

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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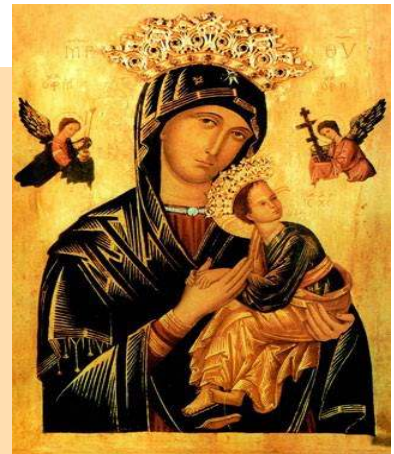
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Fr. Paul's Ponderings.....



This weekend, 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, the future Redemptorist priests and brothers who will come here to minister to you. So by contributing to the Co-Redemptorist Association you will be supporting your own future! Please be generous and welcome Fr. John with an open heart. This is the great commandment of Love that is spoken of in the Gospel! Love God –Love Each Other!

Fr. Paul Coury

Happy Halloween: Halloween (All Hallows Night) is a great time to connect with your family and enjoy this most unusual night! I hope that your Halloween is overflowing with treats, pumpkins, headless horsemen, black cats, and flying witches. Our property always looks very dark and spooky on Halloween Night! We priests will be “patrolling” the grounds in our black habits! Beware!!

Congratulations Chuck and Camille Sensale! This Sunday, at the 10 am Mass, we will celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Chuck and Camille Sensale. We bless them and wish them 50 more years!

All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1, and **All Souls Day** is Thursday, November 2. Please join us at the 7:30 am Mass to celebrate these feast days!

Cancelled ...Workshop on Understanding and Dealing with Mental Illness -Unfortunately the workshop scheduled for Monday, October 30, on **Identifying, Understanding, and Dealing with Mental Illness is cancelled.** It will be rescheduled for January or February. Stay tuned. Call Mila for more information: 743-1978.

Grief Support Group-Please join us on **Thursdays from 5-7pm.** The group meets in the office conference room. **Surviving the Holidays Seminar** offers a safe place for people to learn how to deal with all the demands and emotions the holidays can bring. This isn't a series but a one-time event, **November 9th from 6-8 pm.** This will be held in the office conference room. Please sign up at the front desk if you plan to come. All present and past members, or those who have recently lost a loved one are welcome. To entice you more....pizza will be served!

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
Carmela Oliver
Jim Oliver
George Parada
Gladys Pope
Gerardo Rosales
Jessica Sayles
Aidan Martel Santoyo
Mark Taube

Remember **Carmela Oliver** who is in NW Hospital for treatment at this time.

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 in 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.

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 had his funeral Mass on Saturday, October 21. His family attends our church.

Please pray for **Fr. Pat O'Brien, C.Ss.R.** Fr. Pat passed away last week from liver cancer. He was 78 years old. Fr. Pat was the director here from 1994-1999. We bless Fr. Pat for his years of service to the Redemptorists and to us.

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)
Fr. Pat O'Brien, C.Ss.R. (10/17)
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

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John Rivera

in loving memory of

Catalina Rivera

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$4,188.00

October 21-22, 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 28th

4:00 Mass - Fr. John Fahey

** Bill Starman (d)

Tom Whittingham (d)

Sunday, October 29th

7:30am Mass- Fr. John Fahey

** Alex Dudych (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. John Fahey

** Chuck & Camille Sensale-50th Wedding Anniversary

Monday, October 30th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Virginia Enda Lino (d)

Tuesday, October 31st

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Denny Mallory (d)

Alan Ritchie (d)

Wednesday, November 1st

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Anne & Harold Ramsey (d)

Thursday, November 2nd

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Billie Marshall (For healing)

Friday, November 3rd

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Anne Ramsey (d)

Saturday, November 4th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Ed Snyder (d)

4:00pm Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Leonardo Gentile (d)

Sunday, November 5th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Ken Hasenoehrl (d)

** 10:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Karl Burger (d)-Anniversary of death

**** 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 15th, 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**. Our next class is Wednesday November 1st. Bring a 6" clay planter pot and matching saucer. Please bring the following materials : tiles, glass marbles, buttons, broken pottery etc. This week's group will meet in the St. Alphonsus kitchen, building #5. If you have any questions, call Margaret at 520.878.7799.

Boundaries November 10-11- If you are struggling to establish important boundaries with others, this retreat is for you. For more information, or to make a reservation, please call the front desk 520.744.3400.

Calendar

Monday

October 30

Weekday

Rom 8:12–17

Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday

October 31

Weekday

Rom 8:18–25

Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday

November 1

All Saints Day

Rv 7:2–4, 9–14

1 Jn 3:1–3

Mt 5:1–12a

Thursday

November 2

Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed

Wis 3:1–9

Rom 5:5–11

or Rom 6:3–9

Jn 6:37–40

Friday

November 3

Weekday

Rom 9:1–5

Lk 14:1–6

Saturday

November 4

St. Charles Borromeo,
Bishop

Rom 11:1–2a,

11–12, 25–29

Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday

November 5

Thirty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10

1 Thes 2:7b–9, 13

Mt 23:1–12

Dear Padre,

How do our prayers actually help people who are deceased? I keep thinking it should be the other way around: The deceased should pray for us! After all, they have it made—and we don't.

From the early days of the Church, there has been a tradition of remembering those who have died. In the fourth century, Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem noted in his catechetical instructions how, in the eucharistic prayer, we remember those who have died in two different ways. First, we remember those special ones who have fallen asleep, the fathers and mothers of our faith, the prophets, the apostles, and the martyrs. And we ask that God enable us to share in their inheritance, thanks to their prayers and intercessions for us.



This is still the case. At every Mass, we remind God that we rely on Mary and the saints to intercede for us.

But also at every Eucharist, since the early days of the Church, when we pray for those who have died, we are reminded that love lasts more than a lifetime. It reaches out across time and space, and even across the divide of death. When we have loved,

we yearn for the beloved to live on, not just in memory but in a place that is beyond suffering and tears. And we yearn to see that loved one again. This is one of the most telling reasons why we pray for the dead. It tells us something about ourselves as men and women made in the image of God, God's children who wish what God wishes: that no one be lost, that all be redeemed.

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A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus did not say: "One of you go," but "All of you go": we are sent together. Dear young friends, be aware of the companionship of the whole Church and also the communion of the saints on this mission.... Jesus did not call the Apostles to live in isolation, he called them to form a group, a community.

—Homily at annual World Youth Day, July 28, 2013





A Big Thank You Our Lady of the Desert Church

Your Generosity is Amazing. You all have outdone yourselves. Just look at my overflowing dining room table. We at Christ Child Society of Tucson are so grateful for all the beautiful baby items, school supplies, books, and cash donations that we will be able to share with all in need. We are looking forward to working with all of you that have shown an interest in our organization. If you have any questions about joining us, please call Angela Schneider at 520-400-4447.