



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

Mondays from 8:30am until 7:00pm Benediction

**\*\*\*NO ADORATION - MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH**

### 24 HOUR ADORATION SCHEDULE

First Friday from 8:30am until Saturday morning 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  
**\*\*\*SEPTEMBER 4TH 9AM MASS ONLY\*\* (No 6:30 or 8)**  
Saturday..... 8:00am

### 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. Next registration is October 1, 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 living within OLMC parish boundaries who qualify for assistance by calling 480.966.1974 **\*\*Please Note our Summer Hours are 9am to 11am on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.\*\***



**22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24-25

### 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 of each month.

### 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. Next Orientation will be Sept. 10, 2017.

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## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, September 4, 2017**  
Labor Day Holiday - No Activities

**Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

7:00pm RCIA - N. Hall  
7:00pm WCA - S. Hall  
7:00pm M12Step - Annex

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

7:00pm Meditation - Church  
7:00pm Bible Class - McCready Hall

**Thursday, September 7, 2017**

6:15pm CoAnon - Annex W.  
6:30pm MCA - S. Hall  
7:00pm K of C - 8B

**Friday, September 8, 2017**

1:00pm Grief Support - FR

2:00pm School Rosary - Church

6:00pm Grief Support - FR

7:00pm Al Anon - 2A/3A/N. Hall

7:00pm UNITAS - 7B

8:30pm AA - McCready Hall

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

10:00am SVdP - Annex W

3:00pm Outside Group - McCready Hall

3:00pm Seniors Group - Annex W.

6:00pm OLMC Men's Group - Shrine

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

7:00am Coffee Shop - S. Hall

7:30am OLMC Men's Group - Shrine

9:00am RE - 7A/7B/8A/8B/MR

6:00pm Bridges - Convent

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 4, 2017**

9:00am Soul of Orazio Cordano

**Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

6:30am Soul of Msgr. Daniel McCready

8:00am Souls of Veronica y Tino Rossi

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

6:30am Soul of Ray Upshaw

8:00am Soul of Gene Kirby

2:00pm Soul of Becca Reynolds

**Thursday, September 7, 2017**

6:30am Ss of Virginia & Manuel Bocanegra

8:00am Soul of Archie Underwood

**Friday, September 8, 2017**

6:30am Intentions of Ursela Soesilo

8:00am Intentions of Ros Guerrero

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

8:00am Soul of Desean Estrada

5:00pm People of Mount Carmel Parish

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

7:00am Soul of Noah Whitehurst

9:00am Soul of Roger Runninger

11:00am Soul of Desean Estrada

5:00pm Intentions of Giusti Family

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

**Sunday, September 3, 2017**

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27

**Monday, September 4, 2017**

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13  
Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday, September 7, 2017**

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday, September 8, 2017**

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday, September 10, 2017**

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10  
Mt 18:15-20



**United Blood Services**  
Find the hero in you.

**Did you know . . .** every two seconds someone requires blood? Premature babies, trauma victims, as well as patients suffering from cancer, leukemia and heart disease all receive lifesaving blood transfusions.

Give blood at Our Lady of Mount Carmel blood drive **9/17/17 from 8:00am -1:00pm.** Your single donation can save several lives because blood can be separated into components. In just one hour, you could be a hero for an accident victim, a person undergoing surgery **and** a child receiving treatment for cancer.

**Mark your calendar and save the date to save a life . . . or 3!**

Shannon David, RN, NCSN



From September 27 through November 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life

40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 1837 E. Baseline Rd. in Tempe, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you would like more information and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Jim Fitzsimmons at [tempe40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:tempe40daysforlife@gmail.com) or call 480-712-9733.



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

# PATRIOT DAY SEPT 11

The Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Living Rosary Groups Invite  
You to pray the rosary  
at 6pm in the church  
September 11, 2017...



WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER



## BRIDGES on Sunday Evenings

Time: (after 5pm Mass) 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Place: Sisters' Convent

For more information please contact Sr. Veronica

Email: [spdveronica@olmctempe.com](mailto:spdveronica@olmctempe.com) or call (480) 967-8791 ext.222

# Save the Date

November



FullCircle  
Annual Banquet  
@ OLMC-Tempe

Please visit the OLMC Coffee Shop Sunday Morning after the morning Masses. ALL proceeds benefit the Full Circle 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)



Important to know.....

Due to the upcoming Labor Day Holiday We will NOT hold the September Parish Welcoming and Registration. Please plan on attending the next one to be held on Sunday, October 1st in McCready Hall immediately following the 11am Mass.

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church's  
Wedding Preparation is as easy as 1 2 3...*

Couples must first.....

- 1) Attend Wedding Orientation
- 2) Follow the easy guidelines
- 3) Enjoy the 9 month process

Next Wedding Orientation will be

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

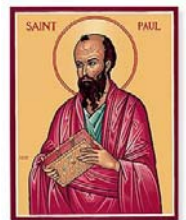
immediately following 11am Mass. Couples please meet by the water fountain on the south side of church.

.....They did



## Everyday Stewardship

Our Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans is quite short, but as is ever the case with Holy Scripture it contains a central message which is quite important to us. One of the ongoing challenges of being Catholic and Christian in today's society is that society, cultural norms, sometimes seem to work against our efforts to live as followers and disciples of Christ.



Paul sums up that struggle succinctly as he says, "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." Paul offers two suggestions in terms of combating the temptation to conform and agree.

First, he calls for a "renewal" of our minds. Often in today's society the standard opinion is that it is feelings, how we feel, that are most important. Living in that way ignores the mind approach. Second, if we do try to sort things out intellectually we can only be successful in God's eyes if we seek truth. The question we must pose to ourselves and to which we need to seek a conclusion is not "How do I feel?" or even "What do I think?" The important question for us is "What is true and what does God's Word say?"

The philosopher and author C. S. Lewis defined truth simply when he wrote: "No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of Genesis, that '...in the beginning God made heaven and earth'."



SESSIONS ON FRIDAY

1:00pm – 3:00pm and  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

For more info, please contact Jan at:  
[jbrett20@gmail.com](mailto:jbrett20@gmail.com)



IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE

MONDAY, SEPT. 4th at 9AM  
Please note the following:  
NO 630am nor 8am Masses  
NO Adoration nor Benediction.

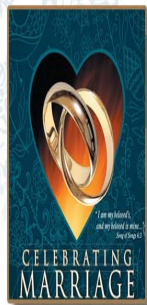


Did you know that the Catholic Church is one of the largest child serving organizations in the United States? As a Church, God calls each one of us to protect His most precious gifts; His children. In order to help keep children safe, it is important that all clergy, consecrated men and women, employees and volunteers be educated on how to prevent abuse in our faith communities, neighborhoods, and homes.

Renewal training can be completed at [www.safeenvironmenttraining.org](http://www.safeenvironmenttraining.org). Select "My Obligations". Enter your first name, last name and street address. You can make corrections to your profile (including your location and ministry you serve in) and then click "update information and continue." The renewal training will take approximately 35 minutes.

The new video is: *Keeping The Promise Alive*. This program works best from a high-speed internet connection. Be sure to watch through the end of the credits so your profile is updated. Contact the Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, James Salas at [james@olmctempe.com](mailto:james@olmctempe.com) if you encounter any difficulties.

Parishioners without computer access are invited to pre-register with James 480.967.8791 ext 228 for renewal class on **Monday September 18th at 10am in the youth annex.**



CELEBRATING MARRIAGE

Sts. Simon and Jude Cathedral • Saturday, September 30 at 10:00am

Join this wonderful annual diocesan events consisting of a beautiful jubilee Mass and luncheon. Couples celebrating jubilaian anniversaries will receive a special blessing, group photo with Bishop Olmsted, and a certificate. For registration info, please contact Sabina at the parish office.



Attention Parents....

The monthly infant baptism preparation class for parents and godparents is held on the First Wednesday each month in the Youth Annex West. There is no need to pre-register for class. However, parents who wish to have their child baptized here at Mt. Carmel please fill out the online form at <http://www.olmctempe.com/sacrament-baptism>.

WOMEN'S STUDIES MINISTRY

Save the Date for Our Fall Session

The OLMC Women's Studies Ministry is dedicated to helping women grow in their relationship with God through fellowship, scripture teachings and group discussions.



Fall Session... *Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle For You*

In this 100 years Anniversary of Fatima season, there is no better way to help you discover Mary more deeply, understand her role in our lives, and live out a greater devotion to her. Discover the epic story of the battle between The Woman Who Said Yes and The Angel Who Said No.

- Registration after all Masses August 27, September 3 and 10 weekends.
- Fall 8 week session w/Intro night.
- Begins September 21-November 16
- \$30 Registration/Materials Fee
- Free childcare available
- Meet on Thursday evenings 7-8:30pm in McCready Hall-North

Volunteers welcome...The Women's Studies Ministry is always looking for women interested in sharing their time and talent to help plan and run our study sessions and our annual retreat. To join us as a volunteer, please contact Carey Gass at 480-329-9314 or email her at [cncgass@yahoo.com](mailto:cncgass@yahoo.com).

CATHOLICISM THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS VOLUME I

Men: This fall the Our Lady's Men of Christ men's group is running CATHOLICISM: *The Pivotal Players* by Bishop Barron.

This program showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changes the course of western civilization. Meeting s are on select Saturday mornings. For more information or to register contact Sean Kelly at [men@olmctempe.com](mailto:men@olmctempe.com) or 480.493.9697 or send a text to 84576 with the message OLMCGO.



# A NOTE FROM FR. JOHN

3 September 2017

Dear Friends,

Iconoclasm – the destruction of images or hostility towards visual representations in general - has come to Marin County. San Domenico Catholic School in San Anselmo, CA, has decided to remove many of the statues that graced its campus so as to create a less “in-your-face” Catholic environment. Now to be fair, you can make a case for toning things down in service of a subtler evangelization effort. This can be a workable strategy, especially if the clientele is not familiar with Catholic devotional practices, and you want to gently begin the process of evangelization. But that does not seem to be the case here. The school also removed the word “catholic” from its mission statement and made the school uniforms “less catholic” in appearance. The school has simply lost its reason for being. It apparently wants to be a high end (tuition is \$30k+) all-inclusive school “in the Catholic tradition.” So be it. But the school should be honest to its students and families that it is no longer part of the educational ministry of the Church and that it is not interested in forming young minds and hearts to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Speaking of Iconoclasm, we are seeing lots of it lately. The Church went through its own iconoclastic controversies in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> centuries. Iconoclasm rocked the Church for about one hundred years at the time of the Byzantine Empire. The exact causes of it are unclear, but the consequences were tremendous social, cultural, and political upheaval. The Emperor at the time, Leo III, took a position against icons and other images, which resulted in their removal from churches. The end result was pretty much civil war, with the Emperor and his supporters fighting against many patriarchs, bishops, and clergy who defended icons. Two of the more stalwart defenders of icons were St. John Damascene and St. Theodore the Studite. Eventually, things calmed down, and the theological foundation for icons was firmed up, and icons were restored to Churches. St. John Damascene taught that an icon was a visible representation of a concrete person, in this case, Jesus Christ. God becomes visible as a person, and thus an icon is proof of his incarnation (as St. Paul stated: Jesus Christ is the visible image of the invisible God). We cannot depict divinity since it is invisible, and any attempt to do so would be a false image of a false god and this idolatry. But the fact that Christ can be depicted witnesses to God's incarnation.

In the meantime, we are currently engaged in our own secular iconoclastic controversy as we see Confederate Civil War monuments torn down. The fact is that during times of civil unrest and political turmoil, statues and symbols of the past become targets. It is really not all that surprising. Remember how we all cheered when we watched the Iraqi's tear down a statue of Saddam Hussein? Or Russians pull down the figure of Stalin? Or Berliners tear down the wall? It is all part of the way in which a society works out its tensions and, hopefully with good leadership, restores its balance. Having been born north of the Mason-Dixon Line, I admit I have always been a bit perplexed by Confederate symbols. I recall the first time as a boy I went South on a family vacation. I remember seeing the Confederate flag flying and asked my father why they were flying it and not the US flag. He simply said, “because it means something to these people.” And because they carry meaning, both positive and negative, these symbols also carry with them intense emotions and, as we are currently seeing, rather explosive confrontations.

But as the Iconoclastic Controversies of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> centuries show, things can get rather nasty for a time. It does look like we are engaged in a cultural civil war of sorts. The issue, of course, in the end is not the statue or monument but what we want our society (or Catholic School) to look like going forward. Now that is something to give serious consideration and prayer.

For now, each of us is being given an opportunity to be a sign of hope to those around. That hope is represented by the image of Jesus Christ who heals every division and brings peace which the world cannot give.

Love, Fr. John B.

PS Texas needs our help. You can donate to:  
Catholic Charities: [CatholicCharities.org/helpforharvey](http://CatholicCharities.org/helpforharvey)  
or St. Vincent de Paul: [svdphouston.org/services/disaster-relief](http://svdphouston.org/services/disaster-relief)