



“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

January 8, 2012

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I ask you to join me in welcoming Bishop James Conley, the auxiliary bishop of Denver and currently the apostolic administrator of the archdiocese of Denver, to Our Lady of Loreto Parish. Bishop Conley joins us today (Sunday) to preside at the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist and to dedicate our new Saint Joseph Ministry Center (SJMC). Bishop Conley's episcopal motto is *Heart Speaks to the Heart*. It refers to three conversations, namely, in Jesus Christ God speaks to man, man speaks to God, and in the Eucharist, Jesus, always present in the Church, draws the hearts of all people to his own Sacred Heart. In Bishop Conley we are blessed to have a bishop with a good and generous heart. We thank him for his service to Our Lady of Loreto Parish and to the Archdiocese of Denver. And we welcome, too, his master of ceremonies and a good friend of OLOL, Deacon Chuck Parker.

I welcome you today (Sunday) to the dedication of the SJMC, to take place at 12:30 p.m. The dedication of the center marks a ministry milestone here at OLOL. No sooner had Archbishop Chaput dedicated our new church than we turned our attention and efforts to constructing this ministry center. For nearly nine years on, then, many persons have prayed ardently, sacrificed greatly, and labored intensely for this day, and continue to pray for the day when by God's grace and favor we will open a parish grade school. Our new center includes a parish hall that can seat 894 persons, twelve classrooms, a library/resource room, youth room, offices, and storage space. In the future we hope to complete the school with the addition of a gymnasium/theater, six more classrooms, and a preschool as well as kindergarten. Much, including raising significant monies, yet remains to be done toward that end; I'll keep you informed and engage your assistance with this project in time.

In the meantime, I am indebted to those who have contributed to the construction of the SJMC through the *Building on our Faith* campaign and the *Fulfilling Hope* initiative. Thank you. If you made a pledge to these efforts, I thank you for following through in the payment of that pledge. Although the construction of this east wing of the SJMC is completed, the parish has made commitments and assumed obligations in light of the pledge of each and the commitment of all. If you cannot fulfill your pledge, would like to increase your giving, or make a new pledge, I invite you to contact me so that I can assist you with any of these matters.

Finally, as we do every Epiphany Sunday, I invite you to take home a gift from the parish: one Epiphany home-blessing packet. Each packet contains a blessing of your home for your family to pray. This blessing is traditionally done today to honor the sanctification of the home that happens with the birth of Jesus into a family and the welcome Mary and Joseph extended to the three wise men into their home. Please, only one packet per family. (A copy of the blessing is also available on our parish web site.) And join me in thanking Susan Magee and her family who this year organized, procured, and compiled the thousands of packets available to you.

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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 8th

Sat.	5:00 pm	Doug & Ed Peterson†
Sun.	7:00 am	Henry Reiser†
Sun.	9:00 am	OLOL Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Mary Cecilia Eusterman†
Sun.	5:00 pm	Peter McCanam
Mon.	7:30 am	Carolyn Brunelli†
Tue.	7:30 am	John Rossi
Wed.	7:30 am	Mary Cecilia Eusterman†
Wed.	5:30 pm	Tammy Washut†
Thu.	7:30 am	Mary Ann Buelt †
Thu.	5:30 pm	Beverly Martin†
Fri.	7:30 am	Annie Walz†
Fri.	5:30 pm	Roger Clarizio†
Sat.	7:30 am	Dale & Judy Snyder
Sat.	5:00 pm	Kay Hannon
Sun.	7:00 am	George Sottong†
Sun.	9:00 am	OLOL Parishioners
Sun.	11:00 am	Marie Horvath
Sun.	5:00 pm	James D Murphy†

This Week's Readings

Sun	1st.	Is 60:1-6
	2nd.	Eph 2:3a-, 5-6
	Gospel	Mt 2:1-12
		<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>
Mon	1st.	Is 42:1-4, 6-7
	2nd.	Mk 1:7-11
		<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
Tue.	1st.	1 Sm 1:9-20
	2nd.	Mk 1:14-20
Wed.	1st.	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
	2nd.	Mk 1:29-39
Thu.	1st.	1 Sm 4:1-11
	2nd.	Mk 1:40-45
Fri.	1st.	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
	2nd.	Mk 2:1-12
Sat.	1st.	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
	2nd.	Mk 2:13-17
Sun.	1st2nd	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
	Gospel	1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
		Jn 1:35-42

Responsorial Psalm

“Lord, every nation on earth
will adore you.”

The numbers of the Mass Ordinary refer to the Breaking Bread Missal and Hymnal.

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

Communion Antiphon

B-25 Our City Has No Need of Sun or Moon
Epiphany, Years A1BC
Song for the Table



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OLOL Children's Choir — ALL children (K thru 5th Grade) are invited to sing.

Practices will be held in Room 102 of the SJMC on 1/9 & 1/16, at 6:00 pm. The choir will sing at the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, 1/22. If you have any questions, contact Pat at 303.908.1874.

This Week's Meetings

Sun.	9:00 am	RCIA & Inquiry Sessions	109-113
Sun.	10:30 am	RCIC & RCIT Sessions	MC
Sun.	12:30 pm	Saint Joseph Ministry Center Dedication	MC
Sun.	2:15 pm	Natural Family Planning Class	109-111
Sun.	4:00 pm	Choir Practice	102
Mon.	1:00 pm	Advocates for Life	106
Mon.	5:30 pm	Track I: 1st Eucharist	PH
Mon.	6:00 pm	Legion of Mary	105
Mon.	6:30 pm	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting & Social	109-111
Mon.	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Meeting	CW
Tues.	5:30 pm	3rd—6th Grade RE Classes	102-112
Tues.	7:00 pm	6th Grade Youth Group	JP-II
Tues.	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	102
Tues.	7:00 pm	“Matthew” Bible Study	CW
Wed.	9:30 am	“Matthew” Bible Study	CW
Wed.	7:00 pm	“Acts” Bible Study	CW
Wed.	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	102
Wed.	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class	JP-II
Wed.	7:00 pm	Venture Crew	106
Thurs.	9:30 am	“Acts” Bible Study	CW
Thurs.	7:00 pm	7th & 8th Grade Youth Group	JP-II
Thurs.	7:00 pm	Holy Land Pilgrimage Catechesis	RG
Fri.	6:00 am	That Man Is You!	109-111
Fri.	9:00 am	Prayer Vigil for Life at Planned Parenthood	Offsite
Fri.	10:30 am	Bulletin Folding	CW
Sat.	8:30 am	Liturgical Environment	SNO
Sat.	8:30 am	Pastoral Council	RG-A

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 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.

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

OLOL Choir News

The *9am Choir* begins rehearsals for the Spring Term on Tuesday, January 17th, at 7:00 pm in Room 102 of the SJMC. If you like to make a joyful noise to the Lord, now is a wonderful time to join the choir! Please contact Charles at 303.414.2254 or cno-len@ourladyofloreto.org for more information.

R.C.I.A.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry World Youth Day Interest Meetings!

1/20/12 at 7:00 pm *or* 1/28/12 at 3:00 pm.

WYD will be held in Rio in July 2013. If you will be 16 years of age or older by July 2013, this message is for you! Come to one of the Interest Meetings with a parent and hear Deacon Mike and Susan Magee talk about past WYD trips & the upcoming trip to Rio in July 2013. The Interest Meetings are Friday, 1/20, at 7:00 pm or Saturday, 1/28, at 3:00 pm; both meetings will be held in the JPII Youth Room. World Youth Day is an incredible opportunity to experience, first hand, the Universal Church, under the guidance of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, as millions of Catholic youth, priests and clergy and Pope Benedict come together to worship our Lord in love and joy.

Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th Graders:

Mountain Madness! The last day registration forms will be accepted is Monday, 1/9. All 6th - 8th Grade students are welcome to attend. Forms are in the Narthex.



Youth Rally & Right to Life Boot Camp

All 8th-12th Grade Students are invited to participate in this event with Bishop Conley on Saturday, January 21st, 10:00 am—3:00 pm. Drop-off & Pick-up will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (1530 Logan Street, Denver). There is no cost; please bring a sack lunch. You need to RSVP to Neely no later than 1/14/12,

at 303.414.2256 or nmeeks@ourladyofloreto.org.

6th Grade Youth Group

Kick-off for the 6th Grade Youth Group will be 1/10, 7:00—8:15 pm. 1/17: Topic Night, “Finding your way with St. Anthony.”

7th & 8th Grade Youth Group

1/12: Bible Study: The Baptism of Our Lord. 1/19: Prayer Night for Christian Unity.

“4-Teen” High School Group

1/9/12: Topic Night, “12 Days of Christmas,” what does the song really mean and why? 1/16: When God calls, do you screen Him?



What is the Epiphany? The term is from the Greek epiphaneia, meaning “manifestation.” In the liturgical calendar, the solemnity of the Epiphany occurs on 1/6, which commemorates the “manifestation” of God through Christ to the whole “world,” symbolized by the Three Magi from the East. (Mt 2:1-12) The feast day originated sometime in the 3rd century in the Eastern church, where originally and currently it refers to the “manifestation” of God to the world through the Baptism of Christ. (cf. Clement of Alexandria’s *Stomata* i.21) By the 4th century the feast ranked in importance with Easter and Pentecost. When introduced into the Western church in the fourth century, the focus of the feast shifted from Christ’s Baptism to His birth. In St. Leo’s homilies, reference to Christ’s birth is with the noun theophania, illustrating the link between the “manifestation” of God and the birth of Christ.

Calendar

- ♦ January 8st: We will meet in the Ministry Center, rooms 109 & 111, at 9:00 am. We will attend Mass at 11 am; Bishop Conley will be the main Celebrant.

Children’s Ministry

1st Eucharist (ages 7 & 8)

Reconciliation Retreat, February 11th

- ♦ The Reconciliation Retreat for both Track I & II is scheduled for 2/11. Save the date!
- ♦ 1st Confession is scheduled for 2/25.

Track I: Classes resume on January 9th, 5:30—6:30 pm, in the new St. Joseph Ministry Center, Holy Family Hall.

RCIC & RCIT

Class will be held January 8th, 10:30 am in the new St. Joseph Ministry Center. RCIC will meet in Room 105/107 and RCIT will meet in Room 103.

- ♦ **RCIC/IT Retreat** 1/21/12 from 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

1st Grade

Religious Education

Welcome 1st Graders! Our 1st class is 1/10, 5:30—6:45 pm, in the new Ministry Center Library.

Special Needs Ministry/“Angels of Light”

These RE educational and sacramental preparation classes are for children, teens and adults with learning disabilities. Classes will start on Sunday, February 5th at 10 am. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Julie Garcia at 303-928-9599 or e-mail jcjohnsongarcia@gmail.com.



Opening Hearts and Minds to the Sanctity of Life.

A society is truly human when without reservations it protects and respects the dignity of every person from conception until the moment of his or her natural death. However, should it decide to "get rid" of its members in the greatest need of protection, ... it would be behaving in a profoundly inhuman and also distorted manner with regard to the equality — obvious to every person of good will — of the dignity of all people, in all the stages of life.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Hon. Reinhard Schweppe, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Holy See, November 7, 2011.

The Giving Wreath

The Giving Wreath was a tremendous success this year! We want to thank everyone who donated gifts, those who helped sort or shopped for gifts, and all who delivered the gifts. We wish to thank Father Ed and the office staff for their support. About 700 children received gifts, many senior citizens and nursing home residents were remembered with gifts, and 20 families from Our Lady of Loreto and Presentation of Our Lady were adopted by other families or groups. The Life Closet and St. Vincent de Paul Society were recipients of many donations of clothes and gift cards. Please take a few minutes to browse the book of thank you notes from the children and families who expressed gratitude. It is located in the Narthex. Thank you from Monica and Karen.

Life Closet

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Life Closet through the Giving Wreath and to everyone who donated clothing throughout the year. We would also like to give a big thank you to Mrs. White's 5th Grade class at St. Vincent de Paul's Elementary School for designating the Life Closet their beneficiary of a sock collection. Your generosity has helped over 5,000 people in 2011!

“Chase the Lion”

Day Retreat on 1/14/12

“Chase the Lion: Taking Chances, Taking Risks, Living In True Freedom!” is the theme of a day retreat on 1/14, given by Tammy Evevard at Presentation of Our Lady Parish, 695 Julian St., beginning at 1:00 pm. Tammy will speak about how God calls us to live our lives to the fullest. But what does that really mean? What does it mean to truly live that in our families, jobs, ministry, and in our everyday lives? Tammy has been speaking at conferences for 20 years, including the Stuebenville Youth Conferences, and is the author of a new book: *Becoming*. There is no charge for the day; a free will offering will be collected. Join us at 5:00 pm for a potluck dinner; please bring a dish to share. We will close the day with a Healing Mass at 6:00 pm. For more information call 303.432.2694.

Other Happenings



Pianist Needed!

Do you like to play the piano? The Children's Choir is in need an accompanist. If interested, please contact Pat 303.908.1874.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 1/9

The Ladies Auxiliary monthly social and meeting will be Monday, 1/9, in the St. Vincent De Paul Room #109, in the Ministry Center, starting at 6:30 pm. Please bring a new, wrapped gift in the \$10-\$15 range for our annual gift exchange game. Hope to see you there!

Father's Challenge Weekend: 3/9—3/11

*By Dad's
For Dad's*

A weekend of Leadership, Stewardship & Fellowship in leading your family forward in Faith. For more info, contact Steve at 303.699.6713 or spcs_lav@msn.com.

That Man Is You

Do You Struggle with discerning God's Will For You?

Come join other men in the parish every Friday morning this winter/spring for *Discerning God's Will for Men*. The program begins January 20th, in the new Saint Joseph Ministry Center. Please register on line at www.paradisusdei.org/tmiy or contact Tom at 303.400.4605 or tomwanz@aol.com to get more information.



Gifts of Treasure

January 1, 2012	Adults	\$60,631.12
	Children	\$303.11
December 25, 2011	Adults	\$106,800.00
	Children	\$1,239.73
YTD Actual Offertory		\$1,248,818.73
YTD Budgeted		\$1,265,000.00

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