

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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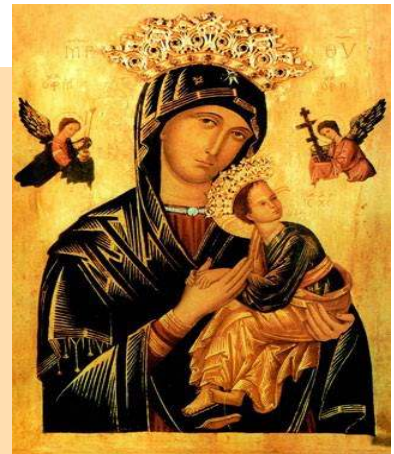
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Fr. Paul's Ponderings.....



Ordinary Time

The Christmas rush is over. We have partied and rung in the New Year! Now we can take a breath and relax into "Ordinary Time". This is the time of year between the New Years and Lent. The Church asks us to take a little break and settle into a simple spirituality without any major Feast Days. What does that "simple spirituality" consist of? It is a spirituality of having a simple spiritual practice. This practice could be a morning prayer, maybe praying the rosary, maybe a prayer before retiring, maybe coming to a daily Mass or coming to Mass more often. If you have a cell phone or an I Pad, there is a beautiful App called: "Pray As You Go" which offers a daily 13 minute quiet reflection with music and words, based on the daily Scripture. It is free to download. It is just the thing to help quiet yourself, sit still for a few minutes, and connect with God. So let's get a little "extraordinary" with our prayer practice in this "ordinary" time of year!

Fr. Paul Coury

Religious Education -We need to gather names for those who wish to receive First Communion or Confirmation in 2018. There are signup sheets in the office. The classes will begin in later January but we need you to sign up now.

Lay Association of Redemptorists-In January we will offer our community a chance to participate in the "Redemptorist Lay Associate Program." This is a group that will meet together for study, prayer, and discussion in the Redemptorist tradition and charism. We will begin the program with a series of weekly meetings, beginning **Thursday January 25 from 5-7 pm**. If you are interested, sign up at the office. For more information contact Lee Morrison at 520.293.6688.

Volunteers for Cleaning the Church -Help is needed to do some light cleaning of the church on Friday mornings. Each Friday after Mass a small group of volunteers stay and clean the church, which takes about 45 minutes. We need more help to keep our little church in the desert clean. If you can help, please call Bob at 520.682.8523, or you can email him at bjones85743@gmail.com. You can leave your name and phone number in the office. This is a great way to volunteer.

Prayer of the Open Heart -In the Catholic Church God invites us to pray together and become a community of faith and caring but even more, He wants us to be a family to one another. We have been given the gift of each other so we can see more "clearly and love more dearly". Please join us as we pray together on Thursday mornings at 10-11:15 a.m. beginning January 11, 2018 in the Conference Room. If you have any questions call Camille Sensale 520.579.7529 or Jenny Martin 520.461.9001.

Food Bank— Thank you for donating to your local food bank. We have collected 452 pounds of non-perishable food from September-November. We appreciate your generosity. Lets keep up the good work for 2018. **Marge Mauzer**

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
Bravlio Duran
Carolyn Hasenoehrl
Kim Judkins
Suzanne Kraft
Chris & Terri Kanitt
Loretta Korpics
Ray Kovash
Virginia Lester
Kurt Lowman
Billie Marshall

Dave Miller
Manny Murrieta
Philip Oberstar
Jim Oliver
Mark Paris
Alice Rigney
Gerardo Rosales
Aidan Martel Santoyo
Mark Taube

Please Pray for **Manny Murrieta**, who is undergoing tests at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Phoenix.

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

Loretta Korpics niece of Marilyn & Marty Rice is battling cancer please keep her in your prayers.

Pray for **Virginia Lester**, who had surgery recently and is now recovering at home.

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

OUR DECEASED

Gladys Pope passed away the week before Christmas. Gladys will be buried in California. A Memorial Service will be Wednesday, January 17, at 11:00am.

George Parada passed away on December 31. Please Pray for Anna and the family. The Memorial Service was on Saturday, January 6.

Jessica Sayles passed away in the afternoon of January 3, 2018. Please remember her and Martin, her husband, in your prayers. A Memorial Service has yet to be planned.

Please remember in your prayers:

(Month/Year)

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)
Jessica Sayles (1/18)
Bob Scheffel (2/17)
Ed Snyder (9/17)
Gladys Pope (12/17)
George Parada (12/17)
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

Your loving Wife Carolyn

Happy Birthday

Ken Hasenoehrl

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$8,655.00

December 6-7, 2018

BUILDING FUND

158,575.00

YOU MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL ENVELOPES OR PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES ON THE TABLE IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 13

4:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Joe McNamara (d)

Sunday, January 14

7:30 Mass- Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Ray & Helen Millen (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Virginia Thompson (d)

Monday, January 15

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Regina Lauciello (d)

Tuesday, January 16

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg

** Redemptorist Community

Wednesday, January 17

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Jeremy Riley

Thursday, January 18

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Amanda Riley

Friday, January 19

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Happy Birthday Robert Murrieta

Saturday, January 20

7:30 Mass- Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Thelma Walter (d)

4:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Larry Nichols (d)

Sunday, January 21

7:30 Mass- Fr. Greg Wiest

** Arlene Milio (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

** Dorothy Feddema (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 - "*The prayer of the heart opens the eyes of the soul to the truth of ourselves as well as to the truth of God. The prayer of the heart challenges us to hide absolutely nothing.*" **Henri Nouwen**

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Prayer Shawl Ministry - will meet in the Agave room Building #7 on January 15, 9am-11am. For more information please call Terry 734.259.9826.

Prodigal Love-A retreat with Fr. Charlie Wehrley, January 19-20. Prodigal love is God's love: Lavish, unearned, unconditional, plentiful, eternal. It's love that freely gives with no expectation or strings attached. Prodigal love flourishes in our hearts when we are open to experiencing the brokenness of another person without judgment. It requires that we take time to openly hear, understand and empathize with another person. Come learn to love others as God loves you. To sign up or for more information please call the front desk at 520.744.3400.

SEEDS OF THE WORD BOOK CLUB - All are welcome Wednesday, January 31, from 2-3 pm in the Ironwood Room. We'll be discussing Br. David Steindl-Rast's new book, *The Way of Silence: Engaging the Sacred in Daily Life*. "Silence," Br. David declares, "is not the absence of word or sound ... [but] a presence too great for words." Dr. Pauline Albert will moderate the discussion. Copies of the book are available in the bookstore. Please join us, even if you have not read the book!

Calendar

Monday

January 15

Weekday

1 Sm 15:16–23

Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

January 16

Weekday

1 Sm 16:1–13

Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

January 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,
40–51

Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

January 18

Weekday

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7

Mk 3:7–12

Friday

January 19

Weekday

1 Sm 24:3–21

Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

January 20

Weekday

2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12,

19, 23–27

Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

January 21

Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1–5, 10

1 Cor 7:29–31

Mk 1:14–20

Dear Padre,

What's wrong with memorized traditional prayers?

Archbishop Fulton Sheen encountered a woman who declared that she'd never become Catholic because they pray the same words in the rosary over and over, and she and God doubt the sincerity of anyone who repeats the same words. Sheen asked her if she was sure that her fiancé loved her. “Certainly he does.” “But how do you know?” “He told me.” Then she affirmed that her fiancé had told her so within the hour. When Sheen asked, “Did he tell you before?” she replied that he told her “I love you” every night. Sheen advised her not to believe him: “He is repeating; he is not sincere.”

As Sheen cleverly demonstrates, the words “I love you” don't lose meaning with repetition. Likewise, prayer—whether rote or spontaneous—is a way of saying, “I love you” to God. It places us in God's presence, celebrating our loving relationship with him. Saint Teresa of Ávila, a doctor of prayer, wrote in *Interior Castle of the Soul* that it was important “not to think much but to love much” when praying. She even considered it a blessing when her mind wandered in prayer because it forced her to concentrate on loving God rather than merely thinking about him!

The right form of personal prayer, then, is the one that best expresses our love for God in a spirit of humility, confidence, and perseverance—three requirements needed for true prayer, according to another doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus Liguori.



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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SAINT TERESA OF AVILA: PETER PAUL RUBENS/WIKICOMMONS



A Word From Pope Francis

This is a lesson for each one of us....If we let ourselves be led by the Holy Spirit, if we are able to mortify our selfishness to make room for the Lord's love and for his will, we will find peace, we will be builders of peace and will spread peace around us.

—Address to pilgrims in Bergamo, Italy, June 3, 2013