

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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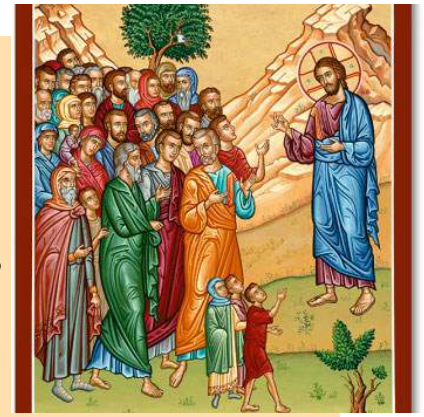
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Together we are the body of Christ, living and active today.

Fr. Paul's Ponderings....



Congratulations! So many of you in our Church have your wedding anniversaries in June. Congratulations to you all! We would love to announce the various wedding anniversaries as they come up. Just let the priest know before Mass begins and then we will announce your anniversary and bless you at the end of Mass. Monday is the Feast Day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Why not light a candle and place it on Mary's Shrine in Thanksgiving for your Anniversary of Love! The Gospel passage is beautiful today where we are asked by the Lord to: "Not be Afraid". Did you know that the phrase "Do Not Be Afraid" is the most common phrase in the Bible? It is used 366 times....one for every day of the year and one extra! Let's take that phrase to heart today and throw fear out the window! Let Jesus take the lead and be in charge!

A Grateful Heart: It is not possible for me to individually thank everyone for your kind support and generous prayers, and gifts that I received for my 40th anniversary of priesthood. It has been an exciting roller-coaster ride that I hope and pray will never end. Jesus continues to bless me with good health, remarkable energy, a joyous heart. It's been like that since June 2, 1977. I hope to see all of you at my 50th anniversary. **Fr. Peter**

Feast Day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help-June 27th is the Feast Day of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. We will have a Novena leading up to the Feast Day. The Novena will begin this Monday, June 19th. It is a time to pray to Mary for any of your special needs!

The Renewed Hearts Program-All of us Redemptorists have to attend a two week renewal program this year sponsored by our Province. The program is entitled: "Renewed Hearts". Frs. Peter and Larry attended the program here last December. Frs. Charlie and Greg will be attending the program this September. I will be attending the program at our Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin from June 24-July 10. Say a prayer for me, I hope to return renewed in Mind, Body, and Spirit!

Barbara Bartels-Please remember in your prayers Barbara Bartels, She is in intensive care and is extremely sick at this time. Patricia McAllister is her sister. We pray for Barbara's complete healing!

Sunday Flowers-Help us decorate the Sunday Altar with flowers in the name of someone you love. Just come to the office and purchase the flowers for one of the weekends. We will include in the Bulletin the name of the person for whom you have bought the flowers.

New Rosary Garden - Please take time to visit our new Rosary Garden. You get to the Rosary Garden by taking the path right east of the Labyrinth. The path takes you behind the Saint Alphonsus building to the new Rosary Garden. This Garden was created by John Reiter for his "Eagle Scout Project." Many of the Scouts and their families helped John put together this project. Thank you John, the Scouts, and their families!

Blessings,

Fr. Paul

Please remember in your prayers



OUR SICK

Please remember Carolyn Hasenoehrl in your prayers. She is now at Crossroads Adult Care Home. (5825 North Escondido Lane)

Virginia Brown
Bob Curran
Barbara Kyes
Suzanne Kraft
Chris & Terri Kanitt
Philip Oberstar
Jim Oliver
Jessica Sayles
Aidan Martel Santoyo
Velma Starman
Barb Bartels

Please pray for others in our community who
Are struggling with various illnesses.

OUR DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Bahill (2/17)
John Cieslinski (11/16)
Judy Filirecki (11/16)
Ken Hasenoehrl (11/16)
Tom Johnson (10/24)
Nancy Long (5/17)
Robert Marshall (12/16)
Teri McGuinness (12/16)
Bob Medina (5/17)
Frank Randaisi (1/17)
Bob Scheffel (2/17)
Patricia Thibodeaux (4/17)
Virginia Thompson (4/17)

“The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak.”

THIS AND THAT

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to be a place where the contemplative spirit of the human person may be discovered, fed and nourished. It is a place, an oasis in the Sonoran Desert, where individuals encounter God and "feel the burn" of the Holy Spirit.

SoulShine

A Codependents Anonymous Support Group

SoulShine is a 12 Step group designed to meet the needs of recovering addicts. The primary focus is on codependency, but we are open to all persons suffering from any type of addictive behavior. Our meeting format follows that of A.A. and includes recovery readings. Come learn to love yourself better, free yourself from addictive thinking and allow your soul to shine! Every **WEDNESDAY, 7:00- 8:30 pm** in the RRC Office Conference Room. All are welcomed! This group is facilitated by Fr. Charlie Wehrley.

This week's flowers were

donated by

Hedy & Dave Miller

In Loving memory of

Nancy Seng

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$4,518.00

June 17-18, 2017

BUILDING FUND

\$120,005.00

YOU MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL ENVELOPES OR
PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES ON THE TABLE IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Saturday, June 24th

4:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Leonra Anderson (d)

Sunday, June 25th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** OLPH Novena
** Ian Szlachpa (d)
10:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Eldron Schroder (d)

Monday, June 26th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** OLPH Novena
** Bill Irwin

Tuesday, June 27th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Feast of OLPH

Wednesday, June 28th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Nancy Seng (d)

Thursday, June 29th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Joel N. Allen - Healing

Friday, June 30th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Theresa Casella (d)

Saturday, July 1st

7:30am Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Marianna Walsh Cohen
4:00pm Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Leonardo Gentile (d)

Sunday, July 2nd

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Kum Ok Lee (d)
10:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Jesus & Alexis Murrieta's Wedding
Anniversary

** Mass Intention

Monday - Friday

6:45 AM - Silent Contemplative Prayer

7:15 AM - Morning Prayer

Saturday

7:30 AM - Eucharist with devotional
prayers of Our Mother of Perpetual

Reminder: The Redemptorist Renewal Center will be closed for 2 weeks from June 29-July 14. The front office will be closed during this time. Mass times will follow the usual schedule.

Immaculate Heart High School : Is now enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year. The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have been providing a Catholic education for 100 years in Tucson. A Celebration Dinner will be held on August 26. They will have a Celebration Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral on August 27. For more information please call Sr. Alice Martinez 520.297.2851.

Prayer Series: The prayer group will continue to meet on Thursday July 20 from 10am-11:15am in the front office conference room. All are invited. For questions call Florence 520.975.3883.

Art as Prayer : Budding artists, want to be artists, those willing to share their creativity, and especially those who would just love to play, please join us on Thursday July 6th and every other Thursday at 11:30 am in the Agave room building #7. For our second experience, class will be on pastels.

Contact Camille Sensale 520.390.6323 with any questions.

Calendar

Monday

June 26

Weekday

Gn 12:1–9, Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 27

Weekday

Gn 13:2, 5–18

Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday

June 28

St. Irenaeus,

Bishop and Martyr

Gn 15:1–12, 17–18

Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul,

Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Friday

June 30

Weekday

Gn 17:1, 9–10, 15–22

Mt 8:1–4

Saturday

July 1

Weekday

Gn 18:1–15, Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

July 2

Thirteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a

Rom 6:3–4, 8–11

Mt 10:37–42

Dear Padre,

Did Adam and Eve repent of their sin, and if so, were they forgiven?

Genesis 1–3 is written primarily to convey truths about God: God is good, loving, and provident; humankind was ungrateful to God and introduced evil into the world. However, despite humanity's sinfulness, there is still hope because of God's goodness and mercy. The Garden of Eden story is focused more on the loss of original holiness and the consequences of original sin than on repentance.

So while the Bible doesn't state that Adam and Eve sought repentance, we can know with certainty that God offered them forgiveness, and we can imagine that they probably repented. God restores humanity after the Fall through Christ's redemptive act and offers all of us forgiveness (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 410).

Christians believe that "the world has been established and kept in being by the Creator's love; has fallen into slavery to sin but has been set free by Christ, crucified and risen to break the power of the evil one" (CCC 421). Creation, therefore, already involves a re-creation in Christ, the eternal Word of the Father. Christ, the "New Adam," who amends for the disobedience of Adam, becomes the point toward which creation's history is directed.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* asks: Why did God not

prevent the first man from sinning? "St. Leo the Great responds, 'Christ's inexpressible grace gave us blessings better than those the demon's envy had taken away.'...And the *Exsultet* sings, 'O happy fault, ...which gained for us so great a Redeemer!'" (CCC 412).



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A Word From Pope Francis

"We have prayed under [Mary's] leadership that she guide us to be ever more united to her Son, Jesus. We have brought her our joys and our suffering, our hopes and our struggles; we have invoked her by the beautiful title of *Salus Populi Romani* imploring her for us all, for Rome, for the world that she grant us health. Yes, because Mary gives us health, she is our health. Jesus Christ—by his Passion, Death, and Resurrection—has brought us salvation, granting us the grace and the joy of being children of God, to truly call him by the name of Father. Mary is the mother, and a mother worries above all about the health of her children....What does this mean?...I think above all of three things: she helps us grow, to confront life, to be free."

—Recital of the Holy Rosary, May 4, 2013