

Our Lady ~ of ~ Mount Carmel

Catholic Church



MARCH 23 2025

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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

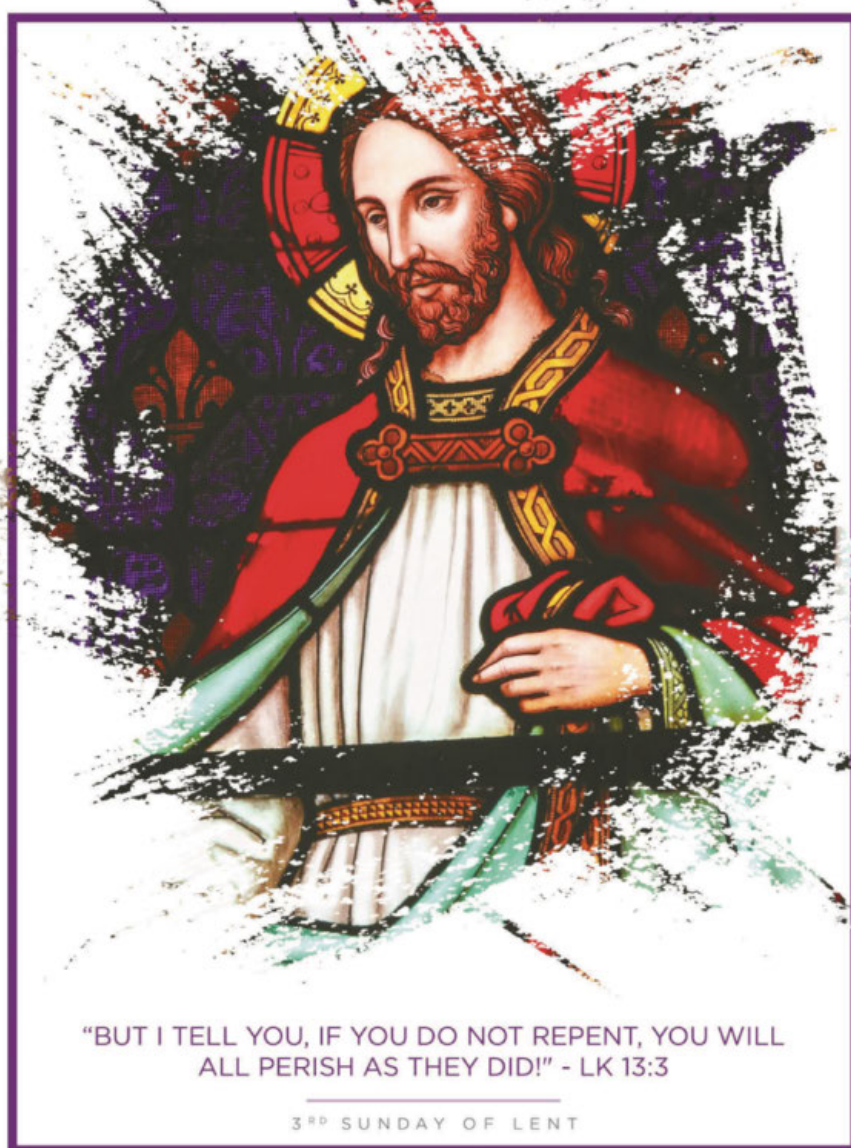
Saturday Vigil.....5:00pm
Sunday.....7:00, 9:00, 11:00am and 5:00pm

Live Stream Mass

Sunday11:00am
on our website, Facebook, and YouTube channel

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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: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
 9AM: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

9AM: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	6:30am	Souls of the Rossie Family
3/24/2025	8:30am	Soul of Mary Lou Kockelman
Tuesday	6:30am	Soul of Lenny Vierra
3/25/2025	8:30am	Soul of Teresa & Geza Remenyi
Wednesday	6:30am	Soul of Hadi Waluyo
3/26/2025	8:30am	Soul of Shelly Hessinger
	6:30pm	Soul of Julio Morales
Thursday	6:30am	Soul of John Martinez
3/27/2025	8:30am	Soul of Alfred Miranda
Friday	6:30am	Soul of Djaja Santoso
3/28/2025	8:30am	Soul of Mary Berumen
Saturday	8:00am	Soul of Joe Duarte
3/29/2025	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	7:00am	Soul of April Campo
3/30/2025	9:00am	Ints. of the Carabajal Family
	11:00am	Soul of John Schrempp
	5:00pm	Soul of Sherrie Porter-Grindle

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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	3:15am	Cub Scouts - Various
3/24/2025	6:00pm	Boy Scouts - Holy Family
	6:15pm	EDGE - Hall
	7:00pm	KofC - St. Simon
Tuesday	7:00am	Finance - Holy Family
3/25/2025	7:00pm	Marian Consec. - Church
	-	OCIA - Hall/Holy Family
	-	KofC - St. Simon
Wednesday	8:00am	St. Therese - St. Simon
3/26/2025	9:00am	Adoration - Church
	9:15am	Chapel Com.-Holy Family
	1:00pm	OCIA Mtg. - Holy Family
	6:30pm	Benediction - Church
	-	Word of God - Hall
	7:00pm	PAC - Holy Family
Thursday	9:15am	LTMTM Wom. - St. Simon
3/27/2025	9:30am	PLT - Holy Family
	5:30pm	Grief Support - St. Simon
	7:00pm	LTMTM Men - Holy Family
	-	Women's Study - N. Hall
	-	Music Rehe. - Church
Friday	9:00am	CION - St. Simon
3/28/2025	5:30pm	Fish Fry - Hall
	7:00pm	Stations - Church
Saturday	6:30am	OLMC Men - Hall
3/29/2025	5:00pm	Scout Banquet - Hall
Sunday	6:30am	Coffee Shop - S. Hall
3/30/2025	12:00pm	Chapel Blessing

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

LENTEN FRIDAYS



Lenten Friday gatherings and devotions run from **March 7th** through **April 11th**.

KOFC FISH FRY:

Fridays from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in McCready Hall | **\$12 (Cash Only)**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays at 7pm in the church

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

LOOKING TO HOLY WEEK

By Joseph Malzone

We are only about halfway through Lent, but I wish to look forward to what awaits us at the close of this season: Holy Week and Easter. Holy Week begins on April 13 with Palm Sunday and continues to Holy Saturday, when we celebrate the most important, elaborate, and beautiful Mass of the year: the Easter Vigil. Beginning with the first day of Holy Week, Palm Sunday is when we remember Christ's entrance into the Holy City of Jerusalem, days before His crucifixion, with people greeting him with palm fronds as may be custom for a victorious king. Later in that same Mass, we recount our Lord's Passion on the Cross during the Gospel.

On Monday of Holy Week, the Diocese of Phoenix will celebrate the Chrism Mass with Bishop Dolan. This annual Mass is where, as the name suggests, the Sacred Chrism and the other Holy Oils come from. The three Holy Oils, the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of the Catechumen, and the Sacred Chrism, are blessed at that Mass by the Bishop before being distributed to every church of the Diocese to be used for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Baptisms, Confirmations, and certain other uses throughout the year. At OLMC, these Holy Oils are displayed in a wood and glass cabinet on the wall just to the left of the Tabernacle.

On Wednesday of Holy Week, known as Spy Wednesday for the Gospel read that day in which Judas betrays our Lord, OLMC will hold a special liturgy called Tenebrae. This liturgy is a somber prayer and reflection on our Lord's Passion and death, lit by candlelight; Tenebrae is translated from the Latin for "darkness" or "shadows". As the liturgy progresses, the candles are sequentially extinguished, recalling how Christ's Disciples deserted Him during His Passion, one by one. At the very end of the liturgy, the final candle is removed and placed on the altar, symbolizing Jesus' suffering and death on Calvary. It is then hidden, representing His burial. At this point, loud noises, called the *strepitus*, are made. This noise signifies the earthquake, confusion, and terror that accompanied Christ's Crucifixion. The noise stops, and the candle reemerges, its light as fair as ever.

Maundy Thursday comes next, which is named after the Latin word "mandatum," meaning "commandment," which refers to Jesus' instruction to love one another during the Last Supper. It also begins the Paschal Triduum. At the conclusion of the special evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, and until midnight, we will stay with Jesus in adoration during a special period called "Night Watch," recalling Jesus asking His disciples to stay awake and pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane before His crucifixion.

Of course, Good Friday is the day our Lord was hung on the cross and died. We will recall this event through Stations of the Cross and the special Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. The final day of the Paschal Triduum, Holy Saturday, is a somber day of waiting and reflection when our Lord is symbolically gone from the world as He was when in the tomb. In the evening, however, we then celebrate the Easter Vigil, celebrating our Christ's resurrection. The Paschal Candle is blessed, and the Catechumens, who, after months of preparation, join the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.

I invite you to put these special liturgies of Holy Week on your calendar to attend, as they are the most rich in symbolism and beauty of the entire year and greatly help to grow closer to our Lord through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

MARIAN CONSECRATION



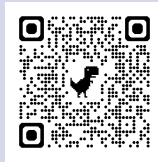
The Women's Studies Ministry would like to invite you to our Marian Consecration renewal on the Feast of Annunciation, **Tuesday, March 25th, at 7pm in the church**. Whether you are renewing your consecration to Jesus through Mary or doing it for the first time, all are welcome. For more info, email olmcwomensministry@gmail.com

FESTIVAL TICKETS AND MERCH

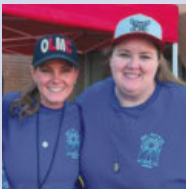


The **OLMC Parish Festival is Saturday, April 5th**, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!

Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/parishfest25 to pre-purchase tickets and festival merchandise and sign up for the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.



VOLUNTEER AT THE FESTIVAL



The Parish Festival is our biggest community-building event of the year, and we need amazing volunteers like you to help!

To volunteer for Ticket & T-Shirt Sales, First Aid Tent, Check-in, or General Tasks visit tinyurl.com/festvolunteer2025

To volunteer for Food & Beverage visit tinyurl.com/festfood2025

To volunteer for Games & Booths visit tinyurl.com/festgames2025

ADORATION CHAPEL BLESSING



On **Sunday, March 30th**, after the 11am mass, Bishop Eduardo Nevares will bless our new Adoration Chapel followed by a lunch reception in McCready Hall. All are welcome!

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT



Life Teen and Edge Youth Ministry are hosting a Lenten family service project at Feed My Starving Children on **April 7th from 4:30pm-6:15pm**. All 6th-12th grade students and their parents are welcome to serve. Please RSVP by March 31st at tinyurl.com/ltfmsc25

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HONORING THE GREAT WOMEN OF OUR PARISH

Dear friends,

"If you educate a man, you educate an individual. But if you educate a woman, you educate a nation". (African Proverb)

This month of March is dedicated to women all over the world in recognition of their invaluable contribution to the upholding and liberation of society. The official celebration of this day began on March 8th with the celebration of International Women's Day. That day got me still in Uganda, and I was struck by how, with great excitement and fanfare, the day was celebrated. Men took turns cooking food, washing dishes, and generally spoiling their wives and mothers to commemorate that day. Not to be outdone, politicians and religious leaders made great but generally hollow speeches about women's emancipation at rallies. However, these great shows and speeches vanished as quickly as they came, especially the rural women reverting back to their daily burdens of taking care of their families, including the men with no change in their status or livelihood. This got me reflecting deeply on the significant roles our women, mothers, wives, and sisters play in our society and how less appreciated they are. However, fortunately, as God's vessel of salvation, the Church has been leading in the liberation of women and recognizes their role in salvation history. That is why I sincerely want to honor the women of our parish here at our Lady of Mt. Carmel for all they do for our Church.

This reminds me of the Philosopher Confucius (551-479 B.C), who says, **"Where the woman is, faithful, no evil can befall. The woman is the root, and the man is the tree. The tree grows only as high as the root is strong."** Confucius implies here that men cannot be men without the strength of a woman. However, long before Confucius, the Bible clearly teaches that God made man and woman equal in dignity, to be helpmates. But of course, as we know, sin dismantled this arrangement when Adam and Eve ate that forbidden fruit, and it is only God who can restore this original order. We know he did so through Jesus, and it is this same Jesus who also began the real women's liberation movement with his devotion to Mother Mary. As mother of Christ, Mary is referred to as the new Eve and Jesus as the new Adam. As Eve was the cause of sin through her disobedience,

Mary is the cause of salvation through her obedience and cooperation with her son in his mission. During his ministry, Jesus was very much aware of women's concerns. He cared deeply about them and also learned from them. He recognized their need and their suggestions. For instance, he consented to his mother's prompting, which resulted in the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

Contrary to the Old Testament practices, Jesus was also the first Master to make women his disciples, so to speak. Through the Samaritan woman at the well, he gained credibility among the Samaritans. While dying on the cross, he gave his mother to the Church through John. He also made Mary Magdalene the first witness of his resurrection and sent her to announce the good news of the resurrection to the apostles. So, from these few examples and throughout history, there have been numerous women who serve as powerful reminders of the strength of faith and the incredible resilience of women in the face of challenges and even persecution. Their faith was instrumental in establishing a strong Christian foundation.

So, my dear mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and women of my beloved parish, I want you to know how profoundly grateful I am for your tremendous support not only as your Pastor but also to our parish through your various involvements. You are indeed the movers and shakers in every aspect of our parish life. From ministries to church attendance, parish missions, and events, you always attend in large numbers compared to your male counterparts. As I appreciate you, I wish to request you to assist me in recruiting more adorers for our perpetual adoration chapel which will be blessed next week. We still need more to sign up to spend time with Jesus daily, weekly, or even once a month so as to take full advantage of this great treasure our parish has been gifted with. I know I can rely on you to make this happen. Know that during this entire month of March dedicated to you, I will keep you all in my prayers.

I honor you, and I love you!

Yours in Christ,
- Fr. Robert Aliunzi



SVDP 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

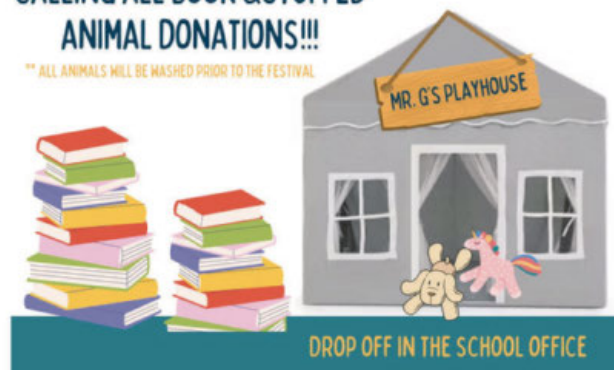


Next Weekend, **March 29th and 30th**, there will be a second collection in support of our OLMC Saint Vincent DePaul Society to help our Neighbors who need help with Food, Utility, & Rental Assistance.

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