

# Our Lady ~ of ~ Mount Carmel Catholic Church



**APRIL 13 2025**

## PARISH INFORMATION

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### 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 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

Sunday .....11:00am  
on our website, Facebook, and YouTube channel

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“LET THE ONE AMONG YOU WHO IS WITHOUT SIN BE THE FIRST TO THROW A STONE AT HER.” - JN 8:7

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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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](http://www.olmctempe.com/sacrament-baptism), or email Peter Parian at [baptisms@olmctempe.com](mailto: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 Knebelberger at (480) 967-8791 or email at [weddings@olmctempe.com](mailto:weddings@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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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56

**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

**Holy Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

**Good Friday:** Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
 Jn 18:1-19:42

**Holy Saturday:** Gn 1:1-2:2/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11(1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/  
 Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3,4/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

**Easter Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 4/14/2025	6:30am 8:30am	Ints. of the Zazick Family Soul of Alfred Miranda
Tuesday 4/15/2025	6:30am 8:30am	Int. of Cynthia Bernacki Soul of Will Canada
Wednesday 4/16/2025	6:30am 8:30am	Ints. of the Yakaitis Family Soul of Harry Weller
Thursday 4/17/2025	7:00pm	People of the Parish
Friday 4/18/2025		(Good Friday - No Masses)
Saturday 4/19/2025	8:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4/20/2025	6:00am 9:00am 12:00pm	Soul of Dorothy "Sweetie" Rodgers Soul of Marion Ryder Kaukol Souls of Regina Alaa & Pazkazio Tivu

## PARISH CALENDAR

Monday 4/14/2025	3:15am 6:00pm - 6:15pm 6:30pm	Cub Scouts - Various Soup & Bread - Hall Boy Scouts - Holy Family EDGE - Hall Dominicans - St. Simon
Tuesday 4/15/2025	7:00pm -	LTMTWP Wom. - St. Simon OCIA - Hall
Wednesday 4/16/2025	9:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm 8:00pm	Adoration - Chapel Benediction - Chapel Word of God - Hall Tenebrae - Church
Thursday 4/17/2025	12:00pm 7:00pm	OFFICE CLOSED TIL 4/22 Mass of the Lord's Supper - Church
Friday 4/18/2025	3:00pm 7:00pm	Stations - Church Good Friday Liturgy - Church
Saturday 4/19/2025	6:30am 9:00am 12:00pm 8:00pm	OLMC Men - Hall WSM - St. Simon Easter Food Blessing - Hall Easter Vigil - Church
Sunday 4/20/2025	6:30am EASTER	Coffee Shop - S. Hall 6am, 9am, 12pm - Church

## PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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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

## DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION



Come to our annual Divine Mercy Celebration on **Sunday, April 27th from 3pm to 4pm** in the church. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the sung Divine Mercy Chaplet, and veneration of the Divine Mercy image.



## LENTEN ACTIVITIES



Lenten gatherings and devotions take place from **March 7th** through **April 18th**.

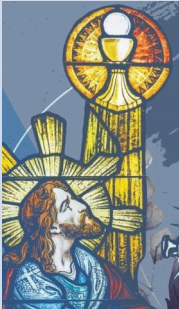
### SOUP AND BREAD:

Monday from 6pm to 7pm in McCready Hall, Bring a crockpot & a loaf to share | *Freewill offering for SVdP*

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Friday at 3pm in the church

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



### SPY WEDNESDAY:

April 16th | Tenebrae Service 8pm

### HOLY THURSDAY: NO A.M. DAILY MASSES

April 17th | Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

### GOOD FRIDAY: NO A.M. DAILY MASSES

April 18th | Stations of the Cross 3pm

Communion Liturgy/Veneration of the Cross 7pm

### HOLY SATURDAY:

April 19th | Food Blessing 12pm | Easter Vigil 8pm

### EASTER SUNDAY:

April 20th | Masses at 6am, 9am, and 12pm

## EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL



Donations to our Easter 2025 Flower Memorial Fund are now open! Through this contribution, you are donating in honor of a loved one, and the parish will pray for all these people during the Easter season. Additionally, through your support, our church can be even more beautifully decorated for the resurrection of our Lord! [tinyurl.com/olmcflowers25](https://tinyurl.com/olmcflowers25)



## ADORATION CHAPEL OPENING



His Excellency, Bishop Eduardo Nevares, blessed our new Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel this past Sunday, March 30th. On **Wednesday, April 16th**, all-day Adoration will take place in the Chapel, while regular Adoration begins Easter Monday, **April 21st**. We will update everyone regarding door access as those details become available.

## CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE



The Living in the Breech Men's Conference is on **Saturday, April 26th, from 8am to 5pm**, at Holy Cross in Mesa. Fr. John Lankeit, Jesse Romero, and Paul Zucarelli will speak. Tickets are \$50 for general admission, or \$70, which includes a special social hour with the speakers after the event. Register at [beadsforbabies.org/events](https://beadsforbabies.org/events)

## LITURGY AND WORSHIP

### THE MOST IMPORTANT MASS

By Joseph Malzone

Coming up in 6 days, we arrive at the most important Mass of the entire church year, a beautiful and majestic hours-long tapestry of symbolism, poetry, and powerful scripture recounting the story of Salvation History. This is the Easter Vigil. This Mass is also when the Church grows since the Easter Vigil is the night when catechumens can receive the Catholic sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion on the same night. The Easter Vigil is a one-of-a-kind Mass, more different than a regular Sunday liturgy than any other Mass of the year.

So, what happens at this Mass? Well, the Mass begins outside, with everyone gathered around a blazing fire. This part is called the Liturgy of Light, where the fire is blessed, which will then be used to light the Thurible, which will burn the Incense for the Mass and provide the flame for the Paschal Candle. However, before the Paschal Candle is lit, the Priest solemnly blesses it by carving a cross and other symbols into the wax and inserting 5 grains of incense in the form of nails into the cross. The Paschal Candle is then solemnly processed into the church by the Deacon while he proclaims "Lumen Christi", which translates to "Christ our Light."

When the Candle reaches the Altar, the Exsultet is proclaimed. Pope Benedict XVI said of this: "The great hymn of the Exsultet points us quite gently towards a further aspect. It reminds us that this object, the candle, has its origin in the work of bees. So, the whole of creation plays its part. In the candle, creation becomes a bearer of light. But in the mind of the Fathers, the candle also, in some sense, contains a silent reference to the Church. The cooperation of the living community of believers in the Church in some way resembles the activity of bees. It builds up the community of light. So the candle serves as a summons to us to become involved in the community of the Church, whose raison d'être is to let the light of Christ shine upon the world."

We then enter the Liturgy of the Word. Five readings from the Old Testament are read, still in the darkness of the church, showing God's marvelous plan slowly unfolding through history while candles are progressively lit in the Sanctuary. The readings are interspersed with hymns and prayers. After those readings, the church is fully illuminated at the Gloria, representing Christ's entry into the world. We hear a reading from the New Testament and then the Gospel.

We then enter the Baptismal Liturgy, where those who have spent the past 6 months preparing to become Catholic finally enter the Church and receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. After this, we begin the Liturgy of the Eucharist, which will look very similar to a regular Sunday mass; however, the neophytes (the newly baptized), will receive their First Communion.

It's not a short liturgy, but it's absolutely worth your time. With powerful rituals, words, songs, and initiation, the Easter Vigil is perhaps the most vibrant celebration of our faith. I invite you to join in this most important Mass on Saturday, April 19, at 8:00pm.

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**OLMC SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL**

**OLMC School**  
Enrollment is OPEN NOW for the 2025/2026 School year.  
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Inquire soon to save your spot

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**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**EDGE Summer Camp**  
JULY 13-18 2025

**STEUBENVILLE WEST**  
**REGISTRATION OPEN!**  
JULY 18TH-20TH

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**AZ TAX CREDIT BREAKFAST**

**Save the Date!**

**What: AZ Tax Credit Breakfast**  
**Where:** Seton Catholic Preparatory in the Library  
**When:** 8:30 AM, April 30th, 2025  
**Topic:** Creating Future Leaders Through the Arizona Corporate Tax Credits!

**Please RSVP by Monday, April 28:**  
Jill Gossett - [jgossett@ceaz.org](mailto:jgossett@ceaz.org)  
Call with any questions at: 602-218-6542

Catholic Education Arizona and Seton Catholic Preparatory will host a brief program on Arizona Individual, Low-Income and Disabled/Displaced Corporate Tax Credits.

Individuals and Business Owners can learn how to help students at no additional cost, by redirecting their AZ tax liability to:

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
St. Timothy Catholic School  
Christ the King Catholic School  
Queen of Peace Catholic School  
St. John Bosco Catholic School  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Scottsdale  
St. Mary Basha Catholic School

**Seton Catholic Preparatory**  
1150 N Dobson Rd,  
Chandler, AZ 85224

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**LIFE TEEN** **CAMPUS BOUND** **focus**

**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Connect with Life Teen and FOCUS

**APRIL 21**  
**6:00PM - 8:30PM**

**ASU NEWMAN CENTER**  
230 E University Dr,  
Tempe, AZ 8528

**MESSAGE** **BAND**

**RYAN AYALA** **MIGUEL NUÑEZ**

**RSVP**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**OUR SVDP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING EACH WEEK**

**Canned Chicken**  
**Tomato Sauce**  
**Jelly**  
**Soup (Chunky, Progresso)**  
**Canned Fruit**  
**Diced Tomatoes**  
**Rice (1lb bag or box)**

Place items in the wooden bins inside the southeast church doors.

**CHARITY & DEVELOPMENT APPEAL**

So far, 134 donors have raised **\$77,961**, and our goal is **\$135,257**. Please give today help us reach the finish line! Funds collected for the annual Charity and Development appeal help our Diocese care for the needs of many, including our Seminarians, Adults in Assisted Living, and Youth at Risk.

Scan the QR code, see the envelopes in the pews, or visit [give.dphx.org](http://give.dphx.org).

**SUPPORT OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL**

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF 3/30/24: \$23,979.22**

Parish Budgeted Operating Expenses (excluding the School and Preschool) are **\$22,008.61**. Thank you for your generosity!

Please continue to support our 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 [www.olmctempe.com](http://www.olmctempe.com) and click on the green "GIVE ONLINE" button.

**SEEKING OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

We are seeking volunteers to support the Parish Front Office on a flexible schedule. Main duties are answering calls and walk-in inquiries. Experience is helpful but not necessary. If you have a welcoming personality, enjoy interacting with others, and want to serve with a joyful heart, we want to hear from you. Please send your expression of interest to [fify@olmctempe.com](mailto:fify@olmctempe.com) with a short intro, your availability, and a brief explanation of why you feel called to volunteer.

# SILENCE: THE BEST HOMILY FOR PALM SUNDAY

Dear friends,

Before Vatican II, the reading of the Passion, which we hear today, was greeted with absolute silence. No homily. Even the concluding acclamation: "The gospel of the Lord," was omitted. So, on a day like this Palm Sunday, I sometimes feel that the most eloquent response to the word of God we have is silence because even the best of homilies could be a distraction from the deep meditation in which many of us find ourselves at the end of the story of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. But then also, I am aware that a good homily might be useful to direct and focus our meditation in the right direction. This reminds me of a story I read of little Johnny who was failing all his exams in the public school until his parents decided to send him to a good Catholic school like Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School. At the end of the year, Johnny came out top of the class. When his parents asked him what made him change so dramatically, Johnny replied, **"You see, the moment I walked into that new school and saw that guy hanging on the cross, I knew that the people here were dead-serious, so I decided not to take any chances."**

The crucifix might have helped Johnny to improve his scores, but clearly, little Johnny misunderstood it. The man on the cross is not there to scare the hell out of little boys but to show them how much he loves them. He is not there to show them what would happen to them if they misbehaved; he is there to show them that he has already paid the penalty for their sins. He is not dying on the cross for what he has done but for what you and I have done because he loves us. He died for us.

Perhaps many of us have heard this phrase so many times that it might have now lost its appeal. For us to hear this message again today as if for the first time, allow me to share the story of a man who literally died for the misdeeds of his brother. You might have heard it before, but here it goes...

Two brothers lived together in the same apartment. The elder brother was an honest, hard-working, and God-fearing man, and the younger a dishonest, gun-toting, substance-abusing rogue. Many a night, the younger man would come back into the apartment late, drunk and with a lot of cash, and the elder brother would spend hours pleading with him to mend his ways and live a decent life.

But the young man never paid any attention. One night, the junior brother runs into the house with a smoking gun and blood-stained clothes. "I killed a man," he announced. In a few minutes, the house was surrounded by police, and the two brothers knew there was no escape. "I did not mean to kill him," stammered the young brother, "I don't want to die." By now, the police were knocking at the door. The senior brother had an idea. He exchanged his clothes with the blood-stained clothes of his killer brother. The police arrested him, tried him, and condemned him to death for murder. He was killed, and his junior brother lived. He died for his brother.

Can we see that this story of crime and death is basically a story of love? Similarly, the story of the suffering and death of Jesus, which we heard in the Passion, is basically a story of love - God's love for us. This will culminate a few days later into his painful passion, death, and resurrection. How should we respond to this? Well, how would you expect the junior brother to respond to the death of the senior brother? We would expect him to respond with GRATITUDE. Gratitude to his generous brother should make him turn a new leaf and never go back to a life of crime. He would be a most ungrateful idiot if he should continue living the sort of life that made his brother die. Gratitude should make him keep the memory of his brother alive. No day should pass that he should not remember his brother who died for him. Finally, if the dead brother has a wife and children, we should expect the saved brother, out of gratitude, to love and care for them.

What God expects from us today is gratitude - gratitude strong enough to make us hate sin of every shade and color and strong enough to make us translate our love of God into the love of all of God's people. Have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter, OLMC! I love you, and please, do not postpone your love for me and for each other!

Yours in Christ,  
- Fr. Robert Aliunzi



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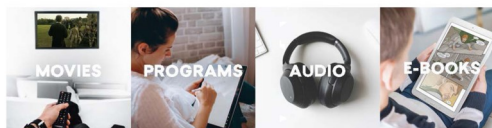
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