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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

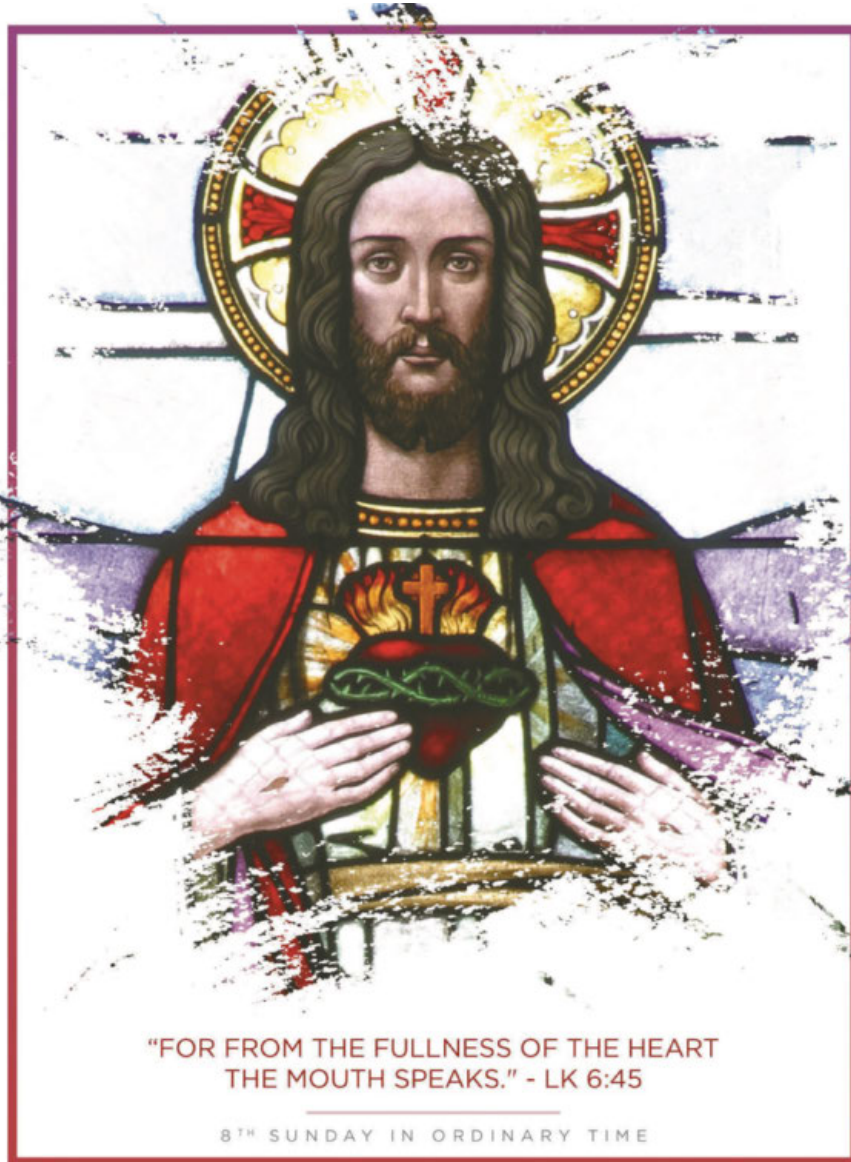
Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Live Stream Mass

Sunday11:00am
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Visit the Parish website to register online or stop by the Parish office to register. Our next Parish Welcome is **TBD**.

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Fill out a registration form at www.olmctempe.com/sacrament-baptism, or email Peter Parian at baptisms@olmctempe.com

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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.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Soul of Norma Muir
3/3/2025	8:30am	Soul of Alfred Miranda
Tuesday	6:30am	Soul of Robert Gamboa Garcia
3/4/2025	8:30am	Soul of Lois Castro
Wednesday	6:30am	Soul of Thomas Benjamin Williams
3/5/2025	8:30am	Soul of RoseAnn Hernandez
	6:30pm	Int. of Denise Cleaton
Thursday	6:30am	Int. of Rev. Berg
3/6/2025	8:30am	Int. of Don Hawker
Friday	6:30am	Soul of Jeanne Sovereign
3/7/2025	8:30am	Soul of Daniel Hadaway
Saturday	8:00am	Soul of John Morgan
3/8/2025	5:00pm	Soul of Don Beckley
Sunday	7:00am	Int. of Jeanne Godosky
3/9/2025	9:00am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Soul of Frank V. Castro
	5:00pm	Soul of Ester Aranda

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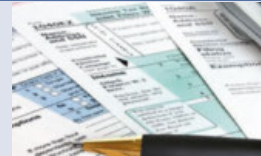
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And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
 "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
 Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."
 - Isaiah 6:8

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	3:15pm	Cub Scouts - Various
3/3/2025	6:15pm	EDGE - Hall
Tuesday	7:00pm	OCIA - Hall
3/4/2025	-	LTMTTP W. - Holy Family
	-	Music Rehe. - Church
Wednesday	9:15am	Chapel Comm. - Holy Family
3/5/2025	6:30pm	Girl Scouts - Hall
Thursday	9:15am	LTMTTP Wom. - St. Simon
3/6/2025	9:30am	PLT - Holy Family
	5:30pm	Grief Support - St. Simon
	6:30pm	Dominicans - St. Simon
	7:00pm	Women's Study - N. Hall
	-	LTMTTP Men - Holy Family
First Friday	9:00am	CION - St. Simon
3/7/2025	-	Adoration - Church
	5:00pm	Fish Fry - Hall
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men - Hall
3/8/2025	8:15am	Sodality - Hall
	9:00am	SVdP - St. Simon
	4:00pm	Benediction - Church
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - S. Hall
3/9/2025	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

LENTEN FRIDAYS



Lenten Friday gatherings and devotions run from **March 7th** through **April 11th**.

KOFC FISH FRY:

Fridays from 5pm to 7:30pm in McCready Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays at 7pm in the church

WOMEN'S SODALITY



All women of the parish are invited to the next Sodality meeting, **Saturday, March 8th at 8:45am** in McCready Hall. We will be stuffing Easter eggs for St. Vincent de Paul.

AZ MARCH FOR LIFE



Our KofC arranged a bus to the Arizona March for Life, departing from the church parking lot on **Saturday, March 15th at 9:15am**. Fr. Robert and Fr. Gabe will join us for this powerful pro-life event. You must RSVP to reserve your seat. Visit tinyurl.com/AZMFL2025

OLMC LENTEN MISSION



Our Lenten Mission begins the weekend of March 16th.

Fr. Elijah DeLello from the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Spirit will speak to us on **Monday, March 17th and Tuesday, March 18th at 7pm** about building a culture of Adoration at our parish to help prepare us for the dedication of our new chapel.

ADORATION CHAPEL BLESSING



SAVE THE DATE: **Sunday, March 30th**, after the 11am mass, Bishop Eduardo Nevares will bless our new Perpetual Adoration Chapel followed by a cake reception in McCready Hall. All are welcome!

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

THE PRAYER AND FASTING OF LENT

By Joseph Malzone

In just a few days, we will enter into the Liturgical Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It calls us to reflect on the blessings God has given us and how we should journey to be more united with Him. Below are two perspectives on how to encounter God during Lent: one from Pope Francis and another from Pope Benedict XVI.

"The first element [in the Lenten journey] is prayer. Prayer is the strength of the Christian and of every believing person. In the weakness and fragility of our life, we can turn to God with the confidence of children and enter into communion with Him. In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and that could harden the heart, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to enjoy its tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, a more intense, more diligent prayer, more able to take care of the needs of the brethren, [and] to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering." - Pope Francis, 2014

"Lent stimulates us to let the word of God penetrate our life and, in this way, to know the fundamental truths of who we are, where we come from, where we must go, and what path we must take in life. Thus, the Lenten season offers us an ascetic and liturgical journey that, helping us to open our eyes in the face of our weaknesses, makes us open our hearts to the merciful love of Christ." - Pope Benedict XVI, 2010

As we at OLMC journey through Lent, there will be some changes in the liturgy and the space to help us recognize the penitential and sacrificial character of this season and appreciate their beauty and significance even more, when they return at Easter.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, there will be no recessional hymn at the conclusion of the Mass, and as a congregation, we will depart the church in silence. The Gloria and Alleluia are omitted from the Mass. Finally, the candles used on the altar will be made of unbleached beeswax, which have a warm, amber-like color. The unadulterated, natural wax represents Christ's purity and holiness, untouched by human interference, reflecting His divine nature. As they retain their natural state, it emphasizes themes of simplicity, humility, and authenticity in worship. The subdued color reflects a somber and solemn tone, emphasizing grief, sacrifice, and the transient nature of earthly life.

Starting on the 5th Sunday of Lent, the church enters the minor season within Lent called Passiontide, which ends on Holy Saturday. During this time, the crosses and statues in the church will be veiled, symbolizing the growing solemnity leading to Christ's Passion. The veiling is often linked to John 8:59, where Jesus "hid himself and went out of the temple" when the Jews attempted to stone Him. This act of hiding foreshadows His Passion and death. The veiling builds anticipation for Easter. The unveiled cross on Good Friday (during the Veneration of the Cross) and the return of all images at the Easter Vigil symbolize the transition from sorrow to the joy of the Resurrection.

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"Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

ROMANS 5:5

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DUST SEEKING GLORY

Dear friends,

There is a strange phenomenon that occurs at the beginning of Lent every year. Seemingly out of nowhere occurs a sudden spike of mass attendance and a fervent display of devotion as many Catholics and, in some cases, non-Catholics attend the Ash Wednesday masses and word services. It is strange since the celebration of Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our season of repentance and serves as a reminder of our sinfulness and our absolute need for the love and mercy of God. This is perhaps the greatest hurdle for many in the world to follow Christ, mainly the need to recognize our sinfulness, repent, and conform our lives to Christ as his disciples. It is odd, then, that so many lukewarm Catholics and those who don't even consider themselves Christians look to receive the ashes on their foreheads. Why?

I think it is a human response to the inescapable reality of our mortality. We spend so much of our lives in the world, in our culture, trying to grasp at lasting meaning and stave off our inevitable demise. In the end, the best we can do on our own is to ignore our mortality or distract ourselves from death. From an obsession with health, remaining youthful, and extending our lives for as long as possible to pursuing earthly glory in worldly possessions and human accomplishment, we try our best to avoid confronting the fact that we will not always be as we are on earth. One day we will die.

There is also a pressure to keep up appearances, to not admit fault, and to deflect or cover up our flaws; to deny our sinfulness. In receiving our ashes on the first day of Lent, we mark ourselves both as sinners and mortal creatures. This reception of ashes leads to a catharsis, an acceptance of our mortality best summed up in the words spoken to Adam by God after the fall as he says, "For you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Genesis 3:19) From a purely secular perspective there is a relief in confronting and accepting this fact; that I was born into the world and one day I shall return to the earth and there is nothing I can do to stop that. Receiving the ashes on our heads serves as a sigh of relief or a conduit for all the anxiety held and suppressed over death and dying. However, this cannot be all. As Catholics, as believers in the infinite mercy of the God of life, we are equipped with faith and hope to confront our mortality.

As we are marked by ashes with the accompanying words, we acknowledge and accept our status as creatures. In doing so, we also understand the great abyss that separates us from our creator, that we are but dust that has been given life as an imprint of the divine. For those who do not believe in Christ, the marking of ashes, although a temporary relief from pretending we aren't going to die one day, still spells doom and despair, accepting that there is nothing we can do to prevent our own death. For Christians, however, the marking of ashes is characterized by the formation of the cross on the forehead. In being marked by the ashen cross, we face death with hope in Christ.

On Ash Wednesday, we do not despair but invite hope into our Mortality. On Ash Wednesday, we realize, as Bishop Erik Varden notes in his book *The Shattering of Loneliness*, that "A human being is dust called to glory." In other words, we rejoice as we realize the call to new life in and through Christ as beloved disciples and adopted children of God. We recognize the call to be something more than animated dust. We understand that the path to glory starts with humility in accepting our littleness, our sinfulness, and by responding to the invitation of the savior, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24) The path to glory, the path of salvation is marked by the cross; marked by the paschal mystery of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection.

This is why we begin Lent by marking ourselves with ashes as a reminder of who we are and who we hope to become in Jesus Christ. It is not a one-and-done deal. We are constantly conformed to Christ by the holy spirit, by repentance, and by proclaiming and living the Gospel. We cannot do it alone. The moment we think ourselves independent from God, the moment we ignore his grace is the moment we abandon our hope and our salvation. Therefore, as we begin this season of repentance and preparation, I encourage us to approach it with humility and to look deeper than just the one-day aesthetics of shopping at the grocery store with an ash cross traced on our forehead. Rather, enter into the profound mystery of our redemption as dust seeking glory in the Lord and invite his transformative grace into your life this Lenten season through acts of fasting, prayer, and charity.

Pax,
- Fr. Gabriel Terrill



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.

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