

“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

November 27, 2011

The First Sunday of Advent

Volume XV, Number 1

“Take firm hold on the everlasting life to which you were called.”

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The first thing you might notice about today's bulletin is that the volume number has changed. Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the New Year's Day of the church's liturgical year.

We are now beginning our fifteenth year of parish bulletins. That means I have written around 728 bulletin letters, we have announced and celebrated more than 9492 Mass intentions, who knows the number of ministry announcements we have made, and all of 23 people have read every bulletin from cover to cover. (I am being facetious, I admit, in order to make a point). We are always trying to get better at communicating parish business to parishioners. This is hard in this day and age and with our limited budget. All the research and anecdotal evidence shows that the most effective means of communicating remains the parish bulletin. People do read it, take it home, and pay attention to it. (My brother used to drive by church to pick one up to prove to my parents that he had actually been to Mass; at least he at set foot in church!) My point is this. A lot of important information is in the bulletin. I thank you for paying attention to it. But I especially thank Kelly Bradley, who each week types it out; Peggy Burke, who compiles it; Mike Fehringer, who posts it on the web site; the crew which each week folds it and stuffs its inserts; Jon Elliot, who volunteers a huge amount of time to composing our narthex screens; and all those who help us communicate our parish business so our parishioners can be involved and participate in parish ministry.

The church fathers—the great theologians of the first millennium—spoke of the liturgical year of the church as the wedding band with which Christ wed his bride, the church. It is a wonderful metaphor. With Advent we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Lent calls us to consider why Adam, Eve, and we sinned and so “merited” so incredible a savior. At Easter and through Pentecost and Ascension Christ loves and honors us by inviting us into the mystery of our redemption: the shedding of his blood, his gift of the Holy Spirit, and his preparing for us a seat at his own right hand in heaven. Finally, in so-called “Ordinary Time” we reflect on how to respond to our salvation by living as persons who actually believe they are saved and will live forever in the kingdom of God.

Today also begins a new year of prayer with a new and better translation of the Mass in English. It is more literal, more biblical, and theologically more correct. I know that you will come to love our new prayers as much as I have. I encourage you to rely on the laminated cards we have placed in the pews and even, together with your spouses and children, to work on memorizing our new responses. Remember, too, to memorize a table song that you can sing at grace when you begin your meals. *Lex orandi lex credendi*. How we pray is what we believe. How do you pray? What do you believe? Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Are we prepared to welcome him when he does so?

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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 November 27th

Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph & Mary Oba
Sun.	7:00 am	June Pohs†
Sun.	9:00 am	LOLO Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Joseph Shelley†
Sun.	5:00 pm	Jane Eusterman
Mon.	7:30 am	Eva Huss
Tue.	7:30 am	Andrew Segura†
Wed.	7:30 am	Pam Keller†
Wed.	5:30 pm	Ana Vergara†
Thu.	7:30 am	Kathleen Sheahan†
Thu.	5:30 pm	Mata & Mathew Oba
Fri.	7:30 am	Arielle Farmer†
Fri.	5:30 pm	Travis Greenfield
Sat.	7:30 am	Lynn Marzoni
Sat.	5:00 pm	Peg Mascherini†
Sun.	7:00 am	Loretta Lombardi†
Sun.	9:00 am	LOLO Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Laura Moran†
Sun.	5:00 pm	Sean Taylor†

This Week's Readings

Sun	1st.	Is 63:16b, 17, 19b; 64:2-7
	2nd.	1 Cor 1:1-9
	Gospel	Mk 13:33-37
		<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Mon	1st.	Is 2:1-5
	2nd.	Mt 8:5-11
Tue.	1st.	Is 11:1-10
	2nd.	Lk 10:21-24
Wed.	1st.	Rom 10:9-18
	2nd.	Mt 4:18-22
		<i>St. Andrew, apostle</i>
Thu.	1st.	Is 26:1-6
	2nd.	Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri.	1st.	Is 29:17-24
	2nd.	Mt 9:27-31
Sat.	1st.	Is 30:19-21, 23-26
	2nd.	Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun.	1st	Is 40:1-5, 9-11
	2nd	2 Pt 3:8-14
	Gospel	Mk 1:1-8
		<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>

Responsorial Psalm

“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.”

Communion Antiphon

B-3 Behold, the Bridegroom is Here
 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B
 Song for the Table



*All of the Mass Ordinary is
 found in the Breaking Bread
 Missal and Hymnal*

Sanctus #921; When We Eat This Bread
 #923; Amen #925; Agnus Dei #926

This Week's Meetings

Sun.	12:30 pm	Baptisms	SNO
Sun.	4:00 pm	Choir Practice	SNO
Mon.	5:30 pm	1st Reconciliation Track II	Ministry Center
Tues.	5:30 pm	3rd—6th Grade RE	Ministry Center
Tues.	7:00 pm	Matthew Bible Study	RG-A
Wed.	9:30 am	Matthew Bible Study	RG-A
Thurs.	9:30 am	Acts Bible Study	CW
Thurs.	6:30 pm	Outreach for Recovery	SA
Thurs.	7:00 pm	7th & 8th Grade Youth	JPII
Fri.	6:00 am	That Man is You	CW
Fri.	10:30 am	Bulletin Folding	CW
Sat.	9:00 am	Knights of Columbus	RG
Sat.	10:00am	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	Ministry Center
Sat.	10:00am	RCIC/RCIT Retreat	Ministry Center

Poinsettia Donations



If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia, please fill out a “Christmas Flowers” form and **enclose it with your \$35 donation** in the provided envelope. All envelopes should be placed in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the Main Office during business hours.

Please submit donations no later than **Friday, December 16, 2011** in order to have your intentions listed in the Christmas bulletin.

Pastoral Services

Baptism of Infants—Please pick up a Baptism Prep Packet in the R.E. area in the Narthex 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 Fr. Gregg at 303.766.3800 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 before meeting with the funeral director.

Adoration—The Adoration Chapel is temporarily closed due to construction. Until it re-opens you are welcome to come into the Church to pray. The Church is open at 6:30 am until 9:00 pm, Monday—Friday. On Saturday & Sunday the Church is closed following the 5:00 pm Liturgy.

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 for the Blessed Mother this weekend were donated by: Carol Stevens in loving memory of Cel & Butch Pierskalla.



First Sunday of Advent

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Advent Mission: Middle School

All 6th- 8th Grade students welcome!

- ◆ December 5th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm: "What do Bethlehem, Bread, Battle and an Inn have to do with you?" Welcoming Christ and becoming your brother's keeper.
- ◆ December 6th, 7:00—8:30 pm: "All Aboard The Friendship!" Holy friendship, what does it mean, how does it look and how does our Holy Mother set an example for us?

6th, 7th & 8th Grade Advent Formal

Come for the pizza, come for the dancing, come for the community! Join us at the Church of the Risen Christ, on 12/15, from 6:30—8:30 pm; the cost is \$10 per person. Dress is semi-formal (Girls, dress/skirt; Guys, slacks/khakis, oxford and tie). Permission forms are in the Narthex.



6th Grade Youth Group

- ◆ **Mini Retreat on 12/18.** Welcome, Meet and Greet. All 6th Grade youth are invited to a mini-retreat on Sunday, 12/18, 1:00—4:00 pm. Forms are in the Narthex.
- ◆ **6th Grade Youth Group Kick-Off,** 1/10/12, 7:00—8:15 pm.



7th & 8th Grade Youth Group

December 1st: Topic Night: "What does *Mission* mean?" We will meet in JP II Great Room of the new St. Joseph Ministry Center!

Confirmation Track II 2012-2013

Track II Summer Confirmation Registration and Forms are in the Youth Section of the Narthex.

"4-Teen" High School Group

We meet on Monday nights from 7:00 –8:30 pm. November 28th: Topic Night: "JP II on 11/28/1984" We will meet in the B-1, JP II Great Room of the new St. Joseph Ministry Center!

A family prayer for every day of Advent

*O God,
as light comes from this candle,
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,
warming our hearts and
brightening our way.
May Christ our Savior bring life
into the darkness of this world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.*



R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

What more, specifically, is taught in the Pre-Catechumenate (Inquiry)? Of course, the Inquirers questions are first. Also, the Gospel message: Christ-centered, Trinitarian, ecclesial, personal, and forward-looking (founded in hope).

For more information, please contact Shirley McDermott at 303.414.2255 or smcdermott@ourladyofloreto.org

Calendar

- 12/4: 9:00 am Mass with dismissal. Inquiry & Catechumenate sessions for 10:30 am—noon.

Children's Ministry

Please note schedule changes for Track II and 3-6th grade RE Classes due to schedule changes of the Parish Advent Mission.

1st Reconciliation/Eucharist (ages 7 & 8)

Attention Track I & Track II Parents:

Magnifikid's dated November 27th – December are available to be picked up.

Track II

****We will have class on 11/28** at 5:30 pm; we will **not** have class on **12/5** due to the Advent Mission.

RCIC & RCIT

1st Reconciliation/Eucharist (ages 9 –18)

- No class on 11/27, due to Thanksgiving.
- **RCIC/RCIT Retreat 12/3**, from 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

3rd — 6th Grade RE (Religious Education)

****We will have class on 11/29; no class on 12/6.**

Children's Christmas Pageant

If you have a child between the ages of 5—11 who would like to participate in the Children's Christmas Pageant, we will have sign-up sheets in the Narthex this weekend. Rehearsals will begin on December 3rd.

Advent Mission Activity for Children

Pre-K & Kindergarten Activity

Our next activity for children ages 4, 5 and 6 will be in conjunction with the Advent Mission which is scheduled December 4th—7th, from 7:00—8:30 pm in the *new* St. Joseph Ministry Center.

School Age Children Activities

There will be stories and crafts available for children ages 4—6, as well as Grades 1—3, and Grades 4—6. Please save the dates of 12/4 –127.



Please call Joan Deeb at 303.414.2274 if you would like additional information on any of the Children's programs.



Opening Hearts and Minds to the Sanctity of Life.

To trust in God's timing for our passing into eternity requires courage, humility, and sometimes great spiritual strength. This final stage of life, when we focus our attention on the things that really count, can be a time of deep reflection, of forgiveness and reconciliation within the family, and of finding peace in one's relationship with God. ~"Life Matters: To the End of Our Days," *Respect Life Program* 2011-2012.

Giving Wreath

Many thanks to those who have chosen names from the Giving Wreaths. There are still many names left and other opportunities to help those less fortunate have a Merrier Christmas. If you choose a Purple candle with a child's name on it, please sign the clipboards by the wreaths. **All gifts must be returned no later than Sun, Dec 11th at Noon.** If

you have questions, contact Monica at 303-693-9573 or

monica.mogen@corumrealestate.com.



Adopt-A-Family

Thank you to the many families and groups who have already adopted a family. We still have families left who need help with gifts and food this Christmas season. If you want to help a family in need, contact Mary Kay at 303.400.9205. You will be provided with names and gift suggestions.

Cookies, Sandwiches, and More

Please leave your peanut butter and jelly/honey sandwiches or cookies in the Southwest Corner of Narthex in the gray box outside (due to construction on the Adoration Chapel). Donations will be picked up by 5:30 pm on **Sunday, 11/27**. If you have questions, please email hparkercolorado@msn.com or call 303.805.2446.

Respect Life Holy Hour

The Respect Life Holy Hour will be held Sunday, 12/4, 3:00 pm, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Father Andreas Hoeck will preside. The Holy Hour will close with Eucharistic Benediction.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Today, Sunday, November 27th is the last day of our Thanksgiving Food Drive. If you would like to help provide food for those who may be less fortunate than you this holiday season, donations of all non-perishable foods are welcomed. Suggestions: canned fruits, vegetables & tuna, meals in cans, cereal, pasta, condiments, jelly, soup, coffee, tea & soft drinks, paper products, flour, sugar, rice, & dessert mixes.



Other Happenings

New Parishioner Open House ~ 12/4

Are you new to Our Lady of Loreto? You and your family are welcome to attend the Newcomer's Open House December 4th, Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass, in the Rectory Garden room. Lunch will be provided. Fr. Ed will be your host. He will introduce the staff, and give a brief talk about the symbolism and history of our church. Please **RSVP no later than Thursday, 12/1**, to Kathy at 303.690.2041. If you would like to help with hospitality on that day, please call Kathy.

Thank You to all who assisted with the move into the St. Joseph Ministry Center this past week. Special thanks go to the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary, youth and Dale Hutchinson.



Parish Advent Mission

The Mission will be December 4-7 each evening. Please join our parish community in celebrating the grand opening of our new St. Joseph Ministry center. Activities will include a variety show and fun vents for kids, teens, & adults. The Mission will culminate on Wednesday, 12/7 with a Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception.

Children's Choir

Practices will be held in the church on Monday December 5, 12 and 19th at 6:00 pm. The children will sing on Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve at the 4:00 pm Liturgy. All children (K thru 5th grade) are invited to sing.

Gifts of Treasure

November 20, 2011	Adults	\$44,728.64
	Children	\$456.00
November 13, 2011	Adults	\$40,287.88
	Children	\$354.93
YTD Actual Offertory		\$882,001.46
YTD Budgeted		\$924,000

Financial Status as of 11/1/11

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:	\$5,299,000
Current Pledges to be collected:	\$4,550,000
Total Funds Expected to be available	\$9,849,000

New Pledges needed to complete construction \$4,701,000

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

Our Lady of Loreto Debt