



"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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am joining hundreds and hundreds of religious leaders who are bringing to their parishioners' attention and asking their help in opposing a requirement of the Obama administration that religious organizations provide sterilization and contraceptives, including abortifacients, in their employee insurance plans. Furthermore, the Obama administration is requiring all Americans—including you—to pay for this coverage even if it violates their conscience and religious obligations. This is unprecedented. Never before in the history of the United States has our government or president required Americans to buy or pay for something, let alone forced them to do so in violation of their conscience and religious beliefs.

The Department of Health and Human Services, in its edict requiring the mandate, told religious organizations that they have one year to "adapt" to Obama's requirement. But one Church I know of—the Catholic Church—will not "adapt," either to requirements that violate fundamental elements of its faith or to the restriction of its first amendment right to practice its faith without government interference, meddling, or mischief. The Church elsewhere has already closed social services when the government attempted to require it to violate these two principles. Mark my words: here in Colorado we will begin to lose our Catholic hospitals, universities, social service institutions, etc., if this mandate is allowed to stand.

Remember the famous story of the man who said nothing when others came after people he didn't know. And then he said nothing when they came after people he did know. And he said nothing when they came after his friends. Then there was no one left to say anything when they came after him. The same lesson must be learned here. We must say something now or our Catholic institutions of health care, education, social services, etc., will be lost. Please say something. President Obama refuses to listen to the Catholic Church and other religious organizations, so it's probably useless to contact him. Contact your national senators and representatives instead. You can find their contact information at www.usccb.org/conscience. Ask them to reject publicly the HHS mandate and to pass the *Respect for Rights of Conscience Act* (HR1179/S1467), which prevents the health care reform act from being used to violate insurers' and purchasers' moral and religious beliefs. Do not apologize for being an American. Insist that the federal government respect the first amendment of our constitution, and that it do so equally in regard to all Americans.

On another note, mark you calendars for two special occasions of prayer. Next weekend at all the Masses we will bless those parents who are grieving the death of a child. Then, on February 10, the eve of the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, the patron saint of the sick, I will celebrate a healing Mass. The Mass is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us for both occasions of prayer, and to invite their family and friends as well.

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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 January 29th

Sat.	5:00 pm	Mary Cecilia Eusterman†
Sun.	7:00 am	Edward D. Shine†
Sun.	9:00 am	OLOL Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Sal Olson†
Sun.	5:00 pm	James Mindnich†
Mon.	7:30 am	Dale & Judy Snyder
Tue.	7:30 am	Dale & Judy Snyder
Wed.	7:30 am	Sal Olson†
Wed.	5:30 pm	Mary Cecilia Eusterman†
Thu.	7:30 am	Jack VanAnne†
Thu.	5:30 pm	Anne Marint†
Fri.	7:30 am	Sal Olson†
Fri.	5:30 pm	Mary Lee & John Rossi
Sat.	7:30 am	Pam Jemepete
Sat.	5:00 pm	Sal Olson†
Sun.	7:00 am	Jon Battles
Sun.	9:00 am	OLOL Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Dale & Judy Snyder
Sun.	5:00 pm	Dominck Doyle†

This Week's Readings

Sun	1st.	Dt 18:15-20
	2nd.	1 Cor 7:32-35
	Gospel	Mk 1:21-28
Mon	1st.	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;16:5-13
	2nd.	Mk 5:1-20
Tue.	1st.	2 Sm 18:9-10.14b,24-30; 19:3
	2nd.	Mk 5:21-43
Wed.	1st.	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17
	2nd.	Mk 6:1-6
Thu.	1st.	Mal 3:1-4
	2nd.	Lk 2:22-40
Fri.	1st.	Sir 47:2-11
	2nd.	Mk 6:14-29
Sat.	1st.	1 Kgs 3:4-13
	2nd.	Mk 6:30-34
Sun.	1st	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
	2nd	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
	Gospel	Mk 1:29-39

Responsorial Psalm

Communion Antiphon

"If today you hear His voice,
 harden not your hearts"

B-106 Shine Out, O Lord; You Are My God
 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
 Song for the Table



Christian Unity

Although the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has concluded, we continue to remember that "We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ," (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58) and pray "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21). In the coming weeks and months, we will be joining other Christian churches in our area in these and other ecumenical opportunities. Your active participation is encouraged.

This Week's Meetings

Sun.	9:00 am	RCIA Sessions	109-111
Sun.	10:30 am	RCIC & RCIT Sessions	MC
Sun.	12:15 pm	RCIA Church Tour	SNO
Sun.	4:00 pm	Choir Practice	102
Mon.	5:30 pm	Track I—1st Eucharist	HFH
Mon.	6:00 pm	Legion of Mary	106
Mon.	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Meeting	CW
Tues.	5:30 pm	Religious Education Classes (1st Grade & 3rd—6th Grade)	102-112
Wed.	9:30 am	Matthew Bible Study	CW
Wed.	6:30 pm	Ladies Auxiliary Planning Meeting	CO
Wed.	7:00 pm	Acts Bible Study	CW
Wed.	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class	JPII
Wed.	7:00 pm	RCIA Team Meeting	113
Wed.	7:00 pm	Choir	102
Thurs.	9:30 am	Acts Bible Study	CW
Thurs.	6:30 pm	Altar Server Training	SNA
Thurs.	6:30 pm	Outreach for Recovery	101
Thurs.	7:00 pm	7/8th Grade Ice Skating	Southlands
Fri.	6:00 am	That Man Is You	109
Fri.	10:30 am	Bulletin Folding	CW
Sat.	8:00 am	Cub Scout Committee Meeting	CW
Sat.	9:00 am	Knights of Columbus	RG
Sat.	1:00 pm	Altar Server Training	SNA

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 contact Fr. Gregg at Fr. Gregg@OurLadyofLoreto.org or 303.766.3800 to arrange an individual meeting to discuss the marriage preparation process.

Care of the Sick/Dying—Please call at the beginning of any serious illness or hospitalization. If you are 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 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

Would you like to sponsor flowers for the Altar and/or The Blessed Mother? If so, you may sign up for this ministry for a weekend of your choice in the Narthex. Please submit your donation in the pink "Flower Donation Envelope" and either place it in the offertory or drop it off at the Church Office.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry



Youth Purity Rally! March 3rd

Youth in Grades 8-12 are invited to attend the Youth Purity Rally on Saturday, March 3rd, 9:15 am—3:45

pm. Join young people throughout the Archdiocese of Denver and celebrate our Catholic faith AND our call to live in purity. We will meet at the Colorado Convention Center. The cost is \$15 for the day; bring sack lunch. Registration Packets are in the Youth Section of Narthex.

Teen Timeline Bible Study!

All teens are welcome to participate in the study beginning Monday, March 19th, 5:30—6:30 pm. There are no necessary costs; however, optional purchases are offered. Registration packets and information are available in Youth Section. Registration closes February 20th.

“Logos” (6th Grade Youth Group)

1/31: “Life is Beautiful.” 2/7: Ice Skating at Southlands! Drop-off & pick-up at Southlands. Permission Forms are in the Narthex.

“Credo” (7th & 8th Grade Youth Group)

2/4: Ice skating at the Pond at Southlands; you need a Permission Form, pick one up in the Narthex. 2/9: The Creed Part I, “I Believe.”

“4-Teen” High School Group

1/30: Community Night with St. John Bosco. 2/6: “In the Beginning,” Prologue to the Catechism.

A Scout Is Reverent

In observance of Scout Sunday, all scouts are invited to attend the 11am Mass on Sun., Feb. 5th in uniform. This includes Daisies, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture Crew and all Scout adult leaders. Scouts and adult leaders should gather in the Narthex before Mass no later than 10:45. Thank you.



Kevin Ahfat CSO Performance ~ 2/12

Kevin Ahfat, a 17 year old OLOL parishioner and pianist at the 11:00 am Masses, will be performing with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra on 2/12, 2:30 pm, at Boettcher Concert Hall in the Denver Performing Arts Complex as the winner of the 2010 Steinway & Sons Concerto Competition. Tickets are available at 303.623.7876 or online at coloradosymphony.org.

R.C.I.A.

Christian Initiation of Adults

Come and see. Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Do you struggle with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God? Sessions exploring these and other issues in relation to our Catholic faith are being held.

Ask about inquiry meetings by contacting Shirley McDermott at smcdermott@ourladyofloreto.org or 303.414.2255.

Calendar

Jan. 29 & Feb. 5th—9am Mass with Dismissal

- 1/29: Inquiry & Catechumenate sessions at 10:30 am in the MC. Fr. Gregg is our guest speaker. The topic for the day is: “The Sacrament of Marriage” and Creighton Method of natural family planning.
- 2/1: Team Meeting in the MC—Room 113 at 7 pm.
- 2/5 Inquiry & Catechumenate sessions at 10:30 am in the MC. The topic for the day is: “The First Three and The Last Seven Commandments.”



Children’s Ministry

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

1st Eucharist (ages 7 & 8)

Track I & II Reconciliation Retreat
The Reconciliation Retreat for both Track I & II is scheduled for February 11th. The Ladies Auxiliary will have religious goods available for purchase at the Retreat.



- **1st Reconciliation (Confession) is scheduled for 2/25.**

Track I:

Our next class is on Monday, January 30th.

- **Banners are due on February 13th.**

Track II:

Classes for Track II will resume on March 5th.

RCIC & RCIT

Class will be held this Monday, January 29th.

3rd — 6th Grade RE (Religious Education)

“We meet at 5:30 pm in the SJMC. Congratulations to all of our “Life Is Precious,” Respect Life poster contestants and winners. Posters are on display in the Ministry Center.

1st Grade Religious Education

Our next class is 1/31, 5:30—6:45 pm, in the SJMC.

Special Religious Education Ministry

“Angels of Light,” all classes will start on Sunday, February 5th, at 10:00 am in Room 114.



Opening Hearts and Minds to the Sanctity of Life.

HHS's new mandate for contraception/sterilization coverage ... includes an incredibly narrow exemption for "religious employers" that protects almost no one. For example, a Catholic institution serving the poor and needy would have to fire its non-Catholic staff, refuse life-affirming care to non-Catholic people in need, and devote itself instead to "the inculcation of religious values" to qualify for the exemption. Individuals, insurers, and the sponsors of non-employee health plans (e.g., student health plans in Catholic schools) would have no exemption at all. This effort to corral religion exclusively into the sanctuaries of houses of worship betrays a complete ignorance of the role of religion in American life, and of Congress's long tradition of far more helpful laws on religious freedom. ~ Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston

24 Hour Adoration for Vocations & Family:

"Can you not watch one hour with me?" -- We are called to be men and women of faith and action. Calling a few good men & women to answer our Lord's plea and join the OLOL parish family in one-hour of Adoration for Vocations and Family anytime after 1st Friday Mass to 1st Saturday Mass. See the signup sheet in the Narthex, or email carllredd@gmail.com for questions.

Need Financial Help?

If you are struggling financially, the OLOL St. Vincent de Paul Conference may be able to help. All requests are handled with privacy and respect. You may call the OLOL St. Vincent de Paul Conference voice mail messaging directly at 303.414.2283, leave a message and conference member will return your call.

Blood Drive ~ February 5th

Bonfils Blood Mobile will be in our parking lot on Sunday, 2/5. Register in the Narthex or schedule an appointment on-line at 222.bonfils.org.

CPR/AED Classes

CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) classes will be held on Tuesday, 2/7 at 5:45 pm and Sunday, 2/12 at 12:30 pm. Sign up next weekend (2/4-5) in the Narthex after Masses. The cost is \$30. Our AED is located in the Narthex on the wall by the fire extinguisher. For further info call Barb at 303.766.9531.

One-Day Seminar on Humanae Vitae

Of Human Life (Humanae Vitae), the encyclical written by Pope Paul VI, reiterates the timeless teaching of the Church regarding the duty of married persons to responsibly transmit human life and the incompatibility of contraception with that duty. More than 40 years later, people are taking a second look. Come and learn what the Catholic Church *really teaches* about marriage, the sanctity of life, and the truth about lasting love! Saturday, Feb 11, John Paul II Center, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; \$80/person; \$140/couple – includes all materials and lunch. Register at www.EndowGroups.org.

Other Happenings

Altar Server Training!

We will be having server training on Thursday, 2/2, 6:30 pm and Saturday, 2/4, at 1:00 pm for any current and new servers who were unable to attend formation in the fall, or for any server who would like more practice. If you have any questions, please call Mark at 303.671.2715. or mlancast1947@gmail.com.



Ladies Auxiliary News

- * **First Saturday Mass.** All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for the 7:30 am Mass & Rosary on Saturday, 2/4. Breakfast will follow at Saddle Rock Grill.
- * **Religious Articles Sale.** Religious Articles will be available for purchase on Saturday, 2/11, 9:00 am—noon in the SJMC. Veils & ties for children making their 1st Holy Communion and other items will be available. If you have any questions, call 303.627.6004
- * **Valentine Dinner & Dance, 2/11.** The Ladies Auxiliary presents "An Evening at Bella Loreto" Valentine dinner and dance on Saturday, 2/11, from 6:00—10:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. Tables of eight may be reserved. Tickets are on sale after all Masses.

Ave Maria Catholic School Open House

Please join us for our open house and "Student Showcase" on this Tuesday, 1/31, from 9:00-2:00 pm and 5:00-7:00 pm, or visit us at our website at www.aveangels.org.

Gifts of Treasure

January 22, 2012	Adults	\$46,617.63
	Children	\$282.82
January 15, 2012	Adults	\$34,326.66
	Children	\$390.20
YTD Actual Offertory		\$1,405,551.94
YTD Budgeted		\$1,397,000.00

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
Church—\$8,633,729