

Our Lady ~ of ~ Mount Carmel

Catholic Church



SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

PARISH INFORMATION

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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 MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

First Fridays Mass at 7pm, with Adoration following until 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

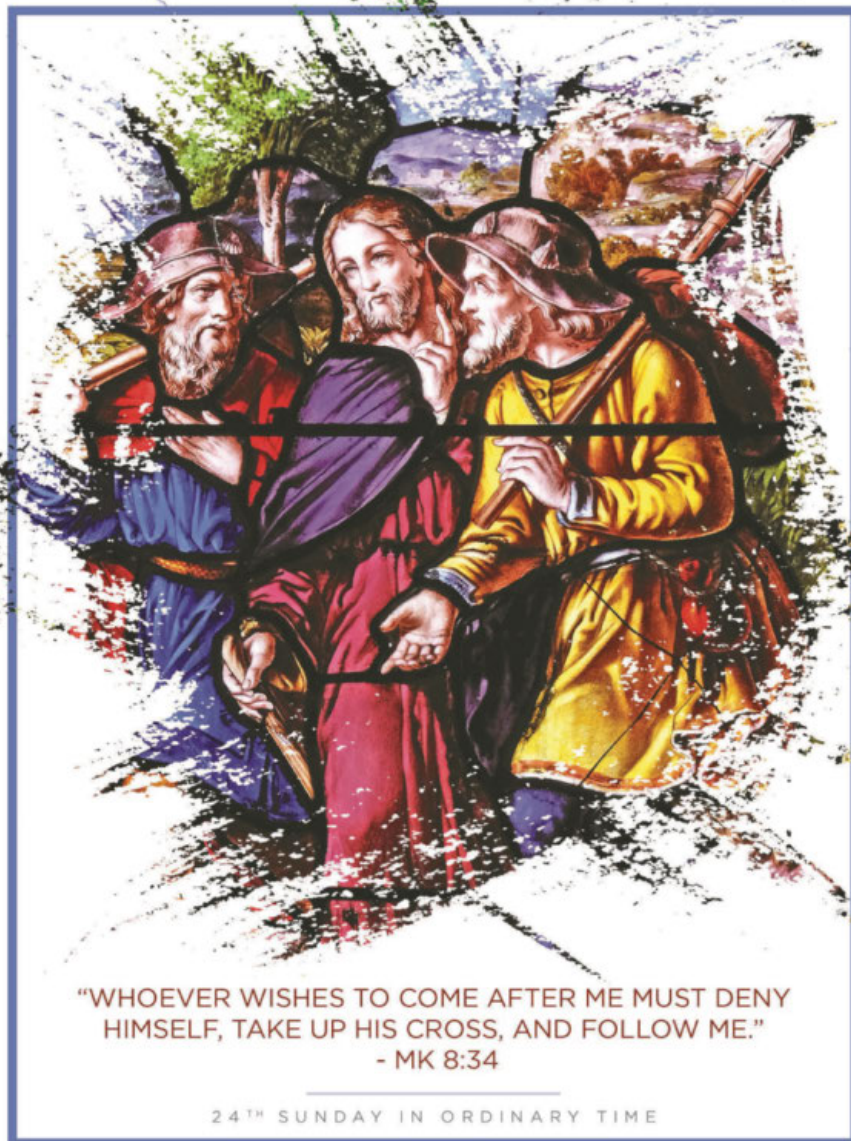
Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Live Stream Mass

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 Peter Parian 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 Dcn. Dave Kneblsberger at (480) 967-8791 or email at deacondave@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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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-3

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Soul of Bonnie Sue Laubmeier
9/16/2024	8:30am	Soul of Isabel Clancy
Tuesday	6:30am	Int. of All Priests
9/17/2024	8:30am	NO MASS (Priest Convocation Week)
Wednesday	6:30am	Open
9/18/2024	8:30am	NO MASS
	6:30pm	NO MASS
Thursday	6:30am	Souls of Joseph and Barbara
9/19/2024		Mastrull
	8:30am	NO MASS
Friday	6:30am	Int. of All Deacons
9/20/2024	8:30am	Soul of Matthew Hessinger
Saturday	8:00am	Soul of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Battaglia
9/21/2024	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	7:00am	Int. of the Tantalio Family
9/22/2024	9:00am	Soul of Framciszek Strus
	11:00am	Soul of Ruth Malinski
	5:00pm	Soul of Andrew Laubmeier

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And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
 "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
 Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

- Isaiah 6:8 -

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	3:15pm	Cub Scouts - Various
9/16/2024	6:00pm	WWMIN - St. Simon Rm.
	6:15pm	Edge - Hall
Tuesday	7:00pm	OCIA - Hall
9/17/2024		
Wednesday	9:15am	Adoration - Church
9/18/2024		Chapel Building Comm. - Holy Family Rm/W
	6:00pm	Benediction - Church
	6:30pm	Word of God - Hall
Thursday	9:15am	Teach Me To Pray (Women) - Holy Family/W
9/19/2024		Music Rehearsal - Church
	7:00pm	Teach Me To Pray (Men) - Holy Family Rm/W
	7:00pm	Women's Studies - N. Hall
Friday	9:00am	CION Readings Study - St. Simon Rm
9/20/2024		7:00pm Unitas - N. Hall
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men's Group - Hall
9/21/2024	9:00am	Altar Server Training - Church
	10:00am	Rosary Makers - Holy Family Rm
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - S. Hall
9/22/2024		

RESPECT LIFE



Our Catholic Bishops in Arizona want to share their strong opposition to Arizona Prop. 139. This Ballot

Initiative has the power to remove nearly all protections for pre-born infants up to the moment of birth and allow minors to obtain an abortion without parental consent.

To read their full statement, visit
azcatholicconference.org

STUDY THE BIBLE IN A YEAR



Instructor: Bill Marcotte, MA
**Fall and Spring: Word of God,
 Scripture and Tradition (ICT 102)**

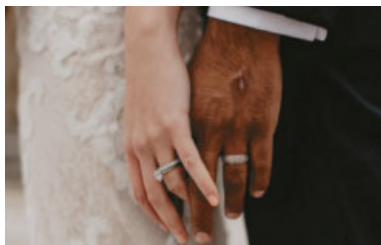
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We are in need of several part-time Wedding Coordinators to help couples plan and celebrate their wedding masses.

Interested applicants must possess great

communication and organizational skills. This is a paid (stipend) position. If you feel like you would be a good fit to serve in this ministry, email jenn@olmctempe.com with a bit about your background and why you would like to apply. We look forward to hearing from you.

LEARN HOW TO PRAY BETTER



Do you feel like you need to pray more? Has your prayer life dried up? "LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY" is a new 12-week series based on the Spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Men meet: Thursday PM at 7pm from 9/5–11/21
Women meet: Thursday AM at 9:15am from 9/5–11/21

Register at <https://t.ly/ae0HV>. If you have any questions, email Kathy@olmctempe.com



DISCUSS THE WEEKLY READINGS



Saint Jerome said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Christ in the Neighborhood: A weekly Scripture study begins **Friday, September 20th at 9:15 am** in the St. Simon Room. We

will read and discuss the Sunday mass readings in a small group environment.

All are encouraged to bring a friend. Email jpalaszewski@cox.net

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

ALL OF NATURE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE MASS

By Joseph Malzone

The Holy Mass is first and foremost a sacrifice to God, and in this ultimate sacrifice of Christ is many smaller sacrifices composing a vast array of the entire natural world. From animals, to plants, to even the earth itself, all of God's creation comes together in the Holy Mass to offer fitting sacrifice to their creator.

Let us first start with the sacrifice that the animals make to facilitate worship of God. Certain vestments (the ceremonial garments worn by the clergy in the liturgy) may be made from silk, a sacrifice of silkworms to create. The most important books used in the liturgy are bound in leather, a sacrifice of cows to create.

Perhaps the most historic animal contribution and one that is filled with symbolism are the altar candles, formed from the work of bees to create beeswax. The Exsultet, the beautifully written proclamation hailing from the 5th century that is chanted each year at the Easter Vigil, prominently speaks of the this, specially in reference to the Paschal (Easter) Candle: *"On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church."*, and *"a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, for it is fed by melting wax, drawn out by mother bees to build a torch so precious."*

This sacrificial work of the bees in the mass has in itself a further sacrifice for God. The wax melts away to provide illumination, using up the candle in the process until there is no candle remaining. The candle sacrifices itself in order to give glory to God. Candles have been an important aspect in many religions for millennia, and the ancient Israelites in their worship of God understood this importance as well, and from which we have inherited aspects of this. From their days wandering in the desert to the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, they had placed before the Tabernacle of God, where His presence dwelt among the people, a menorah with seven lamps. The center seventh lamp represented God Himself and His Sabbath.

The Catholic Church adopted this practice of lamps or candles on the Altar, where God becomes present amongst His people, but with a twist. We now have the fulfillment of the Old Covenant, and so that seventh candle in the menorah which represented God, is changed to a crucifix, displaying Christ, the Light of the World. Catholic altars for centuries have typically been accompanied by six candles with a crucifix in the center, which can remind us of our lineage, and now we have the same at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



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OLMC SCHOOL DINNER/AUCTION



Save the Date, **Friday, October 25th!** Our 2024 Night to Soar Gala theme is Día de Los Muertos! Enjoy live mariachi music, delicious food and drinks, and lots of fun! The Night to Soar Gala is one of the primary ways we fund our school.

Looking to help? Email ashleyhall@olmcschool.info
Positions we need to fill are an Executive Chair, an Auction Chair, and General Volunteers. We look forward to your help as we make it the best gala ever!



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You can also visit our website at www.olmctempe.com and click on the green "GIVE ONLINE" button.

WHAT IS THE STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT?

Dear Friends,

In the last two weeks, our homilies focused on Stewardship, inviting us to recognize that all the things we have: our time, talent, and treasure are gifts to us from God. Both last week's homilies and article discussed the stewardship of **TIME**, emphasizing the need for us to spend time with our Loving Father. It was essentially about creating time for prayer and for our brothers and sisters. Understood this way, stewardship of time becomes a very important aspect in developing our relationship with God and our community.

The next aspect of our call to stewardship is the use of our **TALENTS**, which is this week's emphasis both in our homilies and in this article. Today, I invite you to acknowledge that all that we are and all the talents we have come to us on loan from God. He expects us to make use of them to develop His kingdom in this life. We are all gifted by God with a variety of talents: children, young adults, and adults alike, each according to our capacity. This means that He has expectations of each of us to use these talents for His service through our parish community.

It is important to note that the English word "talent" in Biblical times was also used as a currency commonly used at the time. That is why it is very appropriate that we put a value on the abilities or talents that have been gifted to us. In the famous Parable of the Talents (Mt 25:14-30), the master entrusts talents to three of his servants for use before leaving on a trip. We are told the money was loaned to them in proportion to the servants' abilities. Two of the servants take the money and trade with it, making a profit for him. The third one, on the other hand, buries the money out of fear. Upon return, the master demands accountability from the servants to determine what they had done with the talents entrusted to them. The servants that "invested" the **TALENTS** wisely are rewarded for the profits they made for their master, while the other lazy servant is chastised for not making use of the money.

This is, similarly, how our God will deal with us. He expects us not to bury our **TALENTS** but to make use of them not only for ourselves but in the service of others and of our parish. But He has also given us the free will to decide whether we will use these **TALENTS** or not. He never forces us. In Romans chapter 12, we are reminded that investment of our **TALENTS** should be in proportion to the gifts we have received because we will also have to account to our Master for all these gifts or talents he has entrusted to us. If we choose to invest them wisely, He has promised to reward us for all eternity. If not, we will lose even the little we have. The choice is ours.

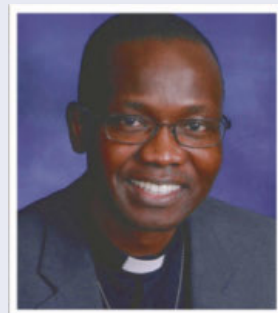
As you look around you at Mass today or at other parish gatherings, just imagine the wealth of **TALENTS** that is represented by you, our parishioners right here. I have no doubt that there are doctors, nurses, professors, engineers, lawyers, builders, teachers, realtors, IT specialists and a variety of other talents. However, research has shown that only 20% of parishioners use their talents to support their parish. What a wonderful parish we would be if instead of the usual 20%, who participate in most everything in our parish, just 60% more of you actively use your talents through the various ministries in our Church! The impact of your increased participation would be profound, fueling our evangelization efforts and transforming our parish into a vibrant community. We would be unstoppable in our mission to make our parish what we want it to be.

This is precisely why we are taking the whole of this month of September to encourage you to be good stewards of the many gifts the Lord has given you. There are many ways you can do this through the many ministries we are blessed with here in our parish. Some of these include the various liturgical ministries (Altar service, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, ushers etc), Catechetical services through OCIA and Religious Education, St. Vincent de Paul, the Knights of Columbus, among others. It doesn't need to be a large or overburdening effort on your part, it just needs to be genuine and in proportion to the gifts that you have received. You can do it! And so, apart from just attending Mass on Sundays, what else can you do for your Church using your gift of talents going forward? Think about it. At the end of this month, we shall ask you to make a written commitment of how you will use your talents to serve your church. Please take this opportunity to reflect on your role in our parish and make a commitment to contribute your talents to the service of God and our community.

I love you!

Yours in Christ,

- Fr. Robert Aliunzi





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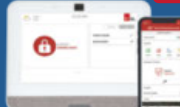



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