

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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The Fifteenth 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. Charlie's Ponderings.....



Look and See, Hear and Listen: Love Is Built on Honest Communication

How often do we look without seeing the truth, or hear without really listening to what the other person is saying? How often do we groan in agony because we have misinterpreted what someone else has said or done? How often have we taken “things” personally and reacted angrily when those “things” were never about us?

Many of us have never changed the patterns of thinking or acting (reacting) that we originally developed in childhood. We make assumptions about other people's behavior instead of asking questions. We have expectations about how things should turn out instead of expressing what we want or need.

We engage in magical thinking instead of honest communication. And it's time for many of us to change our ways if we want to be better Christians and have more meaningful relationships.

If we want a better life, we have to face the discomfort that comes with changing our behaviors, and of trading our negative thinking for positive thinking. We must also do more than pray for our lives to change. We must partnership with God and do our part in making our lives better while allowing God to guide us.

Simply praying things will “get better” is useless unless we actively choose to “get better.” God doesn't magically change anyone—not us, not our loved ones, not our enemies. Real change comes when we choose to guard our thoughts and to let go of negative, fearful thinking. True change comes when we finally decide to ask for what we need instead of magically hoping that everyone else already knows. True change comes when we stop seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, and accept that everything isn't always about us. And true change comes when we begin to honestly communicate in kind and loving ways with people in our lives.

These sorts of changes, aided by the help of God, enable us to finally look and truly see ourselves, others and life as it really is. And these sorts of changes allow us to listen to others and truly hear them because we are no longer so self-centered. These sorts of changes lead to life-giving, eternal relationships.

Blessings,

Fr. Charlie

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of **Ann Fallon** this past Monday. **Ann** is Margaret and Deacon Ken McNally's Mother/Mother-in-law. The McNally's are grateful for the prayers from the OLOD family. A Celebration of Ann's Life will be on Saturday, July 29th at 9:30am in the Church.

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.

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
Barbara Kyes
Suzanne Kraft
Chris & Terri Kanitt
Philip Oberstar
Jim Oliver
Jessica Sayles
Aidan Martel Santoyo

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!

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)
Ann Fallon (7/17)
Judy Filirecki (11/16)
Ken Hasenoehrl (11/16)
Tom Johnson (10/16)
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 Dionne
In Loving memory of
Christabel Dionne

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$3,944.00

July 8-9, 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 15th

4:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Carmina Gentile's 89th Birthday

Sunday, July 16th

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

Monday, July 17th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Lisette & Ashleigh McIntosh's
25th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, July 18th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Marie Klemick (d)

Wednesday, July 19th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
** John Malatesta (d)

Thursday, July 20th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Patricia Herman (d)

Friday, July 21st

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest
** Min Helena Lee (d)

Saturday, July 22nd

7:30am Mass - Fr. Paul Coury
** Louellen Manzo (d)
4:00pm Mass - Fr. Paul Coury
** Nancy Long (d)

Sunday, July 23rd

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury
** Christopher Patrick Mattis (d) and
All Who Battle Depression & Mental Illness
10:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury
** John Carhuff

** 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 17

Weekday

Ex 1:8–14, 22

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

July 18

Weekday

Ex 2:1–15a

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

July 19

Weekday

Ex 3:1–6, 9–12

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

July 20

Weekday

Ex 3:13–20

Mt 11:28–30

Friday

July 21

Weekday

Ex 11:10–12:14

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Sunday

July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16–19

Rom 8:26–27

Mt 13:24–43

or 13:24–30

Dear Padre,

Why does the Bible have two creation stories?

Scholars believe these stories (Genesis 1–3) were written by two authors during different times and situations in Jewish history. The first story focuses on the creation of the universe; the second emphasizes the creation of man and woman.

The creation account that appears first in the Bible (Genesis 1:1–2:4a) was written six centuries before the birth of Christ by a priest wanting to reaffirm for the Jews that only one God is the all-powerful creator of all that exists. At that time, a belief in several powerful, warring gods was common in the cultures surrounding Judaism.

The story that appears later in the Bible (Genesis 2:4b–3:24) was actually written earlier—four centuries earlier—by a sage in the court of King David. It affirmed that human beings have an inherent dignity and a responsibility to live within boundaries. They must obey God, a rule that applies to kings as well.

Both accounts contain the closely held beliefs regarding human dignity (made in God's image and likeness) and responsibility (care for the earth as God would care for it) that are core to the Christian faith. At their heart they teach us through symbol and story about that God who is partially knowable, the source of life and hope amid the chaos and loss that beset every generation.



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A Word From Pope Francis

"Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. 'Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker' (Wisdom 13:5); indeed, 'his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world' (Romans 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise."

—Laudato Si', May 24, 2015