# Our Lady ~ of ~ Mount Carmel





#### **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.

## **JANUARY 21, 2024**

#### PARISH INFORMATION

#### **Address**

2121 South Rural Road | Tempe, AZ 85282

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Preschool: 480.966.1753 www.olmcschool.info

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday......9:00am - 5:00pm \*\*\*\*Closed Wednesdays 11am- 12pm

#### **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 ADORATION SCHEDULE

First Fridays following the 7pm Mass until, just prior to the 8am Mass on Saturday

#### 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**

#### STAY CONNECTED

**OLMC WEBSITE:** www.olmctempe.com **YOUTUBE:** 

www.youtube.com/channel/UC7B9988KwYIHT 4McvGYFmX0

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#### - PRAY -

#### READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

 Monday:
 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

 Tuesday:
 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

 Wednesday:
 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

 Thursday:
 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

 Friday:
 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

 Saturday:
 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

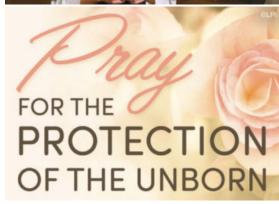
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Soul of Julie Brieby
01/22/2024	8:30am	Soul of Joe Fagundes
Tuesday	6:30am	Soul of Joan Reighly
01/23/2024	8:30am	Soul of Laura Iberri Perez
Wednesday 01/24/2024	6:30am 8:30am 6:30pm	Ints. of Rita Crawford Soul of Yolanda Sheridan Ints. of Jim Gose
Thursday	6:30am	Soul of Celestino Angura
01/25/2024	8:30am	Soul of Laura Marie Perez
Friday	6:30am	Soul of Carmen Zavala
01/26/2024	8:30am	Soul of Kristina Esterheld
Saturday	8:00am	Ints. of Sharon Shin
01/27/2024	5:00pm	Ints. of The Makar Family
Sunday 01/28/2024	7:00am 9:00am 11:00am 5:00pm	Soul of Martha Lily Gay Soul of Dale Rasmussen Ints. of The Delgado Family People of the Parish





#### PARISH CALENDAR

PARISH	CALENL	JAK
Monday 01/22/2024	8:15am 3:15pm	St Therese Bible Study - St Simon Cub Scout Tigers -
	6:00pm	St Simon Edge - Hall
Tuesday 01/23/2024	8:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mom's Group Rosary - St Simon Music Practice - Church KOC/BM - South Hall SAB - Library
Wednesday 01/24/2024	9:00am 6:00pm 12:45pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Adoration - Church Benediction - Church St Therese Group - Holy Family Room Girl Scout Leaders - Holy Family Room Adult Formation - Hall
Thursday 01/25/2024	7:00pm 7:00pm	Christ in our Neighborhood - North Hall RCIA - Church
Friday 01/26/2024	7:4am	H&S Meeting - Hall
Saturday 01/27/2024	6:30am 9:00am 6:00pm	OLMC Men's Group - Hall SVdP - Holy Family Room KofC Ultrasound Fundraiser Dinner - Hall

#### **PARISH FESTIVAL**

Sunday

01/28/2024

#### SAVE THE DATE -APRIL 7

6:30am

9:00am

6:00pm

Coffee Shop - South Hall

RCIA Dismissal - Holy

Family Room

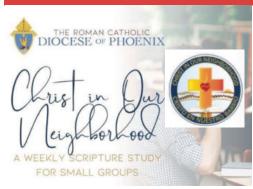
Life Teen - Hall

The OLMC Parish Festival is BACK and will be on April 7th from 12:00-6:00pm. We look forward to this community-building event with our parish and school communities.



## - CONNECT-

#### CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



## INFO NIGHT-JANUARY 25 AT 7PM MC CREADY HALL

Looking to grow deeper in your faith while building friendships with others? Christ in Our Neighborhood is for you! Come hear Joyce Coronel, manager of Evangelization and Sacramental Life for the Diocese of Phoenix, as she shares how YOU can be a vital part of this small church community experience. An introductory meeting will take place at 7PM in McCready Hall on Thursday, January 25.

## WOMEN'S STUDIES

# SAVIOR & SUSTENANCE THE LOVE OF OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD

A morning to grow our relationship with Christ in the Eucharist.

What: Winter Retreat for Women

When: February 3, 2024

8:30 to 12:30pm (Starting with 8am Mass in

the church.)

Where: OLMC McCready Hall

Cost: \$20 fee, includes continental breakfast and

snacks

Registration: After all Masses Jan. 14 & 21. And

Online on OLMC Website



Retreat Speaker, Author & Musician: Julie Carrick

A morning of spiritual reflection and prayer

Hosted by: Women's Studies Ministry

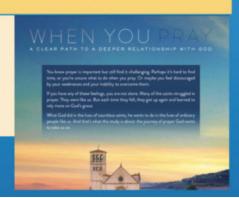
#### Women's Studies Ministry

Spring Session

When You Pray:
A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship With God

- February 1, 2024
- 7 Week Session
- OLMC McCready Hall 7-8:30pm Thursdays
- Registration after Mass January 14 & 21 and Online on OLMC Website
- \$25 Material Fee

For More Information
Email:
olmcwomensministry@gmail.com



#### FIRST RESPONDERS & VETERANS

## for your service.

\*OLMC WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL FIRST RESPONDERS AND VETERANS\*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

8:05AM ON THE BASKETBALL COURT FOR:

- FLAG PRESENTATION, PRAYER, PLEDGE, NATIONAL ANTHEM

COFFEE, BAGELS AND DONUTS TO FOLLOW IN MCCREADY HALL

#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

#### SVDP JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent DePaul Society is collecting the following items:

Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti, Canned Chicken & Cereal

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

#### **5 FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION**



#### **NEXT ONE FEBRUARY 3**

Please join the parish community for the 5 First Saturdays devotion to fulfill the Blessed Mother's request of Catholics at Fatima. The Five First Saturdays devotion is simple and is done on the first Saturday of the month for 5 consecutive months.

## 5 First Saturdays devotion requires:

- . Confession
- 2. Holy Communion
- 3. Reciting the Rosary
- 4. Meditating for 15 mins on one or more of the Mysteries of the Rosary

#### SCHEDULE

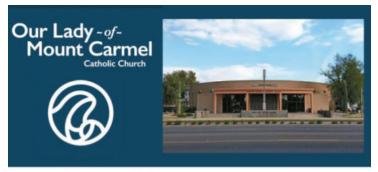
FRI: 5:00-6:30pm Confession

#### **SAT**: 2/3

- 8:00am Mass
- 8:30am Rosary
- 8:50am 15 mins meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary



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- Pray for parish & school community
- Make a one time donation to the building repair fund
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#### How can I help?

- Pray for the orphaned & impoverished we seek to serve
- · Sponsor a Child in Need
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- Purchase a desk for a child
- Donate to our Mission Fund



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2023 Tithing 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.

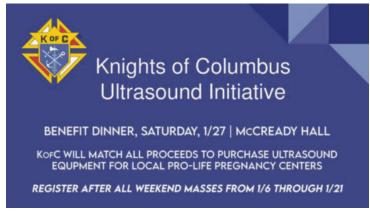
#### SUPPORT OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

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.



Annual Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Ultrasound Benefit being held in OLMC Hall on Saturday January 27th at 6pm. All proceeds to be matched by Knights of Columbus in purchasing additional Ultrasound Equipment for Local centers. Registrations being taken outside after all weekend Masses.

A NOTE FROM FATHER 21 JANUARY 2024

#### AN ANALOGY OF MY RESTAURANT EXPERIENCE IN UGANDA WITH MASS!

Dear Friends,

I walked into a Restaurant while still in Kampala (Uganda's capital) last week and after going through the menu, I ordered some food and what I experienced there has tempted me to digress a little from my planned article on the Stewardship of Time. Instead, I will reflect some more on the Stewardship of Prayer from the perspective of the Mass.

Now, back to my experience. After about 30 mins of waiting for my food which I had ordered earlier, a group of young guys and ladies loudly walked in and also ordered theirs. To my dismay, these folks got served first. As I watched, they began to eat, drink and laugh heartily, clearly still enjoying the festivities of the new year. I even overheard one of them bragging about how connected he is to everyone in the that popular restaurant including the owner. I felt mocked and neglected. Unable to take it anymore, I made up my mind to leave and called the waiter to tell her so. However, what she told me shocked me even more. She calmly told me: "yours is a special order, being prepared by the chief chef himself. The orders of those folks were prepared hurriedly by students on internship because the top chefs are busy with yours Sir. That's why they were served first. Please have some passion fruit juice as you wait". Shocked to the marrow, I calmed down and waited patiently to find out what this special order was like.

Shortly after, my meal was not only served by five waiters, but it was also my delicious local food which I loved most while still in the seminary. Unknown to me, the owner of the restaurant, who happened to be an old long-lost friend of mine from the seminary, had seen me when I entered and decided to surprise me. He decided to change my simple meal to a five-star local meal. Now it was the turn of the other noisy folks at the other table to get shocked. They couldn't stop staring at this skinny little guy being waited on respectfully by five servers and the owner of the restaurant. Suddenly they started grumbling, asking why they didn't get that kind of service and meal I was being served in the first place.

The more I came to reflect on that little episode later on, the more I realized that such is indeed life! At the mundane level, some people may be ahead of you and eating now, and even perhaps mocking you and talking about how they are smarter, wiser and better than you or, how they are well connected, blessed, have wealth and are enjoying life. Meanwhile, you may be waiting tirelessly wondering why it's taking so long for you to succeed in life. You may even be enduring mockery and humiliations. In the process some of you may have contemplated suicide, gone through depression or suffered severe mental anxiety and even resorted to drugs. Do not worry dear friends! The Owner and Creator of the Universe has seen what you are going through and doesn't want you to be served a simple meal like those making a mockery of you. If only you could continue to remain His friend. Know that you are waiting long because yours is a special meal. All you need to do is be patient because your meal takes time to prepare. And only chief chefs prepare them. Wait for for it, relax and be faithful.

At the spiritual level, your meal is being prepared by none other than the Lord Himself through His priests who do it "In Persona Christi" and dear friends, that meal is the Eucharist! The best of all meals!

So, when we come to Mass for the Eucharistic Meal, let us be patient and humble no matter how long and boring the homily may be or how discordant the music may sound for we will be served by the Lord Himself and His meal will surpass all the perceived inconveniences and boredoms we may feel while in Mass. That meal will give us everlasting life and that meal is the EUCHARIST!

Continued greetings from Uganda and know that I love you.

God's blessing, Fr Robert Aliunzi

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