

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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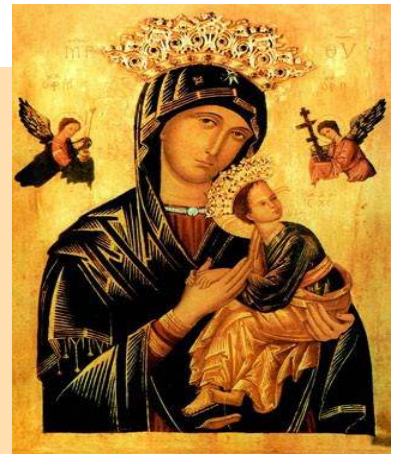
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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



## Gospel

“Take it to the Streets”...this was a cry during some of the race riots of the 1960s. It means: let's get everything out in the open, for everyone to see and hear! This is exactly what Jesus does in today's Gospel. Jesus first heals in the synagogue, Jesus then heals Simon's mother in law in her home, and then Jesus is out in the streets healing everyone who comes. What does this say to us? Maybe that Jesus' healing power is available to everyone, at all times, and in all circumstances. I know that I come to Jesus a lot to pray for healing. Most of my prayers are for people in our community who are struggling and suffering. I picture them in my mind and then I ask Jesus to extend his healing power to them. I even envision the power and light going from Jesus to them. I believe that the healing power of Jesus is there always, just for the asking. Maybe take a moment now, sit quietly, call to mind someone who needs the healing power of Jesus, picture them in your mind, and ask Jesus to heal them. Amen!

Fr. Paul Coury

**TV Masses on Sunday** -Our Diocese will be televising a Sunday Morning Mass beginning this month. There will be a **Mass at 6:00 am and 9:30 am on Sunday on KOLD, Channel 13**. If you know people who cannot get out for Mass, please give them this information.

**Tax Season**— We have mailed out statements for the 2017 tax season. If you do not receive a letter by February 15, please call or email Kelly Mooney 520.744.3400 X7120, [kelly@desertrenewal.org](mailto:kelly@desertrenewal.org).

**Religious Education Now In Session**-You can still register...but do it NOW. Please register the names for those who wish to receive First Communion or Confirmation in 2018. The classes are on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:30 in the Office Conference Room.

**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.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**— Will meet February 17 in the Front Office conference room from 9-11 am. If you have any questions, please call Terry Linn ,734.259.9826.

**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  
Loretta Korpics  
Ray Kovash  
Virginia Lester  
Kurt Lowman  
Joseph M. LaCava  
Billie Marshall  
Dave Miller

Eric Milton  
Charles Mitchell  
Manny Murrieta  
Richard Nast  
Philip Oberstar  
Jim Oliver  
Fr. Mike Ortiz  
Mark Paris  
Alice Rigney  
Gerardo Rosales  
Aidan Martel Santoyo  
Mark Taube

**Marcella Ortiz** will have foot surgery this week. Please pray for her quick recovery.

Please pray for **Eric Milton** who is beginning treatments for cancer.

Please pray for **Richard Nast**. He had an extensive nine-hour back surgery last Wednesday and is now in recovery at Saint Joseph's Hospital.

**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 was on January 24.

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)  
Manny Murrieta (2/18)  
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  
Donated in remembrance of  
**Karen Bahill**

SUNDAY COLLECTION

\$4,813.00

January 27-28, 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, February 3

4:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\* Chat Bialk (d)

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## Sunday, February 4

7:30 Mass- Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\* Sam & Mabel Nechiporanko (d)  
10:00 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\* Virginia Thompson (d)

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## Monday, February 5

7:30 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury  
\*\* Darrell Wilson (d)

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## Tuesday, February 6

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest  
\*\* Deceased Redemptorist

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## Wednesday, February 7

7:30 Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\* Virginia Flanigan (d)

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## Thursday, February 8

7:30 Mass - Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\* Helen & Rudy Cunningham (d)

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## Friday, February 9

7:30 Mass - Fr. Greg Wiest  
\*\* Jeffery Greenhouse (d)

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## Saturday, February 10

7:30 Mass- Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\* Marjorie Lorang (d)  
4:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury  
\*\* Pat & Helen McNamara (d)

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## Sunday, February 11

7:30 Mass- Fr. Paul Coury  
\*\* Wayne & Pat Scherer-50th Wedding  
Anniversary  
10:00 Mass - Fr. Paul Coury  
\*\* Barbara Bartels (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**

Please join us as we pray together on Thursday mornings at 10-11:15 am beginning on January 11, 2018 in the Conference Room. If you have any questions call Camille Sensale 520.579.7529 or Jenny Martin 520.461.9001.

**SEEDS OF THE WORD BOOK CLUB** – All are welcome Wednesday, February 28, from 2-3 pm in the Oasis Room (RRC Dining Room/private room on the side). We'll be discussing Frank Cunningham's new book, *Vesper Time: The Spiritual Practice of Growing Older*. While Cunningham, at age seventy-five, is "very aware of time left" and "time left to get it right," he shows us the 'vesper time' of life as a unique opportunity for spiritual growth and understanding. Mary Laurie Siebert will moderate the discussion. Copies of the book are available in the bookstore. Please join us, even if you have not read the book! If you have any questions, please send me an email at this address: [john@davenport.net](mailto:john@davenport.net) or call me at (440) 478-1203. Happy Reading ~John Davenport.

**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

February 5  
St. Agatha,  
Virgin and Martyr  
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13  
Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday

February 6  
St. Paul Miki and  
Companions, Martyrs  
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30  
Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday

February 7  
Weekday  
1 Kgs 10:1-10  
Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday

February 8  
Weekday  
1 Kgs 11:4-13  
Mk 7:24-30

### Friday

February 9  
Weekday  
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19  
Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday

February 10  
St. Scholastica,  
Virgin  
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Mk 8:1-10

### Sunday

February 11  
Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46  
1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
Mk 1:40-45

# Dear Padre,

## How can I ask my priest for better homilies?

First, let me commend you for not just accepting bad preaching as a necessary evil. Priests are just like anyone else: Each has his gifts, and not everyone is a gifted preacher.

One of the best things parishioners can do for their priest is to give him



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some honest, specific, helpful feedback instead of the generic, "Nice homily, Father." Many people say that so automatically that it's been said to me even when I wasn't the priest who delivered the homily!

Most priests don't get a lot of quality feedback on their preaching.

Some may find it hard to hear a critique, but most would welcome sincere, constructive criticism as long as it comes from the heart and the goal is to make them better preachers. You can even do this in a letter. Just be sure to sign it so he will take it seriously and be able to contact you for further feedback.

Keep in mind that a homily is not the same as a sermon. Whereas a sermon often includes a lot of moralizing, a homily must artfully draw the listener into questions of the human heart and bring that day's Scripture reading to bear on those questions. In that homily we hear in faith how hope, love, sacrifice, and belief in God guide us on our life journey.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



## A Word From Pope Francis

*Jesus sends his disciples out to all nations....We too were part of all those people of two thousand years ago. Jesus did not provide a short list of who is, or is not, worthy of receiving his message and his presence. Instead, he always embraced life as he saw it.*

—Canonization of Fr. Junípero Serra, September 23, 2015