

# Our Lady ~ of ~ Mount Carmel

Catholic Church



**NOVEMBER 10, 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

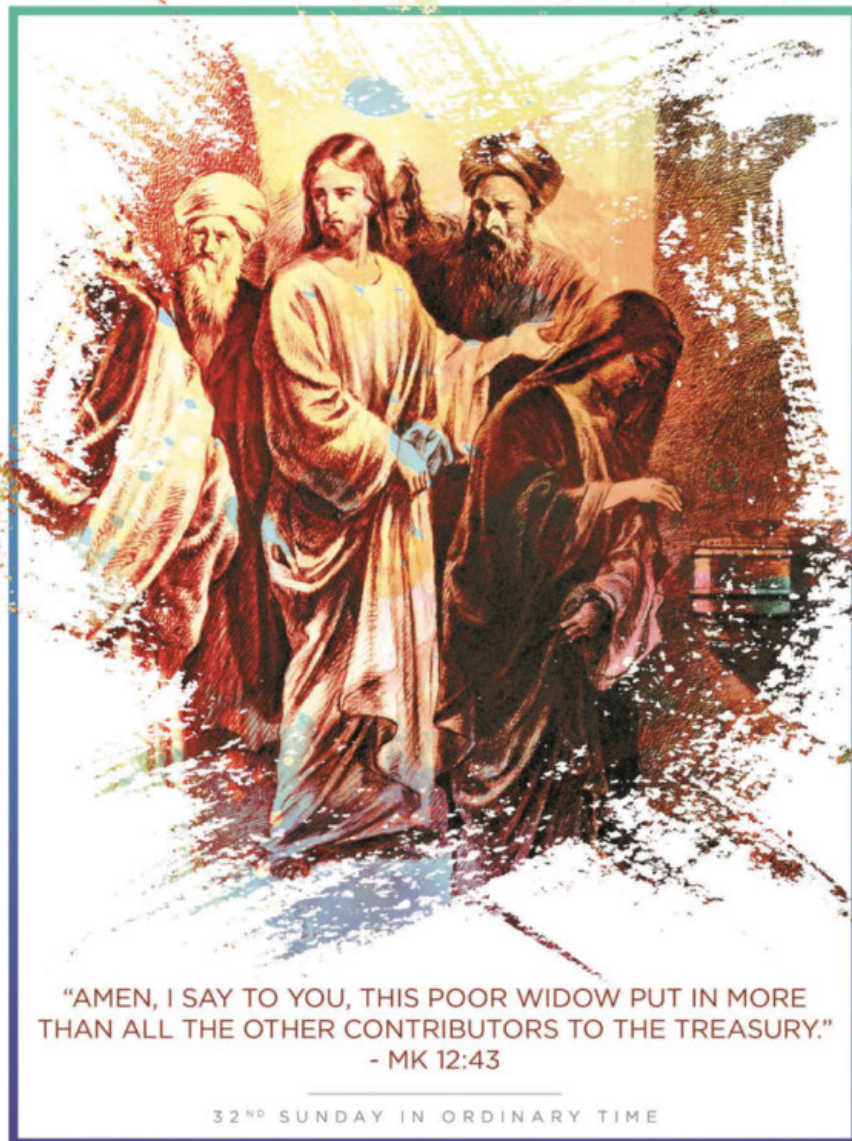
Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm  
Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

#### Live Stream Mass

Sunday .....11:00am  
on our website, Facebook, YouTube Channel and our OLMC APP

## STAY CONNECTED

OLMC WEBSITE: [www.olmctempe.com](http://www.olmctempe.com)  
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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](http://www.olmctempe.com/sacrament-baptism), or email Peter Parian 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 Dcn. Dave Kneblsberger at (480) 967-8791 or email at [weddings@olmctempe.com](mailto: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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- P R A Y -

**READINGS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44  
**Monday:** Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6  
**Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10  
**Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19  
**Thursday:** Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25  
**Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37  
**Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8  
**Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32



**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday	6:30am	Soul of Maria Nhiem Dinh
11/11/2024	8:30am	Int. of Marilyn Looker
Tuesday	6:30am	Int. of Fify Juliana
11/12/2024	8:30am	Soul of Mary Ann Douglass
Wednesday	6:30am	Int. of Doug Slyter
11/13/2024	8:30am	Int. of the Consiglio Family
	6:30pm	Soul of Bobbie Schwarzkopf
Thursday	6:30am	Int. of Jonathon Nicholls
11/14/2024	8:30am	Soul of Anna Thao Vuong
Friday	6:30am	Souls of Frank and Teresa Franco
11/15/2024	8:30am	Souls of the Jennings Family
Saturday	8:00am	Soul of Mark Henry Scuitti
11/16/2024	5:00pm	Soul of Artemisa Lierz
Sunday	7:00am	Soul of John Sackett
11/17/2024	9:00am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Soul of Florencio Avitia
	5:00pm	Soul of Bertha Vital

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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 - Holy Family
11/11/2024	6:00pm	Boy Scouts - Holy Family
	6:30pm	Lay Dominicans - St. Simon
Tuesday	7:00pm	OCIA - Hall
11/12/2024		
Wednesday	9:00am	Adoration - Church
11/13/2024	9:15am	Chapel Building Comm. - Holy Family
	6:00pm	Benediction - Church
	6:30pm	Word of God - N. Hall
	-	Girl Scouts - S. Hall
	7:00pm	Chinese Catholics - Holy Family
Thursday	9:15am	Teach Me To Pray (Women) - Holy Family
11/14/2024	9:30am	PLT - St. Simon
	7:00pm	Teach Me To Pray (Men) - Holy Family
	-	Women's Study - N. Hall
	-	K of C - S. Hall
	-	Music Rehe. - Church
Friday	9:00am	CION - St. Simon
11/15/2024		
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men's Group - Hall
11/16/2024	9:00am	SVdP - Hall
	-	WSMin. Team - St. Simon
	10:00am	Rosary Makers - Holy Family
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - S. Hall
11/17/2024		

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**



Losing a parent, a spouse, a child, or a friend is never easy. Jesus wants to walk with us.

We are His, and He is ours. Our Bereavement Ministry is a place to start and begin to heal. Email [sandyc@olmctempe.com](mailto:sandyc@olmctempe.com), or call the parish office at (480) 967-8791 and leave a message for Sandy Consiglio

CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Join us in the **St. Simon Room at 9:15am every Friday** where we study and discuss the Sunday mass readings in a small group environment. Friends always welcome. Contact John at [cion@olmctempe.com](mailto:cion@olmctempe.com) if you have any questions.

BABY SAFE HAVEN



There is another option to abortion, the Baby Safe Haven law. Please tell people about the Baby Safe Haven law that protects not only a woman facing an unwanted pregnancy, but the life of the unwanted baby. For more information visit



[azsafebabyhaven.org/information](http://azsafebabyhaven.org/information)

SETON HIGH OPEN HOUSE



Seton Catholic Prep Catholic High School in Chandler for grades 9-12 is hosting its annual Open House event on **November 23rd, 2024 from 11am to 1pm**. All families are invited! Guests are invited to experience SCP's family atmosphere first-hand. You will have the opportunity to meet teachers, coaches, students, and parents who

can answer any questions you may have. Please contact Mini Olivas, director of Admissions, or email [admissions@setoncatholic.org](mailto:admissions@setoncatholic.org) if you have any questions. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/seton2024>



WOMEN'S STUDIES BAKE SALE



Support our Women's Studies Ministry by purchasing some tasty treats at their bake sale in the shrine area after all morning Masses on **Sunday, November 24th**.

[womensstudies@olmctempe.com](mailto:womensstudies@olmctempe.com)

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



The Phoenix Chinese Catholic Community invites you to join us for Mass in Chinese on **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](mailto:sufuang@msn.com). Fr. Harold Escarcega, celebrating.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL

By Joseph Malzone (Adapted from Dcn. Matthew Newsom)

It is important that we, as Catholics, know not only what the Catholic Church does but why we do it, when it comes to our funeral rites. Like all liturgical rites, funerals have a specific function in the life of the Church. Catholic funeral rites actually consist of three liturgies, each serving a distinctive purpose in ministering to the bereaved and commemorating the deceased.

The first is the vigil, which takes place prior to the funeral mass, typically the preceding evening. The service consists of a Liturgy of the Word and intercessory prayer. It is typically celebrated at the funeral home but may also be celebrated at the church. It is a time for mourners to express their grief and to receive consolation. At the vigil, God's word in Scripture is offered "as light and life in the face of darkness and death." The vigil liturgy is the most appropriate time for a friend or family member of the deceased to offer a eulogy in their remembrance.

Next is the funeral mass. In this liturgy, the focus shifts from comforting the bereaved to praying for the departed. Not that comfort should not continue to be offered, but the primary purpose of the Catholic funeral is to pray for the repose of the soul of the dead. For this reason, the funeral liturgy takes place with the remains of the deceased and within the context of the Holy Mass, which is the highest form of prayer the Church can offer.

The third and final movement of our Catholic funeral rites is the committal or burial service. This is typically performed immediately after the funeral. The purpose of this graveside service is to bid farewell to our loved one as we lay him or her to rest, to express our hope in the resurrection, and to remember the communion that exists between the Church on earth and the Church in heaven.

These three movements together beautifully achieve all that the Church would have us do to mark the solemn occasion of the death of a loved one – we offer comfort with the vigil, pray for the repose of the soul of the dead in the funeral liturgy, and express our hope in the resurrection as we lay the dead to rest. While the Church allows cremation in addition to its preferred casket burial because our earthly remains are consecrated to God in our baptism and confirmation, the Church does not permit the cremated remains of the deceased to be scattered. Instead, they **must** be interred in a permanent place of rest in a consecrated location, just as non-cremated remains would be.

If you have any questions, or if you need to plan the funeral mass for a family member or loved one who has recently passed away, or wish to pre-plan a funeral for yourself to make things easier for your next of kin, please reach out to Joseph Malzone at the office to begin this process.

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.

# - S E R V E -

## 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](http://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 [svdp@olmctempe.com](mailto:svdp@olmctempe.com)

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE - TURKEY SATURDAY



Join us on **Saturday morning, November 23rd, from 6am to Noon** in McCready Hall as we gather to pack and deliver Thanksgiving Dinner boxes to bring our neighbors in need. This is a great and fun event for parishioners of all ages! If you have any questions, email [svdp@olmctempe.com](mailto:svdp@olmctempe.com)

### 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 10/27/24: \$22,008.61**

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](http://www.olmctempe.com) and click on the green "GIVE ONLINE" button.

## FULL CIRCLE COFFEE SHOP



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## THE OTHER SIDE OF MY 'STATE OF THE PARISH' ADDRESS

Dear Friends,

Last weekend, I gave you my state of the parish address, reflecting on my past year as your Pastor and laying out my plans for our parish going forward. I pointed out how excited and blessed I am to be your pastor. I reminded myself, too, as I often do, how grateful I must always be to God and to the several people that God brought into my own life over the years. That now includes you! It is this sense of gratitude that always brings a bright smile to my face, if you are wondering!

However, I also realized that things have not always been so rosy in my first year here as your pastor. There were times I felt like I had totally failed and got on the verge of being discouraged until the grace of God always brought me back. When I was feeling this sentiment of failure, I was encouraged by the story of another priest who thought he had failed. I would like to share a modified version of this story as a part of my article today. Some of you may relate to this story or have even read it.

According to this story, the new pastor of a small town arrived at the Church encouraged and motivated to celebrate an evening Mass, but as hours passed, no one came. After a long time, three little children entered; 20 minutes after that, two young people entered. So, the priest decided to start the Mass with the five people. Over the course of Mass, a couple came in who sat on the last benches of the church.

When the priest preached and explained the Gospel, another half-dirty person came in with a rope in his hand. Disappointed and not understanding the cause of the weak involvement of the faithful, the priest nevertheless celebrated Mass with love and preached with enthusiasm and zeal.

On his way back home, he was robbed and beaten by two thieves who carried his folder where his Bible and other valued belongings were. Arriving at his rectory and bandaging his wounds, he described that day as: ***"The saddest day of my life, a failure of my ministry, and the most unfruitful day of my career; but... never mind, I do everything with God and for Him"***.

After five years, the priest decided to share this story with parishioners at church. When he was finished telling the story, a couple in that parish stopped him and said, "Father, the couple in the story that sat at the back was us. We were on the brink of separation because of several problems and disagreements in our home. That night, we finally decided to divorce, but first, we decided to come to church one last time as a couple, and then each one would follow their path. However, we left the thought of divorce aside after listening to your homily that same night. As a result of your homily, today we are here with our home and family restored."

As the couple spoke, one of the most successful entrepreneurs who helped in the livelihood of that church raised his hand, asking to speak, and when given the opportunity, he said, "Father, I am the person who came in half dirty with a rope in my hand. I was on the verge of bankruptcy, lost in drugs, and my wife and my kids had left home on account of my behavior. That night, I tried to kill myself, but the rope broke, so I went out to buy another one. When I got on my way, I saw the church open; I decided to come in even though I was so dirty and had a rope in my hand. That night, your homily pierced my heart, and I walked out of here a changed person. Today, I'm off the drugs, my family came home, and I became the most successful businessman in the town."

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](http://afterabortion.org), [theunchoice.com](http://theunchoice.com), and [itgoestoofar.com](http://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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