



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

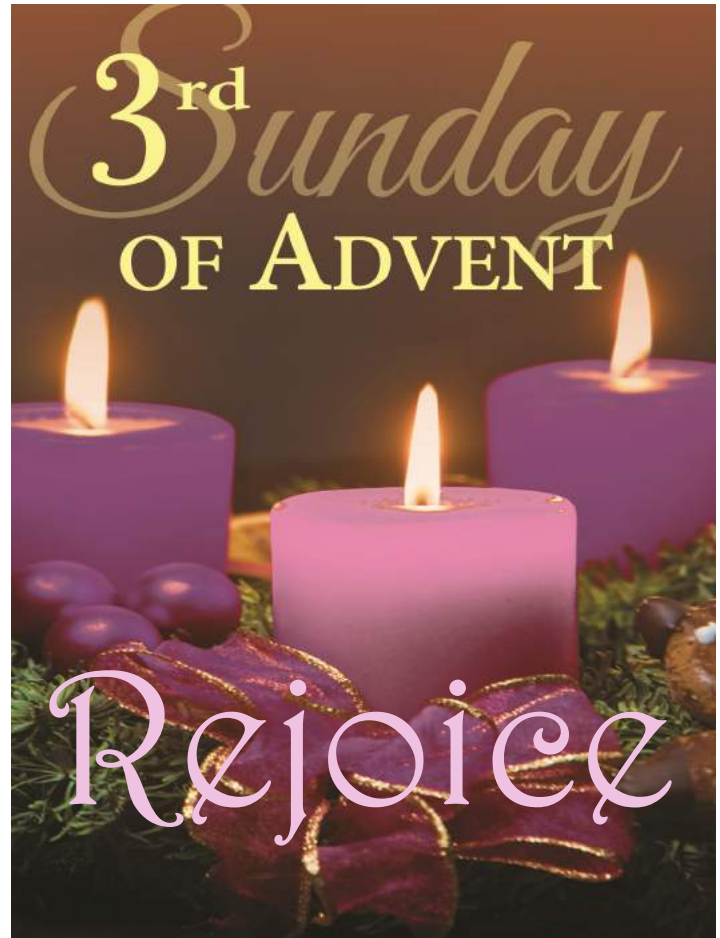
First Sunday of the Month after 11am Mass in the north end of McCready Hall. The Parish Registration and Welcoming will be held on January 7, 2018.

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 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, January 14, 2018.

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PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 18, 2017

8:00am Mom's Rosary - Annex W.
8:30am Adoration - Church
6:00pm Outside Group - Annex W.
6:00pm Outside Group - McCreedy Hall
6:30pm Cub Scouts - Music Room
7:00pm Benediction - Church

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

1:00pm School - Church
7:00pm RCIA - N. Hall
7:00pm WCA - S. Hall
7:00pm M12Step - Annex
7:00pm Music Ministry - Church
7:00pm Finance Council - T. Lounge

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 18, 2017

6:30am Soul of Bill Hoddy
8:00am Intentions of Sr. Stephanie

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

6:30am Intentions of Mike & Sue Marquez
8:00am Soul of Teresa Maria DeCosta

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

6:30am Souls of the Kilcullen Family
8:00am Soul of Ian Pfost

Thursday, December 21, 2017

6:30am Soul of Mabel Boubelik
8:00am Soul of Douglas Eberhardt
11:30am Soul of Ken Smalley, Sr.

Friday, December 22, 2017

6:30am Souls of McGuire Family
8:00am Soul of Steve Menefee

Saturday, December 23, 2017

8:00am Intentions of Gerard Cabana
5:00pm People of Mount Carmel Parish

Sunday, December 24, 2017

7:00am Soul of David Bouros
9:00am Soul of Fr. Daniel McCreedy
11:00am Soul of Felix Cons

Sunday, December 24, 2017 Christmas Eve Masses

4:00pm Soul of Bob Franco
6:00pm Soul of John Emminger
9:00pm Soul of Mike Sauve
12am Midnight Intentions of Priest

Monday, December 25, 2017 Christmas Masses

9:00am Intentions of Priest
11:00am Intentions of Priest

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

4:00pm School - Entire Campus

Thursday, December 21, 2017

7:00am School - McCreedy Hall
6:15pm CoAnon - Annex W.
6:30pm MCA - South Hall
7:00pm Music Ministry - Church

Friday, December 22, 2017

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

Saturday, December 23, 2017

12Noon Confessions - Church

Sunday, December 24, 2017

7:00am Coffee Shop - S. Hall

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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

Monday, December 18, 2017

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
[cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
[cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
[cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22, 2017

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
[cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23, 2017

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14
[cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday, December 24, 2017

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Next Monday, December 25, 2017

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
[Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/
Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS



On the 45th Anniversary of
ROE V WADE
Attend the Arizona for Life
March and Rally
January 20, 2018 10:30 am - 2pm
Wesley Bolin Memorial Park
205 S. 17th Avenue

Join
Bishop Olmsted
Christmas Eve
Rosary for Life 2017
December 24

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Planned Parenthood
5771 W. Eugie Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85304

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The Sisters' Corner ...

With Joyful hearts!

In some of our countries in South America we have a beautiful tradition known as "novenas" (nine days before Christmas). The *novenas* are 9 days where we have special prayers for each of the 9 days before Christmas. You can recite the prayers with your family and/or you can invite friends and/or neighbors to your home. You share with each of them special moments of prayer seeking the intercessions of the Holy Family; St. Mary, St. Joseph and Baby Jesus.

During the novenas we also accompany the different prayers with joyful songs using instruments that represent the joy that we have in our hearts because of the coming of Jesus. We also share some candies and different sweets to express the sweetness and tenderness that Jesus, with his love, brings to us.

Happy Third Week of Advent! Let us have our hearts full of hope and joy because of the great love of God for us, and as Mary, let us prepare our hearts for his coming



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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 OLMC Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Julie Gradillas 480.967.8791 ext. 228 or email her at julie@olmctempe.com if you encounter any difficulties.



Everyday Stewardship

A key facet of stewardship has always been personal witness. Today's readings deal in large part with the witness of John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist, according to historians, was a few months older than Jesus. It is also generally accepted that he began preaching about six months before Jesus came to him to be baptized and to begin His ministry.

St. John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the Messiah. John the Baptist, through personal witness, raised a great sense of expectancy and excitement, the kind of expectancy and excitement that we associate with this season of Advent. John tries to awaken in people a consciousness of sin, the importance of conversion and change, and the need to become more holy in God's eyes.

Those are the same goals we should have during this Advent season. The matter of witness is a serious and important thing. It establishes truth and a solid foundation for faith. When we personally witness, it means we make a commitment. We cannot be neutral when it comes to our faith. We are called to be disciples, witnesses of and for Christ. We best accomplish that by the ways we live our own lives and how we relate to and treat others.

Jesus can meet our every need. Now is the time for us to accept that and to place our total trust in Him. We can do that best by making our own commitment to be His disciple, a witness to Who He is and what He means to us and all people.



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.



Grief SUPPORT

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

For more info, please contact Jan at:
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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.



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 an extra 10 minutes today reading and reflecting on Holy Scripture. Let God speak to you and teach you.

Advent
PREPARING THE WAY
Local Penance Services

December 14th ... *Holy Spirit* 7pm

December 23rd.....*OLMC* 12Noon - 4pm

Third Sunday of Advent Wreath Prayer

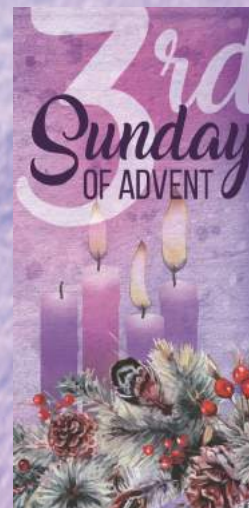
We bless another candle this third week in Advent. Let us ask God to bless our family on this Third Sunday in Advent:

God of rejoicing,
this week we hear in our second reading that we are called to "rejoice always." Help our family to be joyful in the midst of whatever happens this week.

When we light the third candle on our wreath,
let us bring your joy
to our friends and neighbors this week.

We ask this through Christ,
who is the ultimate joyful gift to the world.

Amen.



Christmas Mass Schedule

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat, Dec 23 at 5:00pm

Sun, Dec 24 at 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sun, Dec 24 at 4:00pm, 6:00pm (Children's Mass), 9:00pm, 12:00am Midnight

Mon, Dec 25 at 9:00am, 11:00am



17 December 2017

Dear Friends,

Each year at this time I reprint this letter. While this may not be pertinent to all, I'm sure you know many divorced couples and if you know them well enough you can pass this along.

Each year thousands of American children are informed that their parents are divorcing and that there will be new living arrangements with the children alternating time between parents. Adults who experienced divorce as children frequently report that the holidays were especially stressful for them during their own childhood. This means that divorced or separated parents have to take time to figure out and discuss what the holidays should look like for their children and not what suits the parents or the custody arrangements. After all we say, "Christmas is all about the children" but do we really set it up to be so?

What should Christmas morning look like then in these situations? Well every young child wants to be at home for that special moment when they discover what Santa left under the tree. Children also want their siblings and parents present. If there has not been a remarriage I would suggest for example that if the children are living with Mom then maybe Dad can sleep on the couch on Christmas Eve (or arrive early) so he can be there when the children awake. (This means Dad has to refrain from any amorous feelings and stay on couch.) In this way the children can have both parents together on Christmas morning and not feel the absence of one parent or the guilt that comes from being with one parent and not the other.

During the holidays children of divorced parents are often transported all over the country to be with their non-custodial parent. Is this the best thing for a child and whose purpose does it serve? I really question the wisdom of this arrangement. How comfortable is a child being taken out of their home and familiar surroundings, away from their friends at such an important time of the year? My instinct tells me that children would be more comfortable in their homes on such a day and at another time travel to their other parent's home. How does a child feel when they have to leave Mom for Christmas to be with Dad or vice-versa? A child will often experience guilt and anxiety or a sense of betrayal, not exactly the fa-la-la merriness of the season. Children of divorce are often forced to operate in two different worlds and have to struggle to make sense of them both causing them to feel very alone. This forces them to act like chameleons in order to conform to two different sets of expectations and therefore being at home in neither. This is all especially acute when children have very infrequent contact with their non-custodial parent.

Gift giving is also a challenge. Too often parents vie for a child's approval by getting them a little more or a little better gift than the other parent. What I suggest is that parents decide together what to get the child. This way one parent does not undermine the other or pit the child against the other parent. It usually goes down like this: Dad gets the child a gift the mother does not want the child to have. The mother may have good reasons to withhold a certain present. An example might be a new computer: Mom doesn't want Junior to have a new computer because he already spends too much time on the one he has and has abused it but Dad knowing this goes ahead and gets it anyway sending the message that Dad is the nicer parent and Mom is merely a dictator.

The point is that parents even if divorced still need to communicate about the needs of their children. This means at times putting aside personal grudges and resentments and acting in a way that serves the child's best interests. The best thing to do is to come up with a common gift list based on the child's needs and wants and then split up who buys what. And what will make it really nice is if all the gifts are under one tree so that even if the non-custodial parent can't be present he or she will still be included in that important moment.

Divorce, I realize is an unfortunate reality in our culture. While I wish it wasn't so I still believe that if adults can carefully pay attention to the needs of their children then the emotional havoc wrought on children can be minimized. Christmas is the best place to start doing this. Obviously an "amicable" divorce is preferable to a bitter one but still there is no such thing as a "good" divorce, at least not when children are involved. That's an illusion adults create to assuage their guilt.

So, at Christmas divorced or separated parents obviously have a choice to either "rock around the Christmas tree" or throw rocks at each other through the Christmas tree. When you choose the later then our children are the ones being bruised.

Love,
Fr. John B.