

Our Lady ~ of ~ Mount Carmel Catholic Church



FEBRUARY 16 2025

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

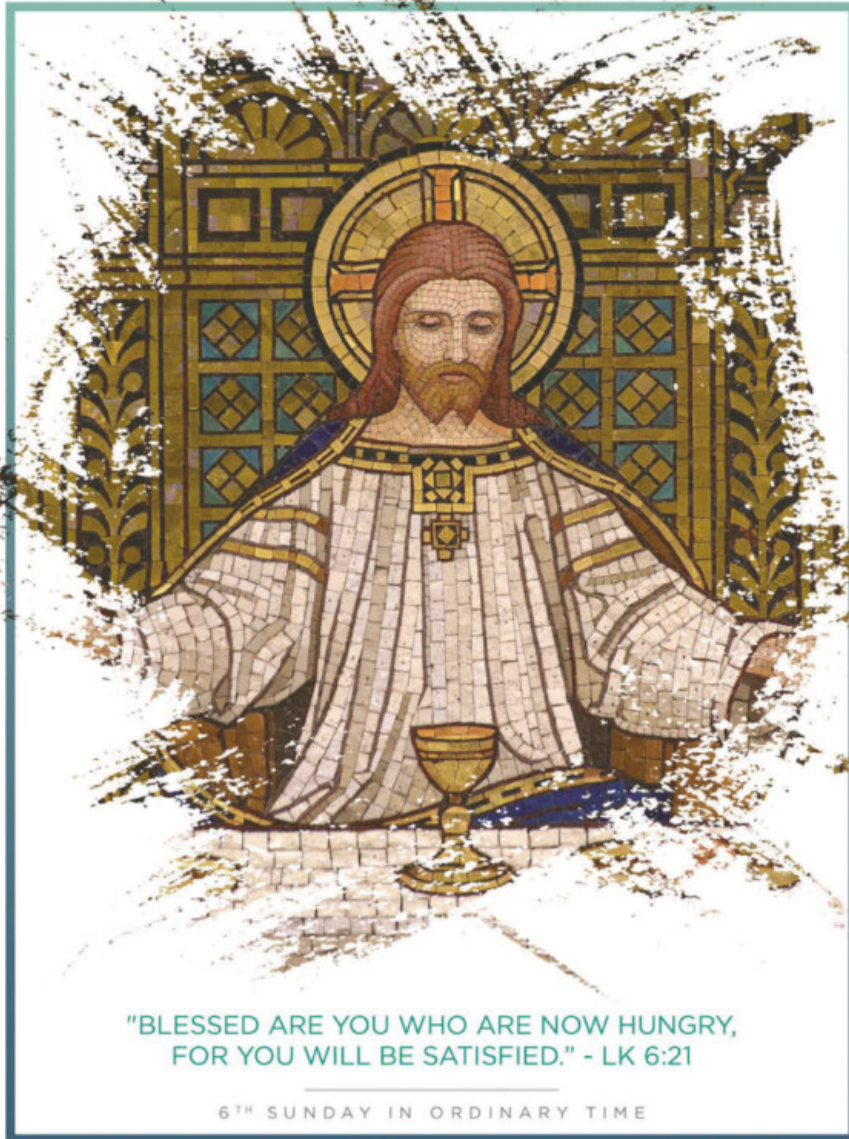
Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Live Stream Mass

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

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FLOCKNOTE - text OLMCGO to 84576



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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: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 9:00am Int. of Veronica Rosi
2/17/2025
Pres. Day

Tuesday 6:30am Souls of Jean & Tom Walsh
2/18/2025 8:30am Int. of Emily Austin

Wednesday 6:30am Int. of Melissa Godosky
2/19/2025 8:30am Soul of Adelheid Thieme
6:30pm NEEDED

Thursday 6:30am Soul of Bob Franco
2/20/2025 8:30am Soul of Alfred Miranda

Friday 6:30am Soul of Patrick Martinez
2/21/2025 8:30am Int. of Robert Knox

Saturday 8:00am Soul of Cecile Rath
2/22/2025 5:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 7:00am Soul of Marilyn Raybould
2/23/2025 9:00am Ints. of Bill & Della Potwora
11:00am Soul of Rev. Scott Sperry
5:00pm Soul of Rafael Fontes

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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 ALL DAY OFFICE CLOSED
2/17/2025 6pm WWMIN - St. Simon
Pres. Day

Tuesday 7:00pm OCIA - Hall
2/18/2025 - LTMTWP Wom. - St. Simon

Wednesday 9:00am Adoration - Church
2/19/2025 9:15am Chapel Comm. - Holy Family
6:00pm Benediction - Church
6:30pm Word of God - Hall
7:00pm PAT - St. Simon

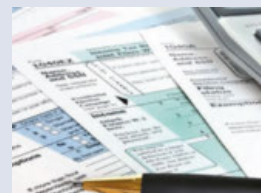
Thursday 9:15am LTMTWP Wom. - St. Simon
2/20/2025 9:30am PLT - Holy Family
5:30pm Grief Support - St. Simon
7:00pm Women's Study - N. Hall
- Music Rehe. - Church
- LTMTWP Men - St. Simon

Friday 9:00am CION - St. Simon
2/21/2025 5:30pm Estate Planning - Hall
7:00pm Chinese Cath. - Holy Family

Saturday 8:00am E3 Retreat - Holy Family
2/22/2025 9:00am SVdP - St. Simon

Sunday 6:30am Coffee Shop - S. Hall
2/23/2025 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

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.



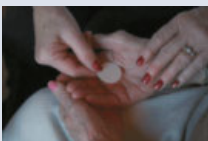
OLMC FESTIVAL HELP NEEDED



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

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

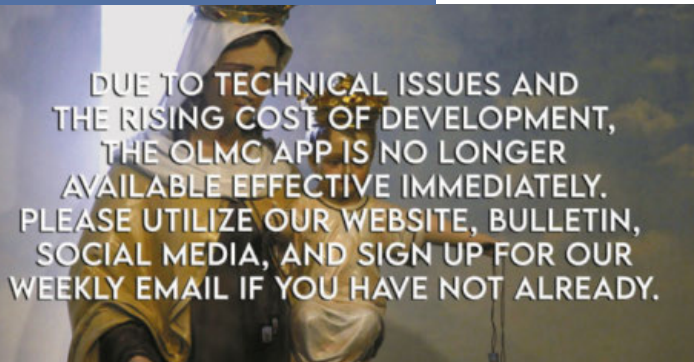
CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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.

MASSES: March 16th, April 6th.
FORMATION: February 14th, March 21st

OLMC APP UPDATE



DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES AND THE RISING COST OF DEVELOPMENT, THE OLMC APP IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE UTILIZE OUR WEBSITE, BULLETIN, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY EMAIL IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

THE NICENE CREED

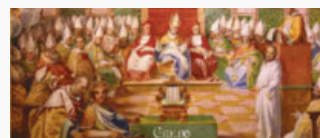
By Joseph Malzone (adapt. from Bishop Thomas Paprocki)

Every Sunday after the homily at Mass, along with Catholics all over the world, we recite the Profession of Faith, known as the Nicene Creed. During this Jubilee Year 2025, we celebrate the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, which is the basis of the Creed we still use today. Just imagine 17 centuries during which, using these same words, billions of Christians have expressed their belief in God as the One who loves, the One who is beloved, and the One who is the Love between them. The First Council of Nicaea was a council of Christian bishops convened in the city of Nicaea, now Iznik, in the country of Türkiye (Turkey). Around 220 bishops attended, mostly from the Eastern churches.

The Council of Nicaea met from May until the end of July 325. It was the first ecumenical council of the Christian church, called by the Roman Emperor Constantine I, at the time an unbaptized catechumen, to address the problem created by Arianism, a heresy first proposed early in the 4th century by the priest Arius of Alexandria that asserted that Christ is not divine but a created being. The Arian heresy was popular throughout much of the Eastern and Western Roman empires. During that gathering in Nicaea in the year 325, the Council delegates came to a unified statement of who Jesus Christ is.

The response that came from the Council of Nicaea was the Nicene Creed, a Christian statement of faith that is considered the only ecumenical creed because it is accepted as authoritative by the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and major Protestant churches. We are the heirs of those who gathered so long ago, and we too, believe in the mystery of God's continuing presence in our world. When we say the words of the Creed, we are committing ourselves to beliefs that have practical, real-life implications. For example, when we say: "I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten son of God ... through Him all things were made," we are expressing our belief in Christ's identity as true God and true man. But we are also expressing our understanding of our own identity as human beings created in God's image and disciples of Christ. In fact, when we say, "Through Him all things were made," we acknowledge that every part of God's creation is graced and full of dignity.

Although the main focus of the Nicene Creed is meant to address the Christological question of the nature of Jesus Christ as both divine and human, it actually has a Trinitarian structure, with separate paragraphs about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, with a concluding paragraph about our beliefs in the Catholic Church and some essential dogmas, such as the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal life. In this sense, the Nicene Creed closely follows the structure of the Apostles' Creed, so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith, although the Nicene Creed is often more explicit and more detailed than the Apostles' Creed.



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■ Clergy, Seminarians and Religious	\$1,219,000
■ Catholic Schools	\$1,150,000
■ Other Services & Support	\$888,000
■ Sacred Liturgy	\$587,000
■ Appeal Costs	\$658,000

\$10,475,000 Total

THE SACRAMENT OF THE WOUNDED HEALER

Dear friends,

One of the most misunderstood sacraments in the Catholic Church is the anointing of the sick. In the past the sacrament was known as extreme unction, or "the last anointing." The Church changed the name from extreme unction to anointing of the sick in the 1970s to better represent the purpose of the sacrament. This is because the anointing of the sick, as a sacrament, makes visible the healing mercy of God. In this the healing ministry of our Lord experienced throughout the gospels continues through Christ's Bride, the Church. The anointing of the sick extends the healing mercy of God to those who experience suffering and illness, and strengthens them to face and overcome despair or desolation in the midst of these sufferings. Through the anointing, one is united to the sufferings of our Lord's passion, their sins are forgiven, and they are granted spiritual healing and strength. In addition, physical and mental healing are prayed for by the priest and in some cases miraculous healing is experienced through the sacrament.

We see some of these miraculous healings by God's grace in the gospels as he gives sight to the blind (John:9), heals those who cannot walk (John:5), and liberates those who are oppressed by evil spirits (Matthew:8). In all this we see revealed through Jesus the healing mercy of God. Even to the point of Jesus raising Jairus' daughter (Mark:5 21-43) and his friend Lazarus (John:11 1-34) from the dead.

Although we experience the reality of illness and suffering, the Lord calls us to persevere in hope in the resurrection. This isn't accomplished through a detached effort, but through our Lord's direct involvement by taking on our human nature and redeeming us through his suffering and death. In this we know Jesus to be the Wounded Healer; Jesus experienced for himself the pains of human suffering and even in his resurrected body bears the wounds of his passion. This serves to remind us that even as we encounter illness, and one day death, we persevere with the help of God's grace knowing that we are united to the suffering of the Wounded Healer who strengthens us and heals us as we continue to follow him through calvary to the empty tomb of the resurrection.

Returning to the anointed of the sick, we have a continuation of our Lord's healing grace at work whenever the sacrament is administered by a priest. To be clear, the anointing of the sick is not a magical ritual that heals us on the spot. It is an outpouring of God's grace to heal and strengthen us spiritually in times of suffering and assists us in climbing the hill of Calvary.

Along with this particular grace, the anointing of the sick also affects a conformity of the sufferings of the recipient to the salvific suffering of Christ (so that any suffering endured is offered also for the salvation of others as it is united to the passion of our Lord), the person is prepared for death if they receive the sacrament in anticipation of their death, and in certain cases the sacrament grants miraculous healing. The sins of the recipient are also forgiven as part of the sacrament.

The anointing of the sick itself is composed of two primary elements. Firstly, the laying on of hands wherein the priest places his hands on the recipient of the anointing and prays for them in silence. This is reminiscent of Jesus' laying on of hands whenever he heals someone who is ill. Secondly, the anointing with holy oil that was blessed during the Chrism mass. The anointing involves the priest tracing a cross with the sacred oil on the forehead and the palms of the hands while saying, "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help You with the grace of the Holy Spirit." and, "May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." The anointing of the sick can also include confession and the reception of communion, but the primary elements are the laying on of hands and the anointing with the oil of the sick.

On a practical level I ask that if you know of someone who needs the anointing of the sick, don't wait to reach out. I know there are some who have requested the sacrament for a loved one when they were near death, but a priest was unable to come. I am sorry for this. There are many who are sick and there are limited priests. Therefore, if you know of someone who would like to receive the sacrament, don't wait to reach out. We have a dedicated answering service that will take your call even when the office is closed. If you call the parish office after hours you will be redirected to the Emergency Line. Please note that this is meant for emergencies only. You can also receive the anointing of the sick during times of grave illness or before a serious surgery. In all this we continue to have faith in the grace of God and the victory of the cross.

Pax,
- Fr. Gabriel Terrill



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