

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary

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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.....



Labor Day

First of all, I want to wish you all a very **Happy Labor Day Weekend!** For most of us, when we were growing up, this weekend marked the end of summer and the beginning of fall. As we grew older, we would use this weekend to reflect on and to recommit to the “labor” of our lives....to our career, our job, our family, our church, and our nation. So hopefully, over this weekend, you can take a deep breath, ask God to surround you and your family with blessings, and then dive back into our lives of work and love. Albert Schweitzer, the great Christian minister and missionary doctor, said: **“It is not enough merely to exist, we must do something more. Seek always to do some good somewhere. Every person has to seek, in their own way, to make their self and the world more noble.”** This Labor Day weekend, let us recommit to being “more noble,” more loving, and more compassionate. It is certainly the challenge of Jesus to us!

Fr. Paul Coury

Hurricane Harvey-The Redemptorists have a very large parish, school, and hall in Houston. The parish is Holy Ghost Parish, located on Chetwood Drive. If you wish to offer a donation to help the victims of the Hurricane, we can funnel that money through our parish to their outreach to the victims of the Hurricane. There are envelopes in the back of church and in the front office for your donations to help those suffering from the Hurricane. God bless you for your generosity.

Redemptorists-For the next two weeks, we will be hosting 21 Redemptorists who are here for the “**Renewed Hearts**” program. Fr. Gregory Wiest will be attending this program from our community. Fr. Greg May will also be here, teaching in this program. The program is led by Fr. Tom Santa under the direction of the Provincial Government. You will probably recognize and know many of the Redemptorists who will be here. Take an opportunity to stop in during meal times and say hello.

Grief Group-On Thursday, September 7th, we will begin our fifth season of the bereavement support group. Those who have lost a loved one, and feel the devastating pain of separation and loneliness, will find comfort and even hope in this 13-week series called: *Grief Share*. Many who have completed the series are renewed in spirit and can eventually move from mourning to acceptance and peace. The group will meet in the front **office conference room from 5pm-7pm.**

Some have even returned for the second season to continue the support that the compassionate group gives. The class will be moderated by Dr. Stan and June Wood. Please sign in at the office if you wish to attend. Call June, 520-219-2919, if you have any further questions.

Library Book Giveaway-The library has enough books for another book giveaway. On September 30 after the 4:00 mass, and also on October 1 after all the morning masses.

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.

Please remember in your prayers



OUR SICK

Virginia Brown
Kurt Cummings
Bob Curran
Clay Granacki
Carolyn Hasenoehrl
Tony Iavagnilio
Phil Kyes
Suzanne Kraft
Chris & Terri Kanitt
Billie Marshall
Philip Oberstar
Jim Oliver
George Parada
Ann Ramsey
Gerardo Rosales
Jessica Sayles
Aidan Martel Santoyo
Mark Taube

George Parada also asks for our prayers. He is battling Cancer. His wife is Anna. George is in the Life Care Center on La Cholla, across from Northwest Hospital.

Ann Ramsey-who is quite sick and is under home hospice care. Pray for Ann's family: Chris and Bob Francis, and Bonnie. Ann would love to have visitors. Just call in advance: 579-8288 or cell 490-4189.

Please remember **Kurt Cummings** (Jane Duquette Cummings' husband) He is now home and continuing to recover. He and Jane thank you for your many prayers.

Jim Oliver-who was recently hospitalized and is now home.

OUR DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers Barbara Bartels, who passed away Friday, August 4. Patricia McAllister is her sister. The funeral is planned for September 23 at 10:00 am.

Last Sunday, August 27, Jack Lynch passed away. His Memorial Service was on Saturday at Saint Pius X Church. His wife, Bernadine, is in the Alzheimer Unit at Solara (also called "Friendship Village").

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Bahill (2/17)
Barbara Bartels (8/17)
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.



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\$5,171.00

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\$142,705.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICES

Saturday, September 2nd

4:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Barbara Sica Catlin (d)

Sunday, September 3rd

7:30am Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Chuck Paul (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Virginia Thompson (d)

Monday, September 4th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Jean Lusche (d)

Tuesday, September 5th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Ann Ramsey

Wednesday, September 6th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Redemptorist Community

Thursday, September 7th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Pedro Rosales for healing

Friday, September 8th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Mary Ostrowski (d)

Saturday, September 9th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**John Porter (d)

4:00pm Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Bud & Mary Carter

60th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 10th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Husband of Ruth Kieler (d)

**10:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Lawrence Kieler (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

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 in attending please contact the front office 520.744.3400.

Prayer Series: Thursday Prayer Group will continue to meet from September 14 to October 5, in the front office conference room from 10am to 11:15 a.m. Our Prayer Series will begin on Thursday October 12th. All are invited. If you have any questions call Florence at 520.975.3883.

Prayer of the Open Heart: A six week series on prayer traditions that will deepen your own practice will be offered at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in the Oasis Room on Thursdays at 10-11:15a.m. from October 12th to November 16th. Flyers are available in the office and at the back of the Church. Please register in the front office for all sessions or each session you wish to attend. If you have any questions call Camille Sensale 520.579.7529 or Jenny Martin 520.461.9001

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.

Art as Prayer and Meditation: "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 every other Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Agave Room. The next meeting will be October 5th and 16th and we will be exploring water colors. Please call Camille Sensale 520.390.6323 with any questions.

Calendar

- Monday**
September 4
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13–18
Lk 4:16–30
- Tuesday**
September 5
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11
Lk 4:31–37
- Wednesday**
September 6
Weekday
Col 1:1–8
Lk 4:38–44
- Thursday**
September 7
Weekday
Col 1:9–14
Lk 5:1–11
- Friday**
September 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1–4a or
Rom 8:28–30
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or
1:18–23
- Saturday**
September 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 1:21–23
Lk 6:1–5
- Sunday**
September 10
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7–9
Rom 13:8–10
Mt 18:15–20

Dear Padre,

A family member engages in sinful behavior. I know I should say something, but I'm afraid it'll damage my relationship with him. How can I respond with love without accepting his lifestyle?

Of the many ways to invite others to conversion, “admonishing the sinner” is often the most challenging. This spiritual work of mercy requires proper motives, humility, respect, and diplomacy.

Motivation: Read Jesus’ story of the Pharisee and tax collector in the Temple (Luke 18:9–14). Your desire to “respond with love” is far better than that of a self-righteous accuser. Christ found condemnation less effective for conversion than invitation; he knew his Father’s mercy was greater than sinful behavior. Therefore, condemn the behavior, not the person. Try to understand what motivated his behavior as well.

Humility and Respect: We often possess a limited view on matters, so your dialogue is an attempt to arrive at authenticity in a respectful partnership; both of your perceptions may be altered in the sacred process!

Diplomacy: Your established relationship with this family member is advantageous to your mission. Still, pick and choose your admonitions carefully. Avoid fraternal correction for trivial, isolated incidents. Gain strength from the Letter of James, which states that “if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins” (James 5:19–20).



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A Word From Pope Francis

The devil...to divert Jesus from the way of the cross, sets before him false messianic hopes: economic well-being...a dramatic and miraculous style...; and lastly, a shortcut to power and dominion, in exchange for an act of adoration to Satan....Note well how Jesus responds. He does not dialogue with Satan...Jesus is well aware that there can be no dialogue with Satan, for he is cunning. That is why Jesus...chooses to take refuge in the Word of God and responds with the power of this Word.

—Angelus, St. Peter’s Square, March 9, 2014