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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.....



The Gospel today speaks strongly of standing together in the name of Jesus. To witness together to justice for those who have less, or for those under legal pressures. Pope Francis and The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested that Catholics join together in standing firm to support the immigrants in our midst. Bishop Kicanas has written extensively to Congress and to the local papers proclaiming that we have a moral obligation to keep families together, especially the immigrant families. The Gospel today challenges us to stand with Jesus, the one of compassion. All politics aside, we do follow Jesus first and foremost. Let us not remain passive or locked in silence. Let us stand with Christ, speak the compassion of Christ, and be the compassion of Christ!

Fr. Paul Coury

Help for Houston -I thank all of you who have generously given financial help to support those in Houston who are struggling and recovering. We will send your donations to our parish, Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Houston, and they will distribute your donations directly to those in need. Thank You! If you still wish to donate, there are envelopes in the back of church and in the office.

SEEDS OF THE WORD BOOK CLUB- All are welcome to the first meeting for the 2017-18 book club discussion season to be held Wednesday, September 27th, from 2-3PM in the Agave Room. Fr Greg will moderate Fr James Martin's new book *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBTQ Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity*. Fr. Gregory Wiest has given various workshops helping people understand the Catholic approach to the LGBTQ community. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the Vatican's point man on family issues and our own Cardinal Joe Tobin (among many others) support Fr. Martin's effort, calling the book "brave, prophetic, and inspiring" and a "much-needed book." Copies are available in the bookstore. Please join us, even if you have not read the book!!

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 Support Group has begun, 5-7pm - Please Join us on Thursdays from 5-7pm for the 5th 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.

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-219-2919, if you have any further questions. The group will meet in the Office Conference room from 5pm-7pm.

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.

This week's flowers were

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\$6,334.00

September 2-3, 2017

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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 9th

4:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Bud & Mary Carter

60th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, September 10th

7:30am Mass- Fr. Paul Coury

**Husband of Ruth Kieler (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Lawrence Kieler (d)

Monday, September 11th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Kurt Cummings - Healing

Tuesday, September 12th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Pedro Rosales & Family

Wednesday, September 13th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Deceased Redemptorist

Lidia G. Hernandez (d)

Thursday, September 14th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Eula Droessler (d)

Friday, September 15th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Jesus Murrieta's Birthday

Saturday, September 16th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Gwen Scarbrough - Birthday

4:00pm Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Bob Curran (for healing)

Sunday, September 17th

7:30 Mass -Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Deb Droessler (d)

**10:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Bob Medina (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. No class for the month of September.

Calendar

Monday

September 11

Weekday

Col 1:24–2:3

Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

September 12

Weekday

Col 2:6–15

Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

September 13

St. John Chrysostom,

Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1–11

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

September 14

The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Friday

September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14

Jn 19:25–27 or

Lk 2:33–35

Saturday

September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope,
and

Cyprian, Bishop,
Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15–17

Lk 6:43–49

Sunday

September 17

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35

Dear Padre,

I want my children to be merciful and forgiving like Jesus, but I don't want them to be permissive of sin because someone else thinks it's OK. How can I teach this balance?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "Education in the faith by parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (CCC 2226). The balance of advocating the magnitude of God's mercy without diminishing the severity of sin is best taught through witness.

You should hold your children accountable (and vice versa) and explain with loving candor how lax attitudes and actions have consequences. As we are taught in Proverbs 27:5, "Better is an open rebuke than a love that remains hidden."

An intimate relationship with God also helps. It's easier to instill greater compassion in ourselves and in others when we've experienced God's infinite mercy firsthand. Jesus asked the woman caught in adultery, "Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:10–11).

Christ loves the sinner and despises the sin—but he doesn't dwell on the sin. Instead, Jesus rejoices when sinners enter a newfound relationship with his merciful Father, knowing that the experience of God's mercy is the catalyst for ultimate change and lasting conversion, where neither the sinner is condemned nor the sin condoned.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"If you are not capable of performing fraternal reproof with love, with charity, in truth and with humility, you will offend, damage that person's heart: you will create an extra tale that wounds and you will become a blind hypocrite, as Jesus says...a sign which perhaps can help us: when one sees something wrong and feels that he should correct it but perceives a certain pleasure in doing so, then it is time to pay attention, because that is not the Lord's way. In the Lord there is always the cross, the difficulty of doing something good."

—Morning meditation, "Mending holes in the fabric of the church," September 12, 2014

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