



OUR LADY OF
Mount Carmel
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Thursday 8:30am - 5:00pm
Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm
Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 3:00pm - 4:30pm

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday 8:30am - 7:00pm

24 HOUR ADORATION SCHEDULE

First Friday 8:30am - 8:00am

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

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

Weekday

Monday to Friday 6:30am and 8:00 am
Saturday 8:00am

PRESIDENT'S DAY .. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017
9AM MASS ONLY.. NO ADORATION/BENEDICTION

CHILDCARE

Offered during Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am for children ages infant to 5yrs in our preschool area.

PARISH REGISTRATION

First Sunday of the Month after 11am Mass in the north end of McCready hall.

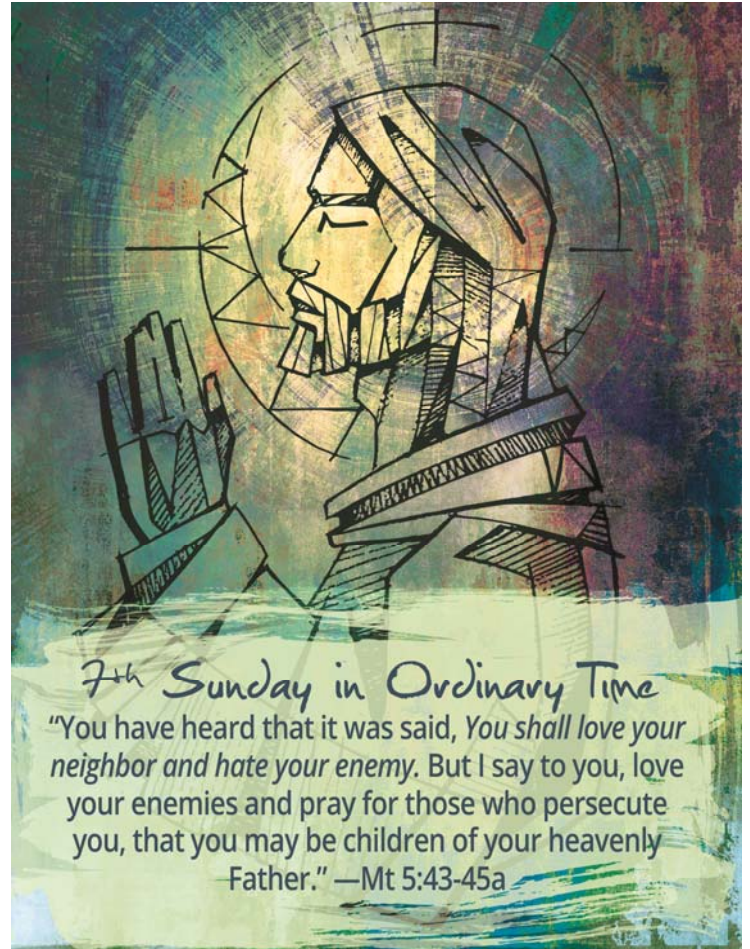
The next registration will be held Sunday, March 5, 2017.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Held on the 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month. Parents must first attend baptismal preparation class held on the First Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Youth Annex. Please go to www.olmctempe.com/sacrament-baptism for more information and to fill out the registration form.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Food box, rental or utility assistance to those who live within OLMC parish boundaries that qualify for assistance by calling 480.966.1974 between 9am and 11am.



Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office 480.967.8791 to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick. For after hours assistance with the Sacrament please call the parish number for the after hours service number who will contact the appropriate person. Prayer Teams are also available for those seeking healing after 9am, 11am, and 5pm Masses on the first Sunday.

WEDDING ORIENTATION

Held on the Second Sunday of each month except May. Couples please meet by the water fountain on the southeast side of the church immediately following the 11am Mass. This is the first step in the marriage preparation process and should be completed prior to setting wedding date. The next wedding orientation will be held March 12, 2017.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, February 20, 2017

President's Day
Parish/School/Preschool Closed

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

12:15pm School - Church
6:00pm Kidz Choir - Church/MR
7:00pm RCIA - N. Hall
7:00pm Laudate Choir - UCR
7:00pm Adult Choir - Church
7:00pm WCA - S. Hall
7:00pm M12Step - Annex
7:00pm Finance Council-T. Lounge

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

7:00pm Bible Class - Hall
7:00pm Meditation - Church
7:00pm SVdP - T. Lounge

Thursday, February 23, 2017

11:30am School - Church
2:30pm School - Breezeway
6:00pm Girl Scouts #1114 - 4A

6:15pm CoAnon - Annex
6:30pm MCA - S. Hall
7:00pm Women's Studies - N. Hall

Friday, February 24, 2017

1:00pm School - McCready Hall
2:00pm School Rosary - Church
5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-Church
7:00pm Al Anon - 2A/3A/N. Hall
8:30pm AA - McCready Hall

Saturday, February 25, 2017

8:30am Retreat - Church
9:00am Marriage & Family- N. Hall
2:00pm Wedding - Church
3:00pm Sr. AA - Annex W
6:00pm Dance - McCready Hall

Sunday, February 26, 2017

7:30am Coffee Shop - S. Hall
9:00am Faith Formation - N. Hall
6:00pm JR. High Group - Annex

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 20, 2017

Parish/School/Preschool closed
9:00am* Soul of Judy Bawcom

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

6:30am Intentions of the Priest
8:00am Soul of Madeline Turcotte

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

6:30am Soul of John Schiffer
8:00am Soul of Andy Soesilo
2:00pm Soul of Kenneth Yee

Thursday, February 23, 2017

6:30am Intentions of the Priest
8:00am Soul of Miguel Lucero

Friday, February 24, 2017

6:30am Soul of Anne Frank
8:00am Soul of Rick Mickle

Saturday, February 25, 2017

8:00am Int. of Fr. Rob Clements
5:00pm People of Mount Carmel

Sunday, February 26, 2017

7:00am Soul of Patrick McDowell
9:00am Soul of Steven Menefee
11:00am Soul of Celia Ortiz
5:00pm Soul of Vicki Wilkinson

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday, February 20, 2017

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6/Mt 16:13-19

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday, February 24, 2017

Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday, February 26, 2017

Is 49:14-15/Ps 62:2-3, 6-9/1 Cor 4:1-5
Mt 6:24-34



TAX statements for your deductible 2016 contributions to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish can be provided upon request.

request.

To have your statement emailed to you please go to the parish website to request it. IF you do not have email please call the parish office at ext. 217 to request your copy.

Although we are
PRESIDENTS DAY closed on Monday for the holiday, please join us for Mass at 9am. Note: NO 6:30am or 8am Masses nor day long Adoration nor evening Benediction on February 20th.

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The Sisters' Corner Being a Servant of the Plan of God...

A young women's discernment process starts as she begins to perceive "the call" from God as well as getting to know our order in a more personal manner.

The process proceeds when she expresses verbally the yearning; to know more about our vocation and mission. During this time, we invite and assist her with going into a deeper spiritual prayer life, self-knowledge, spending more time getting to know the community and our mission. This is our way of support, thus giving her the necessary tools that she will need for the discernment.

After a period of personal time and witnessing certain signs that are going towards the direction of the consecrated life, the next step is getting to know the community, living with us for a period of time, which helps to confirm her original sense of "the call". This is called the "Communitarian Experience."

We receive three years of formation. Part of the formation includes an apostolic experience, which happens towards the end of formation. The sisters are assigned to one of our apostolic communities to live out our mission of living among the people before returning to the formation house.

We then enter the permanent formation. Continuing our college courses and our studies in pastoral and theology formation. During this very important period, we continue our personal growth as part of the community. We engage through different ministerial opportunities as we move forward toward our temporal profession until our perpetual profession.

"BRIDGES" a Catholic Program is HERE
at Mt. Carmel after 5pm Sunday Mass
All 7TH & 8TH GRADERS are Welcome!



Catholic education plays a critical role in our students' lives helping to form their faith and preparing them for lives of services to others. Thanks to those that contributed last year, **158 students** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School received tuition assistance from Catholic Education Arizona (CEA) this past school year. The need for the upcoming school year though is far greater.

Catholic Education ARIZONA

As you know, the Arizona state tax credit program is an easy way to help families with demonstrated financial need and costs **ZERO dollars** to participate. Please give prayerful thought toward making a contribution this year of any amount up to \$2,173 for married filers and \$1,087 for individuals through CEA designating OLMC as the recipient.

You will be joining hundreds of OLMC families and friends in supporting this vital program for Catholic education. Redirecting your tax dollars gives deserving OLMC students with financial need a solid Catholic education, a path to higher education and a promising future.

We simply can't do it without you. Your support will make a real and lasting impact in the lives of those students who are still in need. Thank you for your continued support and friendship. To contribute online please visit www.catholiceducationarizona.org.



OLMC FESTIVAL 2017

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Silent & Live Auction Needs You!

The OLMC Parish Festival auction committee is looking for donations to the Silent and Live Auction and every donation helps. Some of the favorite items needed include: sporting goods, electronics, bicycles, religious items, jewelry, sports memorabilia, patio furniture, home décor, event tickets, hotel stays, and donation of services. In addition you can make a donation of Food for Thought which can be purchased in the school office and please consider asking for a donation from businesses you patronize. Finally sponsorship opportunities are also available for additional advertising exposure.

Donations can be dropped off in the school office. For more information, please contact Carey Anthony via email at auction@olmcschool.info.

Thank you for your support of OLMC Catholic School.

Ladies Lenten Prep Retreat
Saturday Feb. 25

from 8am to noon. Free! Babies and ladies ages 13 and much older are invited. No registration. More info at 602.228.2126
Monica Breaux.



ANNUAL OLMC GOLF TOURNAMENT



May 6, 2017

At  Kokopelli
GOLF CLUB

1800 W. Guadalupe Rd., Gilbert, AZ 85233



Details and signups to come

OLMC FullCircle Program
among the beneficiaries

Please visit the OLMC Coffee Shop Sunday Morning after the morning Masses. ALL proceeds benefit the FullCircle Program. This parish ministry at Mount Carmel offers assistance for At Risk Kids and their families. For more details or more information regarding possible assistance for your family contact AJ Creswell at aj@olmctempe.com or call the parish



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



ASH WEDNESDAY *March 1, 2017*

Mass Times
 6:30am
 8:00am
 2:00pm
 7:00pm

Ash Distribution (No Mass)
 12Noon



Cost: Ages 12&up ...\$8 Ages 6 to 12...\$4 Ages 5 and under FREE with paid adult.

5:00pm - 6:45pm

Ash Wednesday, March 1st
Fridays: March 3, March 10,
March 17, March 24, April 7
Fish Tacos are back!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



The Book of Leviticus from which our First Reading comes is the third book in the Old Testament. Its name in part comes from the Levites, who were the tribe to which Aaron belonged. Historically Aaron is considered to be the one from whom priests are descended. However, the Bible offers instructions to all of us, not just to priests. In today's reading from Leviticus, God says to Moses that he should teach the people this: "Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy."

There is no way, of course, that we can be as holy as God is. God is divine, not human, and thus His Holiness is above and way beyond our capabilities. What God is saying to us though is that we do need to strive for holiness. We often speak of our call to holiness and how we can try to achieve that. One way is to embrace stewardship and all it entails as a way of life.

Will that make us holy like the Lord? No, but it does mean that we need to comprehend that it is God and God's wisdom we must embrace and follow. Holiness for us means we need to attempt to separate ourselves from those things and thoughts and ideas which can be viewed as not holy in the Eyes of God. Yes, it is impossible for us, but yet that is what we must try to do.



"Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity..."
– Pope Francis

The annual Charity and Development Appeal (CDA) provides critical funding to over 70 programs and organizations across the Diocese.

The CDA serves the basic needs of our large and fast growing community beyond what any one parish or community can do alone.

Together we can achieve more. With your gift to the CDA, you heed the call to be an instrument of God's mercy.

For more information or to donate online, please use dphx.org/cda. Thank you for your support.

A NOTE FROM FR. JOHN

19 February 2017

Dear Friends,

Many people have expressed to me their grave concerns and outright fears about the new administration in Washington, DC. At this point, such fears and concerns are still in the realm of the hypothetical since, as of now, no one's liberties have been taken away or restricted. I will admit that if the shoe were on the other foot, I would be reacting the same way, if not more so. Let me explain what my grave concerns and fears were prior to the election. I will use one example to illustrate my point.

When the Dept. of Health and Human Services issued the "Contraception Mandate" as part of the ACA, the Catholic Bishops and others requested an accommodation from the mandate. The reason for the request was that the mandate would put us in a position to do something that was contrary to Catholic teaching. Our disagreement was not over the right of women to access contraception but with the requirement that we must pay for it despite our moral objections. Other than providing for a small accommodation for Houses of Worship, DHHS refused to accommodate our auxiliary organizations such as hospitals, colleges, nursing homes, etc. As a result, groups such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, who operate nursing homes for the very poor elderly, were forced to sue the US government since failure to implement the mandate would result in ruinous fines that would essentially force the Little Sisters and others to cease operations.

At every step of the way, the Administration chose the path of most resistance. Despite being offered a variety of ways to compromise, the Administration refused. Thus the lawsuit made its way to the US Supreme Court. The Court did not directly address the issue at hand but rather said that it appeared to them that reasonable accommodation had been offered by the Little Sisters, and the case was sent back to the lower courts to work out the proposed solutions. (The issue is still pending resolution.) The reason I point this out is that the Court never resolved the legal issues and left the door open for a new administration to pursue implementing the mandate against the objections of religious employers. You can see why appointment of a new Justice was of great concern to many voters.

In the meantime our local Diocesan Employee Health Plan was grandfathered in with the caveat that if at anytime changes were made to the plan, then the contraception mandate would apply. Rather than triggering the mandate, we have made no changes to our plan pending the outcome of the Little Sisters legal challenges. Again, if we were forced to comply with the mandate and refused, we would face fines that would amount to an existential threat to our continued existence as a Diocese with its many affiliated ministries. During the campaign one side clearly stated it supported the mandate without any accommodations for those with moral objections.

Hence my fears and concerns prior to the election. These were not what if's or maybe's or hypothetical or a product of my overblown imagination. Rather they were based in the historical reality, as witnessed by the many lawsuits and that the Obama DHHS stubbornly refused to find any way to accommodate the conscientious objections of many religious employers. As a result of one little regulation issued by a bureaucratic agency, the right to religious liberty was being undermined and religious groups were being threatened with a choice between the continued existence of their organizations, institutions, and ministries or self-defeating moral compromise. So maybe you can understand from our perspective why we feel we dodged a bullet in this election.

For those who have fears of the current administration, please know that the same tools that were available before the election are still available post election: the right to assembly, protest, lobby legislators, redress in Federal Courts. But one right that you might want to reconsider is the right to conscientious objection. This principle has a long history in our country, and in the past our government has found ways to accommodate the conscience of its citizens while upholding its governmental objectives (think of soldiers who conscientiously objected to fighting in war). You may find yourself in a position, as we did, in which you would morally compromise yourself if you went along with certain rules or regulations. Either we find workable ways to accommodate each other's sincerely held moral beliefs, or we will forever be a divided society. Simply put - "you can't always get what you want, but you get what you need."

While I realize that many of you who now fear the new Administration did not support religious employers in their claim to conscientious objection viz-a-viz the contraception mandate, I assure you that if you choose to employ an appeal to conscience based on your sincerely held moral beliefs, even if I disagree with them, I will support and defend your right to do so.

I recommend viewing the film, "Hacksaw Ridge;" it eloquently demonstrates how a government can accommodate religious objections to its own legal requirements and by doing so makes room for truly great things to happen because it respected the conscience of one citizen.

Love, Fr. John B.