

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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November 19, 2017  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

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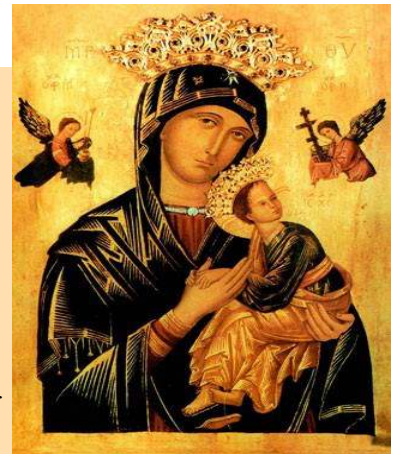
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

This Thursday we pause to remember all those we love and care about and we say: Thank You God, for all these good people you have brought into our lives. We pray: All good gifts surround us, are given from heaven above, and we are so very grateful! We Redemptorists especially want to say: **Thank You** to all of you who come here for worship and supporting us in your prayers, presence, and donations! We are so very blessed!

### Mass on Thanksgiving Day -10:30 am

There will be a **10:30 am Mass only** on Thursday, Thanksgiving Morning (no 7:30 Mass). The Thanksgiving Dinner will begin at 11:30 am. I hope to see you all there!

Fr. Paul Coury

**Redemptorists are Here**-This Monday, a group of 15 Redemptorists will be here for a two week renewal program. Fr. Bob Fenili and Fr. Tom Santa, who have been stationed here previously, will be here. Stop in at lunch time and say hello! They would love to see you!

**New Resurrection Statue**-Next Sunday, November 26, the Feast of Christ the King, we will be blessing a new Statue of the Resurrection on the Way of the Cross. This Statue was designed by Father Paul and an anonymous parishioner and donated by the parishioner. Stay tuned for more information next Sunday!

We are looking for someone to play the trumpet or Native American flute as we unveil the statue next Sunday. Can anyone help us?? Let Fr. Paul know.

**Sacrament of Anointing, December 2&3**-We will offer the Sacrament of Anointing after all the Masses December 2&3, the first weekend of Advent.

**Volunteer Party, Monday December 11 at 3:00 pm**-Mark your calendars! Santa and his elves have been contacted and they will be here on Monday, December 11 at 3:00 pm for the Volunteers Christmas Party. Make sure that you are there also. Ho Ho Ho !

**Blessing of the Rosary Garden- Thank You !**-Thank you for coming over to the Blessing of the New Rosary Garden last Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. The crowd filled the garden. Thank you also for your donations to help pay for this project. The Garden was the Eagle Scout project of **John Reiter**. He and his parents, Greg and Carla, and John's Eagle troop planned the garden, purchased the material, and put the garden together. Thank you for your generosity in helping Eagle Scout John with this project.

**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

**\*December 9th practice will be in the Petroglyph room across from the chapel, building #10. \***

**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  
Mark Paris  
Gladys Pope  
Alice Rigney  
Gerardo Rosales  
Jessica Sayles  
Aidan Martel Santoyo  
Mark Taube

**Alice Rigney** is home from the hospital and ask for our prayers for her complete recovery.

Prayer for **Gladys Pope** who is in recovery at TMC hospital.

**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.

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

## OUR DECEASED

**Carmela Oliver**, passed away on Tuesday, October 31. Bless her husband Jim and her family. The Memorial Mass will be on **Saturday Dec 9, at 1:00 pm**. If you plan on attending please call Michelle Oliver 732.804.8523.

**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

Ed Bumby

in loving memory of

Jayne Bumby

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$5,306.00

November 11-12, 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

**Saturday, November 18**

4:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\*Jayne Bumby (d)

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**Sunday, November 19**

7:30am Mass- Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\*Peggy Le Clerc (d)  
10:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\*Gisela Aguilar (d)

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**Monday, November 20**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury  
\*\*Carlos Cabre -Healing

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**Tuesday, November 21**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest  
\*\*Ray Kovash- Healing

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**Wednesday, November 22**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury  
\*\*Christopher Patrick Mattis (d) and all who battle depression and mental illness

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**Thursday, November 23**

**Thanksgiving**  
10:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury  
\*\*Denny Mallory (d)

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**Friday, November 24**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest  
\*\*Burger -Wedding Anniversary

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**Saturday, November 25**

7:30am Mass - Fr. Paul Coury  
\*\*Stella Solak (d)  
4:00pm Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*Ambrose Alday -Happy Birthday

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**Sunday, November 26**

7:30 Mass -Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*Marianna Geraty (d)  
\*\* 10:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*Joseph & Julia Kovash (d)

## Holiday Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00 pm, 4:10 pm, 7pm**

**Christmas Day: 10:00 am**

**New Years Day: 10:00**



**\*\* 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**

**The Gospel According to Disney**— We will explore some of the life-giving messages that are hidden below the entertainment surface of Disney films like *Frozen*, *Aladdin* and *Zootopia*. This retreat begins with dinner at 6 pm on Friday, December 8, and ends Saturday evening December 9, after dinner. If you would like to register or need more information, please call the front desk at 520.744.3400.

**Arts & Crafts Class has been cancelled for the rest of the year**—group will meet in the St. Alphonsus kitchen, building #5, beginning January 10. If you have any questions, call Margaret at 520.878.7799.

**Grief Support Group**—Please join us on **Thursdays from 5-7pm** in the office conference room. All present and past members, or those who have recently lost a loved one are welcome. The last grief group will be on November 30th. If you have any questions please call June Wood 520.219.2919.

**ICS: Holiday Gifts of Love Adopt A Family**—Help make this season brighter for some of Tucson's less fortunate people. Gather your friends, family, or other members at Our Lady of the Desert to adopt a family for the holidays. Please call ICS at 297.6049 for more information or email: [icedeno@icstucson.org](mailto:icedeno@icstucson.org) or [lkayden@icstucson.org](mailto:lkayden@icstucson.org) for a family of your choice with clothing sizes and gift suggestions. **December 8, 2017 is the last day to submit donor's information.**

**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.

## Calendar

### Monday

November 20

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43,  
54–57, 62–63  
Lk 18:35–43

### Tuesday

November 21

Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18–31

Lk 19:1–10

### Wednesday

November 22

St. Cecilia,  
Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31

Lk 19:11–28

### Thursday

November 23

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15–29

Lk 19:41–44

### Friday

November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc,  
Priest, and Companions,  
Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59

Lk 19:45–48

### Saturday

November 25

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1–13

Lk 20:27–40

### Sunday

November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Mt 25:31–46

# Dear Padre,

**Our daughter and son-in-law graduated from Catholic high schools, but they're not bringing up their children in the Catholic faith....I feel an obligation to the children, but I don't know what to do.**

I understand your concern and sadness, but we must always remember that parents have the primary responsibility for their children's religious education. People such as priests, teachers, grandparents, and godparents can help, but they cannot usurp the role of the parents.

If your daughter is truly alienated from the Church or has truly given up her faith in God, then anything you say or do will probably make her angry. In that case, your best approach is one of kindness to her and her family and regular prayer for her and for them.

Often, however, young parents aren't really alienated from God or the Church but have just drifted away. If they decide they should do something about their children's religious training, they often don't know who to contact. If this seems to be the case with your daughter and her husband, gently inform them that you will be glad to help get the children started. Contact your parish priest (or theirs) for the necessary information. This can be a big help to people who have been away from Catholic practice for a long time.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security....More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: "Give them something to eat" (Mark 6:37).*

—The Joy of the Gospel (*Evangelii Gaudium*), November 24, 2013