

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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November 5, 2017

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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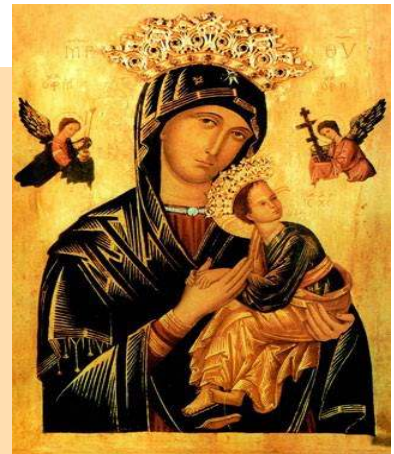
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Fr. Paul's Ponderings.....



Family Days

This last week, we celebrated Halloween, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day. These are "Family" events. We recognize that we are all in this together, trying to care for each other with our prayers, our encouragement, and our laughter. This weekend's Gospel continues this family tradition of calling us all to be brothers and sisters together. No one is to be "above" the other, looking down at the other, disparaging the other. Can we dedicate ourselves today to being one family with God, rededicated to loving and caring for each other? Jesus calls us to this today.....how will we respond?

Fr. Paul Coury

Knights of Columbus-this weekend-We have many various "little families" within our church community. One of those "families" is The Knights of Columbus, which was originally founded to take care of Catholic widows in our parishes. Today the Knights have branched out to help so many people with intellectual and physical disabilities. They also support our seminarians, and are staunchly "Pro-Life." The Knights are also considered to be the "right hand" of the Bishop. This weekend the Knights of our parish will be encouraging you to join the Knights and to support their various efforts. So, after Mass, stop by and spend some time talking with our parishioners who are Knights. You could be the next "New" Knight! Welcome!!

Co-Redemptorist-Thank You for your support of Fr. John Fahey-Guerra, the Redemptorist who spoke at the Masses last weekend. Your participation in the Co-Redemptorists Family will ensure that future Redemptorist Priests and Brothers will be here at Our Lady of the Desert to minister to you and your families!

Grief Support Group-Please join us on **Thursdays from 5-7pm** 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
Kim Judkins
Suzanne Kraft
Chris & Terri Kanitt
Ray Kovash
Kurt Lowman
Billie Marshall
Philip Oberstar
Jim Oliver
George Parada
Gladys Pope
Gerardo Rosales
Jessica Sayles
Aidan Martel Santoyo
Mark Taube

Please pray for **Kim Judkins** who is battling cancer.

Prayer for **Gladys Pope** who is in recovery at the Mountain View Care Center.

Kurt Lowman had nose surgery this week. Please pray for his fast recovery.

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.

OUR DECEASED

Carmela Oliver, passed away on Tuesday, October 31. Bless her husband Jim and her family.

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)
Carmela Oliver (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

donated by

Carolyn Hasenoghril

in loving memory of

Ken Hasenoghril

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$4,832.00

October 28-29, 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, November 4th

4:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Leonardo Gentile (d)

Sunday, November 5th

7:30am Mass- Fr. Paul Coury

** Ken Hasenoehrl (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Karl Burger (d)-Anniversary of death

Monday, November 6th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Cleo Moore (d)

Tuesday, November 7th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Redemptorist Community

Wednesday, November 8th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Mary Ostrowski (d)

Thursday, November 9th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Aaron & Juanita Garcia (d)

Friday, November 10th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Rodrigo Aguilar (d)

Jim Stone (d)

Saturday, November 11th

7:30am Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Virginia Flannigan (d)

4:00pm Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Ann Fallon (d)

Catherine Sullivan (d)

Sunday, November 12th

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** John Cieslinski (d)

** 10:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Virginia Thompson (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 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 or Jenny 520.461.9001

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-12:00pm**. Our next classes will be on Wednesday November 8th, 13th and December 20th, and the 27th. 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

November 6

Weekday

Rom 11:29–36

Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday

November 7

Weekday

Rom 12:5–16b

Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday

November 8

Weekday

Rom 13:8–10

Lk 14:25–33

Thursday

November 9

*Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica*

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Friday

November 10

*St. Leo the Great,
Pope and
Doctor of the Church*

Rom 15:14–21

Lk 16:1–8

Saturday

November 11

*St. Martin of Tours,
Bishop*

Rom 16:3–9, 16, 22–27

Lk 16:9–15

Sunday

November 12

*Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Wis 6:12–16

1 Thes 4:13–18

or 4:13–14

Mt 25:1–13

Dear Padre,

A priest recently said the Scriptures should set us free. I wish this could happen to me! I feel so trapped by life. My job, my kids, my aging parents, bills, health insurance. Everywhere I turn I'm cornered by responsibilities. How can Scripture help?

Many of us feel trapped by life. Life is complicated because often there is too much to do, too many obligations, too much going on. We feel burdened and many times even guilty that we're not doing more. There's never enough time. People are demanding and sometimes hurt our feelings. We can easily become victims of it all. Or we can become defensive, aggressive, or overly "people pleasing."

I invite you to pray the Scriptures daily. Open yourself to the Spirit's movement that's alive in the word and alive in you. Read a short passage. Think about it. Put yourself into the scene. Picture yourself listening to Jesus speak. Allow him to use your name. Let

yourself be comforted, loved, freed, healed, and challenged to change your hectic pace in life. Instead of trying to control all that happens, begin to surrender and trust in God. The word of God can lead us to freedom if only we open our hearts to the wisdom it contains. It will probably lead you to prayer, to ask for God's help. You may find your heart opening to receive the love of God you encounter in the word. Remember, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it" (Luke 11:28).

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A Word From Pope Francis

Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips, and so give glory to God! I am thinking now of some advice that Saint Francis of Assisi gave his brothers: preach the Gospel and, if necessary, use words. Preaching with your life, with your witness.

—Homily, April 14, 2013