

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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November 26, 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the
Universe

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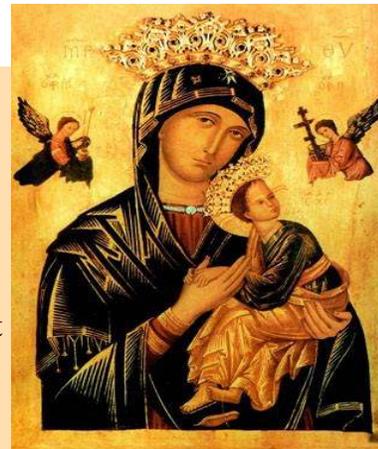
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Fr. Paul's Ponderings.....



CHRIST THE KING

The Feast of **Christ the King** marks the last Sunday of the official Church Year. Next Sunday (December 3) we begin a new Church Year with the Season of Advent. Christ our King invites us this weekend to remember the task of our lives. The challenge is to let go of our selfish ways and to be all for the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the ill, and those in prison. In fact, this is the pathway to heaven. So, come on, let's ride that "Train to Glory" together. It's time to "get on board!"

Fr. Paul Coury

Solidarity with the Redemptorists-This Sunday you will notice envelopes in the bulletin. We are taking up a special collection for the work of the worldwide Redemptorists. Some of this money will be used to help rebuild the Redemptorist churches and schools that were destroyed in the earthquake in Mexico, the hurricanes in the Caribbean Islands, Puerto Rico, and Haiti. We are a Redemptorist church and we place ourselves in solidarity with the Redemptorists throughout this North American Region and Worldwide. Thank you for your generosity!

New Resurrection Statue-After the 10:00 am Mass this Sunday, November 26, the Feast of Christ the King, we will be blessing a new Statue of the Resurrection on the Outside Way of the Cross. We will invite any of you who wish to make the climb to come for the simple ceremony (about 15 minutes, once we get up there) This statue was designed by Father Paul and an anonymous parishioner and donated by the parishioner. I also wish to thank the Knights of Columbus and Pedro Rosales and his crew for cleaning the area and installing the Statue.

Redemptorists are Here-There is a group of 15 Redemptorists here for the next week, participating in the Redemptorist 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!

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.

Advent Penance Service-Our Advent Penance Service will be on Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 am....don't leave those sins at home, bring them to church and "clean up" yourself for Christmas!

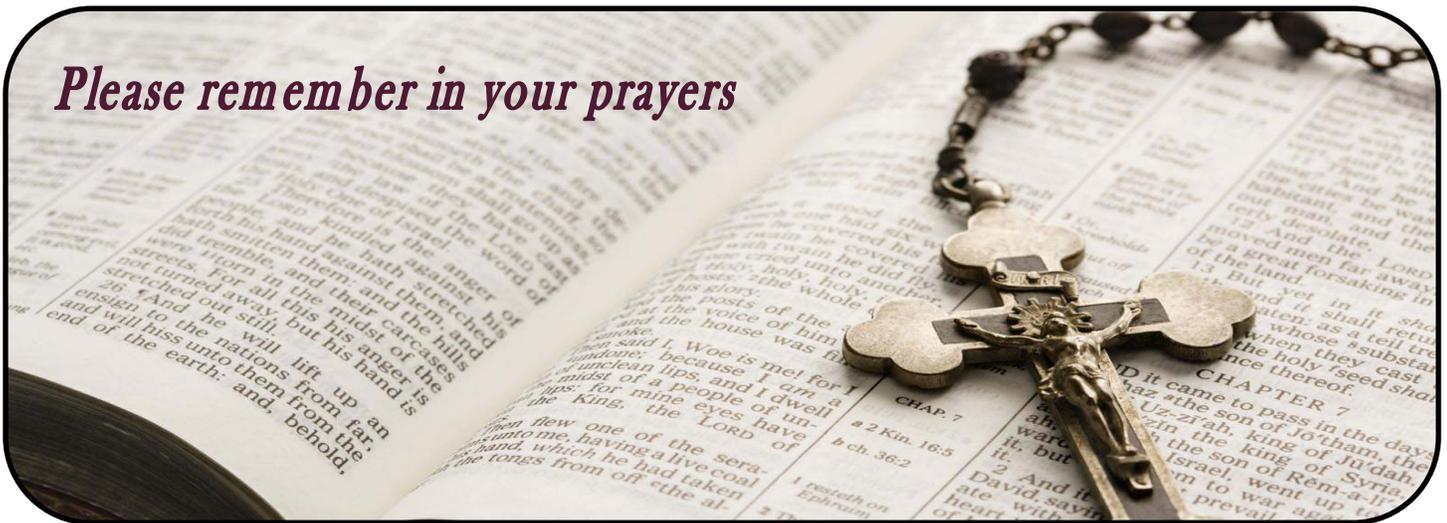
Volunteer Party, Monday December 11 at 3:00 pm-Mark your calendars! Santa and his elves have been contacted and they will be here on Monday, December 11 at 3:00 pm for the **Volunteers Christmas Party**. Make sure that you are there also. Ho Ho Ho !

New Sanctuary Lamp-The beautiful new Sanctuary Lamp next to the Tabernacle was given to us through the generosity of Gus and Rosa. Thank you for this gift.

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

Please pray for **Billie Marshall** she is recovering from heart surgery.

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

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

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 December 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 Flanagan (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

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William C. Metzger

in loving memory of

Mary Metzger

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$5,944.00

November 18-19, 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 25

4:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Ambrose Alday -Happy Birthday

Sunday, November 26

7:30am Mass- Fr. Peter Connolly

** Marianna Geraty (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Joseph & Julia Kovash (d)

Monday, November 27

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Kurt Cummings- Healing

Tuesday, November 28

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Virginia Flanigan (d)

Wednesday, November 29

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Jesus & Socorro Rodriguez (d)

Thursday, November 30

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Antony Capar (d)

Friday, December 1

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Tony DeGray (d)

Saturday, December 2

7:30am Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Doris Taylor (d)

4:00pm Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Eva Maria Kieanas (d)

Sunday, December 3

7:30 Mass -Fr. Greg Wiest

** Bob Christianson (d)

** 10:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Tony Garcia (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.

Grief Support Group—Please join us on **Thursdays from 5-7pm** in the office conference room. 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 or 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.**

Advent Day of Recollection Saturday December 2, 9:30-2:30pm— Advent is a season of hope and renewal. Yet we often get distracted from the importance of the most holy season. So take this time and come pray with us as we reflect on this season of waiting for the birthing of Christ in the stables of our hearts. Please register at the Redemptorist Renewal Center. Meeting will be held in the **Prickly Pear room Building #7**. There will be time for lunch. You may bring your own or have lunch in the cafeteria. If you choose to have lunch in the cafeteria, please pay at the front desk prior to the Day of Recollection. The price is \$10.00. Presenters are Camille Sensale (520.579.7529 and Jenny Marti(520.461.9001). Please feel free to call us with any questions.

Calendar

Monday

November 27

Weekday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

November 28

Weekday

Dn 2:31-45

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

November 29

Weekday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14,

16-17, 23-28

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

November 30

St. Andrew,

Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Friday

December 1

Weekday

Dn 7:2-14

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

December 2

Weekday

Dn 7:15-27

Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

December 3

First Sunday

of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b;

64:2-7

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37

Dear Padre,

When I was younger the stance of the Catholic Church was that if you were not baptized, you did not get into heaven. Is this still the case?

The Gospels present to us various passages that, when looked at together, give us a sense of whether or not baptism is necessary for salvation. Jesus says, "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (John 3:5), and "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). These passages show that salvation is the combination of baptism and believing. Those who "see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ," but who also purposely reject it, remain in darkness (see 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 6).

The First Letter of John 4:7 tells us that "everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." Here the gift of salvation comes to us in loving. Also, in Matthew 25, we have the great scene of the Last Judgment, where people are saved because they ministered to Christ in the poor and the hungry, even though they might not even have been aware of Christ's presence. Salvation here comes because of kind action. Baptism, then, combined with believing is certainly one of the means to salvation, but it's not the only means. In God's goodness, other roads can lead us into the kingdom. God's mercy and goodness are not limited to the sacrament of baptism (see the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1257-1260).

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A Word From Pope Francis

Mother Church teaches us to give food and drink to those who are hungry and thirsty, to clothe those who are naked... through the example of so many dads and mamas, who teach their children that what we have extra is for those who lack the basic necessities. It is important to know this. The rule of hospitality has always been sacred in the simplest Christian families: there is always a plate and a bed for the one in need.

—General audience, September 10, 2014