

# Our Lady ~of~ Mount Carmel

Catholic Church



**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Address

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday.....9:00am - 5:00pm

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### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday .....4:00pm - 5:30pm

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

### WEDNESDAY ADORATION SCHEDULE

Wednesdays from 9:00am to 6:00pm Benediction

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

First Fridays Mass at 7pm, with Adoration following until the 8am Mass on Saturday

\*\*\*March 01 First Friday Mass at 7:30pm

### MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday .....8:00am

### MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday ..... 6:30am and 8:30am

Wednesday .....6:30pm

Saturday ..... 8:00am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil ..... 5:00pm

Sunday .....7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

### Live Stream Mass

Sunday .....11:00am

on our website, Facebook, YouTube Channel and our OLMC APP

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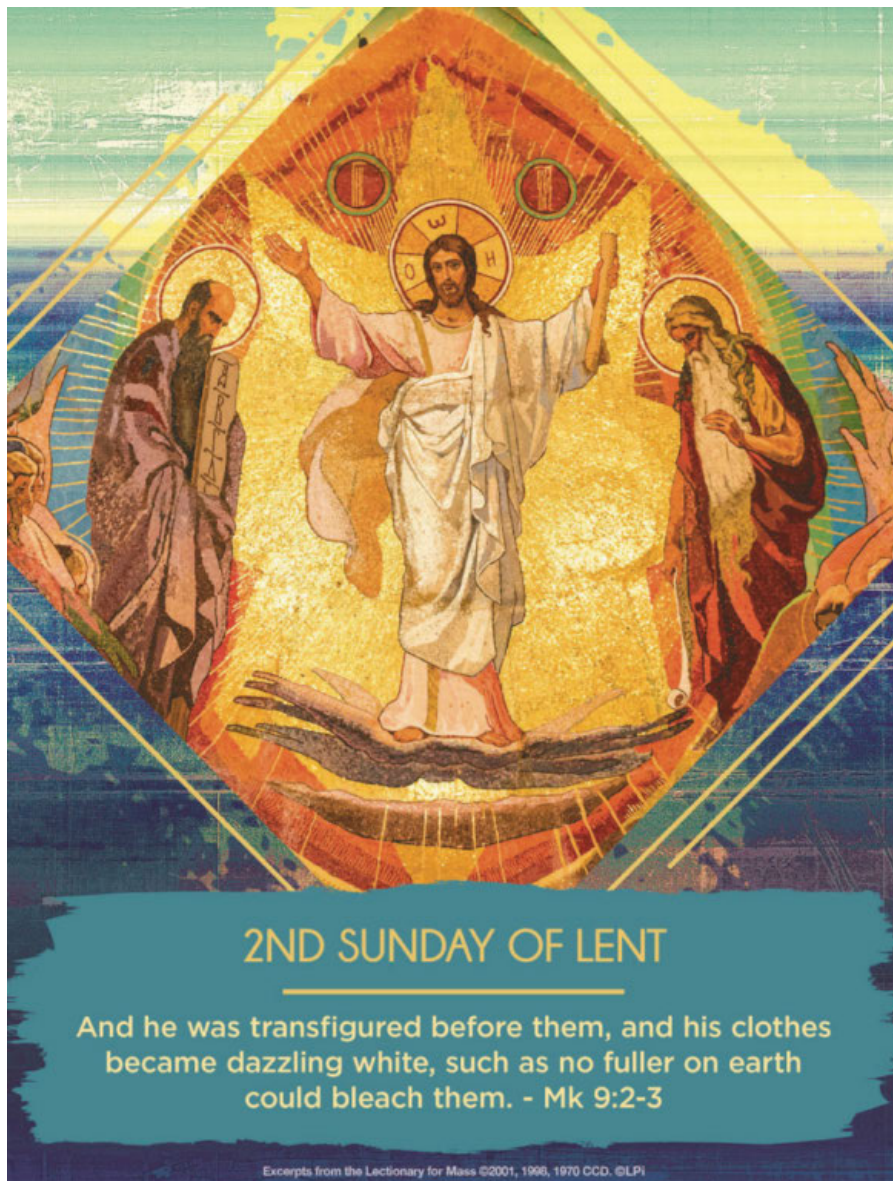
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## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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## PARISH REGISTRATION

Visit the Parish website to register online or stop by the Parish office to register. Our next Parish Welcome is **TBD**.

## INFANT BAPTISMS

Fill out a registration form at [www.olmctempe.com/sacrament-baptism](http://www.olmctempe.com/sacrament-baptism), or email Deacon Gass at [baptisms@olmctempe.com](mailto:baptisms@olmctempe.com)

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office 480.967.8791 to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick. If after hours assistance is needed, please call the parish number for the after hours service number.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

We are happy to help you as you prepare for marriage and plan your wedding. Our parish staff is here to answer your questions and provide you with all the details of marriage preparation. For more information, please call Jenn Blackstad at (480) 967-8791 or email at [jenn@olmctempe.com](mailto:jenn@olmctempe.com).

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We have available food boxes, rental or utility assistance to those living within OLMC parish boundaries and qualify for assistance by calling 480-966-1974 between 9am-11am Mondays through Saturdays. Sorry no walk ins.

## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

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## - P R A Y -

### READINGS OF THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Next Sunday:** 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



### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Soul of Lois Castro
02/26/2024	8:30am	Soul of William Malinski
Tuesday	6:30am	Ints. of Rev. Aaron Agorsor
02/27/2024	8:30am	Soul of Kevin Knox
Wednesday	6:30am	Soul of Bob Ladd
02/28/2024	8:30am	Soul of Martin O'Keefe
	6:30pm	Soul of Elizabeth Nicol
Thursday	6:30am	Ints. of Brummel & Rebecca
02/29/2024	8:30am	Agorsor
		Ints. of Patrick Amuli
Friday	6:30am	Soul of George Boursos
03/01/2024	8:30am	Souls of Paul & Jeanne Means
	7:00pm	Ints. of Maurice Portley
Saturday	8:00am	Ints. of William & Adela Potwora
03/02/2024	5:00pm	Soul of Milo Bejarano
Sunday	7:00am	People of the Parish
03/03/2024	9:00am	Soul of Barbara Becerra
	11:00am	Ints. of Chad Gentry
	5:00pm	Soul of Richard Rodriguez

### RCIA, RCIC & RCIT

Throughout this Lenten Season, let us continue to pray for those in the RCIA, RCIC and RCIT programs who are preparing to receive their Sacraments of Initiation.

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION

MARCH 1, 2024  
MASS AT 7:30PM  
ADORATION FOLLOWING MASS  
UNTIL 8AM MASS ON SATURDAY



### PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	8:15am	St Therese Bible Study - St Simon
02/26/2024	5:30pm	Soup & Bread - South Hall
	6:00pm	EDGE - North Hall
	6:30pm	Girl Scout Council - St Simon
Tuesday	8:30am	Mom's Group Rosary - St Simon
02/27/2024	7:00pm	KOC/BM - South Hall
	7:00pm	RCIA - North Hall
	7:00pm	Music Rehearsal - Church
Wednesday	9:00am	Adoration - Church
02/28/2024	6:00pm	Benediction - Church
	7:00pm	Pastoral Council - Holy Family Room
Thursday	7:00pm	Women's Study Ministry - North Hall
02/29/2024		
Friday	5:30pm	KofC Lenten Fish Fry - Hall
03/01/2024	7:00pm	Stations - Church
	7:30pm	First Friday Mass with Adoration - Church
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men's Group - Hall
03/02/2024	8:00am	E3 Africa BOD Retreat - Holy Family Room
	8:30am	Women's Sodality Meeting - Hall
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - South Hall
03/03/2024	8:00am	RE - North Hall
	9:00am	RCIA Dismissal - Holy Family Room
	6:00pm	Life Teen - Hall





# - L E N T 2 0 2 4 -



## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Deanery Penance Services

February 29, 7pm - Corpus Christi  
March 7, 7pm - St. Margaret Parish, Tempe  
March 18, 7pm - St. Benedict Parish  
March 19, 7pm - Our Lady of Mt Carmel



## LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. Q

### MONDAY, MARCH 11 AND TUESDAY, MARCH 12 AT 7P IN THE CHURCH

The Paschal Mystery in the Psalms The psalms have always played a central role in the Church's worship of God, for they are God's own sacred words by which he teaches us how to pray. As we journey through Lent towards its culmination in the Paschal Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter), we recall two psalms in particular recited by our Lord himself as his ministry reached its fulfillment.

**Monday March 11:** Psalm 136, The Last Supper, and the Eucharistic Revival Catholics are accustomed to thinking of the Eucharist as the Body and Blood of Christ that we receive at Mass - and that it certainly is. But the word literally means thanksgiving, and a close reading of Psalm 136 - a psalm of thanksgiving - should reignite in our hearts the attitude of grateful devotion that should characterize our celebration of every Mass.

**Tuesday March 12:** Psalm 22, Good Friday, and the Shroud of Turin Christians have always recognized in this Old Testament prayer a foretelling of the Passion; and strikingly, Psalm 22 was invoked by Jesus with his last precious breaths on the Cross. With the help of certain details from the Shroud of Turin, we will enter more deeply into this psalm, into our Lord's suffering, but also into his enduring hope.

### ABOUT FR. QURESHI

Fr. Aaron Qureshi ("Fr. Q") was born in Tucson and spent his adolescent years in Phoenix. He graduated from Brophy College Preparatory and then took an extended sojourn to the East Coast for college and work. After working several years in the finance and tech sectors, he entered seminary in Washington, DC, studying first at the Catholic University of America and then later in Rome.

He was ordained to the diocesan priesthood in 2014 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. He served in various parish assignments in the Archdiocese of Washington, most recently as pastor of two small rural parishes in southern Maryland, before returning to Phoenix in 2022.

## LENTEN MONDAYS SOUP AND BREAD

**Mondays, February 26 - March 25**  
**5:30pm - 6:45pm in McCready Hall**  
Bring a soup and bread to share! Free will offering to benefit St Vincent de Paul.

## LENTEN FRIDAYS FISH FRY

**Fridays, February 16 - March 22**  
**5:30pm - 7:00pm in McCready Hall**  
The fish tacos are a favorite.  
Family plans available.

## LENTEN FRIDAYS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays, February 16 - March 22**  
**7:00pm in the Church**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**February 14 - March 24**  
**7:00am - 7:00pm**  
In front of the Planned Parenthood:  
**1837 E. Baseline Rd., Tempe, AZ 85283**  
You are invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood. For more info, visit [40daysforlife.com/tempe](http://40daysforlife.com/tempe) or contact [tempe40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:tempe40daysforlife@gmail.com)

## ARIZONA MARCH FOR LIFE MARCH 01

**7:00am - 7:00pm**  
The Arizona March for Life Rally is right around the corner on **Friday, March 1st!** Our Knights of Columbus Council and Respect Life Ministry has partnered to charter a bus that will take parishioners from the OLMC parking lot to the event and return them to the parking lot upon its completion. For additional information and to sign up to take the bus, please follow the link provided or email [respectlife@olmctempe.com](mailto:respectlife@olmctempe.com) for help.

## - S E R V E -

### OLMC SCHOOL



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PARISH FESTIVAL**

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**SAVE THE DATE:  
SUNDAY APRIL 07  
12PM - 6PM**

### OLMC SCHOOL

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### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

#### SVDP FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent DePaul Society is collecting the following items:

Jelly  
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Rice (2 lb bags)

Please place these items in the wooden bins just inside the North and South entrances to the Church.

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

The 2024 SET Online renewal is available. The Diocese of Phoenix requires ALL volunteers to complete and remain in compliance with Safe Environment Training (SET) found at CMG (Catholic Mutual Group) at <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org>. There are step by step instructions for either session (Foundation or Renewal).

Contact: Rita Villegas at 480-967-8791 x217 or [rita@olmctempe.com](mailto:rita@olmctempe.com) if you need assistance.

## - G I V E -

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#### SUPPORT OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

Please continue to support your Parish! Envelopes may be dropped off at the parish office during office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9AM - 5PM) or dropped off in the door slot after hours or mailed to the parish.

You can also visit our website at [www.olmctempe.com](http://www.olmctempe.com) and click on the green "GIVE ONLINE" button.

#### FULLCIRCLE COFFEE SHOP

Please visit the OLMC Coffee Shop Sundays after the morning Masses. All proceeds benefit the FullCircle Program. A program that offers assistance for At Risk Kids and their families. For more info regarding assistance for your family please contact AJ Creswell at [ajcreswell@fullcircleprogram.com](mailto:ajcreswell@fullcircleprogram.com) or 480-620-7995 to leave a message.

#### GIVING STATEMENTS

2023 Giving Statements are now available. Tithing statements were automatically emailed or mailed to everyone that requested a statement the previous year. Any new statement requests can be completed on our website or in the parish office. Please remember to check your spam or junk folder for emailed statements.

## THE PARISH CENSUS

My Dear Friends,

In one of my articles several weeks ago, I indicated that one of my focuses for this year will be on emphasizing Stewardship as a way of life here in our parish. However, in order to better plan for the parish, I also pointed out that we shall be conducting a census in order to determine the size and needs of our parish. This is because, over these last few years, we have navigated through many transitions, including the Covid-19 pandemic, the post-pandemic, and multiple leadership transitions in our parish. These changes have resulted in a series of minor changes in virtually every part of our Parish Community.

However, these changes have also presented us with an opportunity to assess the needs of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and how we, as a family in faith, can realign our efforts to better serve the needs of our Parish and School Community.

After much prayer and consultation with the Pastoral Council and my Parish Leadership Team, we have determined that it is essential for our community to conduct a census. This is because, over these last few years, our families have changed; children have grown up and moved out of the house, loved ones have passed away, babies have been born, and we have all grown a little older. These changes in our lives merit a counter-response to the ever-changing pastoral needs of our Parish Community.

Therefore, during March, I will be requesting all our families here at OLMC to complete an online census form. The census will begin on March 9th and 10th and our Parish staff and volunteers will be available to help you and to answer any questions you may have. Next week there will be a video from me with more details.

Should you require assistance, you may contact the Parish Office via phone at (480) 967-8791 or visit us during regular hours of operation. Monday–Thursday 9:00am–5:00pm, closed Friday.

We need your help! We are asking each of your families to participate in the Parish Census. We encourage all our registered and non-registered families to take this opportunity to help us tailor Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and its activities to our community's specific needs.

Thank you for your cooperation!

I love you!

God's blessings,  
Fr Robert Aliunzi







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