

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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July 30, 2017

The Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Rev. Greg Wigst, C.Ss.R.

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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.....



A couple of years back, I was marrying a couple in Chicago and at the wedding rehearsal dinner the groom gave his bride a beautiful necklace of black pearls. Later, I mentioned to the groom that the pearls were beautiful and looked expensive. He said to me, "They cost more than the engagement ring, but they are worth it!" That event reminds me of the parable in today's Gospel where the person sells all he has to purchase the one pearl of great price. So what is Jesus talking about? For Jesus, the pearl of great price is the way of compassion and forgiveness. To obtain it, we try to move away from retribution, anger, resentment, hatred, and doling out punishments. We then embrace the great pearls of Jesus' life: compassion, understanding, kindness, love of God, neighbor, and enemy, and self-sacrifice. Every day we have life, we are challenged to embrace this mainstream of the Christian life, this example of Jesus himself. Hopefully, today you will buy that field and wear those pearls of great price!

Anointing Service-We will offer the Sacrament of Anointing after all the Masses this weekend. If you wish to be anointed, just stay in your seats and we will begin the service once Fr. Paul returns from greeting the people.

Our Sick-Please remember in your prayers Barbara Bartels, She is now home in Home Hospice. Patricia McCalister is her sister. We pray for Barbara's complete healing! Also remember Jim Oliver who was recently hospitalized.

Mrs. Ann Fallon-Mrs. Ann Bumby Fallon, mother-in-law to Deacon Ken McNealy and mother to his wife, Margaret, was buried from our church on Saturday, July 29. We bless Ann and her many generations of family!

Sunday Flowers-Our church relies on you to decorate the Sunday Altar with flowers. Please stop by the office and offer a donation for the Sunday flowers in the name of someone you love! We will include their name in our bulletin.

The Renewed Hearts Program-Thank You-Thank you for all of your prayers as I attended the Redemptorist two-week renewal program at our Retreat Center in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin from June 24-July 10. I have returned all renewed!! 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 here this September.

ICS-The food bank of ICS is being overwhelmed this summer with a double-digit increase of people needing food and help. The five most needed items are: spaghetti sauce in cans, peanut butter, chili, ravioli, and spaghetti, canned meat and tuna, and canned fruits. You can place those items in the container outside of Church. ICS is always needing more volunteers to help. Find out more ways that you can help at www.cestucson.org. Or talk with Mila, Lidia, or Fran in our community, who are involved at ICS. We bless their outreach to the poor and needy!

Thank You-I want to say Thank You to all of you who helped me celebrate my 71st birthday this last week. You are all such a blessings in my life! It is so easy to grow older with you!

Fr. Paul Coury

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)

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

Barbara Bartels-Please continue to pray for her healing she is now at home and in hospice care.

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

OUR DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers:

Mrs. Ann Bumby Fallon, the mother in law to Deacon Ken McNealy and mother to his wife, Margaret, was buried from our Church on Saturday, July 29. We bless Ann and her many generations of family!

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 to

Hope Sullivan

&

Marlo Smith-Nottingham

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$3,620.00

July 22-23, 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 29th

4:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**97th Birthday Velma Starman
Tom Whittingham (d)

Sunday, July 30th

7:30am Mass- Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Eugene Han -Birthday
10:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Virginia Thompson (d)

Monday, July 31st

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury
**Victims of violence & their families

Tuesday, August 1st

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
**Arthur Davenport- Healing

Wednesday, August 2nd

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury
**Ann Fallon (d)

Thursday, August 3rd

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
**Greg Spence (d)

Friday, August 4th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
**Ann Fallon (d)

Saturday, August 5th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Paul Coury
**Norma Nelson (d)
4:00pm Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
**Nancy Long (d)

Sunday, August 6th

7:30 Mass -Fr. Peter Connolly
**Catalina Rivera (d)
**10:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly
**Virginia Thompson (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

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 Thursdays 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 August 3rd and every other Thursday at 11:30 am in the Agave room building #7. This weeks class will be on collages. 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.

The Surrender Box-Fr. Charlie will lead this class on September 23 from 9 am to 4pm, with lunch included. Come and create your own Surrender Box and learn to begin the daily practice of letting go and letting God be in charge of your life-and the lives of all those you love. If you are interested I attending please contact the front office 520.744.3400.

Calendar

Monday

July 31

*St. Ignatius of Loyola,
Priest*

Ex 32:15–24, 30–34
Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday

August 1

*St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday

August 2

Weekday

Ex 34:29–35
Mt 13:44–46

Thursday

August 3

Weekday

Ex 40:16–21, 34–38
Mt 13:47–53

Friday

August 4

*St. John Vianney,
Priest*

Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16,
27, 34b–37
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday

August 5

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8–17
Mt 14:1–12

Sunday

August 6

*Transfiguration
of the Lord*

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to purchase goods and services from a business that financially supports morally objectionable behavior?

This question requires us to back up a bit and ask two more fundamental questions: “What is sin?” and “To what degree am I allowed to participate in an objective evil?” A moral action has three necessary components: the object, the intention, and the circumstances. These are the what, the why, and the context. For something to be sinful, all three of these components must be taken into account. I must know what I am doing is sinful, I must fully intend it, and there must not be any mitigating circumstances that lessen my degree of culpability. Sin, in other words, requires knowledge that the action is sinful, the will to perform it, and circumstances that do not unduly inhibit my knowledge and freedom to act. To purchase goods and services from a business that supports morally objectionable behavior is sinful if we are conscious that the business supports such behavior, if we intend to purchase the product as a way of showing our support of this morally objectionable behavior, and if there are no mitigating circumstances inhibiting our knowledge and freedom of action.

As a general rule, we should avoid purchasing goods and services from such businesses. We should not, for example, buy products from companies that fund grave objective moral evils such as embryonic stem research, contraception, abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, or euthanasia. Specific cases must also take into account the distinction between grave and less serious matters.

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSSR
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SHUTTERSTOCK



A Word From Pope Francis

“The Apostle Thomas, at the conclusion of his impassioned quest, not only came to believe in the resurrection, but found in Jesus his life’s greatest treasure, his Lord. He says to Jesus: ‘My Lord and my God!’ [John 20:28]. We would do well, today, and every day, to pray these magnificent words, and to say to the Lord: You are my one treasure, the path I must follow, the core of my life, my all.”

—Mass with priests, men and women religious, consecrated people and Polish seminarians at St. John Paul II Shrine, Kraków, July 30, 2016