreme need of children's clothing size 2 toddler through 16/18 youth, men's pants, t-shirts, and **new** underwear and socks for men, women, and children. We also need large shopping bags. Donations should be placed in the yellow bin marked "Life Closet" which is located in the north hallway. Thank you!



Cookies, Sandwiches & More ~ 5/22

We provide food for the Holy Ghost sandwich line in downtown Denver. Please leave your peanut butter and jelly/honey sandwiches or cookies in the outer entryway to the Adoration Chapel over the weekend of 5/22. The items will be picked up after 8:00 pm on Sunday.

Soup Kitchen ~ 5/27

OLOL will staff the Soup Kitchen on Friday, May 27th. Preparation will be from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. Serving will be from 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer, please call Rosanne at 303.699.9245.

HABITAT IS FINALLY HERE!!

Interested in building a house for a needy family in Aurora? The house starts on May 25th!!

We need volunteers for this incredibly rewarding ministry. If you have questions about participating in Habitat, please contact Mark Schutte at mdsems@comcast.net.



Bible Study: "The Bible Timeline"

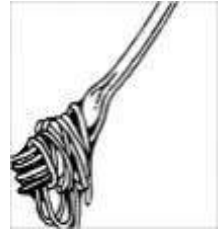


A free eight-week introduction to "The Bible Timeline" with an overview of salvation history will begin on Wednesday, 5/25. The sessions will be held from 1:00 pm—2:15 pm in the Rectory Garden Room. The sessions are free. If you plan to attend, please contact Ross at 719.200.5948, so he knows how many people to expect.

Other Happenings

Spaghetti Eddie Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking "Spaghetti Eddie" Volunteers for Saturday, June 18th for the following Committees: Serving, Entertainment, Desserts, Cooking (several shifts), Set Up, Volunteers, Beverages, Greeting, Decorating, Kitchen Clean Up, Clean Up, and Take Down. Sign ups will be in the Narthex before and after all Masses, 5/21—5/22, 5/28—5/29. Please sign up to volunteer at our annual "Spaghetti Eddie" Parish Family Event.



Save the Date: *Friday, September 9th*

13th Annual Golf Tournament, Dinner & Auction! The *OLOL Knights of Columbus*, hosts of the annual event, invite everyone to participate in one of our parish's premier adult social events. This year's event will be held at the Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Club on Friday, 9/9.

Archbishop's Catholic Appeal



If you have not sent your 2011 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal donation to Archbishop Chaput, please do so this week. It is so important! The annual fund drive provides the means by which the Archdiocesan Church can respond to the ever-growing and ever-changing needs of those among us. YOUR involvement is critical to success. May our Lord bless you and your loved ones for your sacrifice offered in His name.

Gifts of Treasure

May 15, 2011	Adults	\$37,316.20
	Children	\$485.12
May 8, 2011	Adults	\$46,163.85
	Children	\$328.14
YTD Actual Offertory		\$2,022,916.87
YTD Budgeted		\$2,152,200.00

Financial Status as of 5/1/11

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:	\$4,892,000
Current Pledges to be collected:	\$4,645,000
Total Funds Expected to be available	\$9,537,000

New Pledges needed to complete construction **\$5,013,000**

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

Our Lady of Loreto Debt
Church—\$8,768,021