

# Our Lady ~of~ Mount Carmel

Catholic Church



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

### 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](http://www.olmctempe.com/sacrament-baptism), or email Deacon Gass at [baptisms@olmctempe.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**JANUARY 07, 2024**

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### Address

2121 South Rural Road | Tempe, AZ 85282  
Office: 480.967.8791 [www.olmctempe.com](http://www.olmctempe.com)  
School: 480.967.5567 [www.olmcschool.info](http://www.olmcschool.info)  
Preschool: 480.966.1753 [www.olmcschool.info](http://www.olmcschool.info)

#### OFFICE HOURS

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

### STAY CONNECTED

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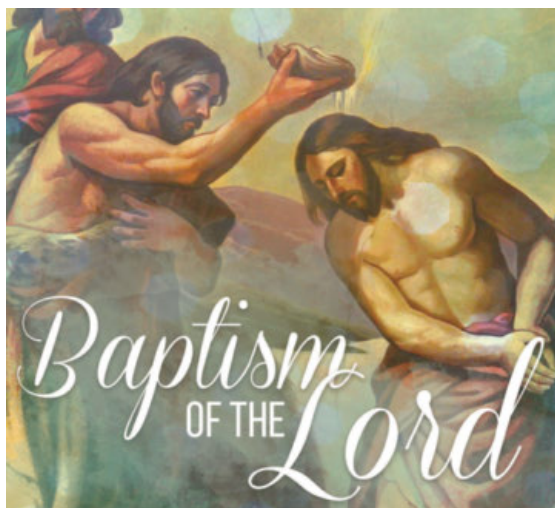
### READINGS OF THE WEEK

**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  
**Monday:** Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17  
**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Soul of Domiciano Santos
01/08/2024	8:30am	Soul of Elvis Presley
Tuesday	6:30am	Soul of Anna Mary Longuski
01/09/2024	8:30am	Soul of Julio Suda
Wednesday	6:30am	Ints. of David Terrill
01/10/2024	8:30am	Soul of David Miller
	6:30pm	Soul of Benedict Olson
Thursday	6:30am	Ints. of Fr. Robert Aliunzi
01/11/2024	8:30am	Soul of Stuart Wilkening
Friday	6:30am	Ints. of Deborah Ann Sacramo
01/12/2024	8:30am	Soul of Paul Dorfman
Saturday	8:00am	Soul of Truman Cox
01/13/2024	5:00pm	Soul of Joyce Becker
Sunday	7:00am	Soul of Martha Lily Gay
01/14/2024	9:00am	Soul of Gerald Johnson
	11:00am	Soul of Marian 'Lynne' Antos
	5:00pm	People of the Parish



### YOUTH MINISTRY - HOLIDAY BREAK

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

### PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	8:15am	St Therese Bible Study - St Simon
01/08/2024	3:15pm	Cub Scouts Tigers - St Simon
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts Lions - Holy Family Room
Tuesday	8:30am	Mom's Group Rosary - St Simon
01/09/2024	7:00pm	KOC/OM - Holy Family Room
	7:00pm	RCIA - Hall
Wednesday	9:00am	Adoration - Church
01/10/2024	12:45pm	St Therese Group - Holy Family room
	6:00pm	Benediction - Church
		OLMC Respect Life - St Simon
	6:30pm	Girl Scout Leaders - Holy Family Room
	7:00pm	Adult Formation - Hall
Thursday		No Activities Scheduled
01/11/2024		
Friday		No Activities Scheduled
01/12/2024		
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men's Group - Hall
01/13/2024	9:00am	SVdP - Holy Family Room
	4:30pm	KofC - Shrine
	4:45pm	Women's Study Ministry Registration - Shrine
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - South Hall
01/14/2024	6:30am	KofC - Shrine
	6:30am	Women's Study Ministry Registration - Shrine
	8:00am	KOC Pancake Breakfast - South Hall
		RE - North Hall
	9:00am	RCIA Dismissal - Holy Family Room
	1:00pm	Baptism Prep - Holy Family Room





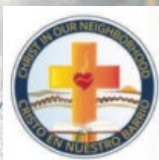
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## CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



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### INFO NIGHT-JANUARY 25 AT 7PM MC CREADY HALL

Looking to grow deeper in your faith while building friendships with others? Christ in Our Neighborhood is for you! Come hear Joyce Coronel, manager of Evangelization and Sacramental Life for the Diocese of Phoenix, as she shares how YOU can be a vital part of this small church community experience. An introductory meeting will take place at 7PM in McCready Hall on Thursday, January 25.

## WOMEN'S STUDIES

### SAVIOR & SUSTENANCE - THE LOVE OF OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD

A morning to grow our relationship with Christ  
in the Eucharist.

**What:** Winter Retreat for Women

**When:** February 3, 2024

8:30 to 12:30pm (Starting with 8am Mass in the church.)

**Where:** OLMC McCready Hall

**Cost:** \$20 fee, includes continental breakfast and snacks

**Registration:** After all Masses Jan. 14 & 21. And Online on OLMC Website



Retreat Speaker, Author & Musician:  
Julie Carrick

A morning of spiritual  
reflection and prayer

Hosted by:  
Women's Studies Ministry

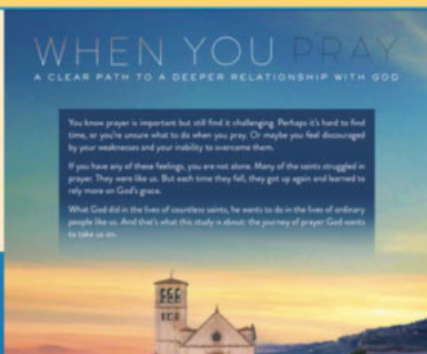
### Women's Studies Ministry

Spring Session

When You Pray:

*A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship With God*

- February 1, 2024
- 7 Week Session
- OLMC McCready Hall 7-8:30pm Thursdays
- Registration after Mass January 14 & 21 and Online on OLMC Website
- \$25 Material Fee

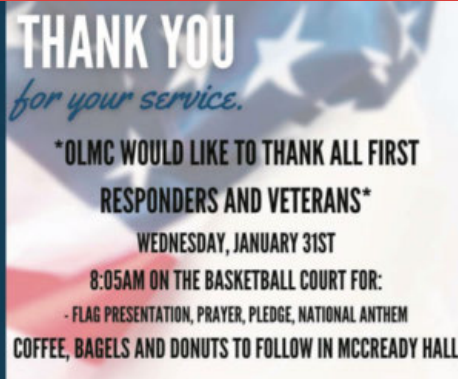


For More Information

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## FIRST RESPONDERS & VETERANS



## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

### SVDP JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

St. Vincent DePaul Society is collecting the following items:

Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti,  
Canned Chicken & Cereal

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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

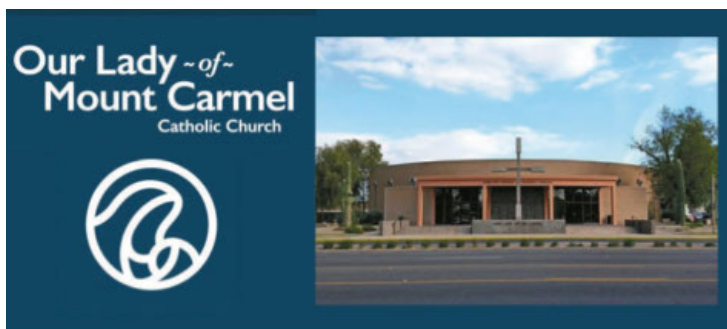
Please join us on the continuing series of learning about the Magnificent Mass & the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM). Come learn about the Different Elements of the Mass, the Duties & Ministries in the Mass, the Different Forms of Celebrating the Mass, General Norms & Requisites, Masses & 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](mailto: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
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For more information on how you can help, contact OLMC Director of Stewardship & Development, Ashley Hall [ashleyhall@olmc.school.info](mailto: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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You can also visit our website at [www.olmctempe.com](http://www.olmctempe.com) and click on the green "GIVE ONLINE" button.

## FULLCIRCLE COFFEE SHOP

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](mailto: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](http://www.fullcircleprogram.com)



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- Pray for FullCircle and all the program serves
- Sponsor a teen
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## INTRODUCTION TO STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends,

I would like to state upfront that stewardship is not about asking for money as it has often been misunderstood to be. It is much more than that. But before I get into what it is, allow me to share something briefly about my African heritage.

Growing up in rural Northern Uganda, one of the memories that still come vividly to my mind and which I still cherish, was how young men in my village often came together to construct a hut for one of them who declared an intention to get married. Those who had special skills of roofing came forth and played their part while those who had the gift of strength carried the heavy logs for the wall structures and those who had skills in building the walls did just that. Even those gifted with storytelling and cracking jokes kept those working amused and entertained with their jokes while they worked. In short, everyone showed up and gave their time and offered whatever gifts they had and in a very short time they built a house for their peer at no charge. This is because it was understood that all those gifts each one had was meant to be used for the benefit of the community and in the service of its members and no gift was despised. So, no one was allowed to withhold any skills they had whenever and wherever they were needed in the community. This was called the "Oya spirit" in my local language.

When later on I came across the concept of Stewardship I was fascinated by its similarity with what I grew up practicing without knowing it and therefore it appealed to me instantly and became one of the approaches I adopted in leading my parishes wherever I was assigned as pastor in the past. That is why, in my end of year message, I indicated to you that this year similarly, I will be focusing on strengthening our sense of stewardship and making it a way of life here in our parish. So, over the next few months you will see and hear announcements explaining what Stewardship means here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and how you can be involved in our community, ways you can pray with our community, and how you can give to and connect with the OLMC community.

But before we delve deeper in doing all those things, it is important to correctly understand what stewardship is. Understood correctly, stewardship is our recognition that whatever we have is a gift from God meant to be received gratefully, developed diligently with increase, and shared generously with our neighbors. We do this practically by intentionally and consistently offering of our time, talent, and treasure to God through our parish community. In the coming months, I will be writing articles to you on aspects of this in addition to making announcements and homilies on stewardship.

As a prelude to launching stewardship fully as a way of life here at our parish however, we will be having a parish census sometime in the month of February 2024, followed by a stewardship report and a ministry fair. My hope is that in this process you will continue to find a place here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel where you are able to Pray, Serve, Give and Connect with our community with the ultimate goal of leading each other to heaven. In the next articles, I will share some more thoughts on these four Pillars typical to our parish: **Pray, Serve, Give and Connect**. We will begin with the stewardship of prayer, so watch this space!

I love you!

God's blessing,  
Fr Robert Aliunzi

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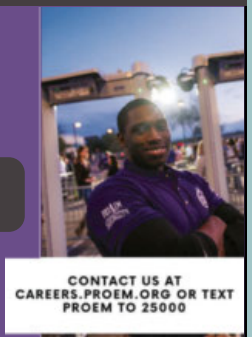
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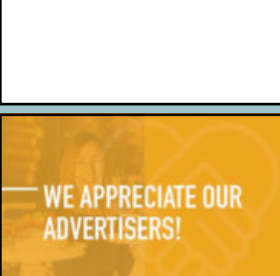
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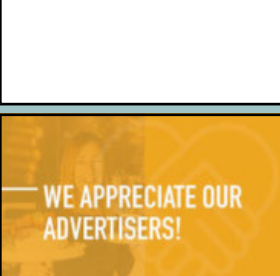
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