

Our Lady ~ of ~ Mount Carmel Catholic Church



NOVEMBER 3, 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

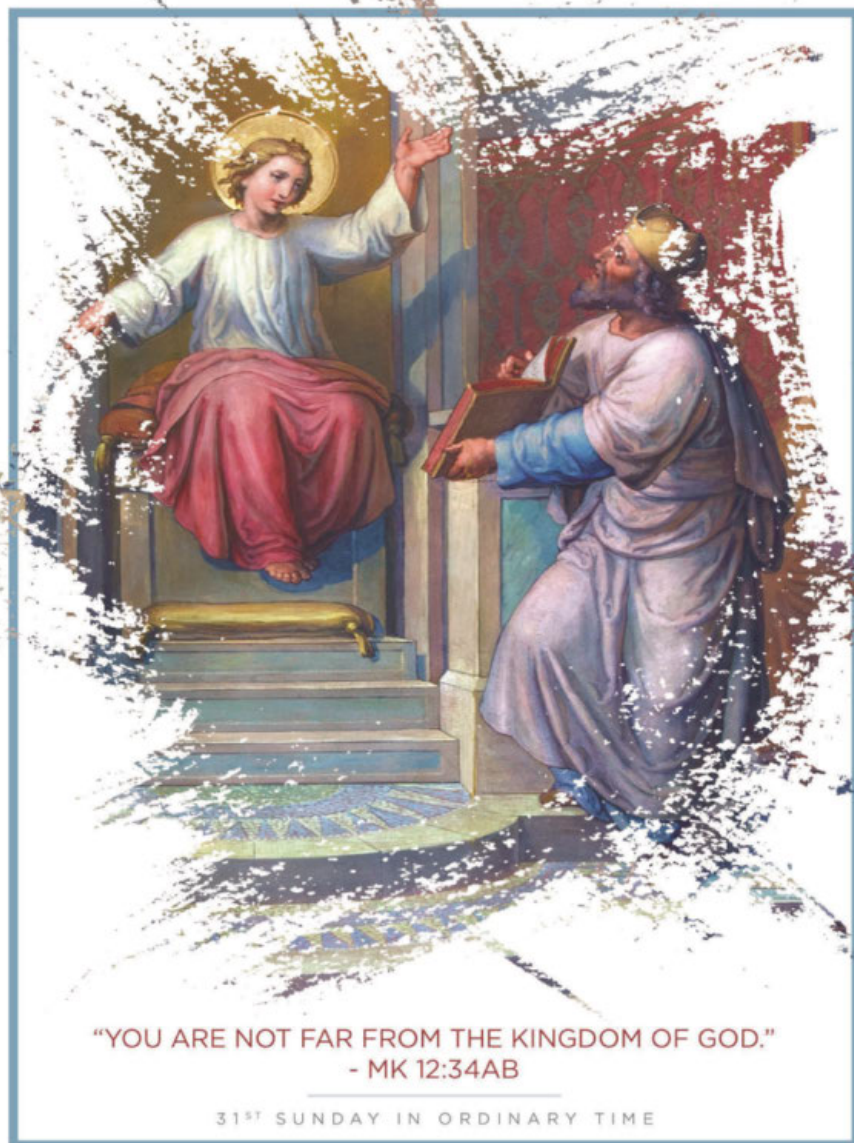
Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Live Stream Mass

Sunday11:00am
on our website, Facebook, YouTube Channel and our OLMC APP

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**"YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD."
- MK 12:34AB**

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 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.



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READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51(2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcd, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-4

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Soul of Mary Campisi
11/4/2024	8:30am	Int. of Aria Tseffos
Tuesday	6:30am	Soul of Maria Nham Dinh
11/5/2024	8:30am	Soul of Elwood Clawson
Wednesday	6:30am	Int. of Antoinette Scales
11/6/2024	8:30am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
	6:30pm	Soul of Rick Pyde
Thursday	6:30am	Soul of Byron Clark
11/7/2024	8:30am	Int. of John and Jean Earl
Friday	6:30am	Souls of Fred and Rose Frank
11/8/2024	8:30am	Soul of Ruth Malinski
Saturday	8:00am	Soul of Anne Russo
11/9/2024	5:00pm	Soul of Mark Pivonka
Sunday	7:00am	People of the Parish
11/10/2024	9:00am	Soul of Effren Garcia
	11:00am	Int. of Carolyn Pyde
	5:00pm	Soul of Teddy Whitaker

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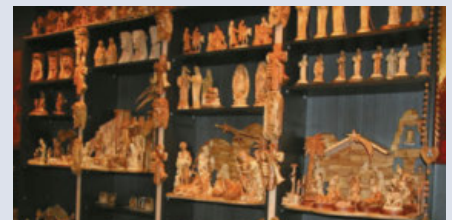
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And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
 "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
 Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."
 - Isaiah 6:8

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday	3:15pm	Cub Scouts - Various
11/4/2024	6:15pm	EDGE - Hall
Tuesday	3:15pm	Orchestra - Holy Family
11/5/2024	7:00pm	OCIA - Hall
Wednesday	8:00am	St. Therese - St. Simon
11/6/2024	9:00am	Adoration - Church
	9:15am	Chapel Building Comm. - Holy Family
	6:00pm	Benediction - Church
	6:30pm	Word of God - Hall
Thursday	9:15am	Teach Me To Pray (Women) - Holy Family
11/7/2024	9:30am	PLT - St. Simon
	3:15pm	Orchestra - Holy Family
	6:30pm	Lay Dominicans - St. Simon
	7:00pm	Teach Me To Pray (Men) - Holy Family
	-	Women's Study - N. Hall
	-	Music Rehe. - Church
Friday	9:00am	CION - St. Simon
11/8/2024		
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men's Group - Hall
11/9/2024	9:00am	SVdP - St. Simon
	4-7pm	Holy Land Gifts - Piazza
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - S. Hall
11/10/2024	All Day	Holy Land Gifts - Piazza

BEAUTIFUL HOLY LAND GIFTS



Get an early start on your Christmas Shopping this year. Holy Land Gifts will be offering beautiful handmade religious items for sale before and after all weekend masses on **November 9th and 10th**. A portion of every sale goes to support Christians in the Holy Land.

OLMC MINISTRY FAIR



Have you been wondering about the many ministries at OLMC and how you can get involved? Join us in McCready Hall after all weekend masses on **November 2nd and 3rd** for our **Ministry Fair "People Raiser."**

Information and/or representatives will be available from all our ministries and those that are offering volunteer or service opportunities will show you how you can connect and become a more active part of the work of our parish.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES



Do you receive our "Friday Flyer" weekly email updates?

To sign up, scan the QR to the right, or you can visit olmctempe.com/newsletter-signup Every Friday morning, read Father's Weekly Letter, learn about upcoming events, hear about what our many wonderful ministries are up to and so much more!



ANNULMENT SEMINAR



Are you or someone you know divorced? Do you have questions about the Annulment process? The Diocese of Phoenix invites you to their annual Annulment Information Seminar on **Saturday, November 9th, from 10am to Noon** at the Diocesan Pastoral center, **400 E. Monroe St., Phoenix**. Free parking is available in the underground garage on 5th St. between Van Buren and Monroe. Concurrent sessions in English and Spanish. No RSVP required. Scan the QR code, or visit diocesetribunal.org if you have any questions.



CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



The Phoenix Chinese Catholic Community invites you to join us for Mass in Chinese on **October 27th, November 17th, and December 8th** at St. Bridget Church, 2213 N Lindsay Rd, Mesa. For more details or any questions, please contact Sophia at **(623) 869-6848** or via email at sufuang@msn.com. Fr. Harold Escarcega will celebrate each mass.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

WHAT IS PURGATORY?

By Joseph Malzone

Many Catholics aren't fully sure what Purgatory is or why it exists; perhaps you may be in that boat, too. Hopefully, this can help illuminate the role of Purgatory in the life of a Christian and how we can participate in helping souls get to Heaven through the prayers of the mass.

To start, Purgatory is not a place a soul may dwell in permanently, unlike Heaven or Hell; rather, it is a place of purification of souls before they enter Heaven. All souls in Purgatory are eventually admitted to the glory of Heaven but are there to, as the name suggests, be purged of any lingering attachment or effect of sin. It is a place of joy where we are made ready to enter into God's complete presence. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches the following on purgation and purgatory: "All who die in God's grace and friendship but still imperfectly purified are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but after death, they undergo purification so as to attain the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name 'Purgatory' to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1030-1031). Like cleaning a wound, there is a temporary pain as a soul passes through Purgatory, but it is for the health and betterment of a soul. The time each soul spends in Purgatory, and the severity of the pains it experiences varies.

We can and should pray for the souls in purgatory that they may soon be released and enjoy their Heavenly reward. We pray for those we know and those we don't know and have been forgotten, who have passed from this world. The Feast of All Souls' Day each year on November 2nd highlights these souls and offers special prayers for them. Many of the Fathers of the Church, such as St. Augustine and St. John Chrysostom, considered prayers for souls in purgatory to be essential.

Our prayers for these souls can help alleviate their sufferings and help them reach heaven more quickly. Although they can no longer pray for themselves, they can and do pray for us as well out of gratitude. In addition to saying prayers for souls in purgatory, we can help them by engaging in works of charity and sacrifice on their behalf and by having Masses said for the departed. This practice of having a Mass said for them is known as requesting a Mass Intention. It can be requested multiple times, is available for both living and deceased individuals, and is significantly different from Funeral Masses, which will be discussed next week. In each Holy Mass, the priest is able to offer the sacrifice for a particular soul. Requesting a Mass Intention through the Parish Office applies the special prayers of the priest and the grace from the Holy Mass to the soul that you wish to be prayed for. For more information on Mass Intentions, please visit or call the Parish Office.

Remember your loved ones at masses this coming year. The 2025 Mass Intentions Book will be available beginning on Monday, November 4th, at 9am in the parish office.

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OLMC SCHOOL



Do you or someone you know have a child who will be starting school next year? You're invited to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School's "Taste of Kindergarten."

Meet the Principal, and kindergarten teachers, tour the campus, and find out how the new ESA can cover tuition costs for a private Catholic Education,

all while your child gets a taste of our kindergarten classrooms! **Monday, November 11th | 8:30am-10am**
RSVP at www.olmcschool.info



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS



- G I V E -

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS



OLMC St. Vincent de Paul has begun their annual Christmas "Adopt-a-Family" program. Our neighbors in need are now filling out applications to begin the process. We need sponsors to help provide a wonderful Christmas to children whose families are experiencing financial hardship. Please fill out a red sponsor form on the table at the east doors of the church or email AAF@svdp-olmc.phxcoxmail.com

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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Please fill you Thanksgiving Food bags with all the items listed on the outside and return it to the bins in between the church and McCreedy Hall before or after all the masses on **November 2nd and 3rd, and November 9th and 10th.**

OUR SVDP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING EACH WEEK

- Boxed Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Jelly
- Soups
- Canned Fruit
- Sides (Rice-a-Roni, Hamburger Helper, etc.)
- Mashed Potatoes
- Cereal

Please bag all items and place them in the wooden bins just inside the Southeast Doors of the church.

CHAPEL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



SUPPORT OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF 10/13/24: **\$22,385.11**

Parish Budgeted Operating Expenses (excluding the School and Preschool) are **\$31,112.27**. Thank you for your generosity!

Please continue to support our Parish. Envelopes may be dropped off at the parish office during office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9AM - 5PM) or dropped off in the door slot after hours or mailed to the parish.

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

FULL CIRCLE COFFEE SHOP



After Jesus lifts up your soul, come lift your body with a delicious gourmet coffee drink after mass! All proceeds benefits teens and young adults in recovery.

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WHO OR WHAT DO YOU WORSHIP?

Dear Friends,

Since this weekend, my focus is on addressing the state of our parish at all Masses, so I decided to give a brief reflection on the liturgy of this 31st Sunday of Year B. Whereas the readings of this weekend focus primarily on Love: Love of God and Love of neighbor, my mind was drawn to the title of this article. I think this is for a good reason: who or what we love greatly influences our worship. Who and what do we worship in our society today?

You see, we live in a culture and a world that worships many different idols. There are all kinds of things and activities that have become the primary focus and preoccupation of our lives, in other words, our gods. What are these gods? What is our predominant preoccupation currently, as we are in the midst of the election season? Is it God or our political affiliations? Is it money or is it power? Is it pleasure or prestige? In truth, these seem to be the most prominent idols that our culture worships today. To be sure, none of these things I mentioned are bad or evil in themselves. They only become the gods we worship when they replace the worship of the One, True, Lord God of the Universe.

I suspect you are all familiar with the recent poll, which indicates that only 30% of Americans now attend church services on a weekly basis. And worse, there are those who do not believe that God exists at all! This is the danger about which Moses warned the chosen people who were about to enter and take possession of the Promised Land in the first reading. Moses knew that the pagan gods of that land would pose a great temptation.

These pagans had a variety of gods for things such as for fertility and for war. The sun, the moon, and the mountains were all considered gods. Some of those gods were worshiped with human sacrifices, and at least one other, by prostitution! So, Moses proclaimed that the "Lord was their God. The Lord alone!" They were to worship none of the other pseudo-gods with their false promises. He insisted that true worship was to be through love itself and that love is to flow from a person's entire being, meaning, heart, soul, and body! Of course, from history, we know that they were often very unfaithful, but when they were faithful, they prospered. However, when they were not, they always began to self-destruct!

In the Gospel of Mark, the scribe who came to Jesus seemed to be a good and sincere man. He truly lived a God-centered life. However, the Pharisees and scribes had multiplied the ten commandments into 613 precepts, many of which were about the prescribed sacrifices made in offering to God. The scribe wanted to know which one was the most important of all. So, in response, Jesus quoted from the Book of Deuteronomy. **"The Lord our God is Lord alone!"** He deliberately changed the wording to emphasize that no other god even exists! And like Moses, he insisted that we too, are to love this One, True God with our whole being, with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength!

However, there was another commandment that was second and also more important than all the others, he says. It was "to love our neighbor as we love ourselves!" Then, the scribe agreeably concluded that loving God and others was truly, most important. These two commandments were more important than any of the lesser things that the Law commanded them to do!

Dear friends, our lives today, as I pointed out, are filled with things that compete for our time, our energy, and our personal resources. These are not necessarily bad or evil things, but the more we pursue them as an end in themselves, the more they interfere with what we should be for God, for others, or for our physical or mental well-being and take us away from the true God. So, to counter this and to personally prevail, we must remember that Moses also urged the people to fear the Lord God. However, this must be a holy fear. And a holy fear includes a sense of awe, a sense of wonder! Because if we have an awe-filled –and wonder-filled with our love for God, we will never put anything before this God of Love who created us! Through our love for the Eucharist and our Mother Mary, may we always be drawn closer to the love of God and of our neighbor.

I love you!

Yours in Christ,
- Fr. Robert Aliunzi



THE TRUTH ABOUT ABORTION



You, our parishioners have expressed that the issue of abortion, specifically, AZ Prop. 139 is a subject you take very seriously.

Abortion is more than just the taking of an innocent pre-born life, it has profound physical, mental, and spiritual after-effects on the women who choose to undergo them, which most people are unaware of. When we seek to understand these negative outcomes that women experience afterward, it becomes very clear that abortion is not a compassionate, caring act, but rather, it is extremely harmful to a woman not only in the short-term, but for the rest of her life.

To learn more about how abortions hurt women, visit afterabortion.org, theunchoice.com, and itgoestoofar.com

You formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother's womb.
I praise you, because I am wonderfully made;
wonderful are your works!
My very self you know.
My bones are not hidden from you,
When I was being made in secret,
fashioned in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw me unformed;
in your book all are written down;
my days were shaped, before one came to be.

—
PSALM 139:13-16



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