



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
Friday March 2nd to Saturday March 3rd

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

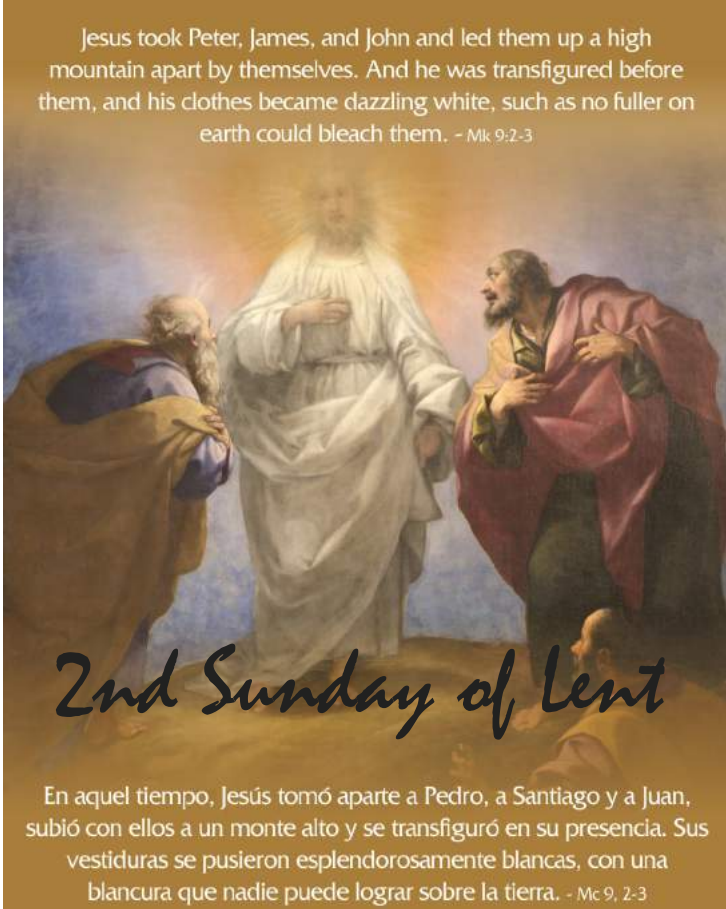
First Sunday of the Month after 11am Mass in the north end of McCready Hall. The Parish Registration and Welcoming will be held on March 4, 2018.

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 School Library. Please go to www.olmctempe.com/sacrament-baptism for more information and to fill out the registration form. Next Class will be March 7, 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.



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mt 9:2-3

2nd Sunday of Lent

En aquel tiempo, Jesús tomó aparte a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, subió con ellos a un monte alto y se transfiguró en su presencia. Sus vestiduras se pusieron esplendorosamente blancas, con una blancura que nadie puede lograr sobre la tierra. - Mc 9, 2-3

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, March 11, 2018.

PARISH CALENDAR

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Monday, February 26, 2018

8:00am Mom's Group -Annex
8:30am Adoration -Church
5:00pm Soup N Bread -S. Hall
6:00pm Outside Group -Annex West
6:00pm Cub Scouts -North Hall
7:00pm Benediction - Church

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

5:00pm Home & School - 4B
5:30pm School - Library
7:00pm RCIA - North Hall
7:00pm WCA - South Hall
7:00pm M12Step - Annex
7:00pm Music Ministry - Church/FR
7:00pm School Board - T. Lounge

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

8:15am LF/LW - Annex West
3:15pm Girl Scouts #808 - 4A
7:00pm SVdP - Annex West
7:00pm Bible Class - North Hall

Thursday, March 1, 2018

12:30pm Home & School -Hall
6:15pm CoAnon - Annex West
6:30pm MCA - South Hall

7:00pm Women's Bible Study - North Hall
7:00pm K of C meeting - 8B

Friday, March 2, 2018

8:30am 24HR Adoration - Annex
12:00pm School - Church
12:30pm LFLW - 1B/3B/KP/LC/MG
5:00pm Fish Fry - McCready Hall
7:00pm Stations of the Cross - Church
7:00pm AI Anon - 2A/2B/3A/3B/N. Hall
8:30pm AA - McCready Hall

Saturday, March 3, 2018

12:00am 24HR Adoration cont. -Annex
7:00am Outside Group -Annex East
8:30am Sodality - S. Hall
9:00am Lenten Reflection - Church
1:00pm Full Circle -McCready Hall
1:00pm Grief Support -FR
12:00pm Lenten Confessions - Church
3:00pm Sr. AA Group - Annex West

Sunday, March 4, 2018

7:00am Coffee Shop - S. Hall
12:00pm Parish Welcoming -N. Hall
6:00pm Bridges -Annex West
6:30pm Outside Group - North Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 26, 2018

6:30am Soul of Judy Bawcom
8:00am Soul of Catherine "Biddy" Hayden

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

6:30am Soul of Rosella Budny
8:00am Soul of Calista Popp

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

6:30am Soul of Ernestine Kroger
8:00am Soul of Dan McNerney
2:00pm Int. of Monica Breaux

Thursday, March 1, 2018

6:30am Soul of MaryAnn McGann
8:00am Soul of Inez Alvarez

Friday, March 2, 2018

6:30am Souls of Keith & Mary Pierce
8:00am Int. of William & Adela Potwora

Saturday, March 3, 2018

8:00am Int. of Brinkman Family
5:00pm Soul of Shirley Brofer

Sunday, March 4, 2018

7:00am People of Mount Carmel Parish
9:00am Soul of Lucy Arredondo
11:00am Soul of Donald Mehrtens
5:00pm Soul of Socorro Lopez

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday, February 26, 2018

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
[cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
[23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]
Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 2, 2018

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday, March 4, 2018

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9,
10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,



It's that time again if you wish to receive your giving record from OLMC please visit our website at www.olmctempe.com and fill out the online form and your 2017 statement will be emailed to you. If you do not have access to a computer you may still call the Parish office at 480.967.8791.



Save the Date
Parish Festival
Saturday April 21st
12pm - 9pm

Don't forget to start gathering your auction donations!



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Sisters' Corner ...

Jesus, be more in our hearts...

Lent is a special time of conversion and an opportunity to be open to God's love and to His grace, so that He can transform our lives more towards Him.

In all our communities around the world, our community prays the Rosary of *Via Crucis* as a special way for us to accompany Jesus during this time of Lent and to learn the path of love that he has drawn for us.

As we have shared with you before, part of our community's emblem has the phrase: "For Faith by Charity", so we are ever seeking a deeper encounter with God. We seek to have the faith to believe that there will always be more to His love, and we seek share this knowledge and love with all those we encounter in our daily lives.

Our hearts were changed, enabling us to give our lives to Him and to our brothers and sisters, by His love and we truly believe that He renews this day by day.

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Bridges Youth Group

Bridges youth group has returned!!
Come see and celebrate His Presence in our lives!
God is with us!!

How to Afford a Catholic Education

Information Evening at OLMC Catholic School
Feb. 27, 2018 5:30pm-7:00pm
OLMC School Library

Prospective and current families, learn the many ways to afford a Catholic education at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School. The evening will cover the Stewardship Program, Empowerment Scholarships, the Food For Thought Program, and Student Tuition Organizations. Please visit the school website at www.olmcschool.info to register.

If you have any questions prior to the event, please contact Kelly Kubicki at kellykubicki@olmcschool.info.



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.



Together We Can Achieve More

The annual Charity and Development Appeal (CDA) provides critical funding to over 70 programs and organizations across the Diocese. The CDA serves the basic needs of our large and fast-growing community beyond what any one parish or community can do alone.

"Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others."
- Pope Francis



Continue to Prepare Attend First Friday 24hour Adoration

Come spend one hour with our Lord anytime during these 24 hours
Friday, March 2, 2018 beginning just after the 8am Mass until just prior to the 8am Mass Saturday, March 3, 2018 in the Parish Annex Building
..... He Awaits YOU

Parish Welcoming and Registration

Please plan to attend the next OLMC parish welcoming and registration on **Sunday, March 4, 2018** at 12:15pm in McCready Hall.

ANYONE who is: 18 years of age in college or not, and is living with or no longer living with parents OR has recently moved into our parish/Tempe OR has been asked to verify parishioner status, OR has been attending our parish, but has not registered as a parish member..... is **HIGHLY** encouraged to attend and register as a active current parishioner



Everyday Stewardship

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) posts notes regarding all the Books of the Bible. In its introduction to Paul's Letter to the Romans (our Second Reading), the USCCB says, "Of all the letters of Paul, that to the Christians at Rome has long held pride of place. It is the longest and most systematic unfolding of the apostle's thought, expounding the gospel of God's righteousness that saves all who believe; it reflects a universal outlook."

Paul's Letter to the Romans is in fact the longest of his letters in the New Testament (Romans is more than 7,000 words; that is much shorter, of course, than the shortest Gospel, Mark, which is still more than 11,000 words.) However, as stated by the Bishops, the Letter to the Romans explained in a more detailed way Paul's theology and spirituality than any other letter.

Regardless the length, today's reading contains a statement with which many of us are familiar, but which has great meaning: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" The significance of that is that if we are on the side of righteousness, which should be a major goal of our Lenten experience, there should be nothing to threaten us.

We understand that we will be judged. Paul's point is if we are judged "not guilty" by God, who can bring an additional charge with any merit? Or, if Jesus is our advocate, promoting our benefit, then who can condemn us? This is the time to place our trust in God, and in His love.



LENT 2018

Raise Up. Sacrifice. Offer.



Lenten Reflection, Adoration and Confession

WITH FR. JEROME CAYETANO

Saturday, March 3 • 9:00am-3:00pm

Please bring your bible for the reflection talk. All are welcomed to attend.

Confessions will be heard from 12Noon to 3pm*
***Please note the time change in the weekly Confession times for the parish in place of 3:00pm to 4:30pm.**



2nd Sunday of Lent Reflection

The early Church Fathers saw the Transfiguration as the revelation of Jesus as divine and as a fulfillment of God's kingdom here on earth. Imagine what Peter, James, and John must have thought after seeing such a demonstration of God's power. It is in direct experiences with God, like this one, that we come to see the truth about Jesus.

Events like the Transfiguration don't happen every day, you say? On the contrary, they happen EVERY DAY! The sacraments are direct, purposeful experiences with God that occur every day in churches everywhere. In the Eucharist, we are able to witness the real Jesus in our midst. One could say that appearing to us in the form of bread and wine is even more miraculous than what the three apostles saw that day.

Yet what do we think when encountering the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist? Lent is a great time to attend daily Masses, spend time in Eucharistic adoration, or prepare more fully for Sunday Mass by reading the Scripture in advance or quieting our hearts and minds with prayer. Do not let this time pass without noticing him. In the Eucharist, he is right in front of you.

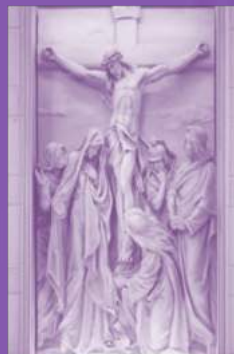


Come Join Us for our LENTEN FISH FRY

Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent, Feb 16 - Mar 23

All are invited to attend annual Lenten Fish Fry in McCready Hall from 5:00-6:45pm.

Proceeds benefit OLMC Knights of Columbus charitable acts.



The Stations of the Cross A Lenten Tradition

Friday Evenings 7:00PM February 16 through March 23

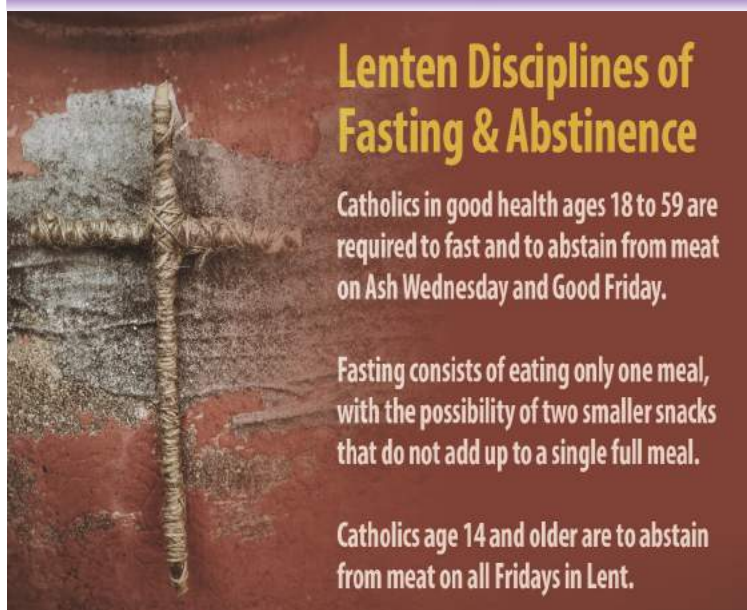
Bring your family, friends and prepare for HIS resurrection

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Soup-n-Bread Supper

MONDAYS • 5PM - 6:45PM

FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 26

All are invited to attend our parish Soup and Bread suppers in McCready Hall. Bring pot of soup and loaf of bread to share.

Free will offering to benefit a deserving charity.



25 February 2018

Dear Friends,

After yet another mass murder, we find ourselves grappling to find answers to why this happens and how to prevent it. So far, we have employed a strategy that insulates us from the effects of a would be terrorist, assassin or mass murderer. After 9/11 we came up with the TSA to screen out the less than one percent of travelers bent on using a plane as a weapon. In our schools we have trained staff and students in disaster drills and now how to respond to an active shooter situation. We have also mandated seat belts and airbags in vehicles to protect against among other dangers, drunk drivers. But none of these strategies, while they may reduce harm, get to the heart of the problem.

For instance, the problem with drunk drivers is alcohol, or people drinking to intoxication and then driving. So why not just get rid of alcohol? No alcohol, no more intoxicated drivers, no more drunk driving fatalities. But you might say that too many people use alcohol responsibly and it is an ingrained part of our culture and we have plenty of laws restricting access to alcohol and penalties for abuse. Besides we tried it in the 20th century and it didn't work as promised. The same argument can be made about guns: too many people use them responsibly and they are part of our American culture. Besides if we banned them, just like the bootleggers during Prohibition, people will find a way around any ban.

So, in the case of school shooters, let's look at the actual shooters. In about 90% of the shootings the individuals were troubled to the point of having been recognized as mentally ill. These individuals were either taking psycho-active medications or had stop taking them (withdrawal can cause serious erratic, violent behaviors as well). These medications may well be the reason someone goes from thinking about and even planning an assault to having lost all self-control to actually take action. This may be a rare side effect from powerful drugs that disrupt brain chemistry, but when they happen the results as we have seen are deadly.

So here is a plan to weed out any potential drug induced violent behavior. (Remember the side effects listed on many of these psychiatric drugs include: suicidal ideation, suicide, violent behavior etc.). First any person prescribed these drugs must have an accountability partner. That means a third person is educated in all the possible side effects of these chemicals and reports any side effects, changes in behavior etc. to the prescribing physician.

Secondly, the person prescribed the drugs has to be temporarily banned from purchasing a firearm until it is demonstrated that the drugs are working safely, maybe six months to one year. If the person owns firearms they have to surrender them to a third party before being prescribed the drugs and can have them returned after treatment is completed. Or if they live with someone who possesses firearms that person has to store them in a secure location unknown to the person.

Since we know that the common denominator in 90% of the school shootings is in some form of recognized, if not diagnosed mental problems, along with different types of psycho-active medications, this would be a good beginning strategy to prevent a potential mass murderer from taking action. It certainly is not the only strategy that needs to be tried.

As someone who runs a school, I have a vested interested in preventing any more school shootings. But proposing politically unfeasible solutions or tinkering at the edges has not solved the problem. But we can come up with protocols that provide a troubled young person with the highest level of care, scrutiny and long-term care and treatments other than medication. Nothing is fool proof. But if we are going to take more actions to insulate us from the dangers we can also take actions that deal directly with the individual who potentially can cause harm.

Love, Fr. John B.

PS Two of our physicians are working on a really ingenious new tool to help diagnose potential violence in young people in our schools as well as effective interventions. Pray for their enlightenment.