

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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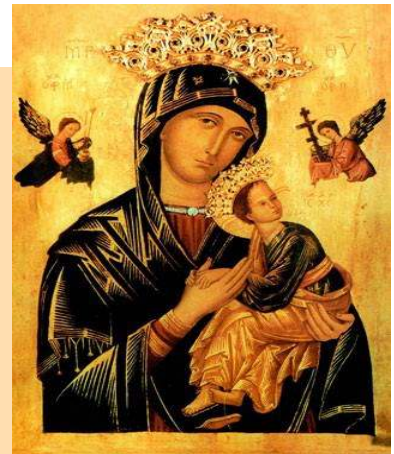
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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



## Gospel

Growing up in Detroit, we could play in the neighborhood after school, but when the street lights went on, my mother would stand at the front door and call our names loudly: "Time to get inside!!" Do you hear Jesus calling your name today? Jesus calling you to leave your nets, your boats, and come follow the Christ? Maybe the call to each of us is not as dramatic as Jesus' call to the first disciples, but be assured that Jesus does call us, we just need to listen and to be aware. The call, of course, is to follow Jesus in our families, with our friends, with those we meet shopping, driving, waiting in the medical offices, or even on the street corners. The call to us is to follow Jesus pattern of life and to form our own circles of peace, joyfulness, compassion, and encouragement. Wherever we go, whoever we meet, we touch them with the presence of the peaceful and loving Jesus. The street lights are on, the call of Jesus echoes in our hearts, it's time to come home!

Fr. Paul Coury

**Religious Education -Classes will begin Sunday January 28 8:30-9:30 am in the Parish Office.** Please register the names for those who wish to receive First Communion or Confirmation in 2018. There are signup sheets in the office. There is still time to register, but we need you to sign up now. The classes are on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:30 am in the Office Conference Room.

**Lay Association of Redemptorists....begins Thursday January 25-**This Thursday 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](mailto: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.

**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	Billie Marshall
Kurt Cummings	Dave Miller
Carolyn Hasenoehrl	Manny Murrieta
Kim Judkins	Philip Oberstar
Suzanne Kraft	Jim Oliver
Chris & Terri Kanitt	Mark Paris
Loretta Korpics	Alice Rigney
Ray Kovash	Gerardo Rosales
Virginia Lester	Aidan Martel Santoyo
Kurt Lowman	Mark Taube
Joseph M. LaCava	

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. The Memorial Service was Wednesday, January 17.

**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. Her Memorial Service will be Wednesday January 24, at 12:30 pm.

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

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In loving memory of

Teri McGuinness

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$6,226.00

January 13-14, 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 20**

4:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

\*\* Larry Nichols (d)

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**Sunday, January 21**

7:30 Mass- Fr. Greg Wiest

\*\* Arlene Milio (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

\*\* Dorothy Feddema (d)

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**Monday, January 22**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest

\*\* Azure Riley

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**Tuesday, January 23**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\* Christopher Patrick Mattis (d) and all who battle depression and mental illnesses

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**Wednesday, January 24**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\* Sally Tore (d)

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**Thursday, January 25**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

\*\* Linny Plotz (d)

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**Friday, January 26**

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

\*\* Ter Ricalde (d) Elizabeth L. Shummon (d)

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**Saturday, January 27**

7:30 Mass- Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\* Cathy Backer (d)

4:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

\*\* Chelsie Burns (d)

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**Sunday, January 28**

7:30 Mass- Fr. Paul Coury

\*\* Peg, Scott & Billy Granger (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

\*\* Joseph Kubiak (d)

Robert McNeil (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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**Perfectly Imperfect Parent** -A retreat with Fr. Charlie Wehrley, February 3, 2018. If you are faced with difficult issues between you and your adult children, then this day-long retreat is designed for you. Come learn how to separate your problems from your children's problems so you can stop enabling them and start setting proper boundaries. This retreat begins at 9 am and ends at 3 pm, with lunch included. 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!

**Good News According to Disney**-A retreat with Fr. Charlie Wehrley, February 16-17-The Good News according to Disney will examine many of the moral and life-changing truths that are found in the canon of Walt Disney movies. Many of these truths are taken directly from Scripture and many of them contain psychological and emotional value for those of us who are faced with the ups and downs of 21st Century life. This retreat begins with dinner on Friday evening and ends with dinner on Saturday. To sign up or for more information please call the front desk at 520.744.3400.

## Calendar

### Monday

January 22

*Day of Prayer for the  
Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children*

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10

Mk 3:22-30

### Tuesday

January 23

*Weekday*

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19

Mk 3:31-35

### Wednesday

January 24

*St. Francis de Sales,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*

2 Sm 7:4-17

Mk 4:1-20

### Thursday

January 25

*Conversion of St. Paul,  
Apostle*

Acts 22:3-16 or

Acts 9:1-22

Mk 16:15-18

### Friday

January 26

*Sts. Timothy and Titus,  
Bishops*

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5

Mk 4:26-34

### Saturday

January 27

*Weekday*

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17

Mk 4:35-41

### Sunday

January 28

*Fourth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

# Dear Padre,

**Whenever I try to pray, I'm plagued with a thousand distractions. How can I learn to control my mind better?**

Maybe you're trying too hard. You've heard how some baseball hitters press when they're trying to come out of a slump. Their very effort to overcome their problem makes them tighten up more. They are so worried about the mechanics of their swing, stance, or grip that they can't hit the ball. That's why their coach might advise them to stay loose in the batter's box. We could use the same advice in our approach to prayer. Do your best to pray well, but don't be too upset if your prayer is not "perfect."

Some scrupulous Catholics will repeat a prayer if their mind wanders the first time through, but this isn't advisable. I suggest that you make a good intention, say your prayer and, even if your mind wanders, don't repeat it. Remember that distractions are as natural as breathing, and even the saints couldn't pray without them. When a distraction comes, treat it as you would a fly buzzing around your head. Occasionally shoo it away, but don't spend all your time and concentration on it. The good Lord can read your heart. He loves you just as you are, distracted mind and all.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*For every Christian, the proclamation and witnessing of the Gospel is never an isolated act. This is important....No evangelizer acts, as Paul VI recalled, "in virtue of a...personal inspiration, but in union with the mission of the Church and in her name."*

—Address to International Union of Superiors General,  
May 8, 2013