

Our Lady ~of~ Mount Carmel

Catholic Church



DECEMBER 31, 2023

PARISH INFORMATION

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OFFICE HOURS

***CLOSED JAN. 01

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

***Closed Wednesdays 11am- 12pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday4:00pm - 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 - Friday8:00am

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

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

Wednesday6:30pm

Saturday 8:00am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Live Stream Mass

Sunday11:00am

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



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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

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- P R A Y -

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40
Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Ints. of Janet Barrington
01/01/2024	8:30am	Soul of Mary Ann Bishop
Tuesday	6:30am	Ints. of David Maza
01/02/2024	8:30am	Soul of David Irrizary
Wednesday	6:30am	Soul of Msgr. Daniel McCready
01/03/2024	8:30am	Soul of Lynne Antos
	6:30pm	Soul of Rev. Timothy Davern
Thursday	6:30am	Souls of Rafael & Anna Diaz
01/04/2024	8:30am	Soul of Ana San Nicolas
Friday	6:30am	Souls of Srs. Valeria Wolfe & Monica Stein
01/05/2024	8:30am	Souls of Bill & Martha Eberhardt
	6:30pm	Souls of Mr & Mrs Stokx
Saturday	8:00am	Soul of Frank Renteria
01/06/2024	5:00pm	Soul of Lois Whitehurst
Sunday	7:00am	Souls of Albert & Sophie Quihuis
01/07/2024	9:00am	Souls of Mr & Mrs O.D. Gurley
	11:00am	People of the Parish
	5:00pm	Ints. of The Hoyt Family

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION

JANUARY 5, 2023

MASS AT 7PM

ADORATION FOLLOWING MASS
UNTIL 8AM MASS ON SATURDAY

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00PM - 8:30PM IN THE CHURCH

This ministry offers individual prayers for physical, emotional and spiritual healing and deliverance.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, trained prayer ministers will pray with you.

YOUTH MINISTRY - HOLIDAY BREAK

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

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday		New Year's Day
01/01/2024		
Tuesday	7:00pm	RCIA - Hall
01/02/2024		
Wednesday	9:00am	Adoration - Church
01/03/2024	6:00pm	Benediction - Church
Thursday	6:30pm	Lay Dominican Group Yr. 2 - St. Simon
01/04/2024		
Friday		No Activities Scheduled
01/05/2024		
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men's Group - Hall
01/06/2024	8:30am	Sodality - Hall
	4:30pm	KofC - Shrine
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - South Hall
01/07/2024	6:30am	KofC - Shrine
	8:00am	RE - North Hall
	9:00am	RCIA Dismissal - Holy Family Room

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.



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**

5 FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION



NEXT ONE JANUARY 6

Please join the parish community for the 5 First Saturdays devotion to fulfill the Blessed Mother's request of Catholics at Fatima. The Five First Saturdays devotion is simple and is done on the first Saturday of the month for 5 consecutive months.

5 First Saturdays devotion requires:

1. Confession
2. Holy Communion
3. Reciting the Rosary
4. Meditating for 15 mins on one or more of the Mysteries of the Rosary

SCHEDULE

FRI: 5:00-6:30pm
Confession

SAT:

- 1/6, 2/3
- 8:00am Mass
 - 8:30am Rosary
 - 8:50am 15 mins meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary

THE SEARCH

BEGINS JANUARY 10

Do any of these situations or stories sound familiar?

- You get the big promotion, but it doesn't make you happy for more than a day or two.
- You buy the fancy car, but the thrill is over by the time you pull into the garage.
- Your team wins the Super Bowl... and all you have to show for it was an expensive jersey with someone else's name on it.

The things we expect to fulfill us don't... Why is life this way? Why are we here? Not just here in these bodies on this planet and in this year. But why do we exist? Why are we filled with longing?

If you've asked yourself any of these questions, we invite you to THE SEARCH to explore fundamental questions and mysteries like these. THE SEARCH will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm from January 10th through February 28th.

THE
SEARCH

BROUGHT TO YOU FROM
FORMED

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 JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent DePaul Society is collecting the following items:

Jelly
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Cereal

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

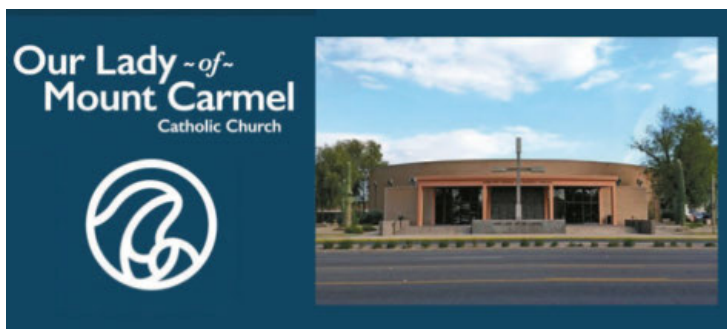
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES TRAINING SESSION THREE JANUARY 18 AT 7PM SOUTH MC CREADY HALL

Please join us on the continuing series of learning about the Magnificent Mass & the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM). Come learn about the Different Elements of the Mass, the Duties & Ministries in the Mass, the Different Forms of Celebrating the Mass, General Norms & Requisites, Masses & Prayers for Various Circumstances & the Arrangement of the Sanctuary and Church!

The next class is Wed., Jan. 18th at 7:00 pm in South McCready Hall. The remaining session dates are: 3/13 & 4/17. Save the dates!

All sessions start at 7:00 pm in South McCready Hall and are taught by Deacon Chris Gass. Contact liturgy@olmctempe.com with any questions.

- 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



E3 Africa is a faith-based non-profit registered 501 (c)(3) organization founded by Fr. Robert Seraph Aliunzi, Pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish in Tempe, Arizona. E3 Africa is committed to educating the orphaned, impoverished and often forgotten children in Uganda. All donations are tax deductible.



Fr. Robert Seraph Aliunzi, E3 Africa Founder



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How can I help?

- Pray for the orphaned & impoverished we seek to serve
- Sponsor a Child in Need
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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 12/31**

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.



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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www.fullcircleprogram.com



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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WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR 2024: WHAT ARE OUR EXPECTATIONS?

Dear friends,

As we come to the end of the year, I look back with profound gratitude to God for the many blessings we have received as individuals and as a parish. I look forward to yet another wonderful year ahead. However, aware that it is often very easy to overlook the many good things we were gifted with and focus only on the negatives, I invite you to take a moment to honestly audit the year and be grateful to God for all the gifts you too have received. While I leave it to you to individually count your own blessings and thank God for them, I invite you to look forward with greater optimism and gratitude to God for the many more gifts and blessings yet to come this new year.

Even as we begin this new year however, I kept on asking myself over and over again what my focus as your Pastor should be on. I am sure many of you are asking yourselves the same questions and making new year resolutions around this time. Personally, my preeminent focus will always be to help lead all of us to heaven. But, to accomplish this, from the onset, I would like to see to it that our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is built so that our focus will continue to be always on the Eucharist. Therefore, this is what I wish to embark on vigorously when I get back from my vacation early February 2024. But where do we stand with the construction plans, many of you are asking me?

As things stand now, the first Plan Review by the City of Tempe was done by the middle of the month of December and our construction team is making the necessary adjustments and corrections to be re-submitted as soon as possible. My expectation and prayer is that the final approval by the City will be accomplished by the middle of January 2024. In the meantime, our constructor has already started to get the quantities assembled for us to begin purchasing

Steel, Brick, and Windows this January. We are also concurrently working with the Interior Design Team to incorporate the Artwork, the donated statue, the altar and monstrance tabor, and Special Lighting, and the other finishes. With these accomplished by January, it is my hope that we can get construction started by February and be completed by Summer. However, let us continue to pray for this happen according to this expectation.

My second focus this year will be on strengthening Stewardship as a way of life here in our parish. I say strengthening because, our parish has for long been hailed as a model Stewardship Parish here in our Diocese of Phoenix. You all have embraced, over the years, the lofty mentality that everything we have is a gift from God which we are asked to develop, multiply and share gratefully with others through our parish family. I hope this has not changed with the change of pastors. I am personally influenced a lot in my ministry by this idea of Stewardship. As a good steward, I am profoundly grateful to God for the gift of you to me. This is why I will try my best to help lead all of you to heaven, using the gifts of time, talent, and treasure which God has given me. Please, join me in this endeavor in the years to come. So, in the coming weeks, I will be communicating some of my stewardship ideas with you through my weekly articles. So, watch this space!

I love you!

God's blessing,
Fr Robert Aliunzi



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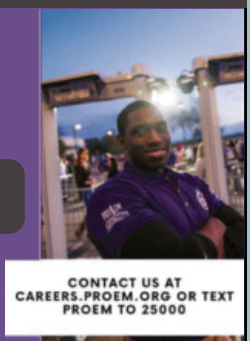
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