

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Twenty-fourth 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. Paul's Ponderings.....



In the Jewish world, the number “seven” was about as perfect as you could get. After all, God created the whole universe in seven days. So when the act of forgiveness is to be done seven times seventy, it is an endless number stretching into eternity. Most of us have a very difficult time saying: “I forgive you” even one time, let alone seventy times seven times! I guess we have to do some work in that area of our lives. So let’s begin today with just one act of forgiveness. Pick out someone whom you are holding a grudge against and is presently UNforgiven in your heart. Before or during Mass today offer a prayer of forgiveness to that person and later in the day, offer that forgiveness in person. This is such a difficult task...but it is one of the core practices in the life of Jesus and, hopefully, in our own spiritual life. Let’s do it!

Fr. Paul Coury

Congratulations John Reiter-John received his Eagle Scout Award last Sunday night. John and his troop redesigned the “Rosary Garden” that is located next to the Labyrinth for his Eagle Scout Project. When the weather cools, we will have a special blessing of the Rosary Garden. But please visit this renewed area of our grounds. Congratulations to John, his family, and his troop!

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 have raised **\$3,396** dollars from our community. We will send your donations to our parish of Holy Ghost in Houston, and they will distribute your donations directly to those in need. Thank You!

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!!

Grief Support Group - Please Join us on Thursdays from 5-7pm for the 5th season of the bereavement support group. The group will meet in the Office Conference Room from 5-7pm.

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.

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
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 now at home with hospice care. George would love to have visitors. Just call Anna advance 520.658.7743.

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.

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

OUR DECEASED

On Friday, September 8, Anne Ramsey passed. Her memorial service will be Sunday, October 1, beginning at noon. We bless the Francis family for the loss of their mother.

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.**

Also remember Ed Snyder, who passed away on Saturday, September 9. His memorial mass has not been arranged at this time. Ed and Pat were the head sacristans here for many years!

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)
Ann Ramsey (9/17)
Frank Randaisi (1/17)
Bob Scheffel (2/17)
Ed Snyder (9/17)
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 in

Loving Memory of

Christopher Van Derlaske

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$4,197.00

September 9-10, 2017

BUILDING FUND

\$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 16th

4:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Bob Curran (for healing)

Sunday, September 17th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Deb Droessler (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Bob Medina (d)

Monday, September 18th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**Cruz Murrieta's Birthday

Tuesday, September 19th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Glen Droessler (d)

Wednesday, September 20th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

**The Droessler Family (d)

Thursday, September 21st

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

**Ken Hasenoehrl (d)

Friday, September 22nd

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Christopher Van Derlaske (d)

Saturday, September 23rd

7:30am Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

**The Droessler Family (d)

4:00pm Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

**Christopher Patrick Mattis (d) and all who battle depression and mental illness

Sunday, September 24th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

**Jim Moore (d)

**10:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

**Karl Burger - 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 Help

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 (Terry Linn) at 734.259.9826, or the front office at 520.744.3400 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 18

Weekday

1 Tm 2:1–8

Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

September 19

Weekday

1 Tm 3:1–13

Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday

September 20

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gôn,
Priest, and Paul Chông
Ha-sang, and Companions,
Martyrs*

1 Tm 3:14–16

Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

September 21

St. Matthew,

Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1–7, 11–13

Mt 9:9–13

Friday

September 22

Weekday

1 Tm 6:2c–12

Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

September 23

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest*

1 Tm 6:13–16

Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

September 24

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 55:6–9

Phil 1:20c–24, 27a

Mt 20:1–16a

Dear Padre,

Pope Francis said, “Who am I to judge?” But aren’t we supposed to hold each other to a higher standard of living and judge actions as moral or sinful?

Pope Francis is not the only one to warn about judging. He is likely drawing his guidance from Jesus in Matthew 7:1–2. Both the Lord and the pope warn us about judging others and looking down upon those we consider “more sinful.” That sort of comparison can easily lead us to arrogance and hypocrisy.

The Lord teaches us there will be a final (or particular) judgment each of us will have to face. We will all have to stand before God and give an account of our actions. This teaches us that God is the only one qualified to fully know a person’s heart and intentions. If we begin to act as a judge of people, then we are playing God.



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However, your question also implies that among believers we are to hold one another accountable in our Christian community. This is correct (Matthew 18:15–17). In the body of Christ, there is a responsibility to help and encourage each other to follow Jesus. Among the baptized, there should be the sharing of virtues and some accountability to the Church. We call one another higher, not through accusation, but through love and service. It is my duty to help fellow believers in their discipleship, as it is their duty to help me with mine. I find that I appreciate those who care enough about me to want to help me be a better Catholic, priest, or person. In community, we should build up in fellowship, not tear down in judgment.

Fr. Matthew Bonk, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

“We must not grow weary, then, of keeping watch over our thoughts and our attitudes, in order that we may be given even now a foretaste of the warmth and splendor of God’s Face—which in eternal life we shall contemplate in all its fullness. Forward, thinking of this judgment which begins now, which has already begun. Forward, doing so in such a way that our hearts open to Jesus and to his salvation; forward without fear, for Jesus’ love is greater and if we ask forgiveness for our sins he will forgive us. This is what Jesus is like. Forward then with this certainly, which will bring us to the glory of heaven!”

—General audience, St. Peter’s Square, December 11, 2013