

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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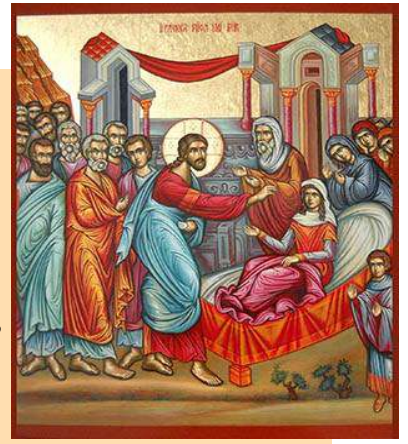
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Fr. Charlie's Ponderings....



Today we hear the familiar Gospel saying of Jesus, "Take up your cross." We also hear the familiar story of a barren woman in Second Kings. The barren woman mentioned in 2 Kings, whose name we do not know, is different from the female portrayals of most barren women in the Bible. This woman is willing to take up her cross and carry it. At some point in her life she accepted the fact that she could not bear children, she let go of her need to be a mother and she moved forward with her life. Essentially, she freed herself from her want for children, which she could not naturally bear.

If we compare this woman with Hannah from 2 Samuel, we see a tremendous contrast. Hannah is also barren, but she refuses to take up her cross, accept it and move forward with her life. Instead, she insists on having her way. She becomes desperate to bear a son for her husband, and when she is continually unable to do so, she drops down into a terrible sadness and depression. Her whole life becomes barren and she falls into despair. Later, she does finally give all of her anger, bitterness and despair to God, who then provides her with the graces to fully grieve her loss and to finally let go of it. In letting go, she is able to breathe again and return to living her life as a content, grateful person.

All of us have the same choice to make in life when we are faced with the reality that we sometimes cannot have the very things we desire the most. We can accept our fate, grieve our disappointment quickly and let go, allowing God to bring healing and new purpose in life to us. Or we can deny reality, insist on having our way—which is impossible—and thus fall into deep despair and depression. The choice is ours. It seems like a simple choice and yet it isn't because we so very much want what we want and we want it NOW.

But if we truly cannot have something, it's better to follow the example of the woman in 2 Kings. We must accept our cross, grieve our loss and let go of what we have so deeply desired. In doing so, we free ourselves to live our lives in the happiness God has planned for us.

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. Charlie

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

Robert & Carmen

In Loving memory of

Jesus & Alexis Murrieta's

Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$3,871.00

June 24-25, 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, July 1st

4:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Leonardo Gentile (d)

Sunday, July 2nd

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

Monday, July 3rd

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Elis Linz Burger—Birthday

Tuesday, July 4th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Denny Mallory (d)

Wednesday, July 5th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Redemptorist Community

Thursday, July 6th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Wendy Jacobson (Better Health)

Friday, July 7th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Louellen Manzo (d)

Saturday, July 8th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Hila Asanger (d)
4:00pm Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Nancy Long (d)

Sunday, July 9th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Edie Rohr
10:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Linda Mullen (d)

** 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.

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.

A Note from the Prayer Shawl Ministry : I was asked to write a short note regarding the Shawl Ministry. To date we have given out 6 shawls to those who are on the prayer list. I want to encourage everyone to let us know if you know of someone in need of one of these shawls, they can be family or friends who you know are ill. Please call either myself (Terry Linn) at 734-259-9826 or Bob Jones in the church office if you have someone who could benefit from one of these shawls. One more thing, there is an upcoming Gathering of the Circles at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9:30 to 12:00 this is where we swap ideas and patterns and share examples of our shawls. If anyone is interested in attending please contact me at 734-259-9826 prior to July 28, 2017.

There will no meeting for July but we will begin again Monday August 21, 2017 from 4 pm-6pm.

Calendar

Monday

July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19–22

Jn 20:24–29

Tuesday

July 4

Weekday

Gn 19:15–29

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

July 5

Weekday

Gn 21:5, 8–20a

Mt 8:28–34

Thursday

July 6

Weekday

Gn 22:1b–19

Mt 9:1–8

Friday

July 7

Weekday

Gn 23:1–4, 19;

24:1–8, 62–67

Mt 9:9–13

Saturday

July 8

Weekday

Gn 27:1–5, 15–29

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

July 9

Fourteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9–10

Rom 8:9, 11–13

Mt 11:25–30

Dear Padre,

If my fiancé and I abstain from sex, why can't we live together before we get married?

It seems to me there are two reasons living with your future spouse before marriage is not a good idea.

One is that you are setting each other up for some serious temptations, or an “occasion of sin.” It would be similar to putting a bottle of gin on the desk of an alcoholic or a carton of cigarettes in front of someone who has succeeded in giving up smoking. I’m not saying you have some sort of addiction, but the natural pull of sex is going to be particularly strong, especially when you’re young, in love, and ready to commit to marriage.

You will be free and even encouraged in marriage to pursue the greatest intimacy. But for the moment, it is asking too much to put you both in the same circumstances now that you will be in after you wed.

The second reason for not living together before marriage is that the living situation could give scandal to others. If you are active in your church and vocal about practicing your Catholic faith but then start living with your future spouse before marriage, it can raise questions (and eyebrows) about what you really believe and how you’re living your faith.

There may be some good-sounding reasons for living together. You can cut down on costs, get to know your future spouse better, and so on. But these reasons aren’t worth the risk.

My advice is that you help each other live a virtuous life now, by sacrificing the convenience of living together outside of marriage, as the best practice for your life together in the sacrament of matrimony.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
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PHENIX



A Word From Pope Francis

“Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love. Even if at times we are conscious of our weaknesses and tempted to discouragement, we need to turn with God with confidence. We must overcome a sense of our own inadequacy and not yield to pessimism, which merely turns us into passive spectators of a dreary and monotonous life. There is no room for fear! God himself comes to cleanse our ‘unclean lips’ and equip us for the mission.”

—Message, Fifty-fourth World Day of Prayer for Vocations, November 27, 2016