

# *Our Lady of Mount Carmel* *Roman Catholic Parish*

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## ***MASS SCHEDULE***

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 6:30AM & 8:00AM Saturday 8:00AM

Weekend Masses

Sundays 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM 5:00PM (Student Mass)

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00PM

**HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS AS ANNOUNCED**

Childcare provided for 9:00AM and 11:00AM Masses in the preschool

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** Tuesday -Thursday 8:30am - 5pm Friday 8:30am - 4pm Saturday 9am - 1pm  
Closed: Monday and Sunday

**School Phone Number: 480.967.5567**  
**Preschool Phone Number: 480.966.1753**

**School Web Site: [www.olmcschool.info](http://www.olmcschool.info)**  
Incorporated July 1, 2008

## ***ADORATION***

Monday 8:30am - 7:00pm

24hr First Friday 8:30am - Sat. 8:00am

## ***CONFESSION***

Saturday at 3:00pm or by appointment

Dear Friends,

Just in time for Respect Life Month, the Nobel Committee awarded its prize in Medicine to Robert Edwards, one of the developers of In Vitro fertilization therapy. For most people IVF is a nice way of helping infertile couples have a child. And most people are perplexed that the Catholic Church considers it to be morally objectionable since the Church stands so firmly for life. But those of us who have looked at IVF from many angles have seen that it is a procedure that even while helping infertile couples opens the door to the further degradation of human life.

Pope John Paul II outlined the Catholic position regarding fertility treatments in his 1987 letter "Donum Vitae": *Instruction on Respect for Human Life in its Origin and the Dignity of Procreation*. Basically the Church's teaching is that any therapy that assists the conjugal act in achieving conception is morally permissible while therapies that replace the conjugal or marital act are morally impermissible. The latter would include IVF.

The media love to report multiple births, like quads or quintuplets. What they don't report is that these children are the result usually of IVF, exposing the mother to great risk and often born with life long serious medical conditions. IVF is not as simple as just helping an infertile couple have a child it has some devastating consequences. Aside from the thousands of frozen embryos, here are just a few recent headlines, most from this summer:

---**A couple from Canada** have been embroiled in a complex ethical battle after their surrogate refused their request to abort the fetus she was carrying. The couple made the request after tests revealed the baby would likely be born with Down's syndrome. (10/11)

---**UK considering tightening guidelines on embryo implantation** with the possibility that in the future only single embryo transfer will be recommended. (10/11/10) Unlike the US where we have "Octomom" and attempts at regulation were met with "don't interfere with reproductive rights".

---**A Canadian IVF doctor accused of using his own sperm** (9/18/10)

---**Court awards custody of Australian baby to four gay parents** (9/11/10) Baby E was born in Melbourne in 2008. His mother and her partner were lesbians. To conceive the boy they held a "baby summit" with a friendly gay couple who agreed to donate sperm on alternate months until the baby was conceived. After the birth the friendly relationship broke down. The men wanted to share the child's life but the women banned them. The men sued and a judge decided that all four had parental rights.

---**Special Delivery: embryo by courier** (9/4/10) Childless working couples and singles who can't afford extended leave are increasing shipping embryos to IVF clinics in India to implant in wombs of surrogates. (This raises the issue of "Biological colonialism": are we exploiting the poor in India and elsewhere to satiate our demand for babies?)

---**Are IVF sons inheriting infertility from their dads?** (8/28/10)

---**Sperm donor offspring seek more respect and rights** (8/21/10) Children of sperm donors are advocating for the rights of sperm donor children, particularly the right to know their biological fathers.

---**Is posthumous conception enough to make you a parent?** (8/7/10) A child in Utah was born via IVF 3years after his father's death. His mother applied for Social Security survivor benefits.

---**Top IVF doctor defends helping parents pick babies' sex.** (8/7/10) Dr. Jeffrey Steinberg runs fertility clinics in NY and LA and said that many couples who come to his clinics do so because sex selection is banned in their home countries. (Girls are aborted at much higher rates than boys. Isn't this discrimination?)

---**IVF babies may have slightly higher cancer rates.** (8/7/10)

---**Birth defect risk higher for IVF babies.** (6/16/10) French researchers have found more than 4% of all IVF babies have major congenital malformations, double that of babies conceived naturally. French scientists call this a serious public health issue.

---**80 IVF mums abort children every year in UK.** (6/11/10)

---**Embryos not human, rules Korean high court.** (6/4/10) Upholds mandatory disposal after 5 years. (If they're not human what are they?)

It's estimated that 10% of the population is infertile. IVF fails 70% of the time. So the Nobel Prize goes to someone who helps 10% of the people 30% of the time. Not a good batting average.

This social experiment started by IVF has unleashed some terrible consequences even while helping the infertile. If you have had a child using IVF, I rejoice with you over the gift of your child. But because this one aspect of goodness comes forth we can't willfully ignore the other side of the story. Human life is not a commodity to be traded or sold or returned. IVF has given us a sense of entitlement that we should have only the baby we want, when we want or if we decide we don't want.

Love, Fr. John B.

PS Because of our concern to help infertile couples the Church has supported the developments in Natural Family Planning, particularly the Creighton Method and NaPro technology which emphasis is on finding the causes of infertility.

PPS I have a copy for borrowing of "Eggsplotation" a film about the dangers, sometimes fatal of putting women through hyper-ovulation to harvest their eggs.

## *This Week*

### Monday, October 18, 2010

8:30 am - Adoration - Church  
10am - Children's Rosary - Youth Annex West  
3pm - Music Club Orchestra - Youth Annex West  
5pm - CGS - Atrium  
6:30pm - CGS - Atrium  
6:30pm - Kids Bible Club - Music Room  
7pm - Benediction - Church  
7pm - Outside Group - Rm. 8B

### Tuesday, October 19, 2010

1pm - Women's Bible Study - Youth Annex West  
3pm - Music Club Orchestra - Youth Annex West  
3:15pm - Music Club Band - Rm. 1B  
4pm - CGS - Atrium  
6pm - Humanly Possible - Youth Annex East  
7pm - RCIA - North Hall  
7pm - W. CA Meeting - South Hall  
7pm - SA Program - Youth Annex West  
7pm - Finance Council - Teacher's Lounge

### Wednesday, October 20, 2010

3pm - Music Club Orchestra - Youth Annex West  
3pm - Girl Scouts—Rm 6B  
4pm - CGS - Atrium  
6:30pm - Scoutmaster - Rm. 1A  
6:30pm - Den Meetings—Rms. KA, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B  
6:45pm - Children's Choir - Church  
7pm - Jr. High Formation Night - Hall  
7pm - FOCCUS - Youth Annex East  
7pm - Parent Meeting - Shop  
7pm - Stewardship - UCR

### Thursday, October 21, 2010

7am - MCIC - Youth Annex West  
7am - WCIC - Youth Annex East  
3pm - Music Club Orchestra - Youth Annex West  
3:15pm - Music Club Band - Rm. 1B  
6pm - AaF - UCR  
6:30pm - First Reconciliation Prep.-Music Room  
6:30pm - Outside Group Dinner - Hall  
7pm - Adult Choir - UCR/Church

### Friday, October 22, 2010

5pm - Wedding Rehearsal - Church  
6pm - Wedding Rehearsal - Church  
7:15pm - Al Anon - Rm. 1A  
8:30 pm - AA - McCreedy Hall

### Saturday, October 23, 2010

6:30am - TMIY - Hall  
9am - Rosary Making - Youth Annex West  
2pm Wedding - Church  
3pm - Old Timers AA - Youth Annex West  
4pm - Outside Group - Youth Annex West  
4:30pm - OIKOS - Hall

### Sunday, October 24, 2010

8:45 am - Children's Childcare - Preschool  
9am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Rm 1A  
9:15am - Liturgy of the Word Children - N. Hall  
10am - CFF Scripture Study - Rm. 8A  
11am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Atrium  
11:15am - Liturgy of the Word - Youth Annex West  
12:30pm - Reconciliation Preparation - Music Room  
2pm - Outside Group - Youth Annex West  
6pm - Sunday Night Dinner - Plaza

## *Mass Intentions*

### Monday, October 18, 2010

6:30 am Soul of Dorothy Marrisonaux Lofftron  
8am Intentions of the Velonis Family

### Tuesday, October 19, 2010

6:30 am Soul of Mary Harma  
8am Soul of Peter Vinson

### Wednesday, October 20, 2010

6:30 am Soul of Leo Erb  
8am Souls of Marion & Mary Frances Lahey  
2pm Soul of Rebekah Reynolds

### Thursday, October 21, 2010

6:30am Soul of Mabel Camp  
8am Soul of Jack Kidd

### Friday, October 22, 2010

6:30am Soul of Lac Galiti  
8am Soul of Vicente "Ben" Treltas

### Saturday, October 23, 2010

8am Soul of Betty M. Nightingale  
5pm Soul of Esther Byrne

### Sunday, October 24, 2010

7am Soul of Liam McCormick  
9am Soul of Jack Besser  
11am Intentions of the Priests,  
Deacons & Staff of OLMC  
5pm People of OLMC Parish



## **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A Good Steward?**

*"..be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient"*  
- 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Yet, we must be persistent even when it is inconvenient. This persistence marks the true follower of Christ.

## *Readings for the week of October 17, 2010*

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9  
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9  
Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34;  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

*Reminder:*

*October is Respect Life Month*



**ANNULMENT INFORMATION SEMINAR  
HOSTED BY TRIBUNAL DIOCESE OF PHOENIX  
DIOCESAN PASTORIAL CENTER**

**WHERE:**

**400 E. MONROE STREET PHOENIX, AZ 85004**

**WHEN:**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2010 FROM 10AM TO 12NOON**

**WHAT:**

**SEMINAR WILL EXPLAIN THE ANNULMENT PROCESS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH....**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 602354.2275 - NO RSVP REQUIRED**

## ***Our Lady of Mount Carmel 2010 Adopt-a-Family***

**In the past 16 years, love moved sponsors from our parish to adopt over 1,800 families. In the weeks ahead please consider whether you and your family or work place can commit to adopt a needy family. Realizing the significant sacrifice this commitment takes, please know it is an enriching experience for adults and helps the children understand how other families in their community live the year around.**

**Sponsors agree to provide all of the food items required for a complete Christmas dinner, two new wrapped presents for each young child to age 11 (one new toy and one new clothing item), and a single present for older children 12 to 14 and for each parent and grandparent living at the same home. Families may range from a single parent with 2 children to couples with 6 or more children.**

**For further details, pick up one of the neon pink brochures in the back of the church.**

**God's Blessing to you and yours  
for considering this program!**



A photograph of a man and a woman smiling and holding a large, bright yellow maple leaf. The word "OIKOS" is written in black, handwritten-style letters across the center of the leaf. The background is a soft-focus autumn scene with warm orange and brown tones.

OIKOS

Saturday,  
October 23  
4:30–7:00pm

Free dinner & childcare.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. to [sabina@olmctempe.com](mailto:sabina@olmctempe.com)

