

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

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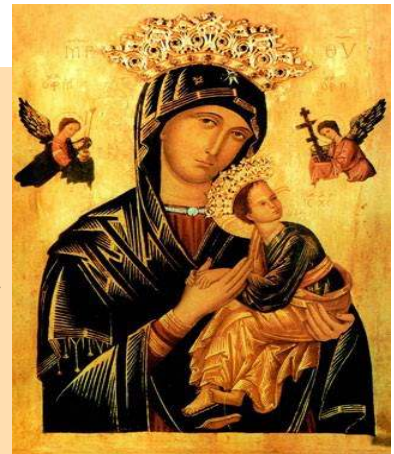
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

# Fr. Paul's Ponderings.....



It is good to be back in Tucson with sunny skies and warm temperatures. The weather during our meetings in Wisconsin was cold and rainy. Families in Wisconsin were all hitting the pumpkin patches and you expected the headless horseman to come flying around the corner at any moment. Next Sunday, the 29th of October, we will have a special guest speaker here. Father John Fahey-Guerra will be joining us to speak about the Co-Redemptorist Association. This is the Redemptorist Association that sponsors our seminarians, who will be the future priests and brothers who will come here to minister to you. So we will be supporting our own future! This fits very well with this Sunday's Gospel, where Jesus challenges us to give to God the things that are God's. Hopefully, you will choose to support your own spiritual future here at Our Lady of the Desert, by giving to God the things that are God's (which is actually everything)! It will be a good weekend to join the Redemptorist "Pumpkin Patch."

Fr. Paul Coury

**Two Shall Be One**-We continue to bless Katie Modafferi and George Celaya who were married in our Church on Friday!

**Welcome Sabbatical**-We welcome our fall sabbatical group. They will be with us for the next Ten weeks. They hail from all parts of the world: England, Ireland, Philippines, Australia, and the USA. Please help them feel welcomed and loved!

**Workshop on Understanding and Dealing with Mental Illness- On Monday, October 30, 10:30-12:00 Noon**, Interfaith Community Services will present a program entitled: **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.

**Redemptorist Hurricane Relief Efforts**-The Redemptorists have churches and retreat centers that have been damaged in Hurricane Maria's wake in Dominica, Saint Kitts, The Virgin Islands, Saint John's, Saint Croix, Puerto Rico, and in the earthquake in Mexico. All the Redemptorist parishes in North America will be doing an envelope drive around Thanksgiving for the rebuilding of these churches. We will have special envelopes in church available at that time. Thank you for your future generosity.

**CALLING ALL VOICES!!!** It is the most wonderful time of the year! At the end of this month, we shall begin practicing for this year's Lessons and Carols program. I could not be more excited! It seems that we get better and better with each passing year, and I can't wait to continue the tradition. If you are interested please contact Hope Bielat for more information at 520-820-5376. As always, we could use more **MEN**, so spread the word! **Practices will be held between 1-3 pm at Our Lady of the Desert, with the exception of November 16th, which is tentatively scheduled from 11-1.** As always, life comes first, so if you are not able to attend all rehearsals, please don't let that keep you from participating. I look forward to seeing your wonderful faces soon and I hope you have had a blessed year! ~**Hope Bielat**

**Thanksgiving Tickets**-It's that time again. We will sell tickets for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinner starts after the 10:30 am Mass on November 23rd. Tickets are \$23.00. For more information please call the front desk at 520.744.3400.

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

**Ray Kovash** continues his recovery from ankle surgery at the Life Center on LaCholla.

**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 at work with his rehabilitation.

**Billie Marshall** had a heart procedure on Monday. She is recovering at TMC.

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

## OUR DECEASED

**Virginia Flanigan** passed away on Saturday morning October 7. Please hold her and her four children in your prayers.

**Sergio Castro** passed away and we will hold his funeral Mass on Saturday, October 21 at 11:00 am. His family attends our church.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Bahill (2/17)  
Barbara Bartels (8/17)  
Sergio Castro (10/17)  
John Cieslinski (11/16)  
Ann Fallon (7/17)  
Judy Filirecki (11/16)  
Virginia Flanigan (10/17)  
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)  
Anne 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 celebration of  
**Harriet Lewandowski's**  
**98th Birthday**

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$6,545.00

October 14-15, 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, October 21st**

4:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

\*\*Patricia Herman (d)

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**Sunday, October 22nd**

7:30am Mass- Fr. Paul Coury

\*\*David Avila (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

\*\*Virginia Thompson (d)

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**Monday, October 23rd**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

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

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**Tuesday, October 24th**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

\*\*Las Vegas Victims

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**Wednesday, October 25th**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

\*\*Thomas Davenport

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**Thursday, October 26th**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Matt & Danielle Van Derlaske-10th Anniversary

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**Friday, October 27th**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

\*\*Gert Diekow (d)

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**Saturday, October 28th**

7:30am Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

\*\*Lana Han -Birthday

4:00pm Mass - Fr. John Fahey

\*\*Bill Starman (d)

Tom Whittingham (d)

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**Sunday, October 29th**

7:30 Mass -Fr. John Fahey

\*\*Alex Dudych (d)

\*\* 10:00 Mass - Fr. John Fahey

\*\* Chuck & Camille Sensale-50th Wedding 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 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 **front office conference room** on Thursdays, 10 - 11:15 am 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 520.579.7529.

**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.

**SEEDS OF THE WORD BOOK CLUB** – All are welcome Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 2-3 pm in the Ironwood Room. We'll be discussing Fr. Richard Rohr's spiritual classic, *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*. In this masterful exploration of contemplative prayer, God is presented as a lover who receives and forgives everything. Lee Morrison will moderate the discussion. Copies of the book are available now in the bookstore. Please join us, even if you have not read the book!!

**Arts & Crafts Class**—Have fun playing with art supplies. Join us, every **Wednesday 10:00 am-12:00 pm**. In the Agave room. Our Next class is Wednesday October 25. Bring a 6" clay planter pot and matching saucer. Please bring the following materials : tiles, glass marbles, buttons broken pottery etc. If you have any questions, call Margaret at 520.878.7799.

## Calendar

### Monday

October 23  
Weekday  
Rom 4:20–25  
Lk 12:13–21

### Tuesday

October 24  
Weekday  
Rom 5:12, 15b,  
17–19, 20b–21  
Lk 12:35–38

### Wednesday

October 25  
Weekday  
Rom 6:12–18  
Lk 12:39–48

### Thursday

October 26  
Weekday  
Rom 6:19–23  
Lk 12:49–53

### Friday

October 27  
Weekday  
Rom 7:18–25a  
Lk 12:54–59

### Saturday

October 28  
*Sts. Simon and Jude,  
Apostles*  
Eph 2:19–22  
Lk 6:12–16

### Sunday

October 29  
*Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Ex 22:20–26  
1 Thes 1:5c–10  
Mt 22:34–40

# Dear Padre,

**Would you kindly address the issue of donating to charities? I'm sure others receive requests for money from many different organizations. I feel guilty discarding letters with pictures of starving children, when I eat well.**

I have the same dilemma. I live in the richest country in the world. I could live much more simply and dispose of all the income I don't need. But to do so would require a substantial change in lifestyle and would undoubtedly



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be viewed by many as irresponsible.

Some are called to live a life of radical giving and radical poverty. Others—most of us—are called to live simply according to our circumstances and needs. We're called to be generous, but we're also expected to plan for the future, provide for our families, and seriously accept the other responsibilities before us.

It is not necessary to respond to every particular need for which you receive an appeal, no matter

how needy or worthy it may be. Choose a representative sampling of charities that you feel you can support, and discard the other appeals. Do so in good conscience. If, in the future, you find yourself to be in a situation where you can be even more generous, then by all means choose to do so.

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## *A Word From Pope Francis*

*Profit and capital are not a good over and above the human person; they are at the service of the common good. When the common good is used only at the service of profit and capital, this has a name: it is called exclusion, and through it the throwaway culture gets stronger and stronger.*

—Homily in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, February 17, 2016