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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

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

Sunday11:00am
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**"FOR THE MEASURE WITH WHICH YOU MEASURE WILL
IN RETURN BE MEASURED OUT TO YOU." - LK 6:38**

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 Peter Parian 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 Dcn. Dave Kneblsberger at (480) 967-8791 or email at weddings@olmctempe.com.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 6:30am Souls of Dan & Ann Frank
 2/24/2025 8:30am Soul of Robert Gamboa Garcia
Tuesday 6:30am Soul of Virginia Fugger
 2/25/2025 8:30am Int. of Christopher Godosky
Wednesday 6:30am Souls of Rosa & Guillermo Cornejo
 2/26/2025 8:30am Soul of Lois Castro
 6:30pm Soul of Paul Keller
Thursday 6:30am Soul of Margaret Poglitsch
 2/27/2025 8:30am Soul of Alfred Miranda
Friday 6:30am Soul of Justin Perez
 2/28/2025 8:30am Soul of Nellie Gallegos
Saturday 8:00am Int. of the Walterscheid Family
 3/1/2025 5:00pm Int. of the Lierz Family
Sunday 7:00am People of the Parish
 3/2/2025 9:00am Soul of Milo Bejarano
 11:00am Soul of Chad Jentry
 5:00pm Souls of Gil Leyua & Jenny Andrade

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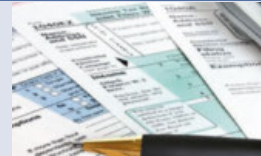
*Chairperson

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
 "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
 Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."
 - Isaiah 6:8

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday 3:15pm Cub Scouts - Various
 2/24/2025 6:00pm Boy Scouts - Holy Family
 6:15pm EDGE - Hall
Tuesday 7:00am Finance - Holy Family
 2/25/2025 7:00pm OCIA - Hall
 - LTMTW. - Holy Family
 - KofC - St. Simon
Wednesday 8:00am St. Therese - St. Simon
 2/26/2025 9:00am Adoration - Church
 9:15am Chapel Comm. - Holy Family
 6:00pm Benediction - Church
 6:30pm Word of God - Hall
 7:00pm PAT - St. Simon
 - PAC - Holy Family
Thursday 9:15am LTMTW. - St. Simon
 2/27/2025 9:30am PLT - Holy Family
 5:30pm Grief Support - St. Simon
 7:00pm Women's Study - N. Hall
 - LTMTW. - St. Simon
 - Music Rehe. - Church
Friday 9:00am CION - St. Simon
 2/28/2025
Saturday 6:30am OLMC Men - Hall
 3/1/2025
Sunday 6:30am Coffee Shop - S. Hall
 3/2/2025 6:15pm Life Teen - Hall

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS



Tithing statements for the 2024 tax year were automatically emailed or mailed to parishioners who had requested a statement in the past. Remember to check your junk or spam folder. If you do not receive a statement, please complete the form online or at the parish office. If you have any questions, please email finance@olmctempe.com

ASH WEDNESDAY TIMES



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **March 5th.**

Mass times are **6:30am, 8:30am and 6:30pm.** There will also be a Liturgy of the Word with **Ashes service at Noon.**

THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION OR CONFESSION ON ASH WEDNESDAY

OLMC PARISH FESTIVAL



Save the date: the **OLMC Parish Festival is Saturday, April 5th.** The Festival is our biggest community-building event of the year, and we can't wait to spend the day with you!

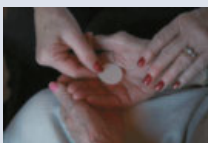
We are also in need of many volunteers for the various booths and games. See our website to sign up. Questions? Email ashley@olmctempe.com

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE STUDY



Join Christ in our Neighborhood in the **St. Simon Room at 9:15am every Friday.** Study and discuss the Sunday mass readings in a small group environment. Friends always welcome. Contact John at cion@olmctempe.com if you have any questions.

MINISTRY OF CARE LEADER



Ministers of Care visit our homebound and hospital-bound parishioners to bring them Holy Communion. The MOC is in need of a volunteer leader to coordinate the ministry. If you are a practicing Catholic with great organizational and communication skills, and a desire to serve, call Joseph at the parish office or email liturgy@olmctempe.com

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



The Phoenix Chinese Catholic Community is offering a **Monthly 4pm Sunday Mass** at St. Bridget's (2213 N. Lindsay Rd, Mesa) and **Monthly Faith Formation** at OLMC in the Holy Family Room.

MASSSES: March 16th, April 6th.
FORMATION: March 21st

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you. (John 13:34)

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

THE PEOPLE YOU SEE AT THE ALTAR

By Joseph Malzone

This will be a brief overview of the roles of the various people you may see ministering at the altar at OLMC.

Starting with the one in the middle seat whom everyone should recognize is the priest. The priest, during the celebration of the Mass, wears a chasuble, which matches the liturgical color of the Mass and often contains a single vertical stripe down the middle, sometimes splitting into three branches at the top of the chest. During the Mass, the priest is responsible for offering the Sacrifice and confecting the Eucharist. Only a priest (bishops are also priests) is capable of doing this, and the other ministers assist him in properly celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Christological nature of the priest during the Mass is to be configured to Christ the High Priest and Christ the Sacrificial Lamb. We have two priests assigned to us at OLMC: our Pastor, Fr. Robert Aliunzi, and his parochial vicar, Fr. Gabriel Terrill. We also frequently have other priests not assigned to us assist in celebrating our liturgical schedule.

Next, seated at the right hand of the priest is a deacon. The deacon wears a dalmatic, which matches the liturgical color of the Mass, has sleeves unlike the chasuble, and often contains two vertical stripes on the sides of the chest, with two horizontal bars connecting these stripes near the top and bottom, resembling a ladder. While a deacon is not a priest, he shares in having a Christological nature during the Mass, which is to be configured to Christ the Servant, as Christ was when He washed the disciples' feet. As such, during the Mass, the deacon is responsible for serving both the people in proclaiming the Gospel and serving the priest in assisting him in preparing the altar for the sacrifice and then assisting in offering that sacrifice to our Heavenly Father.

Seated to the left of the priest is typically at OLMC, the Master of Ceremonies (MC), who is not a member of the clergy but a member of the laity like ourselves. The MC wears a black cassock with a white surplice. The role of Master of Ceremonies has existed within the Catholic Church since before the year 400, and its purpose is to direct and arrange the liturgy to ensure it is proper and flows smoothly. The MC assists and conducts all ministers of the altar, providing direct guiding assistance to the priest and instruction to the altar servers as the lead altar server (Prefect)

Lastly, there are the altar servers seated on each side of the sanctuary, flanking the tabernacle. At OLMC, they are vested in colors according to rank, with the newest altar servers (Postulants) wearing white, more experienced servers (Novices) wearing red, and expert servers (Oblates) wearing black.

We are looking for two volunteers at each Mass to assist with setup and cleanup for Masses on a biweekly basis. See Joseph after Mass for more details and to sign up. Email liturgy@olmctempe.com if you have any questions or call the Parish Office at (480) 967-8791

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ROMANS 5:5

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IN DEFENSE OF MONDAYS

Dear friends,

I do not like Garfield... the cat. I do not really like cats in general, but on a personal level, I hold disdain for the lazy, lasagna-loving feline. I grew up reading comic strips in the Sunday paper and was always disappointed when I read Garfield. In many ways, humor is subjective, but I never found Garfield amusing. Over time, I grew to resent Garfield. It seems petty to resent a fictional character, and surely it is, but I couldn't help nurturing a growing bias towards him due to his general unfunniness and his pessimistic and lazy outlook on life. This all came to a head years ago when, to my horror, I realized that I had taken on the temperament of Garfield. Not so much the penchant for eating lasagna or his extreme laziness, but Garfield's trademark mantra. I realized that I hated Mondays.

The whole reason Garfield is relatable as a wisecracking cat is the fact that he, like many, hates Mondays. This is because Monday marks the hard transition from Sunday, the day of rest, into the harsh work week. Disregarding the fact that Garfield is a cat and does not have a job, most people can relate to dreading Mondays. I certainly did and, at times, still do. At one point, I recall complaining about Mondays so consistently that I started to complain about complaining about Mondays. Thankfully, a good friend of mine challenged my attitude and told me to stop committing myself to hating one-seventh of my life. I had never thought about it that way. By hating Mondays, I developed an unhealthy and ungrateful attitude towards life. Why? Well, because Mondays are hard. Life is difficult. Sometimes you have a "bad day." But does this mean life is not good or that it is not worth living?

To my chagrin, I have often fallen into the Garfield mentality of hating something because it is hard and not responding to a challenge because it might cause me discomfort. I want to be "comfortable," I want things to "go my way," and if they don't, I am going to complain about it and say, "It's not fair." Certainly, this has happened, and I even bring it to God as though I were an unhappy customer at a store demanding to speak to the manager. I bring my complaints to God about the Mondays, the bad days, and my disappointed expectations as though I am owed some kind of refund. How patient, and gentle, and generous the Lord is with me as he continues to encourage me and soften my heart while he takes the brunt of my complaining.

It is only with the wisdom and illumination of the Holy Spirit that I come to realize that I have dedicated my efforts towards rejecting parts of my life while only accepting the things that I deem as "good."

I am reminded of Job's response to his wife when, after enduring unwarranted suffering and tragedy, he defends the Lord, saying, "We accept good things from God; should we not accept evil?" What does Job mean by this? Well, we are more than willing to accept consolations and blessings, but how easily and quickly we reject the cross when it is placed on our shoulders. As the Lord calls us to follow him, it is necessary that we embrace the cross and that we accept the good and the bad in our lives while holding firm to our faith. If we commit ourselves to comfort and consolation while drawing the line when things get difficult and abandoning the faith in the face of Calvary, we become fair-weather friends to Christ, or as Cyril of Jerusalem wrote, "...you will be a friend of Jesus in times of peace and his enemy in times of war."

This is particularly difficult in our world today since it is easier than ever to avoid the cross altogether. How easy it is to settle for comfort, to find a life that is unchallenging or non-disruptive, life as a bowl or room temperature oatmeal, or an orange cat that likes lasagna. It is for this reason that we need to be even more intentional as Christian disciples in recognizing the cross and actively taking it up with joy. This looks different for all of us, but we were made for something more than comfort; as Pope Benedict XVI once said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." With this in mind, I encourage us to embrace the life God has given us and to live boldly in our discipleship as we do not shy away from the cross but take it up and follow the Lord to greatness. And if you should be reading this on Sunday and dread tomorrow, give Monday a chance. Each day is a gift from God, and this holds true for Mondays.

Pax,
- Fr. Gabriel Terrill

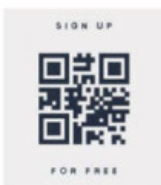


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