



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

### CHILDCARE

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

### PARISH REGISTRATION

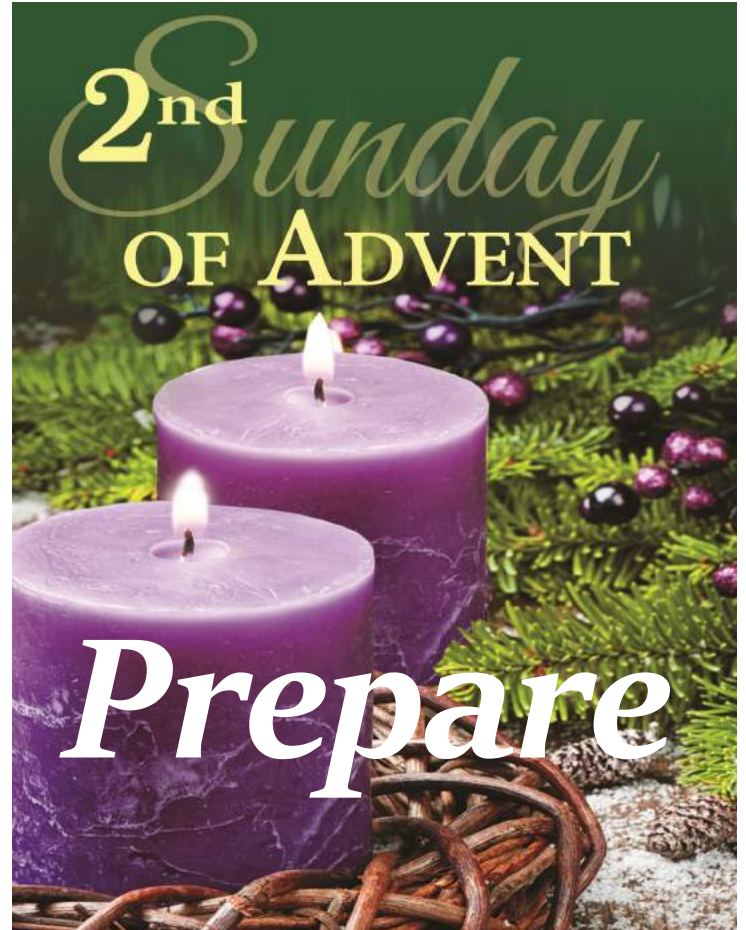
First Sunday of the Month after 11am Mass in the north end of McCready Hall. The Parish Registration and Welcoming will be held on January 7, 2018

### 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 January 3, 2018.

### 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 11, 2017

8:00am Mom's Rosary - Annex W.  
8:30am Adoration - Church  
10:30am Preschool - N. Hall  
5:30pm Preschool - McCreedy Hall  
6:30pm Cub Scouts - playground  
7:00pm Benediction - Church

### Tuesday, December 12, 2017

8:30am School - N. Hall  
9:00am School - Church  
12:15pm School - Church  
7:00pm RCIA - N. Hall  
7:00pm WCA - S. Hall  
7:00pm M12Step - Annex  
7:00pm Music Ministry - Church

### Wednesday, December 13, 2017

8:15am LFLW - Annex W.  
9:00am School - Church  
3:15pm Girl Scouts #808 - 4A  
7:00pm Meditation - Church  
7:00pm Bible Class - McCreedy Hall

### Thursday, December 14, 2017

9:00am School - Church

12:15pm School - Church  
3:30pm Festival Ex. Meeting - Annex E.  
6:15pm CoAnon - Annex W.  
6:30pm MCA - South Hall  
7:00pm Music Ministry - Church

### Friday, December 15, 2017

1:00pm Grief Support - FR  
2:00pm School Rosary - Church  
3:00pm LFLW - 1B/3B/PG/L/C/MG  
3:00pm Parish - Church  
6:00pm Grief Support - FR  
7:00pm Al Anon - 2A/2B/3A/3B/N. Hall  
8:30pm AA - McCreedy Hall

### Saturday, December 16, 2017

6:30am OLMC Men's Group - Hall  
10:00am Rosary Makers - Annex W.  
3:00pm Seniors Group - Annex West  
6:00pm K of C - McCreedy Hall

### Sunday, December 17, 2017

7:00am Coffee Shop - S. Hall  
9:00am RE - 7A/7B/8A/8B/MR  
6:00pm RE - Church

## MASS

### INTENTIONS

#### Monday, December 11, 2017

6:30am Soul of Henry Vallez  
8:00am Souls of Lyle & Florence Sutton

#### Tuesday, December 12, 2017

6:30am Soul of Eduardo Salas, Jr.  
8:00am Soul of Marcela Josefina Solari

#### Wednesday, December 13, 2017

6:30am Soul of Ryan Sanchez  
8:00am Soul of Inez Alvarez  
2:00pm Soul of Becca Reynolds

#### Thursday, December 14, 2017

6:30am Soul of JoEllen Rispoli  
8:00am Soul of Erna Buchanan

#### Friday, December 15, 2017

6:30am Souls of Fred & Rosa Frank  
8:00am Intentions of Joe Looker

#### Saturday, December 16, 2017

8:00am Intentions of Phil & Jeanne Buggle  
5:00pm Soul of Patrick Monks

#### Sunday, December 17, 2017

7:00am Soul of Len Johnson  
9:00am Soul of Rosalio Romero Chico  
11:00am Soul of Alice Olvera  
5:00pm People of Mount Carmel

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### 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

### Monday, December 11, 2017

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
[Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or  
Lk 1:39-47

### Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]  
Mt 11:28-30

### Thursday, December 14, 2017

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab  
[8]/Mt 11:11-15

### Friday, December 15, 2017

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]  
Mt 11:16-19

### Saturday, December 16, 2017

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,  
18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Next Sunday, December 17, 2017

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
[Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
[8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



**Sunday December 24th**  
**Christmas Eve Masses**  
**4pm**  
**6pm (Children's Mass)**  
**9pm**  
**11:30pm Prelude**

*PLEASE NOTE: 4th Sunday of Advent Masses  
7am, 9am and 11am WILL Be celebrated...  
However, there will be NO 5pm Mass*

**Monday December 25th**  
**12am Midnight Mass**  
**Christmas Day Masses**  
**9am and 11am**

*PLEASE NOTE:  
NO 6:30am or 8am Masses  
or Benediction*

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## The Sisters' Corner ... The love of God for us!

This week we light the second candle of our Advent wreath. We are waiting for the Lord Jesus who is coming as a little child for us. The joy that we have, grows stronger week by week!



As you know we like music and we all enjoy singing together at the different liturgies that we participate in, as preparation for ourselves.

We would like to share with you a song, "*En mi pobre establo*" (In my poor stable). The song was written at a time when a sister from our order traveled to Africa. She went to one of the poorest places in Angola. While there she encountered a very poor family that lived in very poor housing, very much like a hut. Our sister was struck by the thought of how much this place, must be like the poor stable where Jesus was born.

Sometimes to try to prepare our selves for Christmas we do too many things. We think that He would like to come to us in that time when we have perfect hearts. But if we meditate in the mystery that Jesus wanted to come to us as a little child, born in an stable, we can see His great love for us. He doesn't want to born in a great palace, He wants to be born in our fragile hearts.

When we realize just how big His love is for us, it fills our hearts with joy. We hope that this song and meditation can help you, too, to prepare your hearts for receiving Him at Christmas.

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




## Grief SUPPORT

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)

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](mailto:aj@olmctempe.com) or please call 480.967.8791 to leave a message.





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. Please contact the Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Julie Gradillas 480.967.8791 ext. 228 or email at [julie@olmctempe.com](mailto:julie@olmctempe.com) if you encounter any difficulties.

## Everyday Stewardship

Our readings from Holy Scripture on this Second Sunday of Advent remind us of what we are supposed to be doing during Advent, in fact throughout our lives. The reading from Isaiah anticipates the coming of Christ and John the Baptist as it proclaims "... prepare the way of the Lord." This is a time of preparation for us.

That message is repeated in our Gospel from St. Mark. Today's Gospel is the absolute beginning of Mark's Gospel and it immediately gives us that same signal by declaring, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Of course, we all realize that the path to the Lord may not always be straight for us, but now is a time to correct that.

God is waiting for us. St. Peter in his Second Letter, from which our Second Reading is drawn, indicates that God, however, "is patient with you." You might say on this Second Sunday of Advent that the Lord is giving us a second chance to respond to His call. One of the basics of St. John the Baptist's messages was that we need to get ourselves right with the Lord, perhaps turn our lives in a different direction. We can change; now is the time to do that.

Pope St. John XXIII once stated during a homily in Advent, "We are all part of an immense family. This is proven by what is in our hearts during Advent and Christmas." Now is the time to put love in our hearts and to truly prepare the way of the Lord.



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!

Pray at least one decade of the rosary, asking for assistance in living a stewardship way of life.

# Advent

PREPARING THE WAY  
Local Penance Services

December 11th... St. Mary's Chandler 7pm  
December 14th ... Holy Spirit 7pm  
December 23rd.....OLMC 12Noon - 4pm

### Second Sunday of Advent Wreath Prayer

We bless another candle this second week in Advent.

Let us ask God to bless our family on this Second Sunday in Advent:

God of new messengers, this Sunday you tell us in your Gospel "I am sending my messenger ahead of you."

Help us to be your messengers of peace and reconciliation as we journey through this second week of Advent.

When we light this second candle on our wreath, let us bring your light to our friends and neighbors this week. We ask this through Christ, who is the Light of the world.

Amen.



STILL NEEDED

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.



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

10 December 2017

Dear Friends,

Sometime during that long, painful Lent of 2002, as the Church's abuse scandal unfolded, I said that one day, by God's grace, the Church would be in a position of leadership on this issue. That day has now come. Now is the time to use our experience to help others. Watching someone else's scandal unfold is painful and haunting. Someone asked if I was glad to see the media, Hollywood and public officials get their comeuppance, especially after how viciously so many of them went after the Church. Not at all. It is a joyless moment. That's because another scandal means that people have been harmed and as the moral panic spreads a wide net is cast which means that innocent people will get caught up in the fallout as due process is shunted aside, and mob justice replaces it. Slowing down the moral panic that these revelations cause is often like trying to stop a speeding freight train. Sadly, a lot of bystanders get run over.

All of us in the Church know from our experience that as a scandal unfolds, it's like nuclear fission; it will rip through organizations and institutions quickly and thoroughly, just as it tore through diocese after diocese in the US. To all of those who are going through an unfolding scandal in your organization, know that it will cause incredible pain and wreckage and extract a terrible price. At the same time, it can be an opportunity to rid your organization of the evil of sexual abuse. Steady yourself for the long haul, and don't be surprised if you often feel as if you are wading through pools of raw sewage. Unfortunately, trust will be destroyed, sometimes permanently, among people inside and outside your organization. Still be committed to restoring trust.

And just as so many of us in the Church have asked, "How could this happen?" and "How is it that we didn't know about it?" many in other organizations are asking the same questions. That's because sexual abuse and harassment often have fuzzy qualities about them. The film, *Doubt* does a good job of showing how most people mistake the signs of abuse for something else. But those who are armed with knowledge and a willingness to enforce the rules, as the Mother Superior in the film was, can spot the early warning signs of abuse.

As someone who has dealt with the issue of sex abuse for the past 30 yrs from just about every angle, there are some things I would share with those in the media, Hollywood, and the Halls of Congress. First, stop splitting hairs; don't compare degrees of abuse or harassment cases. That only gets you tripping over your words and makes it look like you are absolving some and condemning others. The media frenzy and contingency lawyers will be in relentless pursuit. You will not win the PR game. Therefore, commit yourself firmly to putting in place policies and procedures to prevent abuse, to allow for reporting of real or suspected abuse, to develop objective investigation procedures, and make sure that you are doing what you say you are doing to make your organization a safe place for men, women and children. This means that everyone has to abide by the same rules, no exceptions ever. From the CEO to the janitor, all must be trained repeatedly on how to create, maintain, and monitor the environment so that it is safe.

When the two ingredients of power and opportunity combine, abuse becomes more likely. So if it is a Hollywood director who has the power to make or break an aspiring actress's career and they are together alone and unobserved, the situation becomes unsafe. That power differential can be played out in a hundred ways in all sorts of organizations. So create safe environments where people can be observed. Have a process in place so that a person can report incidents of harassment or abuse so that it can be objectively investigated, and all person's rights can be respected. The accused deserve due process; not all accusations are real. Then make sure to have a policy of disciplinary procedures so that you know what action to take in each circumstance. Is this referable to law enforcement? Is this an HR issue? Is counseling or additional training required, etc? The punishment should fit the crime. Again, no one gets a pass because of position or title. This is not a one-time deal. It is a commitment to a way of doing business permanently.

As you read this, I realize I am not telling you anything you do not know. Those who work and volunteer in the Catholic Church are well trained in Safe Environments. I know that it is not always fun to renew the training each year, but I hope, in light of all that has unfolded recently in our culture, you can see how important it is. Because of your trained eyes and ears, we are able to keep our environment safe and able to deal with any issues before they become problems.

So if you are not up to date in your training, you have until the end of this month to do so, or I will have to "disinvite" you from volunteering or participating in Church related ministry. If you need help, contact the Parish or School Office for assistance. In the meantime, please pray for all those who have been harmed by sexual abuse or harassment and that a greater respect for all people may emerge from this latest scandal.

Love, Fr. John B.