

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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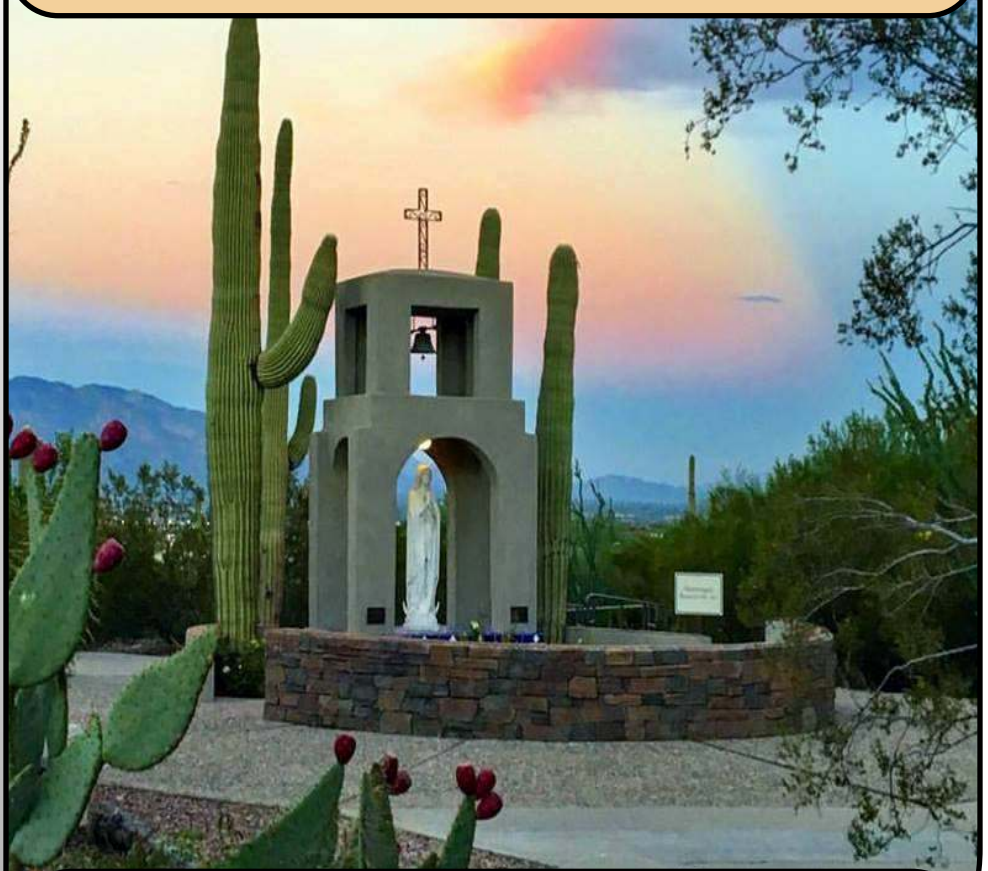
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Together we are the body of Christ, living and active today.

Fr. Paul's Ponderings.....



Sometimes we hear the phrase: “Yeah, well, he (she) talks a good game!” Another way of saying this is: “Can he (she) walk the walk?” In the Gospel today, Jesus is condemning the Jewish leadership for “talking a good line” but not living it! Jesus is saying plainly, “It is not talk that matters to God, but your deeds.” Saint Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, coined the spiritual phrase: “Pray as if everything depends on God, but act as if everything depends on you.” We see great examples of this in the lives of people like Dorothy Day, Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and many unknown spiritual heroes in our families and communities who prayed hard and worked even harder to love and care for others. Today, at church, let us pray with extra deep devotion and, as we leave church, let us act with even deeper compassion, courage, and conviction.

Fr. Paul Coury

Free Books- This weekend! This weekend we have the overflow of extra books from our library that you are free to have. They are all outside Chapel, they are all treasures....Look them over and pick one that is calling out to you! Thank you Mary Laurie and Judy for organizing this “Book Give-Away.”

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 **\$5,000.00** from our community. Fr. Bueche, the pastor of our church in Houston, is overwhelmed with gratitude for this gift and says: “Thank You for his people who have lost almost everything, thank you from the bottom of their hearts for your kindness and generosity!”

More Hurricane Relief Efforts-The Redemptorists have churches and retreat centers that have been damaged in Hurricane Maria’s wake in Dominica, Virgin Islands, Saint John’s, Saint Croix, Puerto Rico, and the earthquake in Mexico. We are awaiting information from our North American Conference leadership to see how we can help.

Workshop on Understanding and Dealing with Mental Illness- On Monday October 30, 10:30-12:00 noon Interfaith Community Services will present a program on Identifying, Understanding, and Dealing with Mental Illness. The program will be in the Agave Room (the Building beyond the Dining Room). The program is free, the cost of lunch would be \$10.00. Please register at the Office or call Mila for more information: 520.743.1978.

Grief Support Group has begun-Please join us on **Thursdays from 5-7pm** for the 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 Office Conference room. It is moderated by Dr. Stan and June Wood. Please sign in at the office if you wish.

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
Carolyn Hasenoehrl
Tony Iavagnilio
Phil Kyes
Suzanne Kraft
Chris & Terri Kanitt
Ray Kovash
Billie Marshall
Philip Oberstar
Jim Oliver
George Parada
Gerardo Rosales
Jessica Sayles
Aidan Martel Santoyo
Mark Taube

Please pray for **Ray Kovash**. He broke his leg and after surgery is recovering at the Life Care Center.

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**. There will be a rosary at 11:40 am. We bless the Francis family for the loss of their mother.

Fr. Paul will have a memorial service for **David Hill**, Jean Hill's son, at the Assisted Living Center, The Forum, on Saturday, September 30 at 12:00 Noon.

Also remember **Ed Snyder**, who passed away on Saturday, September 9. **His memorial mass will be in Detroit**. 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)
David Hill (9/17)
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 by
John & Kelly Mooney
In loving memory of
Rose Essary

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$3,393.00

September 23-24, 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 30th

4:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Philip Harpole (d)

Sunday, October 1st

7:30am Mass- Fr. Peter Connolly

** John & Marijane McKeekrey (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Bob Curran (Healing)

Monday, October 2nd

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Maria Avila (d)

Tuesday, October 3rd

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Redemptorist Community

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Wednesday, October 4th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Tyler Soltis

Thursday, October 5th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** John Wahl (d)

Friday, October 6th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Bob Crowder

Saturday, October 7th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Betty Pate (d)

4:00pm Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Mary Rose Sarno (d)

Sunday, October 8th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Russell Casottana (d)

** 10:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Bill Dalton (Anniversary)

**** 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, 10 -11:15 a.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 19th and we will be exploring water colors. Please call Camille Sensale 520.390.6323 with any questions. No class for the month of September.

The Nightmare Before Forgiveness-On Saturday October 21, Fr. Charlie will offer a one day retreat on forgiveness. Redemption begins in our hearts. It requires forgiveness and reconciliation. If you are suffering from an unforgiving heart, this retreat will help set you free! Please call the front office if you are interested in attending or would like more information. 520.744.3400.

Calendar

Monday

October 2

*The Holy
Guardian Angels*

Zec 8:1-8

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday

October 3

Weekday

Zec 8:20-23

Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Neh 2:1-8

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

October 5

Weekday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6,
7b-12

Lk 10:1-12

Friday

October 6

Weekday

Bar 1:15-22

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

October 7

*Our Lady
of the Rosary*

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

October 8

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

Dear Padre,

Why do we offer Mass for a specific intention? Aren't Masses offered for the intentions of all present?

The Eucharist makes present, in this moment, the memorial sacrifice of Christ; the source of the Church's life and the focus of the Church's prayer (see the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 10). Mass always includes the intentions of a local community as well as the needs of all people throughout the world. In the eucharistic prayer, we pray for the community and those "scattered throughout the world."

What does a renewed liturgical practice mean for specific Mass intentions? Canon law speaks of applying the Mass for anyone living and dead (see Canon 901). The practice also has roots in history, especially during medieval times, when participation at Mass was at a low. Asking the priest to remember an intention kept people active and connected their needs to those of the wider Church. Vatican II stressed active participation in its liturgical renewal, so

asking specific intentions needs a renewed understanding.

Special intentions provide a value—we become aware of others' needs and troubles. If we are aware of how these troubles affect a member of our parish, we can not only pray for that person but reach out and help. However, the Eucharist does not give grace only to those named in special intentions. The grace God gives through the Eucharist is meant for the

whole Church. God's grace builds us up in holiness. Since people find special intentions important, the response from pastors is important in helping people understand how God's grace affects everyone.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A Word From Pope Francis



"Priestly joy is a joy which is sister to obedience. An obedience to the Church in the hierarchy which gives us not simply the external framework for our obedience...but also union with God the Father, the source of all fatherhood. It is likewise an obedience to the Church in service....The availability of her priests makes the Church a house with open doors, a refuge for sinners, a home for people living on the streets, a place of loving care for the sick, a camp for the young....Wherever God's people have desires or needs, there is the priest, who knows how to listen and feels a loving mandate from Christ who sends him to relieve that need with mercy."

—Homily, Holy Thursday, April 17, 2014