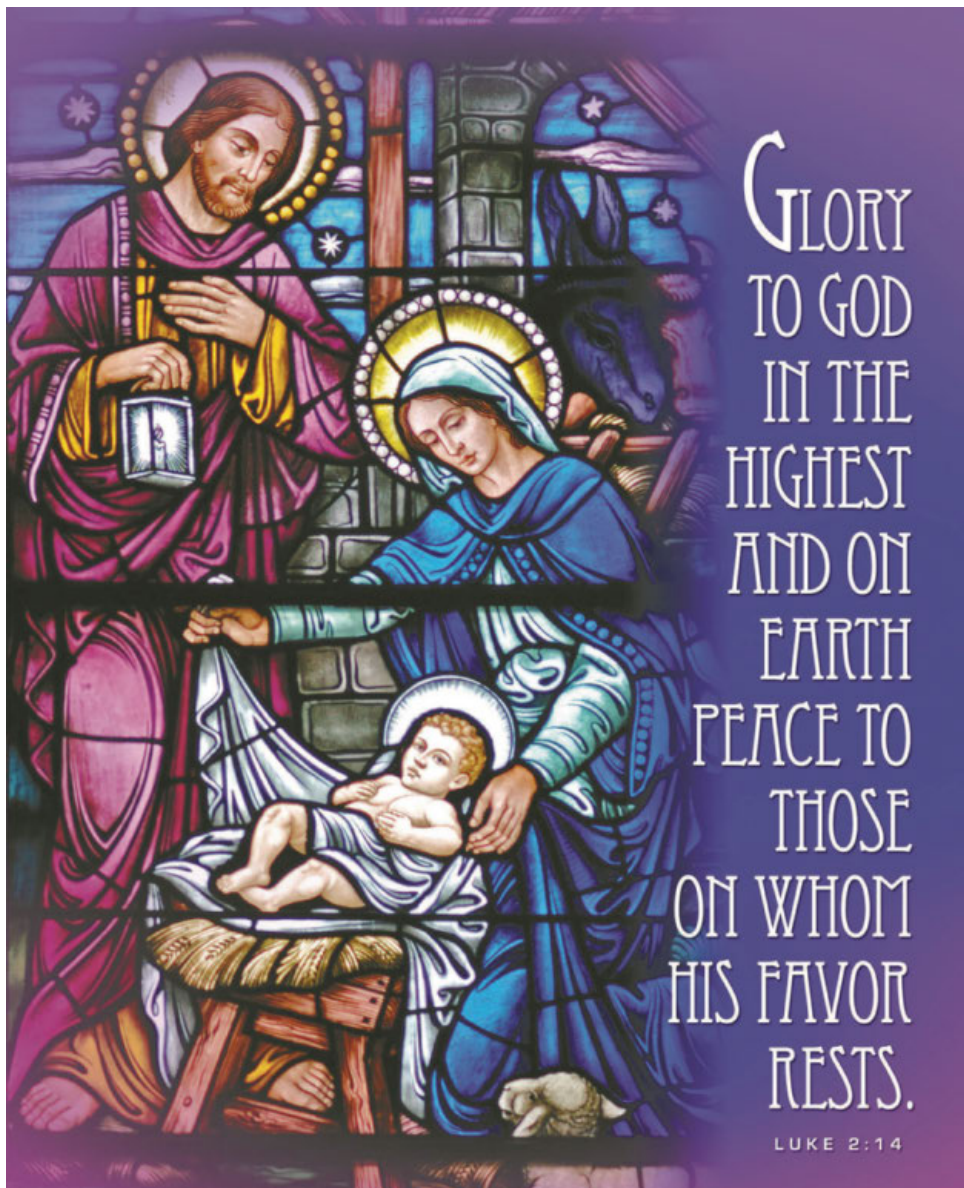


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OFFICE HOURS

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Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm

***Closed Wednesdays 11am- 12pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Saturday 3:00pm - 4:30pm

WEDNESDAY ADORATION SCHEDULE

Wednesdays from 9:00am to 6:00pm Benediction

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION SCHEDULE

First Fridays following the 7pm Mass until, just prior to the 8am Mass on Saturday

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:00am

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

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

Wednesday 6:30pm

Saturday 8:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Live Stream Mass

Sunday 11:00am

on our website, Facebook, YouTube Channel and our OLMC APP

PARISH REGISTRATION

Visit the Parish website to register online or stop by the Parish office to register. Our next Parish Welcome is TBD.

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

We are happy to help you as you prepare for marriage and plan your wedding. Our parish staff is here to answer your questions and provide you with all the details of marriage preparation. For more information, please call Jenn Blackstad at (480) 967-8791 or email at jenn@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.

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- P R A Y -

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/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/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	9:00am	Ints. of Priests
12/25/2023	11:00am	Ints. of Priests
Tuesday	9:00am	Soul of Mark Henry Scuitti
12/26/2023		
Wednesday	6:30am	Soul of Diana Hernandez
12/27/2023	8:30am	Soul of Corazon Fallaria
	6:30pm	Ints. Of The Hackett Family
Thursday	6:30am	Soul of Steve Retherford
12/28/2023	8:30am	Souls of Henry & Ana Maria Forner
Friday	6:30am	Soul of Lois Whitehurst
12/29/2023	8:30am	Soul of Joseph T Palmisano
Saturday	8:00am	Soul of Edward Atencio
12/30/2023	5:00pm	Soul of Bob Franco
Sunday	7:00am	Soul of Joey Gass
12/31/2023	9:00am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Soul of Sal Consiglio
	5:00pm	Souls of The King Family

LIFETEEN AND EDGE

YOUTH MINISTRY - HOLIDAY BREAK

Life Teen and Edge will be on break, Youth Ministry will return January 21st & January 22nd



PARISH CALENDAR

Monday		Christmas Day
12/25/2023		
Tuesday	7:00pm	KOC/BM - South Hall
12/26/2023		
Wednesday	9:00am	Adoration - Church
12/27/2023	12:45pm	St Therese Group - Holy Family Room
	6:00pm	Benediction - Church
Thursday		No Activities Scheduled
12/28/2023		
Friday		No Activities Scheduled
12/29/2023		
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men's Group - Hall
12/30/2023	4:30pm	KofC - Shrine
Sunday	CLOSED	Coffee Shop - South Hall
12/31/2023	6:30am	KofC - Shrine

HOW TO REACH US FOR..... SACRAMENT OF THE SICK OR FUNERAL CALLS WHEN THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

For emergency assistance regarding the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rites) or scheduling a funeral we have an After Hours Service. After choosing the mortuary please have the director you are working with call our After Hours Service (most of the surrounding mortuaries have this number already and the service number is on our voice mail). The mortuary or the medical personnel can then reach the On Call Personnel to assist your family with scheduling the funeral or the emergency anointing for your loved one.



- C O N N E C T -

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23-VIGIL

5:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00AM

9:00AM

(NO 11:00AM)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24-VIGIL

4:00PM (CHILDREN'S MASS)

6:00PM

8:00PM

PRELUDE/MIDNIGHT MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00AM

11:00AM

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY & SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Solemnity of Mary
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30-VIGIL

5:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00AM

9:00AM

11:00AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

***NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31-VIGIL

5:00PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 01

6:30AM

8:30AM

**"Most blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb." ~Luke 1:42**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dearest Parishioners and
Christmas Visitors of the
Community of Our Lady of Mount
Carmel Catholic Church,

Please know of our prayers for
the Peace of the Holy Family and
the Spirit of Christmas
to be with you all in this Holiest of
seasons. We ask for Health,
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Merry Christmas!
Fr. Robert, Fr. Gabriel, Fr. Aaron,
the Deacons,
and the Staffs of OLMC Parish,
School and Preschool.

HOLY FAMILY CONSECRATION

DECEMBER 30 & 31

AFTER THE WEEKEND MASSES

OLMC will be celebrating the Feast of the Holy
Family, with a Consecration to the Holy Family
occurring at Weekend Mass Times, Saturday
December 30th and 31st. Please join with the
OLMC Knights of Columbus in celebrating the
Feast of and Consecration to the Holy Family.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent DePaul Society is collecting the
following items:

Jelly
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- G I V E -



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How can I help?

- Pray for parish & school community
- Make a one time donation to the building repair fund
- Make a recurring gift to the building repair fund

For more information on how you can help, contact OLMC Director of Stewardship & Development, Ashley Hall ashleyhall@olmc.school.info or 480-967-5567



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Fr. Robert Seraph Aliunzi, E3 Africa Founder



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How can I help?

- Pray for the orphaned & impoverished we seek to serve
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You can also visit our website at www.olmctempe.com and click on the green "GIVE ONLINE" button.

FULLCIRCLE COFFEE SHOP

*****CLOSED ON 12/24 & 12/31**

Please visit the OLMC Coffee Shop Sundays after the morning Masses. All proceeds benefit the FullCircle Program. A program that offers assistance for At Risk Kids and their families. For more info regarding assistance for your family please contact AJ Creswell at ajcreswell@fullcircleprogram.com or 480-620-7995 to leave a message.

FALCON FAMILY FUND

Mission:
The Falcon Family Fund's mission is to provide financial support where assistance is necessary for members of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School community who experience financial need.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School

How can I help?

- Pray for the OLMC School Community and Children
- Purchase Hot Lunch for a student for 1 month
- Purchase a milk card for a student for 1 year
- Purchase Uniforms for a student
- Donate to our Mission Fund

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Interested in supporting the FullCircle Program and its mission? Consider giving a one-time tax-deductible donation, establishing a recurring electronic gift or sponsoring a teen's sobriety journey. Please visit fullcircleprogram.com to learn more about FullCircle or to make a gift.

How can I help?

- Pray for FullCircle and all the program serves
- Sponsor a teen
- Make a recurring gift
- Make a one time gift

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Dear Friends,

It is another great year and a special opportunity for me to wish you my dear beloved family of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2024, as your Pastor. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior today and throughout this season, I want to thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us individually and as a community since our last Christmas celebration. As a community, I am sure, these blessings are numerous to count.

However, at individual levels, this particular celebration might never be the same again for some of you because of the loss of dear ones. There are some hearts in our community that will be broken on Christmas morning when that one special person is not there to share a meal or even open their gifts with us. My heart goes out in sympathy to you all. For those of us whose children and spouses and loved ones are with them, rather than just rushing for the gifts, today let us first offer each other a hug of gratitude and a prayer in memory of these "absent" members. Let us take this opportunity to remember that even in these darkest hours of loss, there is still light, light that is brighter than that great star over Bethlehem, which will take us to the place where we need to be. It will take us to that innocent little baby born for us in Bethlehem who will heal our brokenness, our loneliness and remove our anger and our hurt and fill us with the peace and strength we need to not just move forward but to reclaim the life and joy that is ours as individuals and as this wonderful community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

At a personal level, I want to thank you for the incredible strength that you have been for me during this year and for lifting me up in your thoughts and in your prayers as I adjusted to my new life as a diocesan priest among you and this past year and as your pastor

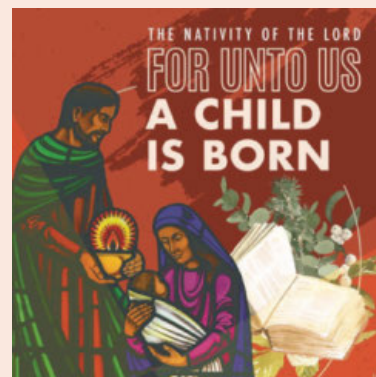
these last five months. In particular, I want to thank the special group of our women called "The Seven Sisters" who continually pray for us your priests here at our parish 24/7. Personally, I am also overwhelmed by your tremendous love for me. Many of you have told me over and over again how blessed you are to have me as your Pastor. I am very humbled by this, but I want you also to know how blessed I consider myself to be your Pastor at this point in my priestly life. You all mean a lot to me, and I pray for you daily. Together, dear friends, let us help each other on our journey towards heaven.

Lastly, I request for your special prayers as I travel home to Uganda to join my family and spend some time with them. During the year, I have lost some close relatives and some of my nephews and nieces and a sister all continue to battle mental health issues. I will be having a special prayer service for them next month. Please, keep me in your prayers as I leave for Uganda on December 26, 2023, for my vacation and for that purpose as well and I will return early February.

May the newborn baby Jesus bless you and your families most abundantly. As I always tell my dear beloved children at our OLMC school whom I truly love so much, I also tell you, I love you, I love you, I love you so, so much! Merry Christmas!

I love you!

God's blessing,
Fr Robert Aliunzi



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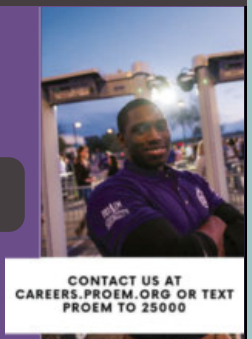
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