



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

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
Holy Day.. Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses Dec. 8th @ 6:30am, 8am & 2pm Vigil Mass Dec. 7th @ 7pm

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 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.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 4, 2017

8:00am Mom's Rosary - Annex W.
8:30am Adoration - Church
10:30am Preschool - N. Hall
6:00pm Outside Group - Annex W.
6:30pm Cub Scouts - Annex E.
7:00pm Benediction - Church
7:00pm K of C - 8B

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

10:30am Preschool - N. Hall
7:00pm RCIA - N. Hall
7:00pm WCA - S. Hall
7:00pm M12Step - Annex

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

8:15am LFLW - Annex W.
10:30am Preschool - N. Hall
7:00pm Meditation - Church
7:00pm Bible Class - McCreedy Hall
7:00pm Baptism Prep Class - Annex W.

Thursday, December 7, 2017

10:30am Preschool - N. Hall

6:15pm CoAnon - Annex W.

6:30pm MCA - South Hall

8:00pm K of C - Shrine Area

Friday, December 8, 2017

10:30am Preschool - N. Hall
1:00pm Grief Support - FR
6:00pm Grief Support - FR
7:00pm Al Anon - 2A/2B/3A/3B/N. Hall
8:30pm AA - McCreedy Hall

Saturday, December 9, 2017

6:30am OLMC Men's Group - Hall
7:00am Outside Group - Annex E.
8:30am Outside Group - N. Hall
10:00am SVdP - Annex W.
12:00am Sodality's Advent Tea - S. Hall
3:00pm Seniors Group - Annex West

Sunday, December 10, 2017

7:00am Coffee Shop - S. Hall
7:30am Home and School - Hall
9:00am RE - 7A/7B/8A/8B/MR
12:15pm Wedding Orientation -Parish Library

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 4, 2017

6:30am Soul of Adriana Kelly
8:00am Soul of Ian Pfost

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

6:30am Soul of Fr. Cyril Vrablic
8:00am Souls of Robert & Esther Bryne

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

6:30am Souls of Clare & Mabel Fagnan
8:00am Souls of Richwine Family

Thursday, December 7, 2017

6:30am Soul of Archie Underwood
8:00am Soul of David Bourso
7:00pm Intentions of Quense Family

Friday, December 8, 2017

6:30am Soul of Jeanne Sovereign
8:00am Intentions of Marilyn Looker
2:00pm Soul of Sr. Monica Stein

Saturday, December 9, 2017

8:00am Soul of Leo Wirth
5:00pm Soul of Matthew Hessinger

Sunday, December 10, 2017

7:00am Souls of McGuire Family
9:00am Soul of Chris Shew
11:00am Soul of Celia Ortiz
5:00pm People of Mount Carmel

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 4, 2017

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt
15:29-37

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8, 2017

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday, December 10, 2017

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
[8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

All are invited to attend the annual
tree lighting after the
Vigil Mass
on December 7th
in the courtyard.

Hosted by
OLMC Knights of Columbus



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The Sisters' Corner ...

Come Jesus!

Today we want to share with you a tradition that we have in our countries when we celebrate Advent.

As sisters, living in community, we usually participate all together in the liturgy of the advent wreath. We have our own Advent wreath in the chapel of our convent. We sing songs and we decorate with the wreath with different symbols, that represent each week of Advent.

We are really happy and excited for this Advent, as we believe that Jesus wants to be born in our lives.

Enjoy and celebrate with your family this special liturgical time and be aware of Jesus' presence that comes to our lives everyday.

In the weeks to come we will be sharing with you more of the traditions that we observe during Advent.

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A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Thursday, December 7 — 7:00pm Vigil Mass
Friday, December 8 — 6:30am, 8:00am and 2:00pm

Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix
Safe Environment Office

Should you need renewal training it can be completed at 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. Please contact the Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Julie Gradillas 480.967.8791 ext. 228 or email at julie@olmctempe.com if you encounter any difficulties.

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 SV&P 480.967.8791 after 1:00pm daily to inquire about becoming a sponsor for a family in need.



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 Sisters' Convent. For more information please contact Sr. Veronica at spdveronica@olmctempe.com or 480-967-8791 ext. 222.

How to Afford a Catholic Education

Thursday, December 7 • 6:00pm - 8:00pm
in the School Library

Prospective and current families, learn the many ways to afford a Catholic education at OLMC Catholic School. The seminar will cover the OLMC Stewardship Program, Empowerment Scholarships, Food for Thought and School Tuition Organizations. No children please.

To RSVP or if you have questions please contact Kelly Kubicki at kellykubicki@olmcschool.info.

Grief
SUPPORT

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

For more info, please contact Jan at:
jbrett20@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 contact AJ Creswell, at aj@olmctempe.com or please call 480.967.8791 to leave a message.



Everyday Stewardship

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. All the readings during this period of waiting and anticipation concentrate on making us aware that it is time for us to awaken our lives as Christians. Jesus opens our Gospel Reading from St. Mark by saying "Be watchful! Be alert!" and closes it with an intense "Watch!"

For many Advent and Christmas are times of light, whether it is the light of the candles on Advent wreaths or the lights on a tree or the festive lights which decorate many houses and businesses. Jesus brings light into our worlds, but we must allow this light to permeate our own lives, to enter into the dark and sinful parts of our lives to illuminate and cleanse them.

This should be a time of renewed prayer and penance which truly prepares us to "watch" for the Lord, not just at Christmas but throughout our lives. There is a natural wonder among children at this time of year, but sometimes as we age, we lose that sense as if we are sleeping. It is time to awaken. Our minds may say "Let go" but our spirituality tells us to "Awaken." We are filled with spiritual depths.

It is time to seek them, find them, and awaken them. It is Advent, time for us to awaken and become aware of the gifts of love we have received from God and others. Or as Jesus reminds us: "Watch."



DAILY

ADVENT CHALLENGE

Make a resolution to journey with us each day. Maybe set your phone to remind you of the daily reflection and challenge. Let's strengthen our stewardship way of life and grow in discipleship this Advent!

Spend 5-10 minutes in prayer with the intention of asking that God's will increase and your will decreases.

Advent

PREPARING THE WAY
Local Penance Services

December 4th ...	St. Juan Diego	12Noon
December 5th ...	St. Andrew	7pm
December 6th ...	St. Benedict	7pm
December 11th...	St. Mary's Chandler	7pm
December 14th ...	Holy Spirit	7pm
December 23rd.....	OLMC	12Noon - 4pm

First Sunday of Advent Wreath Prayer

During the season of Advent, we bless one candle each week on our Advent wreaths. Let us ask God to bless our family on this First Sunday of Advent:

God of new beginnings, today we begin a new year in our church with the image of a wreath. We ask you to bless our family. Help us to see our family life as a wreath, without a beginning and without an end.

As we light this one candle, we recall how you have changed our family since we last gathered around the Advent wreath.

Help us to be for others what this family has been to us - a helper in times of need and a source of abundant blessings to share with others.

We ask this through Christ, who is the Alpha and Omega. Amen.



OLMC Annual Advent Tea

December 9, 2017 12 Noon McCready Hall

Ladies- Age 16 and older are invited to attend our complimentary Advent Tea. Join us in quieting our hearts to prepare for Christ's coming as we honor our Blessed Mother with a rosary and Fatima grace sharing. A light lunch will be served.

RSVP to hreichert5431@cox.net 480.201.8261 or memorgan10@yahoo.com 480.966.1729



Advent Tea

3 December 2017

Dear Friends,

Sometimes what appears as an act of kindness is really a form of enabling bad behavior. I think that is the case when President Trump interceded with Chinese authorities to have the three UCLA basketball players released from their shoplifting charges. Experiencing the consequences of our behaviors is necessary to becoming mature, honest, and upright people. So for these three young men, who already have swollen egos because they are up and coming basketball stars, the next thought, after being saved by Trump, was “what else can we get away with?”. Rather than saving their future star status, they are now set up to make some really poor decisions that will most likely negatively impact their lives. After all, if they could get away with causing an international incident, what boundaries can they possibly place on their behavior?

Most young people start out thinking they are pretty invincible. When they don't experience the logical consequences of their behaviors, the message they get is that they can get away with anything. The logic they need to make morally upright decisions and choices gets twisted. Since we learn logic by consequences, cushioning the fall doesn't help us learn. Parents too often try to get in between their children and the consequences of their actions. Then as children grow, rather than owning their behavior, they become empowered to make choices that harm others and then claim victim status.

Maybe these three young men were scared straight by the experience. But somehow I doubt it. Most likely, they will turn out to be pretty egotistical men who insist on always having it their way. I would not want to be the coach who tries to discipline or correct them.

What does this have to do with Advent and Christmas? Well, lots of parents have traditionally used the image of Santa Claus to teach very young children some of the basics of behavioral consequences: “he’s making a list, checking it twice to find out who’s naughty and nice.” Maybe not always the best way to teach logical consequences but still effective for the very young. Obviously, as we grow, we should ideally learn that gift giving and receiving are acts of love. But we have to start somewhere.

The same goes for our spiritual behavior. The higher motivation is always love. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and strength. But still, even as adults, we learn from our consequences. Advent is a brief time to measure yourself against the teachings of our Faith. How well are you doing in practicing the basics of Catholicism? How is your Mass attendance? When’s the last time you went to Confession? Are you a generous giver of time, talent and treasure? How spiritually fit are you?

This year Advent is as short as it can be. Christmas falls on Monday so Christmas Eve is Sunday afternoon. That means two Masses back to back: the Fourth Sunday of Advent and then Christmas Mass. It also means two opportunities to give generously to your Parish. So please make note of both!

The good news this year is that as Advent is short, many of us have been doing extra spiritual work, including prayer. I am referring to the recently completed Jubilee Year of Our Lady of Fatima. Since Mary dominates the season of Advent, I hope that many of you can continue to reflect on her role in Salvation History as well as what she teaches us about her Son. Mary stands as a sign of hope for all people. Are you a sign of hope to others after her example?

During this short Advent season, I invite you to reflect on the name of Jesus. As St. Paul tells us, it is the name above all names. How well do you honor the name of Jesus in your life by your lifestyle? Do you share a family resemblance to Jesus? Jesus tells us in the Gospel, “his mother, brothers and sisters are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.” How well are you keeping the Word? Advent is pregnant with grace. Will you open yourself up to receive it?

Love,

Fr. John B.