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Catholic Church



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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

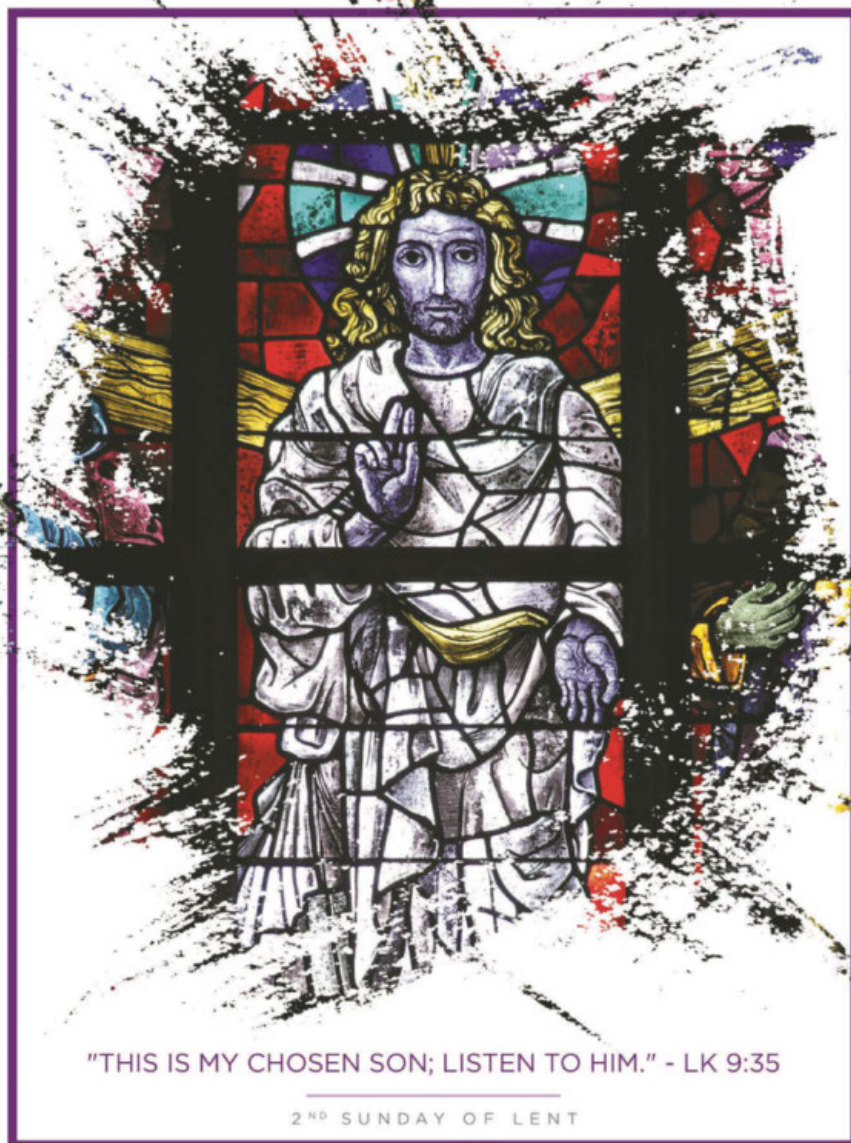
Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
 Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Live Stream Mass

Sunday11:00am
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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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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
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 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
9am Mass: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Soul of Pam Bergez
3/17/2025	8:30am	Int. of Horst Thieme
Tuesday	6:30am	Soul of Franklin Bustamante
3/18/2025	8:30am	Souls of the Dela Cruz Family
Wednesday	6:30am	Soul of Josephine Coulon
3/19/2025	8:30am	Soul of Richard Pyde
	6:30pm	Int. of Johnny Marusic
Thursday	6:30am	Ints. of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth
3/20/2025	8:30am	Soul of Alfred Miranda
Friday	6:30am	Soul of Bob Franco
3/21/2025	8:30am	Soul of Cecile Rath
Saturday	8:00am	Int. of John Saenz
3/22/2025	5:00pm	Soul of Jean Scarpone
Sunday	7:00am	Soul of George Bourous
3/23/2025	9:00am	Soul of Nicholas Shurr
	11:00am	Soul of Scott Alston
	5:00pm	People of the Parish

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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	3:15am	Cub Scouts - Various
3/17/2025	6:00pm	Boy Scouts - Holy Family
	6:15pm	EDGE - Hall
	7:00pm	Parish Mission - Church
Tuesday	4:30pm	OCIA Mtg. - Holy Family
3/18/2025	7:00pm	Parish Mission - Church
	-	OCIA - Hall
	-	LTMTW Wom-Holy Family
Wednesday	9:00am	Adoration - Church
3/19/2025	9:15am	Chapel Com.-Holy Family
	1:00pm	OCIA Mtg. - Holy Family
	6:30pm	Benediction - Church
	-	Word of God - Hall
Thursday	9:15am	LTMTW Wom. - St. Simon
3/20/2025	9:30am	PLT - Holy Family
	5:30pm	Grief Support - St. Simon
	7:00pm	LTMTW Men - Holy Family
	-	Women's Study - N. Hall
	-	Music Rehe. - Church
Friday	9:00am	CION - St. Simon
3/21/2025	5:30pm	Fish Fry - Hall
	7:00pm	Stations - Church
	-	Chinese Min.-Holy Family
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men - Hall
3/22/2025	9:00am	SVdP - St. Simon
	6:00pm	Preschool Dinner - Hall
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - S. Hall
3/23/2025	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

LENTEN FRIDAYS



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

KOFC FISH FRY:

Fridays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in McCready Hall | **\$12 (Cash Only)**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays at 7pm in the church

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 and confessions will also be offered.

VOLUNTEER AT THE FESTIVAL



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

MARIAN CONSECRATION



The Women's Studies Ministry would like to invite you to our Marian Consecration renewal on the Feast of Annunciation, **Tuesday, March 25th, at 7pm in the church**. Whether you are renewing your consecration to Jesus through Mary or doing it for the first time, all are welcome. For more info, email olmcwomensministry@gmail.com

ADORATION CHAPEL BLESSING



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

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.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

SILENCE

By Joseph Malzone (Adapt. from Carrie Gress)

During this season of Lent, we are asking everyone to depart the church after our Masses in silence, to better contemplate the mystery of the Mass and understand the sacredness of the action we just partook in.

The quiet and daily sacrifice of the Mass offers what is true and eternal, punctuated by reverent silence. For centuries, Catholics understood this and entered and spoke in a church only in hushed tones. Daily Masses still offer this, while sadly, most Sunday Masses sound more like a theatre before the feature is shown than a place of recollection and reverence.

We all thirst for God, for his unchanging permanence, his eternal wisdom, his steady love. There is no getting around it. But we all find different ways to try to satisfy it. Most of our culture fills it in the worst ways possible, like drinking salt water when one is dying of thirst in the open sea. Noise, sound bites, bright screens, hectic days, deadlines, and short attention spans all contribute to the mental clutter that keeps us from hearing the whispering voice of God.

We are so attached to these bad habits that the silence of prayer, at Mass, at adoration, or even just in a quiet church or peaceful room, can feel limiting. If we are looking for our usual attachments, like a quick glance at our phones, then it feels arid and even empty. But what happens when one experiences something radically other – when phones are silenced, and the outside noise is muted, when conversations are forced to stop when eyes and attention shift away from ourselves and onto another – to The Other?

Something happens deep within our souls when we hear God speak in his native tongue. It is much more than the absence of noise. Space is created for something we never knew existed before, like a new way to think or a new language to speak. There is a crack or a fissure in reality-like an archeologist finding a new, long hidden chamber-that gives us fresh room to grow, to know, to believe. Silence offers us the opportunity to excavate this new place in our soul: this place where, like the woman at the well, we can meet the one who knows everything we ever did and help us to set it all aright, even-or especially-when we have made most of it very wrong.

Lent is the most natural time to seek out silence and hear God's voice. We may enter into it a bit hesitantly or fearfully, thinking we will find nothing, but we might just leave it knowing we have found everything-the One who endures, slakes, heals, leads, energizes, restores, forgives, calms and loves.

Perhaps too we can carry this on even after Lent concludes, to keep silence before and after Mass so we can invite the Lord into hearts, and listen to what He wishes to say.



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Spending Time With the One Who Loves Us the Most

Dear friends,

In the midst of this rich season of remembrance, repentance, and preparation it is providential that we also anticipate the opening of our perpetual adoration chapel. Lent offers us a time to slow down and spend time with the Lord in the desert, and nothing facilitates this better than time spent before the blessed sacrament. It can be easy to dismiss this opportunity, however, since we often brush off time with the Lord as unproductive or a waste of time. I believe this is due to a utilitarian mindset that forms how we approach our relationships and how we spend our time. If what I am doing does not in some way directly and immediately benefit me or provide some tangible reward, I will likely ignore it. This, sadly, is often the situation when it comes to our prayer. Considering this, I would like to make a case for spending intentional time with the Lord and more precisely, spending time with Him in adoration before the blessed sacrament.

I think one of the best places to start in considering the joys of Eucharistic adoration is by looking to the wisdom of the saints. Saint Alphonsus Mary Ligouri highlights the importance and beauty of spending time before the Blessed Sacrament as he says:

“Know for certain that the time you spend with devotion before this most divine Sacrament will be the time that will bring you the most good in this life and will console you the most in your death and in eternity. And know that perhaps you will gain more in a quarter of an hour of adoration in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament than in all the other spiritual exercises of the day.”

Here, Saint Alphonsus highlights the most profound aspect of Eucharistic adoration. It is not in doing but in being. When we place ourselves before the blessed sacrament, we place ourselves in the presence of the Lord, not a symbolic representation of Christ, but Jesus’ true presence, body, soul, and divinity. In doing this, we step out of the busy and hectic reality of our life and place ourselves before the Lord, not with an agenda, but simply to be with Him. If God is as good and loving as our faith suggests, why would we not make time for Him every once in a while to know and understand His heart?

There is perhaps a fear that you don’t know how to pray or that you would not know how to start a conversation with Christ. I think the best way to start is by just doing it. We now have the great gift of a perpetual adoration chapel as a fruit of our community’s charity and desire to create a sacred space to directly encounter the Lord face to face. If you find that you want to grow in your relationship with the Lord, or perhaps you realize that you know about Jesus but don’t know Him in a relationship of divine intimacy, I would encourage you to consider signing up for one of the time slots for our adoration chapel. It is as simple as placing yourself before our Lord’s divine presence and, like sitting before a warm fire on a cold day, basking in the warmth of Christ’s radiant, sacred heart. Even thirty minutes of distracted prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is worthwhile since it is time spent with the one who loves you the most.

I think a good image of the marvel of Eucharistic adoration can be found in this Sunday’s gospel, wherein Jesus allows James, John, and Peter to peer beyond the veil of Christ’s humanity and see Him in His divine glory. Just as Jesus reveals His glorious divinity in the transfiguration, He desires to reveal to our hearts His presence in the Eucharist. Although the Blessed Sacrament may appear mundane, by eyes of faith and a disposition of devotion, we approach the Eucharist as the three apostles approached Mount Tabor. It is in the time spent before the Eucharist that the Lord reveals Himself to us. Returning to the saints, we hear of these profound experiences in the late-in-life mystical experience of Saint Thomas Aquinas and the ecstasy of Saint Theresa of Avila. We also have the various Eucharistic miracles that give testimony to the True Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. In all this, Jesus desires for us to spend time with Him, face to face, in the Eucharist. Jesus desires to spend time with us, His beloved. So why would we not take any opportunity available to place ourselves in the Lord’s true presence?

Below is the sign-up sheet we are passing out this weekend for our perpetual adoration chapel. Please consider signing up for a weekly or even monthly hour of adoration.

Blessings in Christ,
- Fr. Gabriel Terrill




INVITATION TO PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Yes, I am willing to spend one hour once a week with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



Please check which time of the day you prefer:

- Morning (6 a.m. to 12 noon)
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