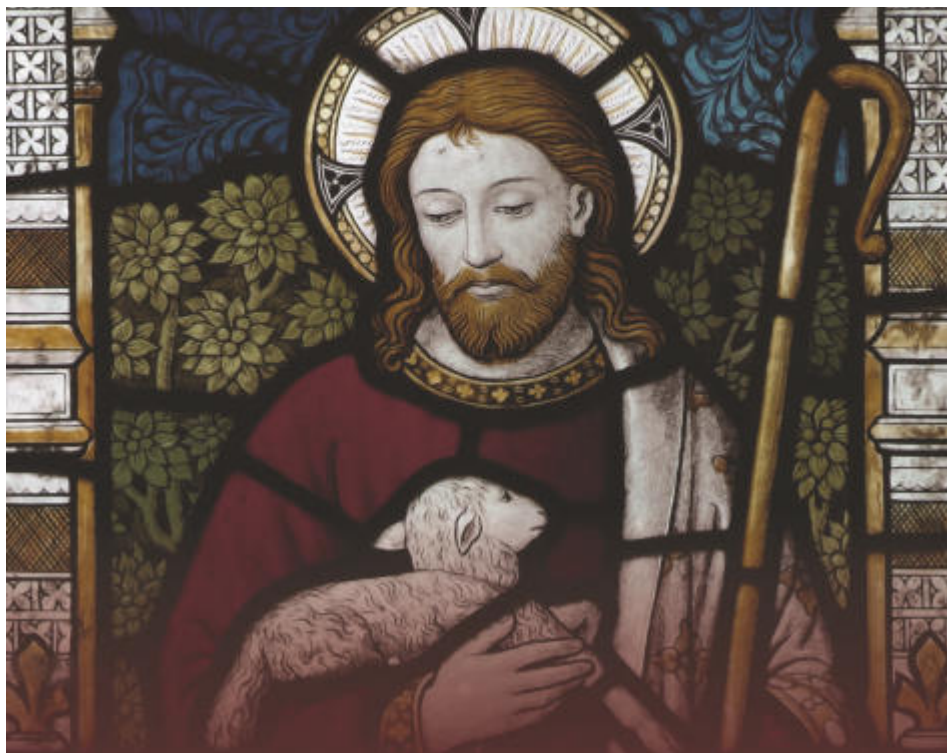


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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." - Jn 10:17

PARISH REGISTRATION

Visit the Parish website to register online or stop by the Parish office to register. Our next Parish Welcome is **Sunday, May 02, 2021 at 12:15pm** on the North side of McCready Hall.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Fill out a registration form at www.olmctempe.com/sacrament-baptism, or email Deacon Gass at baptisms@olmctempe.com

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office 480.967.8791 to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick. If after hours assistance is needed please call the parish number for the after hours service number.

WEDDING ORIENTATION

Attending a Wedding Orientation Seminar is required prior to meeting with your priest. Wedding Orientation Seminars are conducted individually with engaged couples at the parish office. To schedule a Wedding Orientation Seminar please contact Toni Logan at weddings@olmctempe.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

We have available food boxes, rental or utility assistance to those living within OLMC parish boundaries and qualify for assistance by calling 480-966-1974 between 9am-11am Mondays through Saturdays. Sorry no walk ins.

APRIL 25, 2021

PARISH INFORMATION

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School: 480.967.5567 www.olmcschool.info
Preschool: 480.966.1753 www.olmcschool.info

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday9:00am - 5:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 3:00pm - 4:30pm
In McCready Hall

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Mondays from 9:00am until 6:00pm Benediction

MASS SCHEDULE

In-Person Masses have resumed.
Maximum capacity in the Church is 300.

Weekday in the Church

Monday - Friday 6:30am and 8:30am
Saturday 8:00am

Weekend Masses in the Church

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Communion In The Parking Lot

Saturday Vigil6:00pm - 6:30pm
Following the Live Stream Mass

Sunday7, 9 and 11:00am
Overflow Live Streamed in McCready Hall for 9 & 11
Sunday 5:00pm

Live Stream Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday9 and 11:00am
on our website, Facebook, YouTube Channel and our OLMC APP

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Ints. of Matt Velonis
04/26/2021	8:30am	Soul of Orvilla Baldelobar
Tuesday	6:30am	Ints. of Fr. John Bonavitacola
04/27/2021	8:30am	Ints. of Sr. Josefina Rose of Jesus, OCD
Wednesday	6:30am	Ints. of Brinkman Family
04/28/2021	8:30am	Soul of Teresa Cappello
	2:00pm	Ints. of Victor & Maria Iparraguirre
		Private
Thursday	6:30am	Ints. of Rick Pyde
04/29/2021	8:30am	Soul of Joe Duarte
Friday	6:30am	Soul of Luz Sanchez
04/30/2021	8:30am	Soul of Ralph Arnold Cordova
Saturday	8:00am	Soul of Sal Consiglio
05/01/2021	5:00pm	Soul of Donna Montalvo
Sunday	7:00am	Soul of Kiely Morrison
05/02/2021	9:00am	Souls of Leyvas Family
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	5:00pm	Soul of Sabrina Lecce

ADORATION ON MONDAYS

Continue to PRAY and attend Adoration on Mondays. Come spend one hour with our Lord Mondays beginning just after the 8:30am Mass until 6:00pm Benediction in the Church.

SAVE A LIFE

You can save a life ... living kidney donor needed.

One of our parishioners, Jim Feigh, was diagnosed with end-stage kidney disease and his best chance of survival lies in the hands of someone willing to be a living kidney donor. What can you do? If you are healthy, age 18-65 and are willing to donate a kidney, Jim may be able to accept the transplant. If after prayerful consideration you might be moved to undergo surgery and be a living donor for Jim, information on the process can be found on the Mayo Clinic Website: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/.../living-donor.../qnc-20203911> or contact Jim's Living Donor Champion at kfeigh@gmail.com.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	9:00am	Adoration - Church
04/26/2021	6:00pm	Benediction - Church
	6:00pm	Parish - Youth Annex
Tuesday	6:00pm	Outside Group - Y Annex
04/27/2021	7:00pm	M12 - Annex West
	7:00pm	RCIA - McCready Hall
	7:00pm	School - Library
Wednesday	7:00pm	Bible Class - North Hall
04/28/2021		
Thursday	6:00pm	MCA - South Hall
04/29/2021	7:00pm	Outside Group - Y Annex
Friday	7:00PM	Outside Group - Annex
04/30/2021	8:30pm	Outside Group - Hall
Saturday	6:00am	Men's Group - Hall
05/01/2021	7:30am	Parish Rosary - Church
	9:00am	Parish Council - Teachers Lounge
	3:00pm	RE - Hall
Sunday	12:15pm	Parish Welcome - N. Hall
05/02/2021	6:00pm	CR - Annex

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OLMC PRESCHOOL

OLMC PRESCHOOL 2021 Fundraiser



Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
Monday, May 3
5:30-7:30pm



Join Fr. John at one of his last school events as our Pastor.
All of the proceeds from the dinner and auction will go towards the preschool's new playground!
Tickets: Adults \$20 and Children \$12

Please visit the school website www.olmcschool.info and click on the Spaghetti Dinner Banner or visit www.olmcschool.info/preschool-fundraiser for more information, to purchase tickets or to make a donation.

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

DEADLINE HAS PASSED

If you are serving in ANY ministry you must be compliant with your SET. Please remember, this is a Diocesan Program with no exceptions.

RENEWAL

Please be advised the 2020 SET Online Renewal is still available but you must first reactivate your account by contacting Julie Gradillas. PLEASE do NOT create a new account contact Julie. For more information or if you have any questions or concerns contact: Julie Gradillas at 480-967-8791 x228 or julie@olmctempe.com.

FOUNDATION

ONE TIME ONLY-The Diocese has authorized an ONLINE Foundation Training while the physical distancing order is in place.

Visit: <https://phoenix.cmgconnect.org> to create your account which will include a national background check. Thank you all for your commitment!

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Mary's Magnificat \$20
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FULLCIRCLE COFFEE SHOP

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Please visit the OLMC Coffee Shop Sunday Morning after the 9AM & 11AM Masses. All proceeds benefit the FullCircle Program, a Parish ministry at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel that offers assistance for At Risk Kids and their families. For more info regarding assistance for your family please contact AJ Creswell at aj@olmctempe.com or 480.967.8791 to leave a message.



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SHEA GRANT

We received a Grant from Shea Family Charities Building Fund for renovations made to our school. The renovations are complete and we are very grateful to Shea Family. Our portion of the Grant was 20%. Many of you have made pledges or have paid towards our portion and we are grateful for your generosity and faithfulness. We had arrangements to make payments over the next couple of years. We were told recently that our balance is due by the end of this month, April 2021.

Please consider supporting us if you haven't already. If you've made a pledge to the Shea Grant please consider paying all or part of it if you are in a position to do so. If not, we appreciate if you continue to honor your pledge over time. Contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION

This Sunday please support The Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Envelopes are attached to this week's bulletin.

ATTENTION RECURRING GIVERS



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If you currently have a gift scheduled in our existing Qgiv System, please expect an email requesting that you securely confirm your credit card information. This email was sent during the week of April 18. Confirming your credit card information will allow us to transfer your existing scheduled gift into our new giving system without interruption.

Please note that this will be a time sensitive email with a link that will be valid for only 72 hours.

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2020 GIVING STATEMENTS

Your 2020 giving record from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is now available. Please visit our website at www.olmctempe.com and fill out the online form. Your 2020 statement will be emailed to you. If you do not have access to a computer, call the Parish office at 480.967.8791.

CHRISTIANS AND CULTURE

Dear Friends,

In these last letters of mine, before I depart, I want to take on some topics that really rise to prominence in terms of how they will impact faith and how they will make it difficult to live as a Christian in our current climate.

The issue that rises to the top at this moment is transgender ideology. It is like an 18-wheeler going downhill with no brake. I phrase it as an ideology, not because the issue of gender dysphoria is not real, it most certainly is and those who struggle with it require our love and compassion as well as the very best of therapeutic interventions. It has become an ideology because the therapeutic interventions are only being allowed to go in one direction, namely affirmation, with the force of dogma and anyone who deviates from that dogma, including well accomplished clinicians are being burned at the stake in the modern version of the *Auto-de-fe* known as cancel culture.

The idea that a person was born into the wrong gender or body, is just that an idea. The resolution of the idea is to explore what it means, why it has occurred and what is the best way forward. In the seventies and eighties, the basic rule of thumb was for a person experiencing gender dysphoria to live as the opposite gender/sex for at least a year before any medical or pharmaceutical interventions. With that therapeutic strategy there was at least an implicit recognition that a person needed to work through other issues before being able to make a fully informed decision and that the consequences of hormonal therapy or surgery were permanent and irreversible. The current strategy is full steam ahead sex change as soon as a person identifies as trans.

What accounts for such a sudden increase in transgenderism? A big piece of it is through indoctrination on social media and internet chat rooms. Transgenderism is presented as the solution to the internal conflict that is going on inside a person. No other solutions are to be considered. Strange how in light of the fact that most medical insurance asks for two independent opinions before agreeing to a surgery but with transgenderism there is no such second opinion asked for or permitted.

This way of framing the issue doesn't allow for alternative possibilities to resolving the problem. As a result, many people who have gone through the pain of surgery and long term hormonal treatment later regret it. Today there is an ever increasing "de-transitioning movement". See www.sexchangeretret.com. No amount of pills and surgery can change who you are but rather we must learn and help others to learn to love and cherish who they are.

One of the issues that underlies the sudden explosion of young people declaring they are "trans" is that we have moved away from the idea that character is what matters, to, what matters is identity. The notion that children should be taught "don't lie, cheat or steal and be a good person" has been replaced by "your outward identity matters most". In

this view, identity most affirms a person and resolves all internal conflict, psychological distress or confusion.

If you are a parent your children are being affected by all of this. Not will be but are being. If you doubt that you are living in denial. You might be thinking where do they get these ideas? It comes to them via social media and their peers. If you are not reading your child's social media feeds or noticing what chat rooms, text messages, or internet sites they are visiting you are missing what they are learning and being formed and shaped by. The power of social media and peer pressure overrides or will override whatever message you are trying to give to your children. Today elementary age children and up are being inundated by the identity message. They might think of this as putting on a pretend identity like wearing a superhero costume or princess dress that makes them feel good. But this is not pretend and it goes to the core of who they are as humans and affects their futures. Worse still they are being told that their parents don't understand the issue, are too old fashioned and can't be trusted to understand their struggle. Some of your children are being counseled at schools unbeknownst to you about being transgendered, being given puberty blocking medications and hormonal pills without your knowledge and consent.

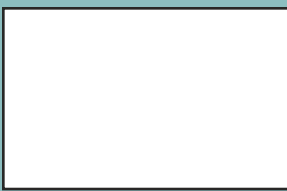
Parents need to discuss this issue with their children. Help them to understand what it means to be a human person, how we are made and why we are made that way. As they move into teenage years, they need to hear from their parents that teen years can be challenging, uncomfortable, uncertain, painful, as they are growing and figuring things out. Let them hear your experience as a teen, what were your low points and how did you deal with them and who helped you. Help them understand that when puberty hits, wow, its powerful and wonderful and uncomfortable trying to figure it all out. Keep the door of communication open with your children. Ask questions, listen carefully. They are being affected by all of this and are often being groomed once they express even a hint of confusion, sexual tension or personal struggle. Whether they are transgender or not, your children are being taught to understand themselves and others through the lens of identity. So, when your prepubescent child tells you they are trans, or bi, or gay or lesbian or asexual or any of the other alphabet identities being proposed, don't be surprised but be prepared.

Next week: what happens when your child tells you they are trans? What to expect once you board the transgender therapeutic train?

Love,
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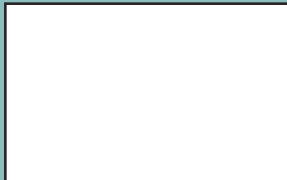
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