PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday to Thursday .......................... 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday ............................................. 8:30am - 4:00pm
Saturday ........................................ 9:00am - 1:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Saturday ........................................... 3:00pm - 4:30pm

ADORATION SCHEDULE
Mondays from 8:30am until 7:00pm Benediction

24 HOUR ADORATION SCHEDULE
First Friday from 8:30am until Saturday morning at 8:00am

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekend
Saturday Vigil .................................... 5:00pm
Sunday .................................. 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Weekday
Monday to Friday ......................... 6:30am and 8:00 am
Saturday ........................................ 8:00am

CHILDCARE
Offered during Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am for children ages infant to 5yrs in our preschool area.

PARISH REGISTRATION
First Sunday of the Month after 11am Mass in the north end of McCready Hall. The Parish Registration and Welcoming will be held on March 4, 2018.

INFANT BAPTISMS
Held on the 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month. Parents must first attend baptism preparation class held on the First Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the School Library. Please go to www.olmtempe.com/sacrament-baptism for more information and to fill out the registration form. Next Class will be March 7, 2018.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Food box, rental or utility assistance to those living within OLMC parish boundaries who qualify for assistance by calling 480.966.1974 between 9am to 11am Monday through Fridays. Sorry no walk ins.

Sacrament of the Sick
Please contact the parish office 480.967.8791 to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick. For after hours assistance with the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the parish number for the after hours service number who will contact the appropriate person. Prayer Teams are also available for those seeking healing after 9am,11am, and 5pm Masses on the first Sunday of each month.

WEDDING ORIENTATION
Held on the Second Sunday of each month except May. Couples please meet by the water fountain on the southeast side of the church immediately following the 11am Mass. This is the first step in the marriage preparation process and should be completed prior to setting wedding date. Next Orientation will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2018.
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT…..MARCH 4, 2018

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, March 5, 2018
8:00am Mom’s Group - Annex
8:30am Adoration - Church
5:00pm Soup N Bread - S. Hall
6:00pm Outside Group - Annex West
6:00pm Cub Scouts - North Hall
7:00pm Benedictio - Church
7:00pm Festival Prep. - McCready Hall

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
6:00pm Music - MR
7:00pm RCIA - North Hall
7:00pm WCA - South Hall
7:00pm M12Step - Annex
7:00pm Music Ministry - Church/FR

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
8:15am LF/LW - Annex West
4:00pm Greek Night - McCready Hall
7:00pm SVDP - Annex West
7:00pm Bible Class - Church
7:00pm Baptism Class - Library

Thursday, March 8, 2018
6:15pm CoAnon - Annex West
6:30pm MCA - South Hall
7:00pm Women’s Bible Study - North Hall

Friday, March 9, 2018
2:00pm School - Church
3:30pm Girl Scouts - 4A
5:00pm Fish Fry - McCready Hall
7:00pm Stations of the Cross - Church
7:00pm Al Anon - 2A/2B/3A/3B/N. Hall
8:30pm AA - McCready Hall

Saturday, March 10, 2018
6:30am OLMC men’s group - Hall
8:00am SVDP – Kitchen/S. Hall
8:30am Outside Group - N. Hall
9:00am Women’s Study - Annex E.
10:00am SVDP - Annex W.
3:00pm Sr. AA Group - Annex West

Sunday, March 11, 2018
7:00am Coffee Shop - S. Hall
11:00am Girl Scouts - Church
12:00pm Wedding Orientation - Parish Library
6:30pm Outside Group - North Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 5, 2018
6:30am Intentions of Brown Family
8:00am Soul of Daniel Camacho

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
6:30am Soul of Jack Finger
8:00am Ss of Martin & Emma Santa Cruz

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
6:30am Souls of the Kilcullen Family
8:00am Soul of Jeanne Sovereign
2:00pm Soul of Archie Underwood

Thursday, March 8, 2018
6:30am Soul of Elaine Carter
8:00am Soul of Donnie Lizama

Friday, March 9, 2018
6:30am Soul of Debby Anthony
8:00am Soul of Jose Robles

Saturday, March 10, 2018
8:00am Soul of Suzie Flanders
5:00pm Soul of Rode Martinez

Sunday, March 11, 2018
7:00am Soul of Chacho Planas
9:00am People of Mount Carmel Parish
11:00am Intentions of Lynn Beavers
5:00pm Soul of David Shurr

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March 4, 2018
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25,
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday, March 5, 2018
2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
Dn 3:25, 35-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
[6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 8, 2018
Jr 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]
Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 9, 2018
Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 10, 2018
Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
[cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday, March 11, 2018
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
[6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21.
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

It’s that time again if you wish to receive your giving record from OLMC please visit our website at www.olmctempe.com and fill out the online form and your 2017 statement will be emailed to you. If you do not have access to a computer you may still call the Parish office at 480.967.8791.

Save the Date
Parish Festival
Saturday April 21st 12pm - 9pm
Don’t forget to start gathering your auction donations! Drop off during office hours at both school & Parish.
The Sisters’ Corner ...

Let’s keep our hearts warm to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

This Lent, God asks each of us to have our hearts opened to receive His grace and, as Pope Francis has said, “to keep it not cold for the needs of our brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor.”

Today we share with you some of the service and evangelization that our sisters in our community perform in Angola, Africa.

In Angola, Africa, one of our sisters is working in a hospital as a doctor. The need there is very vast. Daily she treats babies and children who are malnourished and with many diseases that perhaps in our countries people would not die of. In Angola, they die due to the shortage of medicines.

Some of our sisters work in pastoral care and in the campaigns and missions in the poorest of villages.

Faith in Angola is strong, but because of the lack of formation in the faith, many are attracted to other beliefs. For this reason, our sisters have formation courses for young catholic leaders as well as preparation courses for the sacraments.

Please, pray for this beautiful mission, especially for those who are most in need. In doing so we give Him the what is most important, our faith and through it, the Love of God to others in our service.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Wedding Preparation is as easy as 1 2 3...

Couples must first...
1) Attend Wedding Orientation
2) Follow the easy guidelines
3) Enjoy the 9 month process

Next Wedding Orientation
Sunday, March 11, 2018
immediately following 11am Mass.
Couples please meet by the water fountain on the south side of church.

They Did……

Give a gift that lasts a lifetime.
A Catholic Education

Please visit the OLMC Coffee Shop Sunday Morning after the morning Masses. ALL proceeds benefit the Full Circle Program, a parish ministry at Mount Carmel that offers assistance for At Risk Kids and their families. For more information regarding assistance for your family contact AJ Creswell, at aj@olmctemple.com or please call 480.967.8791 to leave a message.

Bridges Youth Group

Bridges youth group has returned!!
Come see and celebrate His Presence in our lives!
God is with us!! For more information sdperonica@olmctemple.com.

Thank you for your Gifts!

On behalf of Catholic Charities, we would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for your kind contributions made to support our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for welcoming Sr. Betty Banja and listening to her stories as she serves the most vulnerable in our communities.

May God bless you.

To learn more about our services, volunteer, or donate please call 602-285-1999 and visit us at www.catholiccharitiesaz.org.

Attention All 5th Grade Children or older who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist are invited to OLMC Altar Server Training Saturday, March 17th 9am to 11am in the church. PARENTS.....PLEAS BE SURE that your child knows which Mass you prefer they be scheduled for. As, it will be your responsibility to make sure your child can be at the Mass they will be assigned to.

Everyday Stewardship

Our First Reading from the Old Testament Book of Exodus presents the Ten Commandments, as God gave them to Moses. The Commandments also appear in the Book of Deuteronomy (Chapter 5; verses 6-21). The Commandments are reaffirmed in the New Testament by Jesus Himself and especially in the Gospel of John.

The Ten Commandments are also called the “Decalogue,” which means literally “ten words.” According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2056) “God revealed these ‘ten words’ to His people on the holy mountain. They were written ‘with the finger of God.’ They are pre-eminently the words of God”

At another point the Catechism fortifies the Commandments by saying, “…from generation to generation…the ‘deposit’ of moral teaching has been handed on. Along with the Creed and the Our Father, the basis for catechesis has traditionally been the Decalogue, which sets out the principles of moral life valid for all people.” (#2033)

The Commandments are considered essential for spiritual good health and growth. They serve as the basis for Catholic social justice. A review of the Ten Commandments is a common type of examination of conscience before receiving the sacrament of Penance.

As Lent draws to a close, it is important for each of us to go to confession and receive the sacrament of Penance. As part of that we may wish to look at our lives and how we live them through the holy words of the Ten Commandments.
**Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday, March 25**
- Regular Sunday Schedule

**Holy Thursday, March 29**
- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**Good Friday, March 30**
- 12:00pm personal prayer in church
- 7:00pm Movie: Passion of The Christ in Hall
- 9:00pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00pm Passion of Our Lord

**Holy Saturday, March 31**
- 7:00pm Easter Vigil

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**3rd Sunday of Lent Reflection**

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

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**Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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**Soup-n-Bread Supper**

**Mondays • 5PM - 6:45PM**
**February 26 to March 26**

All are invited to attend our parish Soup and Bread suppers in McCready Hall. Bring pot of soup and loaf of bread to share. Free will offering to benefit a deserving charity.

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**Come Join Us for Our**

**LENTEN FISH FRY**

Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, Feb 16 - Mar 23

All are invited to attend annual Lenten Fish Fry in McCready Hall from 5:00-6:45 pm.

Proceeds benefit OLUMC Knights of Columbus charitable acts.
Dear Friends,

There finally seems to be a lot of willingness to come up with strategies to prevent future mass shootings at our schools. But the fact that we even have to discuss the issue at all shows how far our society has come apart at the seams. How did things change from the days of leaving your car unlocked and windows down to having to install alarm systems to prevent theft? Maybe I am just being sentimental and nostalgic but the not too distant past seemed a lot safer and saner.

One of the proposals being put forward to stop a shooter is to arm teachers or school administrators. While I see the logic in that and am not completely opposed to it, it certainly is not the first lever I want to pull. When you really look at it, considering the number of schools in our country and the number of school days each year, these horrifying shootings are rare events, though one is too many, for sure. So in effect, we would be preparing teachers to take action for something that is unlikely to occur. But we will still have to make sure teachers are regularly trained and updated without letting our guard down. Someone with a firearm that does not know how to use it or properly secure it, can be a danger as well. It is way too easy to let our guard down once we start to feel secure.

In a similar way, we conduct regular fire drills in our schools despite the fact that no major fires have occurred in recent memory in a school. But fire drills also teach children how to act in an orderly way in a dangerous situation, to follow directions and not panic. We have also reduced the likelihood of fires in schools by eliminating risks and dangerous practices, better building codes and regular fire safety inspections. While arming teachers may reduce the likelihood of a school shooting it does not address the causes of why someone would shoot up a school in the first place. Just as we try to eliminate the likely causes of fires we should look to eliminate the likely causes of students turning into killers.

Over the years our teachers have had to become social workers, especially as families’ break-up; we have had to train teachers to spot signs of child neglect and abuse and how to report that; more recently teachers have become behavior interventionists as out of control behaviors become more common in the classrooms. Do we now add to the list: armed security personnel? This may be news for people in 2018 but teachers are in the classroom to teach! Their primary purpose is to educate young minds and form character in young people. Each time we add another task we subtract from their primary purpose. We simply make it harder for teachers to teach. Arming school personnel should be at best a short-term measure until we can agree on more effective strategies.

The idea behind arming teachers is to give them the ability to take immediate and effective action in the face of danger. We need to extend that same principle to law enforcement and mental health counselors, parents, teachers, clergy and other concerned persons so that they can take immediate action when a person is identified as potentially violent. Specifically, we need to loosen up the mental health laws so that a potential psychotic killer can be taken off the streets and placed in a supervised therapeutic environment. Right now, it can be almost impossible to place someone for more than a few days in an inpatient treatment setting.

It is obvious now that someone like the Parkland shooter should not have been able to purchase a firearm. Putting in place a true universal background check system in which the states must participate rather than just the Federal government is key to keeping firearms out of the wrong hands. This should also include, just as we have mandatory reporters for child and elderly abuse and neglect, certain categories of people and professions should be mandated to report to NCIS real or suspected violent prone individuals based on an agreed protocol. Until a thorough assessment is done, just as is done with child abuse, a person should be temporarily prevented from obtaining/possessing a firearm. Innocent people can get caught up in this so there must also be procedures in place to adjudicate disputes quickly.

Still let’s not fool ourselves into thinking the proper procedures will change things once for all. People intent on violence will often go undetected and even if they are and they can’t get their hands on guns they can easily make bombs from fertilizer and chemicals purchased at the local Hardware Store as did the Oklahoma City bomber. No, what is needed is a complete change to our culture that exalts violence and death and undermines authority at every turn. There is lots of wisdom in the Church’s call to Respect Life.

Love,
Fr. John B.