



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

**\*PLEASE NOTE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
NOVEMBER 23RD AND NOVEMBER 24TH**

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 3:00pm - 4:30pm

### ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

### 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  
Saturday..... 8:00am

### CHILDCARE

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

### PARISH REGISTRATION

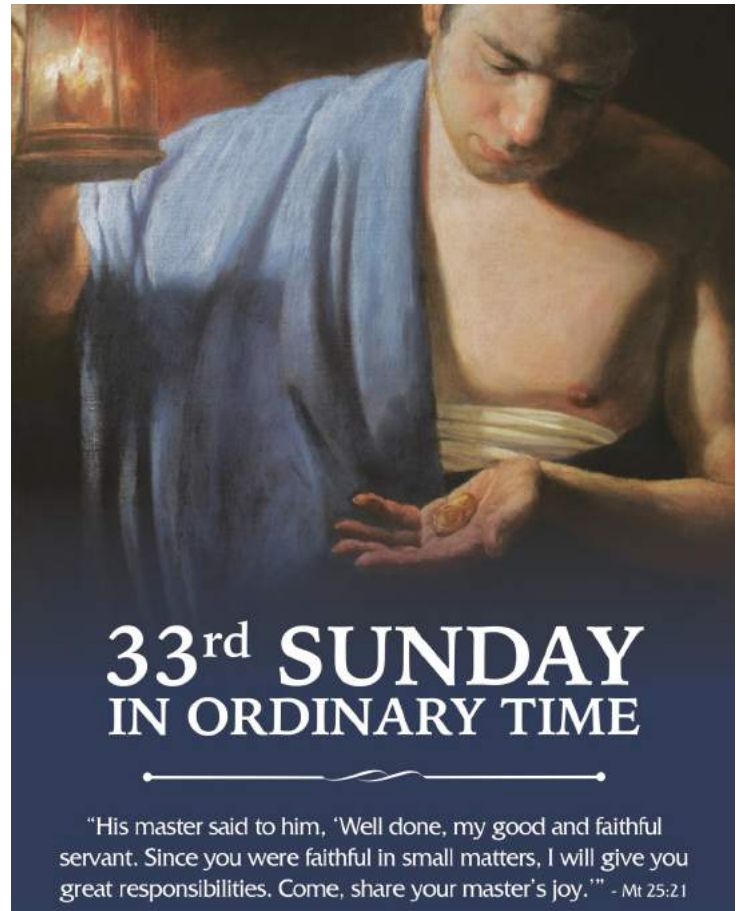
First Sunday of the Month after 11am Mass in the north end of McCready Hall. The Parish Registration and Welcoming will be held on December 3, 2017.

### 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. Next Class will be December 6, 2017.

### 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 between 9am to 11am Monday through Fridays. Sorry no walk ins.



### 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 held on Sunday, December 10, 2017.

## PARISH STAFF

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### Monday, November 20, 2017

8:00am Mom's Rosary - Annex W.  
8:15am School - Kitchen/S. Hall  
8:30am Adoration - Church  
6:00pm Outside Group - Annex W.  
6:00pm Cub Scouts - MR  
6:00pm Outside Group - Hall  
7:00pm Benediction - Church

### Tuesday, November 21, 2017

7:00pm RCIA - N. Hall  
7:00pm WCA - S. Hall  
7:00pm M12Step - Annex  
7:00pm Finance Council - T. Lounge

### Wednesday, November 22, 2017

8:00am SVdP - Stage  
7:00pm Meditation - Church

7:00pm SVdP - Annex W.

7:00pm Full Circle - McCreedy Hall

### Thursday, November 23, 2017

#### Thanksgiving Day

6:15pm CoAnon - Annex W.  
6:30pm MCA - South Hall

### Friday, November 24, 2017

7:00pm Al Anon - 2A/2B/3A/3B/N. Hall  
8:30pm AA - McCreedy Hall

### Saturday, November 25, 2017

3:00pm Seniors Group - Annex West

### Sunday, November 26, 2017

7:00am Coffee Shop - S. Hall  
12:00pm Parish - Church  
2:00pm Outside Group- Church

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 20, 2017

6:30am Soul of Patty Blintz  
8:00am Soul of Joan Beauvais

### Tuesday, November 21, 2017

6:30am Soul of Margaret Catalano  
8:00am Souls of Treltas Family  
2:00pm Intentions of OLMC 8th Graders

### Wednesday, November 22, 2017

6:30am Soul of Vincent San Nicolas  
8:00am Soul of Jerry Harvey

### Thursday, November 23, 2017

#### Happy Thanksgiving

9:00am\* Soul of Mike Sauve

### Friday, November 24, 2017

9:00am\* Soul of Bob Franco

### Saturday, November 25, 2017

8:00am Soul of Thomas Lichter  
5:00pm Souls of DeTiege Family

### Sunday, November 26, 2017

7:00am People of Mount Carmel Parish  
9:00am Intentions of Brinkman Family  
11:00am Soul of Roy Morales  
5:00pm Soul of Lewis Tambos

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, November 19, 2017

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5  
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

### Monday, November 20, 2017

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63  
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158  
Lk 18:35-43

### Tuesday, November 21, 2017

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10

### Wednesday, November 22, 2017

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15  
Lk 19:11-28

### Thursday, November 23, 2017

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15  
Lk 19:41-44

### Friday, November 24, 2017

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12  
Lk 19:45-48

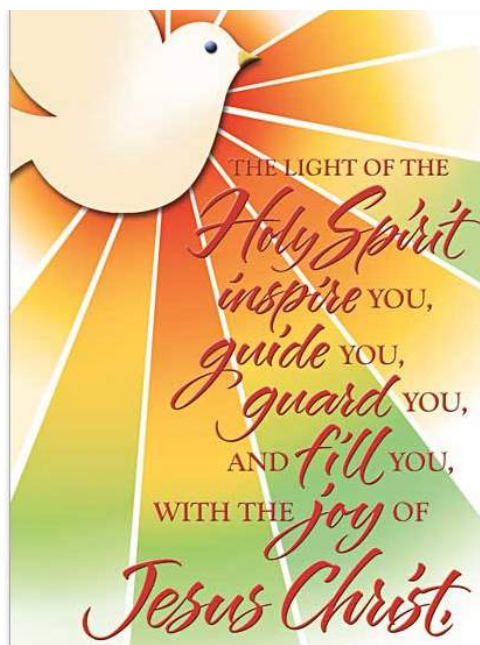
### Saturday, November 25, 2017

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40

### Next Sunday, November 26, 2017

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor  
15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

\* PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL MASS TIMES FOR NOVEMBER 23rd & 24th



**OUR Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**

*Joyfully Congratulates*

*Those Who Received The*

*Holy Sacrament of Confirmation*

*November 19, 2017*

*Especially*

**Lisette Barragan**

**Skyelar Grace Clubb**

**Jaqueline Haeg**

**Nicole Hartley**

**Adrian Lerma**

**Larissa Sara Richardson**

*May HIS peace be with you all!*

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## The Sisters' Corner ...

Hi! I am Sr. Alejandra, I arrived with Sr. Maria Gracia about 2 weeks ago from Peru. I would like to share with you some things about myself: I am 20 years old and was born in Peru. I like action movies, nature and animals, especially butterflies. I like the color yellow. I have a lot of saint friends.

But, I consider my best friend St. Alberto Hurtado, he is amazing.

This is my third year of being a nun and I am really, really, REALLY happy to be here. I believe that I am truly blessed that I can wear a habit. I believe it helps me to announce God in every moment even without speaking a word. People can be reminded that God is present at all times in their lives. I'm sure my time here, is going to be a very good experience for me. The Lord wants me to invite many more people to come closer to Him. Allowing those who already know Him to come deeper into relationship with Him than they already are.

My mission here is set for 3 months. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. I am here to help you!

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## HOW TO REACH US FOR.....

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK OR FUNERAL CALLS WHEN THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

For emergency assistance regarding the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rights) or scheduling a funeral we have an After Hours Service. After choosing the mortuary please have the director you are working with call our After Hours Service (most of the surrounding mortuaries have this number already and the service number is on our voice mail). The mortuary or the medical personnel can then reach the On Call Personnel to assist your family with scheduling the funeral or the emergency anointing for your loved one.



Should you need renewal training it 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. **Deadline is FAST approaching!**

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, Julie Gradillas 480.967.8791ext. 228 or email at [julie@olmctempe.com](mailto:julie@olmctempe.com) if you encounter any difficulties.



## Bridges Youth Group

We invite all 7th and 8th grade students to join us every Sunday after the 5:00pm Mass from 6:30 - 8:00pm at the Sister's Convent.

For more information please contact Sr. Veronica at her email [spdveronica@olmctempe.com](mailto:spdveronica@olmctempe.com) or 480-967-8791ext.222/

**Breakfast with St. Nick**

Sunday, December 10 from 10:00am - 11:30am

Please join us for our first-ever Home & School St. Nick Breakfast. Each family will receive a delicious hot breakfast and a family photo with St. Nick. There will also be crafts and activities for the children. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season with fellow OLMC families!

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS:**  
<https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ocsg/event/786279/>

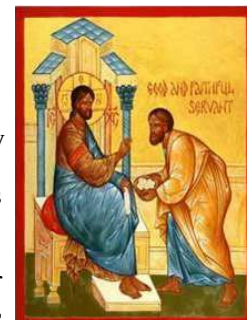
## Everyday Stewardship

We may long to hear the Lord say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant," as He does with the first two servants mentioned in the Parable of the Talents in today's Gospel from Matthew. However, although the third servant did not squander or waste the gifts (talents) he had received, the Master's reaction was not the same.

As we have often stated, stewardship is an active way of life. There is nothing passive about it. The Lord expects us to do things, to take the gifts we receive and to share them and multiply them, as was the case in the first two servants cited in the parable.

If we really wish to hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant" to us when we are finally judged, we need to do something to earn that praise. The key word in that sentence is "do." There is nothing spiritual or abstract about being ready for Jesus' return and judgment of us. God has gifted us in a multitude of ways. We need to recognize those gifts; acknowledge those gifts; be grateful for those gifts; and most of all use those gifts to benefit the Church and others.

What have we done with our time, our money, and our abilities? In our Church we recognize and point to sins of omission — that is, things we did not do, but should have. Like the first two servants in the parable, it is not just a case of preserving what God has given us, it is a case of using it, increasing it, and returning it to the Lord.



**Grief SUPPORT**

SESSIONS ON FRIDAY  
1:00pm - 3:00pm and  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

For more info, please contact Jan at: [jbrrett20@gmail.com](mailto:jbrrett20@gmail.com)

Please visit the OLMC Coffee Shop Sunday Morning after the morning Masses. ALL proceeds benefit the Full Circle Program. A parish ministry at Mount Carmel that offers assistance for At Risk Kids and their families. For more information regarding assistance for your family please contact AJ Creswell, at [aj@olmctempe.com](mailto:aj@olmctempe.com) or please call 480.967.8791 to leave a message.



*This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and we ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.*

*We pray...*

*God our Father, Graciously accept from our humble people a thankful heart and spirit.*

*Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations.*

*Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.*

*We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*

*Fr. John, Fr. Jerome, Deacons,  
Servants of the Plan of God,  
The staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Parish, School and Preschool*



*Happy Thanksgiving*

Thursday, November 23 9:00am Mass

Friday, November 24 9:00am Mass

\*Note special Mass times

The Parish Office will be closed on the 23rd & 24th.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. - Psalm 107:1*

**JOIN US!  
SCHOOL MASS CHANGE  
DAY OF THE WEEK**

**TUESDAY... NOVEMBER 29**

*Presentation  
OF THE  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

SPONSORS NEEDED

*Adopt-A-Family*

Is it Easy? NO

Is it Quick? NO

Is it Worth it? Yes, Yes, Yes!!!

*Your love, concern and generosity provide a time of peace and hope at Christmas! Look for the bright pink slips in the church at OLMC or leave a message at SVdP 480.967.8791 after 1:00pm daily to inquire about becoming a sponsor for a family in need.*

19 November 2017

Dear Friends,

Does prayer change anything? That seems to be a question that some are asking in light of the awful massacre at the First Baptist Church in Texas. After such a diabolical mass shooting, many people said things such as, “we send our thoughts and prayers to the families.” Almost immediately, others declared that prayer is useless; after all, they reasoned, if prayer worked, the tragedy would never have occurred, especially in a place where people were praying. Fair enough. I realize that some people were using the tragedy for political purposes to push for more gun control; others seem to have been drinking vinegar for breakfast or had a bad case of hemorrhoids, but others were sincere in their questioning of the efficacy of prayer.

Saying that prayer should have stopped the gunman belies a misunderstanding of what prayer is all about and causes confusion over the nature of the Judeo-Christian Godhead. If God were to intervene to stop bad or evil things from happening, that would make God a tyrant, albeit a benevolent one. By preventing all evil from occurring, God would be denying us the freedom of choice and hence the freedom to choose love or not love. The irony here is that the same people, who insist that God prevent someone’s bad and harmful behavior, also reject God because he is a tyrant who controls our behavior by giving us a moral code to live by and holding us accountable to it. So, they say, who is God to tell me how to live my life? They reject the moral norms that emanate from Divine Revelation. It seems that they want it both ways: God as a benevolent tyrant who controls people’s evil behavior but who also has no control over the rest of our behavior.

Prayer is not about manipulating God to do what we think is best, but as in the Serenity Prayer, we are reminded to pray for the courage to change the things we can and accept those things we cannot change. In both cases prayer is giving us the solution or the way through things as we face challenges and problems throughout life. Our life consists not only in the choices that we make as individuals but also the intersection of the choices other people make that affect us directly or indirectly. For people of faith, the sum of all those choices works out, because of God’s grace, to the best possible conclusion for each believer. Prayer helps us to trust in that process despite the fact that we do not know what is happening on the unseen plane or how such incongruent choices and circumstances can work out for our best possible advantage. As St. Paul so confidently wrote in Romans 8:28: *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

Prayer does effect change, primarily in us who pray. First, it helps us to embrace God’s plan for our lives. That plan we call God’s Will. The general outline is found in God’s Word and the Teachings of His Church. And that is a tall order, no doubt. But prayer helps us to accept God’s plan and find the courage to live it out. Just imagine if the Texas shooter had been a man rooted solidly in prayer. At the minimum, he would have embraced the commandment “Thou Shall Not Kill,” and if he were Christian, he would have tried to live by the command to “Love one another.” If he had truly embraced that moral code, demanded of us by God, then how could he have possibly taken the actions he did?

The moral standard of behavior that God expects of us, if we live it out, does prevent evil. Prayer helps us to live by that standard of behavior. Prayer also helps to accept what comes and to find ways to deal with it and manage it. Remember - Jesus reminded us that God’s grace falls on the just and the unjust and that until He comes again, we live with the wheat and the weeds growing together in the field of the Kingdom. It can be a bit messy at times.

Be people of prayer. Prayer changes us. It changes our attitudes, builds our character, helps us find solutions to the problems that beset us, helps us discern the true from the false, and accept the cross that we each must carry.

For now, ignore the naysayers and pray that the people of the First Baptist Church in Texas will have the strength and courage to carry the heavy cross that has been laid on their shoulders.

*God grant me the serenity  
to accept the things I cannot change;  
courage to change the things I can;  
and wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
enjoying one moment at a time;  
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
taking, as He did, this sinful world  
as it is, not as I would have it;  
trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His Will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with Him  
forever in the next. Amen.*

Love, Fr. John B.