

Our Lady ~ of ~ Mount Carmel

Catholic Church



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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

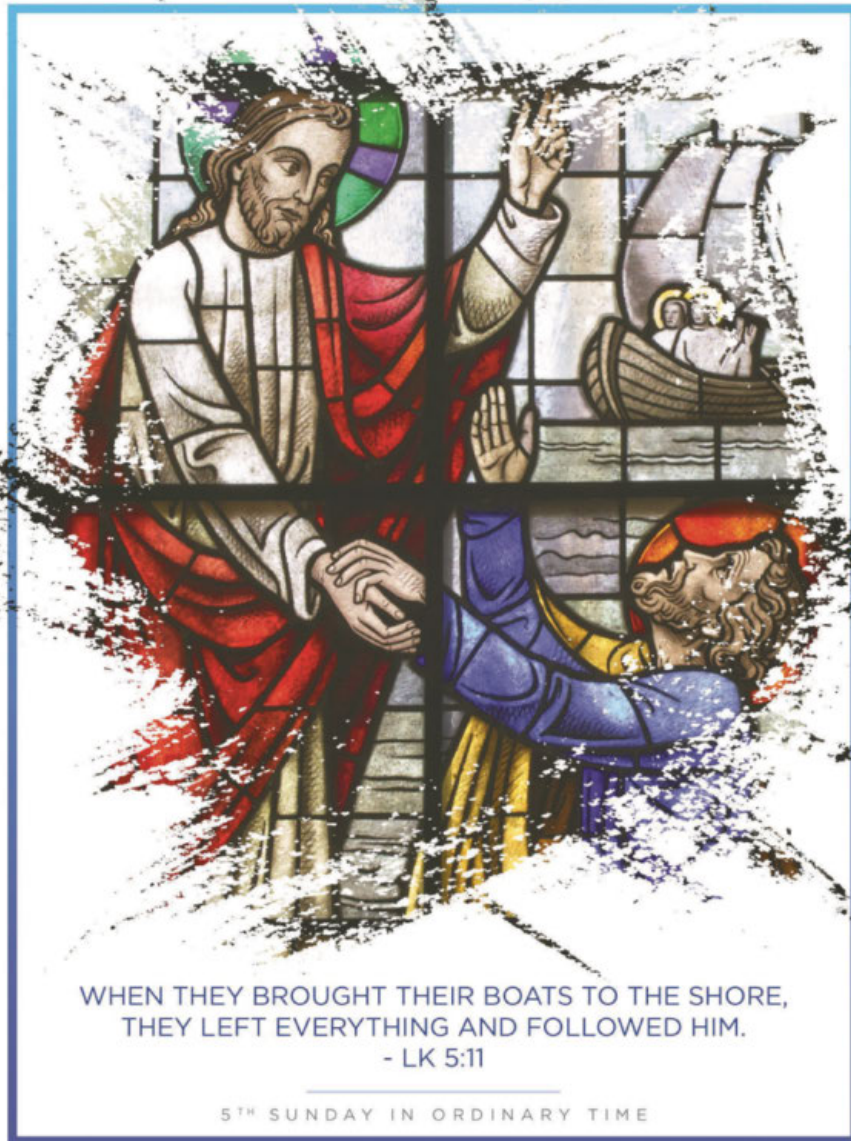
Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

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 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: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c//Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-2



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Ints. of Rick & Maria Castle
2/10/2025	8:30am	Souls of Bernice & George Long & Fred Looker
Tuesday	6:30am	Soul of Ed Shepard
2/11/2025	8:30am	Int. of Van Bui
Wednesday	6:30am	Soul of Lew Dreeste
2/12/2025	8:30am	Soul of John Rose-Palermo
	6:30pm	Soul of Stanley Carvalho
Thursday	6:30am	Soul of Sayde Greene
2/13/2025	8:30am	Soul of Daniel Dullea
Friday	6:30am	Soul of Bonnie Sue Laubmeier
2/14/2025	8:30am	Int. of Justin Buhman
Saturday	8:00am	Int. of Cynthia Bernacki
2/15/2025	5:00pm	Soul of Carole Dumas
Sunday	7:00am	Souls of Laura I. & Laura M. Perez
2/16/2025	9:00am	Soul of Stuart Wilkening
	11:00am	Souls. of William & Anita Enriguez
	5:00pm	People of the Parish

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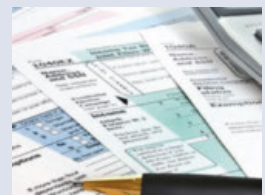
*Chairperson

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
2/10/2025	6:15pm	EDGE - Hall
	6:30pm	Dominicans - St. Simon
Tuesday	7:00pm	OCIA - Hall
2/11/2025	-	LTMTM Wom. - St. Simon
Wednesday	8:00am	St. Therese - St. Simon
2/12/2025	9:00am	Adoration - Church
	9:15am	Chapel Comm. - Holy Family
	6:00pm	Benediction - Church
	6:30pm	Word of God - Hall
Thursday	9:15am	LTMTM Wom. - St. Simon
2/13/2025	9:30am	PLT - Holy Family
	5:30pm	Grief Support - St. Simon
	7:00pm	Women's Study - N. Hall
	-	KofC - S. Hall
	-	LTMTM Men - St. Simon
Friday	9:00am	CION - St. Simon
2/14/2025	7:00pm	Fest. of Praise - Church
Saturday	8:00am	Boy Scouts - Hall
2/15/2025	9:00am	WSM - Hall
	10:00am	Rosary Makers - Holy Family
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - S. Hall
2/16/2025	6:15pm	Life Teen - Hall

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS



Tithing statements for the 2024 tax year were automatically emailed or mailed to parishioners who had requested a statement in the past. Remember to check your junk or spam folder. If you do not receive a statement, please complete the form online or at the parish office. If you have any questions, please email finance@olmctempe.com

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE



City of the Lord and OLMC invite you to a "Festival of Praise" worship night. Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, President of Franciscan **University of Steubenville, will be leading the event. Friday, February 14th, 2024, from 7pm to 9pm** in the church. Open to all ages.

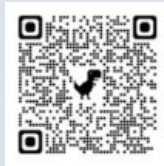
If you have any questions, please contact Noel Storer at phoenixbranch@cityofthelord.org

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



If you have lost a loved one, we invite you to join us from 5:30pm to 6:30pm on **Thursdays in the St. Simon Room beginning February 13th.** There is no fee to join this program other than the \$15.00

cost of the guidebook "The New Day: A Journey from Grief to Healing" by Maureen O'Brien. **Online registrations (and book purchases) begin on February 1st.** Visit tinyurl.com/griefolmc, or visit the parish office.



OLMC FESTIVAL HELP NEEDED



Save the date: the **OLMC Parish Festival is Saturday, April 5th,** and we need your help! The Festival is the Parish's biggest community-building event of the year, and we need your talents to make it a success. We are in urgent need of volunteer

event chairpersons. Contact Ashley at ashley@olmctempe.com

C.R.S. SPECIAL COLLECTION



The Diocese of Phoenix is collecting funds for Catholic Relief Services. CRS provides life-saving aid to the poor all over the world. There are special envelopes placed in the pews that can be put into the collection basket.

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



The Phoenix Chinese Catholic Community is offering a **Monthly 4pm Sunday Mass** at St. Bridget's (2213 N. Lindsay Rd, Mesa) and **Monthly Faith Formation** at OLMC in the Holy Family Room.

MASSSES: February 2nd, March 16th, April 6th.
FORMATION: January 22nd, February 14th, March 21st

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

CANDLES, LIGHT, AND THE MASS

By Joseph Malzone (adapt. from Fr. Michael Rennie)

Why do we use candles at the altar? One basic explanation is an appeal to fittingness. Imagine a fancy dinner, a wedding feast. It's natural to solemnize the occasion with candles on the tables. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest of nuptial feasts, so it makes sense we burn candles.

There's also a prosaic explanation. The priest needs to see the text in the missal. In the days before electric light, stone church buildings without large, clear windows to admit natural light remained dim even on the brightest days. There's also a more subtle explanation for the candles, which is that they are symbolic of Christ and His sacrificial nature.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a liturgy of light because light is a symbol of great poetic power with which our Lord identifies explicitly. It's helpful to our devotion to be cognizant of these symbols and think of our Lord under his divine title, Light of the World. I want to make an even more incisive point, though. Not only is the Mass a celebration of light as a poetic metaphor, but the Mass is actually *the sacrifice of light*. Light is a rare resource, particularly before electric light bulbs. Offering our Heavenly Father the gift of light is a precious oblation.

Thus, the burning of incense at Solemn Mass: "Incense is a piece of crystalized sunshine that we immolate and consume in fire at the altar. It is a sacrifice of light that visibly rises to our Father. St. Anselm teaches about candles that the wax is the flesh of Our Lord, the wick his soul, and the flame his divinity. As the candles burn, the wax is consumed. The candle visibly diminishes as it is sacrificed. The candles, like other elements at the heart of the Mass, are a gift of the Light to the Father.

Note that the candles are meant to be seven in total, a number for the divine perfection of the Light. To this day, when a bishop celebrates the Mass, the seventh is placed on the altar and lit. At a Mass celebrated by a priest, however, there are only six candles. Where is the seventh? It's still there. It is transfigured into the altar crucifix. The crucifix, the perfect sacrifice, is luminous with glory.

The Light is redemptive, re-making the world by the power of divine glory, revealing the luminous heart of God. The Mass, as sacrifice, is our celebration of the Light, for it is in his Passion and Resurrection that he shines brightest. Even more, the Mass stirs embers within our individual souls. Grace is a consuming fire. United to Christ in his sacrifice, we, too, will shine.

MINISTRY OF CARE LEADER



Ministers of Care visit our homebound and hospital-bound parishioners to bring them Holy Communion. The MOC is in need of a volunteer leader to coordinate the ministry. If you are a practicing Catholic with great organizational and communication skills, and a desire to serve, call Joseph at the parish office or email liturgy@olmctempe.com



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SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

Dear friends,

In the Catholic Church, we recognize two sources of authority: the written, inspired word of God (Sacred Scripture) and the living tradition of Christ's Bride, the Church. In this, there are two 'fonts' that lead the faithful and protect the truth from being usurped by error. However, it isn't so clean-cut since tradition and scripture are intertwined. Going back to the Abrahamic tribe, the Word of God was passed on orally. In this sense, Scripture has its roots in the oral tradition of those who encountered the Lord and were inspired by God to write it down. Our Catechism gives a good explanation of "divine inspiration" below:

105 God is the author of Sacred Scripture. "The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit."

106 God inspired the human authors of the sacred books. "To compose the sacred books, God chose certain men who, all the while he employed them in this task, made full use of their own faculties and powers so that, though he acted in them and by them, it was as true authors that they consigned to writing whatever he wanted written, and no more."

107 The inspired books teach the truth. "Since therefore all that the inspired authors or sacred writers affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures."

When it comes to tradition, the Church sees the importance of maintaining and protecting the traditions of the Faith. The reason for this is that what has been revealed can be falsely interpreted. There are many early Church heresies that deal with radical misinterpretations of Sacred Scripture. For example, there was the Gnostic heresy, which proposed that there are two gods: a good god who is hidden and reveals himself to a select few and the evil god who created the material world. The good god is spiritual, and the evil god trapped our souls in the world of the flesh. This all came from false Scriptures and misinterpretations of Scripture. This is why the living tradition of the faith is so important, not to police the faithful but to protect and proclaim the truth.

Paul actually speaks about this role of the Church in 1st Timothy chapter 3, verses 14-15, when he says, *"I am writing to you about these matters, although I hope to visit you soon. But if I should be delayed, you should know how to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of truth."* Paul mentions the Church as the pillar of the truth that has been revealed meaning the support erected by Christ and the foundation, better translated as "bulwark," provides a defense of the truth; think Matthew chapter 16 verse 18-19 when our Lord says, *"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."* Here, Jesus gives the poignant title of "Peter," which translates to "rock," to Simon as he establishes the Apostolic tradition and succession of authority. The Church, therefore protects what we would call "capital T tradition" while also preserving and cultivating what we would call "lowercase t tradition"

Capital T tradition deals with those revealed truths that are essential to the Christian life. We call this the "Deposit of Faith," which can be likened to a vault of revealed truth throughout salvation history and ending with the final revelation of Christ. This deposit of faith is what is protected by the Church and cannot be changed or modified. However, the Church unpacks and clarifies what has been revealed in the Church dogmas. Here again, I will quote the Catechism:

88 The Church's Magisterium exercises the authority it holds from Christ to the fullest extent when it defines dogmas, that is, when it proposes, in a form obliging the Christian people to an irrevocable adherence of faith, truths contained in divine Revelation or also when it proposes, in a definitive way, truths having a necessary connection with these.

89 There is an organic connection between our spiritual life and the dogmas. Dogmas are lights along the path of faith; they illuminate it and make it secure. Conversely, if our life is upright, our intellect and heart will be open to welcome the light shed by the dogmas of faith.

In this, we see a living tradition in what Christ has revealed and established, that it is to be protected and proclaimed.

Pax,
- Fr. Gabriel Terrill

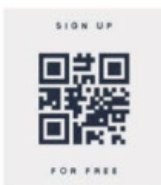


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