

Our Lady ~of~ Mount Carmel

Catholic Church



MARCH 03, 2024

PARISH INFORMATION

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OFFICE HOURS

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

***Closed Wednesdays 11am- 12pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday4:00pm - 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

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday8:00am

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday6:30am and 8:30am

Wednesday6:30pm

Saturday8:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil5:00pm

Sunday7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Live Stream Mass

Sunday11:00am

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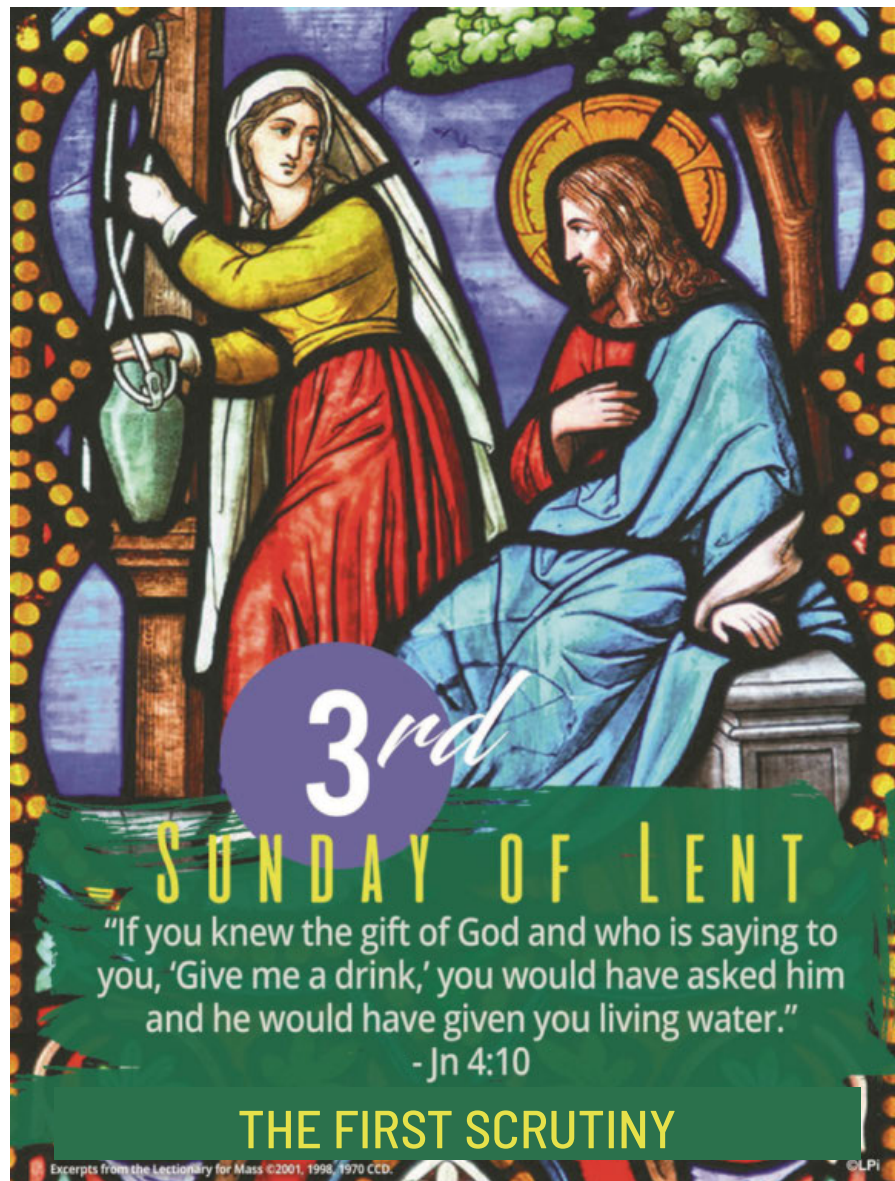
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PARISH REGISTRATION

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, or email Deacon Gass at 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.

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.

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- P R A Y -

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Soul of Robert Ladd
03/04/2024	8:30am	Soul of Lois Castro
Tuesday	6:30am	Ints. of Tasia Hope
03/05/2024	8:30am	Ints. of Hank Melzer
Wednesday	6:30am	Ints. of Sharon Zarembo
03/06/2024	8:30am	Soul of Frank Castro
	6:30pm	Ints. Paul Ruiz Family
Thursday	6:30am	Soul of Harold Thompson
03/07/2024	8:30am	Soul of Sal Balistreri
Friday	6:30am	Soul of Justin Hawkes
03/08/2024	8:30am	Souls of Aurelio De Leon
Saturday	8:00am	Soul of Joe Robles
03/09/2024	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	7:00am	Soul of Ken Greene
03/10/2024	9:00am	Soul of Rosie Dias
	11:00am	Soul of Sarah Spiriti
	5:00pm	Soul of Connie Pinto

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.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

7:00PM - 8:30PM IN THE CHURCH

This ministry offers individual prayers for physical, emotional and spiritual healing and deliverance.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, trained prayer ministers will pray with you.

OLMC HIGH SCHOOL SPRING RETREAT

LIFE TEEN RETREAT
OPEN TO ALL 9TH - 12TH GRADERS
MARCH 8-11
REGISTER ONLINE \$280
(EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL FEB. 25)

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	8:15am	St Therese Bible Study - St Simon
03/04/2024	5:30pm	Soup & Bread - South Hall
	6:00pm	EDGE - North Hall
Tuesday	8:30am	Mom's Group Rosary - St Simon
03/05/2024	7:00pm	Music Rehearsal - Church
Wednesday	9:00am	Adoration - Church
03/06/2024	12:45pm	St Therese Group - Holy Family Room
	6:00pm	Benediction - Church
	7:00pm	Adoration Committee - McCready Hall North
Thursday	6:00pm	LifeTeen Study Hall - Holy Family Rm
03/07/2024	6:30pm	Lay Dominican Group Yr 2 - St Simon Room
	7:00pm	Women's Study Ministry - North Hall
	7:00pm	RCIA-Church
Friday	5:30pm	KofC Lenten Fish Fry - Hall
03/08/2024	7:00pm	Stations - Church
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men's Group - Hall
03/09/2024	9:00am	SVdP - Holy Family Room
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - South Hall
03/10/2024	8:00am	KofC Pancake Breakfast - South Hall
	9:00am	RCIA Dismissal - Holy Family Room
	1:00pm	Baptism Prep - Holy Family Room
	6:00pm	Life Teen - Hall

THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT



- L E N T 2 0 2 4 -



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Deanery Penance Services

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



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 or contact tempe40daysforlife@gmail.com



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.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

STARTING THIS WEEKEND,

Our Knights of Columbus Council is kicking off a baby bottle fundraising drive for Aid to Women Center. Aid to Women Center is a Catholic, Pro-Life Pregnancy Center that provides compassionate medical care, counseling, education, resources, and material assistance to women in need. They currently serve 200+ women per week in their three local Centers.

Please pick up one of their baby bottles after Mass... fill it with a check, cash, or coins... and return it to one of their collection bassinets before the weekend Masses on March 16th & 17th. A representative is onsite to accept debit & credit card donations. Checks should be made out to Aid to Women Center. Thank you for your support of this worthy organization!

- S E R V E -

OLMC SCHOOL



**JOIN US FOR THE OLMC
PARISH FESTIVAL**

**FESTIVAL THEME:
DIVINE MERCY
JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!**

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP MARCH FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent DePaul Society is collecting the following items:

Jelly
Diced Tomatoes
Tomato Sauce
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 if you need assistance.

- G I V E -

HELP A MOM IN NEED!



Aid to Women Center is committed to providing compassionate care to young women facing crisis pregnancies. Your gift to the CDA provides life-sustaining resources including ultrasounds, prenatal care, peer-counseling, material items, and parenting classes, helping each mother know that she is loved and accompanied.



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DEVELOPMENT
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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 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 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.

STEWARDSHIP: SHARING OUR TREASURES WITH THE POOR

My Dear Friends,

The three spiritual activities recommended for us to embrace during the Lenten seasons are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. In one of my previous articles, I reflected on Prayer as an important component of Stewardship. In this article, I would like to reflect on the aspect of almsgiving in the context of sharing our treasures with the poor. As I pondered more and more on almsgiving and stewardship, the parable of Lazarus and the rich man in Lk. 16:19-31 came to my mind. In this well-known parable, we are presented with a rich man who had everything, materially speaking. We are told this man feasted sumptuously every day while at his very feet lay Lazarus, a poor man who was starving. He was too busy feasting to notice Lazarus. After both died, Lazarus was ushered into eternal joy while the rich man was condemned to torment. When we reflect on this parable, we realize that the rich man was condemned not because he was rich but because he neglected to take care of the poor Lazarus.

Dear friends, almsgiving, during this Lenten season, invites us to pay special attention to the poor Lazarus of this world and to share what we have with them. You see, God has given us what is sufficient to take care of our needs and also to tithe a portion of it back to Him through the poor among us. Indeed, we still have the poor among us and therefore, we still have the obligation to give our 10% back to God through Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, our Church. I will share more about tithing, specifically, in another article.

The amazing thing with our God which I would like to point out, is that He will always replenish what we share with others, especially with the poor, because if we do, He will trust us even more to reach out to many more who are in need on His behalf. Yes, the Lord trusts good stewards and because He trusts them, He is always willing to give them more. I have personally experienced this in my own life, many times. One such example among many, which I would like to share with you, is the experience I had when my then religious superior suddenly transferred me from Uganda to come and work here in the United States. He told me to be ready to move within three months. I was totally confused and a little bit upset wondering how I was going to get money to pay the tuition of twelve orphans who were depending on me for their education during that short period of time. Being right in the middle of the year, I had barely managed to raise the money for their second semester and was preparing to negotiate with their principal to allow them study while I struggled to raise the remaining money. Faced with this challenge, I erred on the side of obedience and decided to take the risk of totally emptying the little savings in my bank account so as to pay the tuition for their third semester

before I came. After that, I resolved to leave everything in the hands of God's providence. So, when I entered the United States of America, I had only \$100 in my pocket. However, the rest as they say, is now history because God found a way of not only providing for the remaining money for these 12 orphans but also through me, He has continued to help many other orphans now in their hundreds in Uganda through E3 Africa, the non-profit which I helped found here in the United States of America.

Yes, when I say God is totally amazing, I know what that means from experience. We can never outdo Him in generosity. We, therefore, have to always remember that we do not have to give Him our leftovers or whatever we do not need and can do without but rather we must share our first and best, in other words, our first fruits of the harvest, our priority. Trust me, if we do, He will trust us back in return, enough to repay us a hundred-fold.

Before, I conclude, I would like to give you a little update on our Adoration Chapel. At the time of writing of this article, our project is still awaiting approval after being returned for re-submission to the city two weeks ago. While it is our hope that the final approval papers will be received in the next couple of days, let us continue to pray for a speedy and positive outcome. When we get this approval, we hope to break ground as soon as possible and we shall always keep you informed.

In the meantime, let us go forth and make Stewardship a way of life here in our parish by sharing our treasures with the poor.

I love you!

God's blessings,
Fr Robert Aliunzi





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