



OUR LADY OF  
*Mount Carmel*  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office: (480) 967-8791 | [www.olmctempe.com](http://www.olmctempe.com)

School: (480) 967-5567 [www.olmschool.info](http://www.olmschool.info)  
Pre-school: (480) 966-1753

## 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.  
Schedule change\*\*\* April 17th no Adoration nor Benediction

### 24 HOUR ADORATION SCHEDULE

First Fridays from 8:30am until Saturday mornings at 8:00am

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekend

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

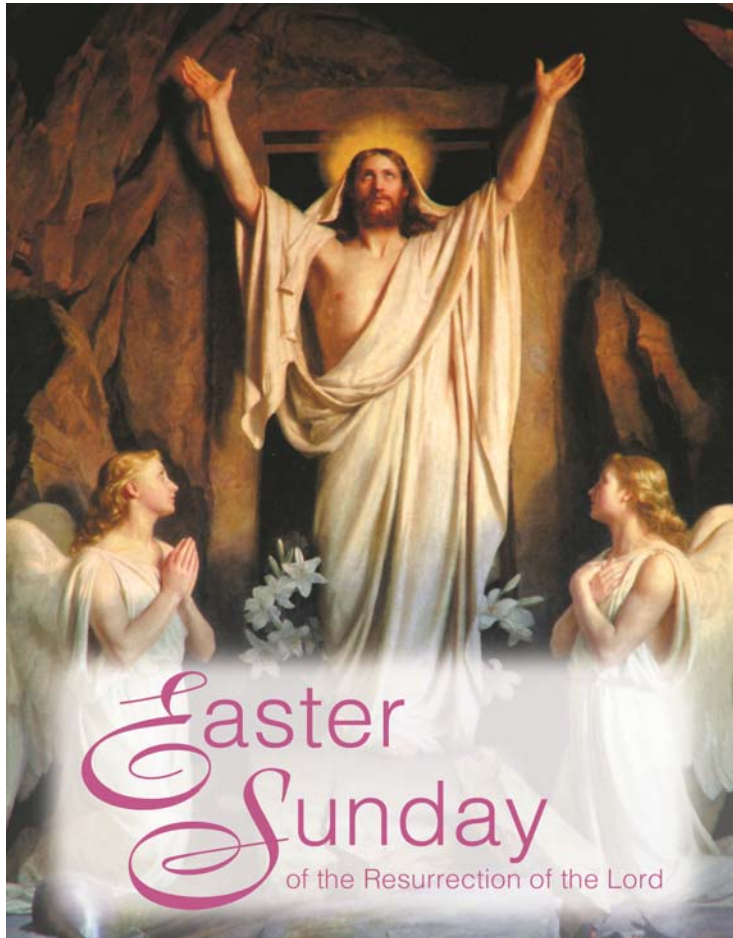
#### Weekday

Monday to Friday ..... 6:30am and 8:00 am  
Saturday ..... 8:00am  
Weekday Mass schedule change\*\*\* April 17th 9am ONLY

### CHILDCARE

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

Please Note: No childcare on April 16th Easter Sunday



### PARISH REGISTRATION

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

The next registration will be held Sunday, May 7, 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](http://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 of the Sick, 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.

## PARISH STAFF

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### Monday, April 17, 2017

No Activities Today...

### Tuesday, April 18, 2017

6:00pm Kidz Choir - Church/MR  
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, April 19, 2017

8:00am School - N. Hall  
3:15pm Girl Scouts #15 - 3B  
7:00pm Meditation - Church  
7:00pm Bible Class - Hall

### Thursday, April 20, 2017

6:00pm Girl Scouts # 1114 - 4B  
6:15pm CoAnon - Annex W

6:30pm MCA - South Hall

### Friday, April 21, 2017

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

### Saturday, April 22, 2017

6:30am OLMC Men's - Hall  
9:30am Funeral - Church  
2:00pm Wedding - Church  
3:00pm Sr. AA - Annex W  
5:00pm Dad's Club - Hall  
**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, 2017**  
7:00am Coffee Shop - S. Hall  
9:00am Inquiry Session - Annex W.  
2:00pm Divine Mercy Prayers - Church  
2:00pm Family Discipleship - Hall  
6:00pm Bridges - Youth Annex

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 17, 2017

9:00am Soul of Robert Sarka

### Tuesday, April 18, 2017

6:30am Ss of William & Dorothy Shepard  
8:00am Int. of Elyse Tseffos

### Wednesday, April 19, 2017

6:30am Soul of Rudy Gradillas, Sr.  
8:00am Ss of Lyle & Florence Sutton

### Thursday, April 20, 2017

6:30am Int. of Katherine Montalvo  
8:00am Soul of Mike Ruppel

### Friday, April 21, 2017

6:30am Soul of Ellen Ethier  
8:00am Soul of Elaine Ferrance

### Saturday, April 22, 2017

8:00am Soul of Andy of Soesilo  
5:00pm Ss of McGuire Family

### Sunday, April 23, 2017

7:00am Soul of Bruce Wester  
9:00am Soul of Jose Najareno  
11:00am Soul of Jesus San Nicolas  
5:00pm People of Mount Carmel Parish

## NOTICE: SCHEDULE CHANGES

**MONDAY APRIL 17TH  
NO 6:30AM OR 8AM MASSES,  
NO ADORATION, NO BENEDICTION  
PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR MASS AT 9:00AM**



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

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, April 16, 2017

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 Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

### Monday, April 17, 2017

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11  
Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22  
Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday, April 20, 2017

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

### Friday, April 21, 2017

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a  
Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday, April 22, 2017

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21  
Mk 16:9-15

### Next Sunday, April 23, 2017

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



## Catholic?

No? Are You Considering?

Do You Have Questions?

Are You Seeking Answers?

Ever Wonder Why We Catholics Do What We Do?

You are invited to join Sr. Maria Jose for the upcoming RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Inquiry Sessions on Sundays April 23 & May 21 & June 18 at 9am in the Youth Annex West.

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## The Sisters' Corner ....

### The Marks Of An Extreme Love The Holy Shroud

One of the most beautiful gifts that the Lord has left us is His Face and His Body imprinted on the Holy Shroud. This Sacred Icon of His Love to the end for humanity shows the marks that Jesus had on His entire His Body due to the suffering and His crucifixion.

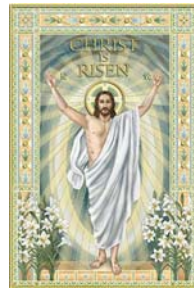
For us as Servants of the Plan of God, this is a special devotion that shows us the marks of the Love that Jesus has for each one of us. And when we see them it shakes our hearts and makes us want to love in the same way as Jesus.

As these marks were impressed in the moment of the Resurrection of Jesus, they are also a sign of hope! Jesus is alive and is always in our lives in many different ways. We can see Him in our neighbor, especially those who suffer, inviting us to give hope to others by His Love.

*Have a beautiful and blessed Easter!!*

[siervasdelplandedios.org](http://siervasdelplandedios.org)

[facebook.com/siervasdelplandedios/](https://facebook.com/siervasdelplandedios/)



*Welcome to the Family of God!*

*To the newest Catholics here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the*

*Easter Vigil April 15,*

*We offer prayers of thanksgiving*

*for the baptisms of:*

*Michael, Natalee, Noah, Yong,*

*Carlos, Carla, Lois, Marc, Robert,*

*And for those who received their First Eucharist and Confirmation ..*

*Gabriel, Amanda, Lori,*

*Dawson, Ken, Maloni, Matthew, Michelle,*

*Pam, Stephanie, Sheri, Steven*



**ALL children from the parish**

**are invited to celebrate**

**Christ's resurrection.**

**Sunday, April 23rd**

**2:00pm - 4:00pm**

**McCready Hall**

**All Kindergarteners to 6<sup>th</sup> grade can participate in Games, Easter crafts and FUN for all....**

**The Celebration is Free!!!!**

**Parents please RSVP for**

**your child online at**

**[www.olmctempe.com](http://www.olmctempe.com)**

**If you have any questions contact Sr. Maria Cristina, [spdmariacristina@olmctempe.com](mailto:spdmariacristina@olmctempe.com).**



*Congratulations to the Winners of 2017 Festival Raffles!*

**Kids Raffle:**

**1st Prize \$1500 - Brittany Cruz**

**2nd Prize \$750 - Elidia Hernandez**

**3rd Prize \$250 - Mary Ellen Brandt**

**Parish Festival Raffle**

**Grand Prize \$10,000 - Mark Schultz**

**2nd Prize Super Raffle \$2000 - Georgiana Munoz**

**3rd Prize Super Raffle \$500 - Gil Montanez**

**Jewelry \$2500 Gift Certificate Raffle: Alejandra Lopez**

*"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) is underway. Thank you to everyone who has made their pledge. Each and every gift is important, no matter how big or small. Our parish goal is 100% participation and \$161,000.



Please visit the OLMC Coffee Shop Sunday Morning after the morning Masses. ALL proceeds benefit the FullCircle Program. This parish ministry here at Mount Carmel offers assistance for At Risk Kids and their families.

For more information regarding possible assistance for your family contact AJ Creswell at [aj@olmctempe.com](mailto:aj@olmctempe.com)



9TH ANNUAL OLMC

Sponsored by OLMC Knights of Columbus #6627

# Golf Tournament

SATURDAY, MAY 6

**\$85 ENTRY FEE PER PLAYER**



IN MEMORY OF  
ANDY SOESILO

online entry form at  
[olmctempe.com](http://olmctempe.com)

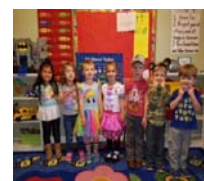
Proceeds benefit Full Circle Program

*All Are Invited To Celebrate  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 23, 2017 2:00pm to 3:00pm  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.  
Together we will venerate the Divine Mercy Image,  
and pray the Chaplet.*



### "BRIDGES"

A Catholic Program is HERE at Mt. Carmel meeting after 5pm Sunday Mass For All 7TH & 8TH GRADERS



### OLMC Preschool Now Enrolling

OLMC Preschool is a Christ-filled environment and play-based preschool for 3 - 5 years old. We offer full and half days. Classes are filling up. Please contact Monica Ferrance Preschool Director at 480.966.1753 or [monica@olmctempe.com](mailto:monica@olmctempe.com).

## April 18, 2017 Deadline

Catholic education plays a critical role in our students' lives helping to form their faith and preparing them for lives of services to others. *We simply can't do it without you.* Thank you for your continued support.

**Catholic Education  
ARIZONA**

# EASTER SUNDAY ..... APRIL 16, 2017



*Many thanks for the wonderful sponsors our recent  
2017 Unity in Community Parish and School Festival  
was blessed with.... We thank you All!*

*Fr. John, Jamon Reval (festival chairman), the staff and volunteers of  
OLMC parish and school festival.*

*Please remember to thank the following with your prayers and patronage!*

#CatholicChic,  
9F Cattle Company,  
A-1 Golf Cart Rentals,  
Advanced Hearing Group,  
Alamo Draffthouse,  
Alissa Serignese/ASU  
Alumni Association,  
Anthony Family,  
Anton Sport,  
Apache Gold Casino Resort,  
Aquarium of the Pacific,  
Arizona Cardinals,  
Arizona Diamondbacks,  
Arizona Museum of Natural History,  
Arizona Science Center,  
Arizona Soaring,  
Arizona Sonora Desert Museum,  
Arizona State Parks,  
Arizona Theater Company,  
Arizona Theater League,  
Arthur Murray Dance Studio,  
As You Wish Pottery Painting Place,  
ASU Alumni Association,  
ASU Gammage,  
Augusta Ranch Golf Club,  
Aurora World,  
AZ Air Time,  
AZ HIDTA,  
Tom Hayden,  
Bahama Bucks,  
Barro's Pizza,  
Bashas' Supermarket,  
Bayard Inc. - Twenty-Third Publications,  
BCT Arizona,  
Bearizona,  
Beauty Brands,  
Big 5 Sporting Goods,  
Biosphere 2,  
Bitsbox,  
Black Bear Diner,  
Blackstad Family,  
Blessed Is She Inc.,  
Brandt Engineers,  
Brittney Matta,  
Budo Shingikan School of  
Japanese Martial Arts,  
Buffalo Wild Wings,  
Byblos Restaurant,  
Cactus Sports, CAI TV,  
Cara Pabst Moran,  
Cardenas Family,  
Carole Roman,  
Casa Rey's Mobile Kitchen,  
Castles n Coasters,  
Cecere Family,  
Challenger Space Center,  
Changing Hands Bookstore,  
Chapman Family,

Charles Pabst,  
Chewbeads,  
Chick-Fil-A Tempe,  
Children's Dental Village,  
Children's Museum of Phoenix,  
Childsplay Inc,  
Chipotle, Chompie's,  
Cindra Ray Salisbury,  
Mary Kay,  
Cindy Younger,  
Cities West Publishing,  
Claudia Giannetta,  
Claudine Kayitesi,  
Coffin & Trout,  
Craig Pearson/Falcon Catering,  
Craig Pierson,  
Crescent Crown,  
Crockett Honey Co.,  
Crowell Family,  
DeCio Pasta,  
Dehler Auction Service,  
Delia's Cleaners,  
Dennee Family,  
Dennis Uniform,  
Desert Appeal Landscape,  
Desert Botanical Garden,  
Desert Breeze Railroad,  
Desert Eye,  
Desert Sands Golf Course,  
Design Sense,  
Detroit Coney Grill,  
Dick's Sporting Goods,  
DiPuccio Family,  
Disneyland,  
Dolly Steamboat,  
Douglas Wayne Salon,  
Dr. Dennis Gross Skincare/  
Marjorie Munson,  
Dream Dinners,  
Drury Hotels,  
Duke Photography,  
East Valley Children's Theater,  
Edward Foley,  
El Pollo Loco,  
Emerald Isle Golf Course  
(Oceanside, CA),  
Enchanted Island Amusement Park,  
Enstrom Candies,  
EOS Fitness, Epic!,  
Farmers Insurance -  
Mike Herrmann Agency,  
Father John,  
Ferrance Family,  
Fit4Mom Phoenix,  
Five Guys Burgers and Fries,  
Flagstaff Extreme Adventure Course,  
Foothills Golf Group,  
Fox Restaurant Concepts,

Fraser Family,  
Fred Astaire Dance Studio,  
Freddy's Frozen Custard,  
Gass Family,  
girly-girlz.com,  
Gold Medal Gymnastics,  
GolfLand Entertainment Center,  
Grand Canyon Deer Farm,  
graze,  
Great Arizona Puppet Theater,  
Hackett Family,  
Hall Family,  
Hamant Family,  
Happy Family Brands,  
Harb Family,  
Harper Collins/Natalie Hill,  
Haydon Building Corp.,  
Heilman Family,  
Henry Wang,  
Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary,  
Hol-E.com, Holy Heroes,  
Honeybaked Ham - Chandler/Ahwatukee,  
Hotel Palomar,  
Hubbard Family Swim School,  
Hungry Howie's #1805,  
i.d.e.a. Museum,  
Ice Den, In N Out Burger,  
Inner Vision Yoga,  
Inspired Solutions - Felicity Blackwater, LMT,  
Iowa Popcom & Concessions,  
iPic Theaters,  
Jacobson Family,  
Jamal Allen, James Salas,  
Jeanne's School of Dance,  
Jeff Jirele,  
Jeremy Vasalina,  
Jesse Tree Treasures,  
Jester'Z Improv Family  
Friendly Comedy Club,  
Jewell Parker Rhodes,  
Joe's Real BBQ,  
John & Karen Lacy,  
John Lescroart,  
Jordan Webb,  
Joyful Yoga Studio,  
Jumpstreet,  
Karen Shepard,  
Kay Arbogast,  
Kedrowski Family,  
Kief-Joshua Vineyards,  
King's House Church  
Supply & Religious Gifts,  
Knights of Columbus -  
Golf Tournament,  
Kralik Family,  
Kubicki Family,  
Leasures Designer Portraits,  
Linda Reichert,  
Logan's Roadhouse,  
Lou Malnati's,

Lowell Observatory,  
Mabel's Labels, Macayo's,  
Main Event Entertainment,  
Marilyn Bostics Ballet  
Centre, Market Street Pet  
Depot, Mary Linderman,  
McCormick - Stillman  
Railroad Park,  
MCSO Jeep Posse,  
Melitta, Meteor Crater Enterprises,  
Michael & Rita Kirby,  
Michael Pabst,  
Mid-First Bank,  
Mike Herrmann,  
Mike Hess Brewing,  
Mission San Juan Capistrano,  
Namaste Foods,  
Nancy Mills, Five Times Blessed,  
Natural History Museum Los Angeles,  
NaturOli,  
Notre Dame Preparatory High School,  
Nurse David,  
Oak Creek Vineyards and Winery,  
OdySea Aquarium,  
OLMC Dad's Club,  
OLMC Families and Teachers,  
OLMC Girl Scout Troop 1473,  
OLMC Home and School,  
OLMC Parishioners,  
Organ Stop Pizza,  
Oriental Trading,  
Otter Box,  
Pabst Family,  
Pacific Park - Santa Monica Pier,  
Paletas Betty,  
Panda Express,  
Paper Culture,  
Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen,  
Party Professionals,  
Paul's Ace Hardware,  
Penske Truck Rental,  
Pete's Fish & Chips,  
Pfister Family,  
Phoenix Art Museum,  
Phoenix Rock Gym,  
Phoenix Suns,  
Phoenix Zoo,  
Picaboo, Pier 39,  
Portrait Innovations,  
ProCamps, Pro-Em,  
Promise Gifts,  
Pueblo Grande Museum  
Archaeological Park,  
Pure Barre Studio,  
Raising Cane's,  
RawSpiceBar, Reddy Ice,  
Reval Family, Rigatony's,  
Robert Munsch,  
Rob's Rod Room,  
Roger Clyne & The Peacemakers,

Ronny Hamm,  
Saint Joseph Youth Camp,  
Salon Embellish, Sault,  
Scottsdale Gun Club,  
Senoritas Margaritas,  
Sesame Street,  
Seton Catholic Preparatory High School,  
Silver Dolphin Books,  
Skin Concepts Aesthetics Spa,  
Sole Sports Running Zone,  
Someburros,  
Sophia Institute,  
Sprinkles Cupcakes,  
Sprouts Farmers Market,  
Stampin Up,  
Stratum Laser Tag,  
Strickbine Family,  
Sugar Bowl Restaurant,  
Sugarlips Cakery,  
Sumit's Yoga Tempe,  
Sunfare,  
Sunstate Equipment,  
Superstition Farm,  
Talking Stick Resort,  
Tempe Dodge,  
Tempe Holistic Skin Care,  
The Blissful Baby Photography,  
The Habit Burger Grill,  
The Living Desert,  
the Parking Spot,  
Therese Marquez/Advocare,  
Tom Gauthier,  
Tomah Family, Total Wine,  
Totally Catholic Tees,  
Trinity Cross Collection,  
Tubac Golf Resort,  
Tyrrell Family,  
U Konserve,  
Upward Projects Restaurants,  
US Egg, US Foods,  
USS Midway Museum,  
Valle Luna,  
Venezia's Pizzeria,  
Vinci Torio's Restaurant,  
Vineyard Vines,  
Vinovios Gourmet Cheesecakes,  
VIPAirsoft Arena & Proshop,  
Waffle House,  
Wet 'n' Wild Phoenix,  
Wetzel's Pretzels,  
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Zoobooks,  
Zoyo Neighborhood Yogurt

# A NOTE FROM FR. JOHN

16 April 2017

Dear Friends,

If there is a highway to hell and a stairway to heaven, you should probably consider the traffic possibilities. While the highway may get you there faster, the stairs will take some effort. Taking it step by step is the nature of the spiritual life. Short cuts and half-measures generally avail results that are nil. If there were an easier, softer way, someone would have discovered it by now.

That's why we are here: a community of disciples of Jesus who try their best to practice the spiritual life by developing and maintaining an on-going relationship with God through Jesus. A big part of being part of that community is just showing up. A certain amount of *pew-mosis* occurs over time as you seat yourself in a pew on a Sunday morning. That's a big part, though not the only part of what we do. We gather Sunday after Sunday, sing songs in praise of God, listen to the biblical stories of how our ancestors in Faith came to believe, and then celebrate the mysterious presence of the risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread. At the end, after about an hour or so, the deacon dismisses us and instructs us to go forth and glorify the Lord with our lives or go and proclaim the Gospel - in others words, try to put it all into everyday practice.

On a day such as Easter Sunday, there are lots of regulars and not so regulars here, as well as visitors from many places. These include Christians and those who are not so sure they are Christians. Whatever your status, you are welcome here and most welcomed to return. As a pastor, I realize that many times people show up and don't share our beliefs or at least not all of them. I certainly respect that, and in order for you to be here, I don't expect you to believe everything, but you are welcome to listen with us as to what it means for us to be authentically Catholic Christians trying to climb that stairway to heaven.

One of the best parts of taking the spiritual life seriously is that questions, doubts, difficulties and objections are all part of it. Church is one of the safest places to express those doubts and try to figure it all out. We have just welcomed and initiated many new members who have gone through that discovery process, questioned and objected, and came to a point where they were ready to make a full commitment to Jesus Christ and his Church. For me as a pastor, it is wonderful to be part of that journey and walk with these newest members as they inquire and seek understanding, have their questions taken seriously and their doubts resolved.

So if you have those doubts, questions, or objections and long for a safe place to ask those questions, raise those doubts, or make those objections (since we can't do it during a regular Sunday Mass time), we invite you to join us at one or more of our **INQUIRY SESSIONS** on the third Sunday of the month in April, May, and June. Actually, today is the third Sunday so we will start next Sunday, April 23, at 9AM and then meet again on May 21 and June 18. We meet in the Church Hall (McCready Hall) where our Sunday Coffee Shop is located.

And if these times won't work for you, please feel free to e-mail me with questions or to set up a one-on-one appointment. You can follow us on Facebook or Twitter for more information about upcoming events that might interest you.

Consider this: you may have come at the invitation (or nagging) of a friend or family member, or maybe you just thought it proper to attend Church on Easter Sunday, or you visited before and liked our music, or our welcoming congregation made you feel comfortable – well, that may be the surface reason. But could there be a deeper reason? Could it be God tugging on your heart, nudging you towards Him?

Come and find out. Inquire. Take the next step on that Stairway to Heaven.

Happy Easter!

Love, Fr. John B.