

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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July 9, 2017

The Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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. Greg's Ponderings....



In America, we believe if people obtain fame and power, wealth and privilege, they have done something right. We think they have succeeded at life and have something to teach us. They are to what we hope ourselves and our children will become. Zechariah prophesied hundreds of years before Jesus, that the real savior will not be a great General or an esteemed King. Rather, he will be a humble, gentle person, riding not a great stallion for battle but a mule; he will be concerned with peace and not conquering. Jesus is the manifestation of this prophecy. In the passage from Matthew's Gospel this weekend, Jesus spells those that most interest God: the overlooked, the insignificant, the nobodies of the world, those burdened with hard labor and no economic prospects. These are the people everyone else avoids in becoming. But Jesus came for ones of little worth in the world, those we consider inessential and disposable; the ones we enslave with demeaning work or neglect as a 'waste of resources.' Jesus beckons to them. He wishes to ease their burdens and give them great consolation. God finds the great, important of the world of little interest. As Jesus taught, they already have their reward. We claim serve a Savior who is meek and humble of heart, but do we really trust Him? If we aspired to Jesus' humility and meekness, who would our heroes really be in the world? To whom would we give our attention? How would it change our interactions with others? How would it challenge what we value and on what we spend out time and attention?

Blessings,

Fr. Greg

The Renewed Hearts Program— Fr. Paul sends greetings from the Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. He asked me to share that the program has been great and that he is in fact getting renewed in Mind, Body, and Spirit! He also said that he has held the parishners of Our Lady of the Desert in prayer each day. He looks forward to being back in the office soon.

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.

Ann Fallon—Deacon Ken and Margaret McNealy have asked that you please pray for Ann and the McNealy family. Ann is Margaret's mother and has been moved to hospice at Splendido.

A Note from this weekend's speaker Andrew Furphy: "We have heard the statistics that 80% of young people leave the faith by age 25. We all probably even know some young adults that have left the faith. The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) has chosen to respond to Saint John Paul II's call for the New Evangelization by reaching out to the future leaders of tomorrow; college students. At a time of darkness in their lives, FOCUS sends teams of four missionaries go onto campuses to serve the young men and women to bring the gospel message, and to help them to see how it pertains to their lives. FOCUS missionaries are self supporting and need mission partners to help support them in this outreach work. If you are interested in hearing more about FOCUS, the Furphy Family's personal ministry, or are interested in becoming a mission partner please fill out a contact card so that we can find a time to meet. Please join us on Sunday at noon in the conference room in the offices for a social gathering. God Bless, The Furphy's"

Thank you and God Bless, Andrew Furphy, Team Director, Serving at Boise State University

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)

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

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
The Determan Family
In Loving memory of
Lance Corporal Matthew Determan

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$6,404.00

July 1-2, 2017

BUILDING FUND

\$124,705.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Saturday, July 8th

4:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Nancy Long (d)

Sunday, July 9th

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

Monday, July 10th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Lubamyra Lutz (d)

Tuesday, July 11th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Timothy Connelly (d)

Wednesday, July 12th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Deceased Redemptorists

Thursday, July 13th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Wayne & MaryCay Wesolowski
49th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, July 14th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** Louellen Manzo (d)

Saturday, July 15th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Charles Robert & Edie Rohr's Anniversary
4:00pm Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Carmina Gentile's 89th Birthday

Sunday, July 16th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Betty McCrory for Healing
10:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Catherine Connolly's Birthday

** 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 continue to be closed until July 14. The front office will be closed during this time. Mass times will follow the usual schedule.

Seeds of the Word Book Club:

Wednesday, August 23rd @ 2PM, Ironwood Room
My Heart Will Triumph By Mirjana Soldo
Moderated by Diana Davenport

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 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 10

Weekday

Gn 28:10–22a

Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday

July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Gn 32:23–33

Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday

July 12

Weekday

Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a,

17–24a

Mt 10:1–7

Thursday

July 13

Weekday

Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29;

45:1–5

Mt 10:7–15

Friday

July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha,

Virgin

Gn 46:1–7, 28–30

Mt 10:16–23

Saturday

July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a

Mt 10:24–33

Sunday

July 16

Fifteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 55:10–11

Rom 8:18–23

Mt 13:1–23 or 13:1–9

Dear Padre,

What should Jesus look like?

When people close their eyes and imagine the person of Jesus, no two images are exactly the same. Our images of Jesus are usually

the result of our cultural influences and experiences. When I imagine Jesus, I often call to mind a picture of Jesus that was on one of my first holy cards.

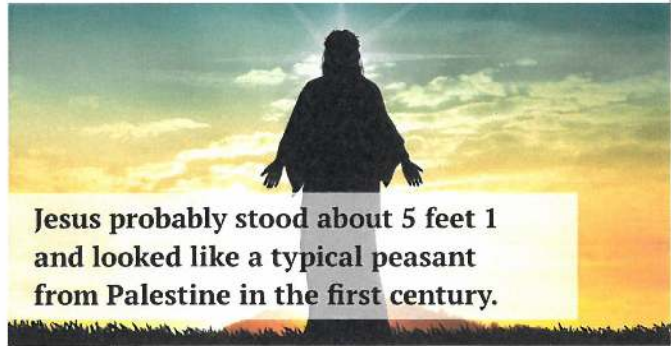
With recent archeological investigation, combined with the work of medical artists who are often called to testify as forensic witnesses in capital murder trials, and finally starting with the assumption that Jesus resembled a typical peasant from first-century Palestine, some clues may have emerged. According to experts like Richard Neave, Jesus was possibly a person with a broad peasant's face, dark olive skin, short curly hair, and a prominent nose. His height would have been on the order of 5 feet 1 inch and he would have weighed about 110 pounds.

Of course, all of this is unnecessary speculation. What is important in matters of faith is not this level of detail but what is expressed and celebrated by the Church—that Jesus became man, born of the Virgin Mary, and we are all offered a share in the divinity of Christ.

Fr. Tom Santa, CSSR

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Jesus probably stood about 5 feet 1
and looked like a typical peasant
from Palestine in the first century.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"God has hidden [the mysteries of his Kingdom, the manifestation of divine lordship in Jesus and the victory over Satan] from those who are all too full of themselves and who claim to know everything already. They are blinded by their presumptuousness and they leave no room for God. One can easily think of some of Jesus' contemporaries whom he repeatedly admonished, but the danger is one that always exists and concerns us, too. The 'little ones,' for their part, are the humble, the simple, the poor, the marginalized, those without voice, those weary and burdened, whom Jesus pronounced 'blessed.' We readily think of Mary, Joseph, the fishermen of Galilee and the disciples whom Jesus called as he went preaching."

—Message for World Mission Day 2014