

“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

May 8, 2011

The Third Sunday of Easter

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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,

Last week I promised to spend the Sundays of Easter reflecting on the vocations of marriage and the single life. I intend to do so. However, today there are a few brief items of information to which I want to call your attention.

First, a month ago the Ajuua restaurants invited us to join them for a Sunday meal, and donated 10% of their sales that day to the Church in Jerusalem. I am pleased to inform you that as a result we have sent \$2000 to the Patriarch of Jerusalem. \$2000 will go a long way to helping our Catholic brothers and sisters Catholics in the city of Jesus and in the Holy Land. I am extremely grateful to Rick Garcia and his whole family for making this opportunity a reality and for their generosity. Thanks, too, to Fr. Mbala for organizing it.

(On a side note, Msgr. Emil, who works for the Patriarch of Jerusalem and who visited OLOL last Fall when I was in the Holy Land, informed me that he is trying to arrange a visit next Fall of the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Archbishop Fouad Tawl, to Denver and to our parish. Such a visit would be a great blessing for us. Keep it in your prayers!)

A reminder that today, Sunday, is Deacon Ryan’s last day with us. We wish him well, even as we thank him for his service to us, especially to our young people, and assure him of our prayers this final year of his seminarian formation and in his priestly ministry,

A word of gratitude is more than in order for our mothers, without whom we wouldn’t be here. Thanks, moms, and know that we love you, even if we don’t always make you breakfast in bed or put the toilet seat down (or sometimes even up!!!). Happy Mother’s Day.

Finally, an introductory word about marriage, to get us started on our reflection. There are two places where we must begin when we consider marriage (and, for that matter, all reality and relationships.) We must begin with God, whom we believe has revealed himself in the bible as a Trinity of persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (that is God is equally same and equally different), and we must begin with the bible. It reveals to us that God created everything, from the stars and the sun and the moon to the lowest forms of life, in his own image in and likeness. In some way everything—from rocks to the human heart—reflects God’s nature and life, his love and providence. This is especially true of human beings and of human relationships. God created us to know his love for us and to love one another as he loves us. How does God love us? He loves, and continues to love us in three ways; his love is free, faithful, and fruitful. Free—no one forces him to love; it is in his nature to do so. Faithful—once God loves, he never withdraws that love, no matter how violently we sin against him (all sin is violence against God). And God’s love is fruitful. His love is not simply for himself or for the beloved; it desires life, it produces life, and it nurtures life. What does this do with marriage? Everything, as we will begin to see next week.

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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 8th

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| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Blanche Johnston† |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | Phyllis Solaperto† |
| Sun. | 9:00 am | OLOL Parishioners |
| Sun. | 11:00 am | Edward McDonough† |
| Sun. | 5:00 pm | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Mon. | 7:30 am | John |
| Tue. | 7:30 am | John Rossi |
| Wed. | 7:30 am | Samuel Greenfield |
| Wed. | 5:30 pm | Scott Robertson |
| Thu. | 7:30 am | Bill O'Connor† |
| Thu. | 5:30 pm | Arielle Matanane† |
| Fri. | 7:30 am | Kathleen Sheahan† |
| Sat. | 7:30 am | Georgianne Myers† |
| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Richard Dunn† |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | Matthew Marzec† |
| Sun. | 9:00 am | OLOL Parishioners |
| Sun. | 11:00 am | Doug Brannan† |
| Sun. | 5:00 pm | Ed Miles† |

This Week's Readings

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| Sun | 1st. | Acts 2:14, 22-33 |
| | 2nd. | 1 Pt 1:17-21 |
| | Gospel | Lk 24:13-35 |
| | | <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> |
| Mon | 1st. | Acts 6:8-15 |
| | 2nd. | Jn 6:22-29 |
| Tue. | 1st. | Acts 7:51—8:1a |
| | 2nd. | Jn 6:30-35 |
| Wed. | 1st. | Acts 8:1b-8 |
| | 2nd. | Jn 6:35-40 |
| Thu. | 1st. | Acts 8:26-40 |
| | 2nd. | Jn 6:44-51 |
| Fri. | 1st. | Acts 9:1-20 |
| | 2nd. | Jn 6:52-59 |
| Sat. | 1st. | Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 |
| | 2nd. | Jn 15:9-17 |
| | | <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i> |
| Sun. | 1st | Acts 2:14a, 36-41 |
| | 2nd | 1 Pt 2:20b-25 |
| | Gospel | Jn 10:1-10 |
| | | <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> |

Communion Antiphon

A-74 You Will Show Us the Path of Life
 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A
 Song for the Word



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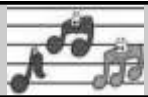
Responsorial Psalm

“Lord, you will show us the path of life.”

Responses

Gloria #157
 Sanctus #166
 Christ Has Died #167A
 Amen #168
 Lamb of God #171

Children's Choir—The choir will rehearse Monday, May 9th & 16th at 6 pm, in the church.



This Week's Meetings

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| Sun. | 4:00 pm | Choir Practice | SNO |
| Mon. | 1:00 pm | Advocates for Life | SA |
| Mon. | 6:00 pm | Children's Choir Practice | SNO |
| Mon. | 6:30 pm | Ladies Auxiliary Meeting | MO |
| Mon. | 6:30 pm | 1st Eucharist Rehearsal / Track I | SNO |
| Mon. | 7:00 pm | Boy Scouts Meeting | CW |
| Mon. | 7:00 pm | Girls Retreat Meeting | NA |
| Mon. | 7:00 pm | Lectio Divina | CH |
| Mon. | 7:00 pm | St. Vincent de Paul Meeting | RG-B |
| Tues. | 7:00 pm | Great Adventure Bible Study | RG-A |
| Tues. | 7:00 pm | Cantanti Loreti Practice | SNO |
| Tues. | 7:00 pm | Legion of Mary | RG-B |
| Tues. | 7:00 pm | Track I Confirmation Class | CW |
| Wed. | 9:30 am | Great Adventure Bible Study | RG-A |
| Wed. | 7:00 pm | Bible Study (Matthew) | CW |
| Wed. | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice | SNO |
| Wed. | 7:00 pm | Venture Scouting | MO |
| Thurs. | 9:30 am | Bible Study (Matthew) | CW |
| Fri. | 6:00 am | “That Man Is You!” | CW |
| Fri. | 6:30 pm | 1st Eucharist Rehearsal / Track II | SNO |
| Sat. | 11:00 am | 1st Eucharist Mass | CH |

Happy Mother's Day

“There is no velvet so soft as a mother's lap, no rose as lovely as her smile, no path so flowery as that imprinted with her footsteps.”

Archibald Thompson

Pastoral Services

Baptism of Infants—Please pick up a Baptism Prep Packet in the office 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.

Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser

Tagawa Gardens will donate a portion of sales to the Ladies Auxiliary between now & 6/12. In order for the auxiliary to be identified for this event, you will need to present a special fundraising card which can be obtained at the King Soopers desk in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pam at 303.432.2694.



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

High School Girls Retreat ~ 5/13 & 5/14

Information is in the Narthex.

Prayer & Action Meeting ~ 5/16

A meeting for students registered for the Prayer in Action Mission Trip will be held Monday, 5/16, in the Modular from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.

Summer Confirmation Meeting ~ 5/23

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

St. Joseph Ministry Center Meeting

The Youth Ministry Program will host a meeting on **5/26** from 7:00—8:15 pm. Parents and any interested adult are invited to attend the meeting where updated plans, possible usages, and the Youth Ministry Program will be discussed. If you are **not yet** excited about the Ministry Center at OLOL, you need to attend!

Water World Road Trip ~ 7/13



Our annual Water World Road Trip will be held on July 13th. Sign-up begins in two weeks. The trip is always filled so sign up early!

Adult Leadership Opportunity

July 17-22, 2011, OLOL youth will participate in *Prayer & Action*, a mission trip within the bounds of the Archdiocese of Denver. The program will reach out to various communities of the Archdiocese through the laboring hands and open hearts of high school students and leaders. The most important aspect of the mission trip will be the evangelization and inspiration of the youth. We have teens who want to go on this trip but we do not have enough adult leadership. If you are adult who might want to help with this project contact Bob at Brickard@ourladyofloreto.org.

Attention Musicians

Do you play an Orchestra Instrument? We are going to have open nights for students to come together and play during the summer. Watch for more details next week.

United States Flag Retirement Ceremony



Do you have a United States flag that is worn and needs to be retired? OLOL Boy Scout Troop 317 will be holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day.

The ceremony will take place in the OLOL parking lot at 7:30 pm. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend. If you have US flags you would like to retire, we will be collecting them the weekends of May 14th, 21st and 28th. Look for the collection station in the Narthex.

RCIA/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.

How does our parish attract inquirers each year?

The short answer is you! When any parish has many inquirers year after year, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit as parish members open their hearts to welcome others. Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community take seriously their call to share the Divine message of salvation. It happens in parish families, in the workplace, in gatherings with friends and neighbors, and in daily contacts. Give thanks to God as He continuously strengthens each of us who seek to do His will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic faith. “Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

Calendar

- 5/15: Mass at 9:00 am followed by Mystagogia at 10:30 am in the RGR-A. Inquiry Session, 10:30 am, RGR-B.

Children’s Ministry

If you have a question regarding First Eucharist Rehearsals or Mass schedules, please contact Joan at 303.414.2274.

First Eucharist

- May 9th: Track I Rehearsal, 6:30 pm in the Church
- May 13th: Track II Rehearsal, 6:30 pm in the Church
- May 14th: 1st Eucharist Mass for Track I at 11:00 am
- May 15th: 1st Eucharist Mass for Track II at 2:00 pm

Totus Tuus is Coming!

Registration forms are available in the Narthex. The cost is \$30 per child. Register your child for the Grade s/he will be in next school year (2011-2012). *Space is limited. Elementary Session is almost full!*

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.

“Princes & Princesses” Coming Soon!

This program is for boys and girls who will enter 6th Grade this Fall. These two groups meet *separately* once a week for 1 hour & 30 minutes for a total of six weeks during the summer. The classes teach age appropriate Catholic morality, chastity and modesty while promoting a good, healthy self image. Both groups will have an emphasis on scripture and a discussion focus on real issues that affect our youth entering Middle School.





Opening Hearts and Minds to the Sanctity of Life.

Against a cultural background characterized by the eclipse of the sense of life, in which the common perception of the moral gravity of abortion and of other kinds of attacks on human life, special fortitude is demanded of doctors so that they may continue to assert that abortion resolves nothing but kills the child, destroys the woman and blinds the conscience of the child's father, all too often ruining family life. This duty, however, does not only concern the medical profession and health-care workers. The whole of society must defend the right to life of the child conceived and the true good of the woman who will never, in any circumstance, be able to find fulfillment in the decision of abortion. ~ Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Academy for Life, February 28, 2011

Diapers 'N Wipes Drive

Support Gabriel House & Catholic Charities with a donation of diapers and/or wipes this weekend, May 7&8 and next weekend, May 14&15.

2nd Friday Prayer Vigil for Life ~ 5/13

Join us for Mass at 7:30 am at OLOL, followed at 9:00 am by a *Prayer Vigil for Life* at Planned Parenthood (38th & Pontiac) on Friday, May 13th.

Host Families Needed

Compass USA is looking for volunteer host families for their Individual Homestay Program. The homestay program is a unique opportunity for host families to actively experience true intercultural exchange in their own homes. Please contact OLOL parishioner Christi if you are interested in being a host family at 720.339.4455 or christinearellano_82@yahoo.com.

Christ in the City

Join college-age Catholics from across the nation serving the poor and vulnerable in Denver! In light of the teachings of Jesus and the church, *Christ in the City* (CIC) is a residential, holistic service program that combines charitable works, Catholic spirituality, and educational advancement to train college-age Catholics to serve at home, responding to John Paul II's vision of a new evangelization. For more information, contact Catholic Charities at info@christinthecitymissionaries.com.

In-tune with the Holy Spirit ~ 5/13 & 5/14

A retreat given by Fr. Joseph Nguyen at Presentation of Our Lady Parish, 5/13—5/14. Fr. Joseph is a dynamic speaker, helping the faithful to live a deeper spiritual life led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Come experience God's awesome power through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The retreat begins on Friday at 7:00pm. We will close Saturday with a Healing Mass at 6:30 pm. There is no charge; a free will offering will be collected. For more information call 303.432.2694.

Other Happenings

Ladies Auxilliary Meeting ~ 5/9

All ladies of the parish are invited to join us at our meeting on 5/9, in the Modular. Socializing begins at 6:30 pm followed by the business meeting at 7:00 pm.

13th Annual Community Kid's Fair

Do you have a bike that is just sitting in the garage gathering dust? The Knights are gathering new or used bikes in the OLOL parking lot, on Saturday, May 14th, from 2-4 pm. The bikes will be repaired and donated to needy children. Do you have a bike but can't make it on the 14th? If so, call Greg @ 720.985.5753 prior to May 20th to make arrangement for pick-up.



Attention Graduating High School Seniors

You are eligible for two, \$1,000 drawings, and in addition, you & your families are invited to the annual *Senior Sending Mass* with Archbishop Chaput on June 5th, 6:30 pm, at the Cathedral. The scholarship drawing will be held during the Mass; you need not be present to win. To apply for the scholarship, go to www.archdenyouth.org before June 1st.

Archbishop's Catholic Appeal

Today is Announcement Weekend for the 2011 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. Please complete your pledge card that you received in Archbishop Chaput's recent letter and mail your donation to the Pastoral Center this week. Thank you for your Christ-like response.

Gifts of Treasure

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| May 1, 2011 | Adults | \$47,908.00 |
| | Children | \$370.76 |
| April 24, 2011 | Adults | \$75,499.00 |
| | Children | \$1,202.72 |
| YTD Actual Offertory | | \$1,938,633.56 |
| YTD Budgeted | | \$2,065,700.00 |

Financial Status as of 4/1/11

St. Joseph Ministry Center Construction

Estimated Costs

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| 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

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| Current Funds Available: | \$4,838,000 |
| Current Pledges to be collected: | \$4,713,000 |
| Total Funds Expected to be available | \$9,551,000 |

New Pledges needed to complete construction \$4,999,000

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

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