

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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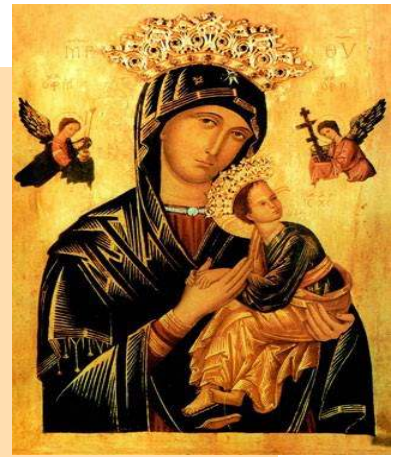
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Fr. Paul's Ponderings.....



Gospel

Do you remember your first day at a new job? Maybe you were excited, maybe nervous, you probably wanted to do your very best to show your boss that you are worthy of this job. In today's gospel, we have Jesus at his first "preaching job" in the synagogue at Capernaum. This kind of preaching was a very "formal and scripted" occasion. You would read a scripture passage and then offer what the various famous rabbis and teachers would say about the passage. You would never venture your own opinion. Jesus does something very different, he reads a passage and then interprets the passage by driving out a demon! Forget the words, Jesus acts. The Kingdom is here, it is time for action. Today we are called also not just to talk, or reflect, or study, but also to ACT. We act against evil, darkness, discrimination, or poverty and we offer help, encouragement, love, compassion, and healing. Today, with Jesus, let's take some action!!!

Fr. Paul Coury

Religious Education -Classes will begin this weekend...Sunday, January 28, 8:30-9:30 am in the parish office conference room. You can still register....but do it NOW. Please register the names for those who wish to receive First Communion or Confirmation in 2018.

Lay Association of Redemptorist-Thursday January 25, we had our first meeting of new "**Redemptorist Lay Associate Program.**" This is a group that will meet together for study, prayer, and discussion in the Redemptorist tradition and charism. The next meeting will be **Thursday February 1, from 5-7 pm.** If you are interested, contact Lee Morrison at 520.293.6688. We will meet in the St. Alphonsus Dining Room.

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.

Prayer of the Open Heart Series, In Search of Belief -A 12 week contemplative study on the Nicene Creed will be offered on Thursdays, 10-11:15 a.m. February 15 - May 5, 2018. We will meet in the office Conference Room. In the 12 sessions we will contemplate the meaning of the Nicene Creed and its relevance to the way we live our lives. You may come to one session or all session. If you have any questions, please call Camille Sensale 579.7529 or Jenny Martin 461.9901.

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

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| Virginia Brown | Eric Milton |
| Kurt Cummings | Charles Mitchell |
| Carolyn Hasenoehrl | Manny Murrieta |
| Kim Judkins | Richard Nast |
| Suzanne Kraft | Philip Oberstar |
| Chris & Terri Kanitt | Jim Oliver |
| Loretta Korpics | Fr. Mike Ortiz |
| Ray Kovash | Mark Paris |
| Virginia Lester | Alice Rigney |
| Kurt Lowman | Gerardo Rosales |
| Joseph M. LaCava | Aidan Martel Santoyo |
| Billie Marshall | Mark Taube |
| Dave Miller | |

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

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.

Barbara Thaman passed away before Christmas. Barbara and her husband, both handicapped, came here many years ago and still live in the area. Her Memorial Service was on Saturday January 27.

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)
Ann Fallon (7/17)
Virginia Flanigan (10/17)
David Hill (9/17)
Nancy Long (5/17)
Bob Medina (5/17)
Carmela Oliver (10/17)
Anne Ramsey (9/17)
Frank Randaisi (1/17)
Jessica Sayles (1/18)
Bob Scheffel(2/17)
Ed Snyder (9/17)
Barbara Thaman (12/17)
Gladys Pope (12/17)
George Parada (12/17)
Patricia Thibodeaux (4/17)
Virginia Thompson (4/17)
Fr. Pat O'Brien, C.Ss.R. (10/17)

"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

Luke, Rose & Luke Jr. Johnsos

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$7,848.00

January 20-21, 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 27

4:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Chelsie Burns (d)

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)

Monday, January 29

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Bob Snow (d)

Tuesday, January 30

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Pat Crino (d)

Wednesday, January 31

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Alan Arada (d)

Thursday, February 1

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury

** Catherine Korduba

Friday, February 2

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Rand & Mariana McNamara

Saturday, February 3

7:30 Mass- Fr. Peter Connolly

** Bob Spears (d)

4:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Chat Bialk (d)

Sunday, February 4

7:30 Mass- Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Sam & Mabel Nechiporanko (d)

10:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** 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 - "*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 29

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;

16:5-13

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

January 30

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,

24-25a, 30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

January 31

St. John Bosco,
Priest

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

February 1

Weekday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

February 2

Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday

February 3

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

February 4

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39

Dear Padre,

Every year, someone with a cold wants to shake my hand at the sign of peace, and sick people drink from the Communion cup. Can't parishes ban the cup and the sign of peace during flu season?

Many people share your concern. As a priest, I am hugged by an entire congregation throughout flu season. If I'm sick, I warn people as they approach, but some people want a hug anyway. For many, community fellowship wins out over prudence.

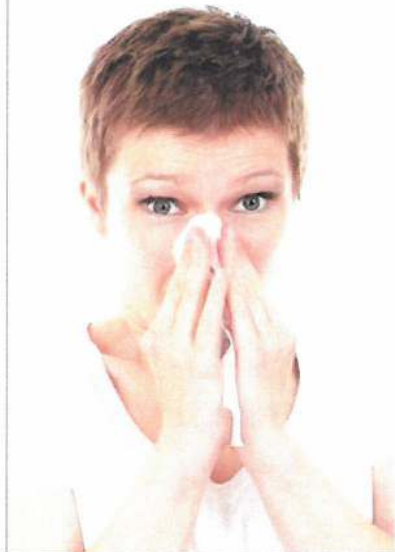
Of course it would be best if those who are sick don't drink from the cup containing the precious Blood. But even if they do, receiving the precious Blood is more important to me than the slight risk of illness.

However, if it bothers you that much, there's nothing wrong with electing not to receive the precious Blood. And instead of shaking hands and hugging at the sign of peace, try nodding and waving. If people don't understand and push for more, simply say, "Don't want to pass on the flu." That should stop them.

In today's society, far too many things keep us physically apart. I refuse to casually surrender anything that brings us together in love and fellowship except in dire circumstances, and for me, a normal flu season doesn't qualify.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

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PEXELS



A Word From Pope Francis

What an illusion it is when people today shut their eyes in the face of sickness and disability! They fail to understand the real meaning of life....The world does not become better because only apparently "perfect" people live there...but when human solidarity, mutual acceptance, and respect increase.

—Jubilee for the Sick and Persons With Disabilities, June 12, 2016