Light of the World Roman Catholic Church

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM 5:00 PM (Youth Mass)

DAILY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 - 4:00 PM or by appointment

OFFICE INFO

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Closed Mondays and from 12 PM to 1 PM each day for Lunch.

After Hours Emergency: For those in danger of dying or for those who have died, please call 303-435-1169. Thank you.

IHE HOLY FAMILY

"For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples." - Lk 2:30-31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Welcome to Light of the World!



OUR MISSION

Christ, the Light of the World, is the center and foundation of our lives. We seek to reflect His light at all times and to all people. Enlivened by God's grace, gospel truth and the teachings proclaimed by the Church, we strive for holiness in all we are and in all we do to the glory of God, now and for ages unending. Amen.



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From the **Pastor's Desk**

This Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and

this leads us to contemplate the nature of the Christian family. Here is a beautiful image that visually communicates this reality:

Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, "The Two Trinities"

The top half of the painting depicts the Holy Trinity, God the Father, the Holy Spirit appearing as a dove, and the bottom half depicts the Holy Family with Mary and Joseph. In the center of the picture is Jesus Christ, positioned to show that He is both the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity and the Incarnate member of a human Holy Family. Murillo was trying to illustrate a simple but earthshattering truth: The Christian family is an icon of the Blessed Trinity. Within the Trinity there exists a mutual outpouring of love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: that is the foundation of the loving relationships of the family.

The Catechism explains further the dignity and potential of a Christian family and how it participates in the Triune love of God. Catechism #2205 states: "The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In



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the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity. The Christian family has an evangelizing and missionary task."

Despite the daily details of family life, its imperfections, and the steady challenges, it is important that we keep our eyes fixed steadily on God and the revelation of love that Jesus Christ has given us. Of course there is a clear distinction between a human family and the reality of the Triune God. While the parents existed before the life of the children and creation of the family, there was never a time that God was not Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There was never a time that the Father was without the Son or the Father and Son without the Holy Spirit. We don't want our limitations of human imagery to confuse who God is.

Nevertheless, our experience of being persons and the possibility of profound relationships is illuminated by God who is the true communion of persons, each divine person fully God yet totally given over in relationship to the other; a unity so perfect that we can truly say there is One God. Our communion of love is a hint, an echo, a faint image of that blazing divine reality. This is the high calling to the adventure of love that every human is called into through their vocation!

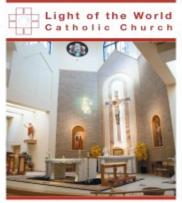
- Fr. Matt

Parish Life

The Parish Guide Book is Coming!

Our new Parish Guide Book is a new effort to mail to each registered family a comprehensive book about the various ministries at LOTW. **Please make sure your family Parish record (Address, Phone, Email, etc.) are correct in order to receive your book!**

Contact Terri at the Pastoral Office (*303-973-3969/ terri@lotw.org*) to make any updates.



2018 Ministry Guide Book 10516 West Bowles Ave. (Littleton, CO 20127 303-973-3909) (www.lotw.org

2018 Winterfest Dinner/Dance January 13th - 5:30 PM

The Men's Club will be sponsoring the 2018 Winterfest Dinner/Dance on Saturday, January 13th, 2018, in Lux Mundi Hall. This is a celebration of the anniversary of the new worship space. Cost for the dinner/dance is \$20 per person (Presales only). Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7 PM and the dance is from 7 to 10 PM. Dinner, which is provided by Virgilio's Pizzeria & Wine Bar, consists of a choice of Meat Lasagna or Eggplant Parmigiana (gluten free option), garlic knots, salad and dessert. Beer, wine and soda will be available for donations. Proceeds from the dinner dance go to church projects, charity and scholarships. Contact Dan Tennessen at dbtennessen@comcast.net if you have any questions.



First Saturday Masses for Fatima January 6th - 9:00 AM

These Masses are part of **5 consecutive First Saturday Masses** in devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Masses will be at 9:00 AM and are on the following dates: **Jan 6th and Feb 3rd**, a rosary to follow after each Mass. This is in reparation to Our Lady's request for our conversion and the conversion of the whole world; please join our petition!

Epiphany of the Lord, Parish Feast January 7th

The weekend of January 7th the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord, which is also Light of the World's Feast Day. Let us give thanks for all the blessings God has given to our parish through all of our wonderful parishioners!

It's also **Community Sunday** so come grab a donut to celebrate after all Masses!



Parish Info Always Available Online: www.lotw.org

AN ADORER IS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING TIMES!

5 PM Sundays 1 12 PM Tuesdays 1

1 AM Mondays 12 PM Saturdays



No hour is ever considered "closed". Please call Anita at 720-981-1675 or

Kim at 303-726-7425 to become an Adorer today!



Mary, Mother of God January 1st, 2018

Not a Holy Day of Obligation This Year

Mass: 9:00 AM* *Note the time change





Weekly Operating Budget Goal: \$40,000

December 16/17, 2017Basket:\$ 26,079Online Giving:\$ 6,272Weekend Total:\$ 32,351

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Shortfall: \$	7,649

Outreach & Assistance

Tithe:	\$ 3,235
Year to Date:	\$ 91,063

"WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO." LUKE 12:34



Capital Campaign Update Total Project Cost: \$6,700,000

December 16/17, 2017

Bucks for the Build:	\$	1,293
Payments &		
Memorial Gifts:	\$	2,495
Online Giving:	\$	825
Total for weekend:	\$	4,613
Total Collected: \$	5,	663,076

Please honor your pledge! To make an online gift visit: www.lotw.org

Faith Formation

Elementary Education News

To all of our Elementary Faith Formation Catechists, helpers, parents, children and their families: May the Peace and Goodness of our Newborn King bring Christmas blessings to all of you. Let us remember to thank God for His most precious gift of all, His only Son, our Savior. Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

"For a child is born to us, a Son is given us; upon His shoulder dominion rests. They name Him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace" Is 9:5

Children and Parent Classes will resume January 9th and 10th.

Youth Ministry News

High School Students - Join us for the annual Encounter Retreat!

When: January 26-28, 2018Where: Camp Id-Ra-Ha-JeCost: \$99 per teenPlease contact Kyle@lotw.org if your teen is interested in attending.Forms and payments are due on Thursday, January 18th. We hope to see you there!

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities



In this DVD study, Bishop Robert Barron illuminates BIBLICAL stories of the conversions of six ordinary people, who were met by Jesus and called to a better life through him. Conversion is a journey!

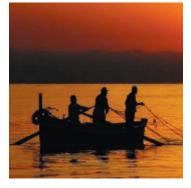
Thursdays, January 18 - March 1, 2018 1:30-3:00 pm OR 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Ask about special pricing!! To register contact Dawn 303-973-3969 or Dawn@LOTW.org

Fishers of Men Gathering January 13th - 8:00 AM

The Men's Club of LOTW hosts men age 18 and above to help them seek out their faith and light a fire in their heart with these gatherings.

Next meeting: January 13th at 8:00 AM in the Holy Family Center. Topic: **"What are you looking for" (Jn 1:35-42)** Coffee and donuts provided.



Community Life

Food Pantry

THANK YOU for your continual weekly donations to the Food Pantry. Items we currently need:

- Knorrs
- Canned Peas
- Canned Soup
- Canned Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Sliced Carrots
- Boxed Potatoes
- Shampoo

Knights of Columbus

Social meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. They are open to <u>everyone</u> in the Parish community. Business meetings, which are open to members only, are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information on upcoming events, or to join the Knights of Columbus, contact Grand Knight John Bullock, Jr. @ <u>303-638-4371</u>.

Ladies of the Knights

We meet the **2nd Wednesday** of the month in the St. Monica Room at 7 PM. Open to all ladies, 18 yrs+. **No need to be married or related to a Knight!** For more info contact Barb Schick at 303-904-9938.

LOTW Seniors (55+)

Next meeting is **Friday**, **January 5th at LOTW at 11:00 AM.** Dues of \$12.00 per member are due. Please bring food items for the Pantry! Lunch will be appetizers and we will play bingo. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Respect Life Activities

Please sign up for the 'Respect Life' group Flocknote or call Janet Hill 303-888-8542 to learn more about the parish Respect Life activities.

Marian Rosary

Rosary for Peace **Wednesday evenings @ 7 PM** in the Chapel. For more information contact Bob or Marion Budz at 303-973-2613.

Men's Club

We meet the **3rd Thursday** of each month at **7:00 PM**. For more info contact President Chuck Williams at 303-972-9213.

Soaking Prayer

Monday, January 15th @7:00 PM in the Chapel. Contact Sheryl Montagne at 303-973-2000 or at slm@tde.com for more info.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings are every **Friday at 6 PM** at Light of the World in the Holy Family Center. Call Linda with questions at 720-301-0713.

Knitting Ministry

The Knitting & Crochet Group meets **Tuesday, January 2nd from 1- 3 PM.** For more info call Patti at 303-933-3580 or Rosalia at 303-979-9289. Donations of yarn are always accepted; place in the bin by the Community Center.

Wednesday Morning Rosary

Please join us at **9:00 AM** after the daily Mass for our Respect Life Rosary.

St. Joseph Job Support

If you are a job seeker, this group assists a variety of people with many aspects of their job search, including resumes, interviewing and networking. Our next meeting is **Wednesday**, **January 3rd** from **9:00 - 11:00 AM** in the Cana room. The group is facilitated by Suzanne Anctil, a human resources consultant with Tony Baird, a business consultant. For questions, email Suzanne at <u>stjministry@yahoo.com</u> or call 303-955-0767.

Clean Team

WEDNESDAYS @ 9:15 AM to clean the church. We need more help! Help keep our worship space beautiful and clean. Contact Kevin at 303-973-3969.

Traveling Catholics

Visit <u>masstimes.org</u> to find a church and mass schedule when you are traveling for the holidays.

St. Mary Catholic School

St. Mary's Littleton will begin accepting registrations on January 8th for the 2018-19 school year for students in Preschool through 8th grade. For more information please visit our website at littletoncatholicschool.com.

Sacraments

Baptisms

The next Baptism Class will be on January 14th. Please contact Jan@lotw.org to Register!



Observances for the Week of December 31st, 2017

- **Monday:** Mary, the Holy Mother of God (*not a holy day of obligation in 2018*)
- **Tuesday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church
- Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- **Thursday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Saturday: St. André Bessette,

Religious

Save the Date! Lenten Parish Mission

With Presenter Dr. Anthony Lilles

March 11th - 13th at 7:00 PM

More Details to Come.

SACRAMENTS AT LOTW:

- + SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY: When you need to reach a priest <u>after office hours</u> because someone is in danger of death or has passed away, call the emergency line at 303-435-1169. This is for emergencies ONLY!
- + ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Before your surgery or serious medical procedure, please inform one of the priests before or after Mass. Also, if you have a chronic or serious illness contact one of the priests to receive this healing sacrament.
- + **<u>BAPTISM</u>**: Parents must be registered, contributing, and participating members of the parish for at least 6 months. Call Jan at the Parish Office to schedule your Baptism Class and Celebration.
- + **<u>FIRST RECONCILIATION</u>**: Preparation is conducted through the Elementary Faith Formation beginning with 2nd graders.
- + <u>CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST</u>: Preparation for 3rd thru 6th Graders is provided through the Elementary Faith Formation. 7th thru 12th graders is provided through the Youth Ministry.
- + **<u>FUNERALS</u>**: When a loved one dies, please call the Parish Office before making funeral arrangements with a mortuary.
- + **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made at least 9 months prior to the desired date of the wedding. Call Sherwood at the Parish Office before setting your date or reception venue. (*The Parish rents out its facilities for weddings when possible.*)
- + **<u>BECOMING CATHOLIC</u>**: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Teens, and Children is a formation process. Please contact Sherwood Owens at the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH OFFICE # 303-973-3969

Liturgy

Mass Intentions

Sat 12/30	Fr. Matt	4:30 PM	• Mike Scheer +
Sun 12/31	Fr. Matt	8:00 AM	• Dan & Emma Schramm, SI
	Fr. Joseph	10:30 AM	• Mary Kummit +
	Fr. Joseph	5:00 PM	• Parishioners
Mon 1/1	Fr. Matt	9:00 AM	 Josefina Villarosa + Lawrence Lee +
Tues 1/2		8:30 AM	• All Souls in Purgatory & All Aborted Babies
Wed 1/3	Fr. Ben Meyer	8:30 AM	Tony Ventura, SIBetty Richardson +
Thurs 1/4	Fr. Ben Meyer	8:30 AM	• James Vanzile + • Tyler Pilon +
Fri 1/5	Fr. Ben Meyer	8:30 AM	• Gerald Ebben +
Sat 1/6	Fr. Joseph	4:30 PM	• Parishioners
Sun 1/7	Fr. Joseph	8:00 AM	• Vince & Cathy Vincent, SI
	Fr. Joseph	10:30 AM	• Joe Sparacino +
	Fr. Joseph	5:00 PM	• Bertha Sabo +

WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM SERVING THE LORD AND OUR COMMUNITY?

We are in need of <u>Safe Sanctuary</u> & <u>Altar Servers</u> to help at the 4:30 PM Saturday and the 5:00 PM Sunday Masses. Contact JoAnn Frank -JoAnn@lotw.org if you can help!



Daily Readings *Readings for the Week of December 31st, 2017*

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/In 1:43-51 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

Please Pray...

For the Sick:

Rosemary Karlovec, Tony Ventura, Diane Stankiewicz, and all those who are injured or dying and in need of our prayers.

For the Deceased:

Bill Wilcox, William Mulcahy, Charles VanAusdall, John Gaudio Sr. and all of our faithful departed especially the

innocent children who were aborted.

LOTW Prayer Chain:

Do you or someone you know need prayer? Contact Sheryl Montagne at 303-973-2000 or email **slm@tde.com**.

This Week...

Sunday, December 31st		Friday, January 5th	
	No Events Scheduled	11:00 AM	LOTW Seniors - CC
Monday, January 1st		6:00 PM	11 Step Study - HFC
9:00 AM	Mass - Church	7:00 PM	Carron Coffee House - CC
Tuesday, Ja	anuary 2nd	Saturday, J	January 6th
1:00 PM	Knit & Crochet - CC Middle	9:00 AM	1st Sat. Devotion Mass -
7:00 PM	K of C Assembly Mtg CC		Church
Wednesday, January 3rd		5:30 PM	Community Sunday - LMH
9:00 AM	St. Joseph Job Support - Cana	Sunday, Ja	nuary 7th
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Church	8:45 AM	RCIA - CC
7:00 PM	Courageous Love - JPII Room	9:00 AM	Community Sunday - LMH
Thursday, January 4th		12:30 PM	RCIT - CC/Church
7:00 PM	LOW Downs Rehearsal -		
	Music Room		

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