

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of January 13-14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

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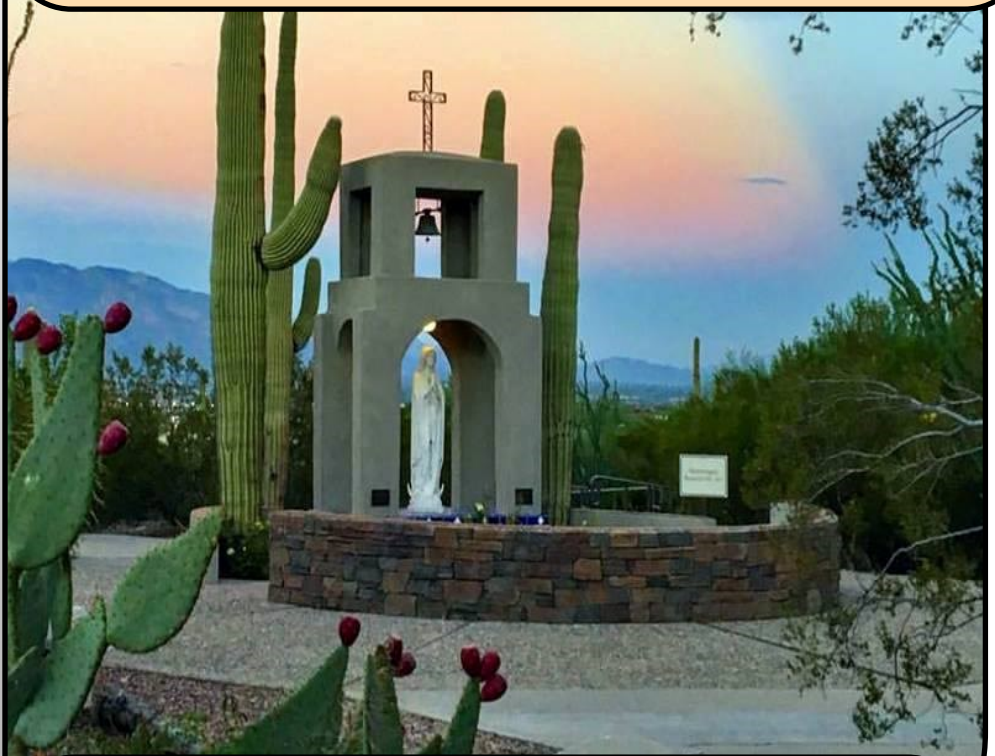
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Our Lady of the Desert



Last week we looked at Faith as an intellectual assent to God's revelation of himself as handed on by the Church. Today, we will look at another level of what we call Faith. We will turn now to our emotional response to the self-revealing God.

It is out of love that God has revealed himself to us. His desire is that we come to know him and that we come to love him in return. Based on all the Church teaches us about God, and based upon our own experiences of being blessed by God, we can come to a deep belief that we are loved by him. In this sense, Faith is an unshakeable knowledge that I am loved by God. Such a belief should in turn lead us to love God! Faith reaches its highest level in this personal response to revelation. It is this personal response of our spirit to God's revelation that is most often referred to as the Virtue of Faith. It involves not only knowing "about" God, but having a personal loving relationship with him because of what we know about him!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Church Mission Scheduled

Please save the dates of March 3,4 and 5. At 3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. on all three days,
Fr. Tom Donaldson will be present with us for a Church Mission.
More information on this later!



The Vatican Observatory in Arizona: The Catholic Church and Astronomy

Please join Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates

On Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 5:00-6:00pm

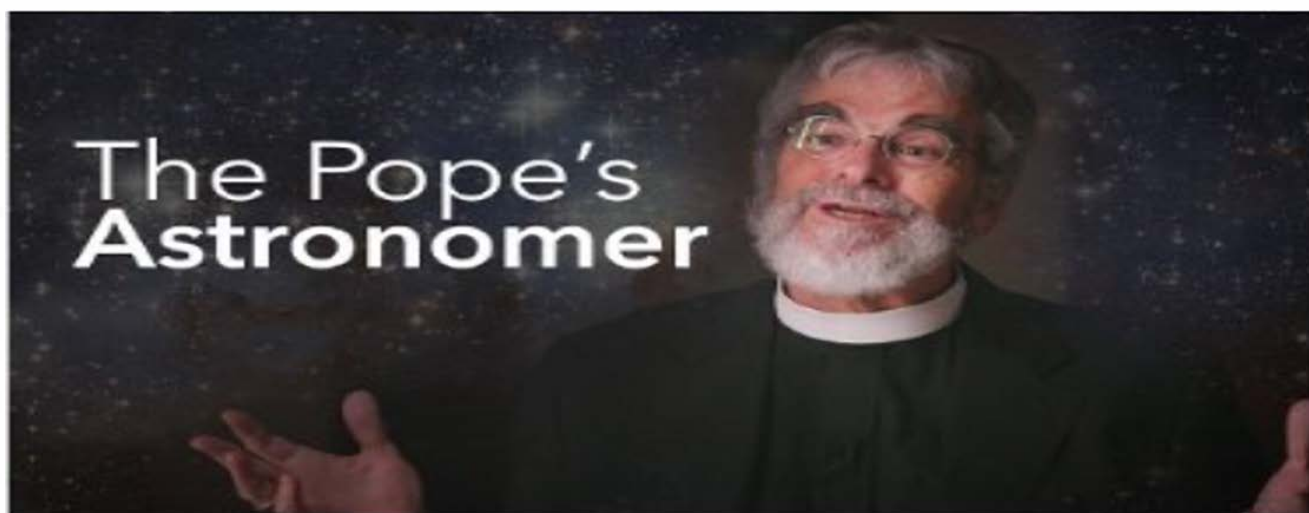
in the St. Alphonsus Kitchen or via Zoom*.

We'll be hearing from Bro. Guy Consolmagno from the
Vatican Observatory in Rome.

Presented by Lidia Allen and Chris Francis.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

***Please contact John Davenport (john@davenport.net)
if you would like a zoom link to the meeting.**



***Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates
Invites YOU to Hear From the Pope's Astronomer***

When: January 18, 2024

Where: Our Lady of the Desert in the St. Alphonsus Kitchen

Time: 5-6PM

***Come and hear about the Vatican Observatory and the work
around the wonders of creation!***





respect life
month



9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Pray to Protect Human Life!

January 16 - 24, 2024

An initiative of the



radical
solidarity

to be courageously
pro-woman, promoting a
choice that truly protects,
accompanies, and
supports women and
their children

9 Days for Life is an annual Novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Sign up individually and to receive the daily prayers via email or text message!

www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup

(also available in Spanish!)



Baby-Bottle-Drive (BBD) during 3 weeks
for the Reachout Women's Center



Thank you for your participating in the BBD, between January 6, and January 28!

Many needing mothers will be grateful for your generosity and your prayerful support. Thank you!

Do you need an empty bottle? You'll find it on the tables near the exits of the church.

Returning the bottle(s): Please bring them back at the mass of the weekend of January 27-28. Put them in the basket in front of the Altar. The bottles with their content will be blessed by the priest.

If you forgot to bring them back at the mentioned weekend, please bring them to the RRC's office.

51st Annual Celebration and March for Life



At the 'St. Augustine Cathedral' in Tucson

Saturday, January 20, 9:00 AM



How does it work?

Mass with Bishop E. Weisenburger at 9:00 AM

March for Life begins at the Cathedral at 10:00 AM Walk of 4.2 miles to the Holy Hope cemetery.

12:00 AM: Rose Ceremony for deceased children.

Forgiveness

and the Power to Heal

Forgiveness sets us free from betrayal, anger and resentment. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus. It allows us to take back our personal power from those who have hurt us and it provides us with inner-peace.

Jesus Christ redeemed us through His great love and forgiveness. Forgiveness is central to His Great Commandment of Love: Love your God, love your neighbor, love yourself— even your enemy— as “I have loved you.” Yet, many of us reject this teaching. We refuse to forgive those who have abused and hurt us and we even refuse to forgive ourselves for our own mistakes.

When we are trapped inside unforgiving hearts, we are out of right-relationship with God, ourselves and others. And clearly, we can't expect God or others to forgive us for our failings if we remain unwilling to forgive.

Redemption begins in our hearts. It requires love, forgiveness and reconciliation. If you are suffering from an unforgiving heart, this retreat is for you. It will help you set your heart free from the pain of the past.



*Redemptorist
Renewal Center*

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January 27, 2024

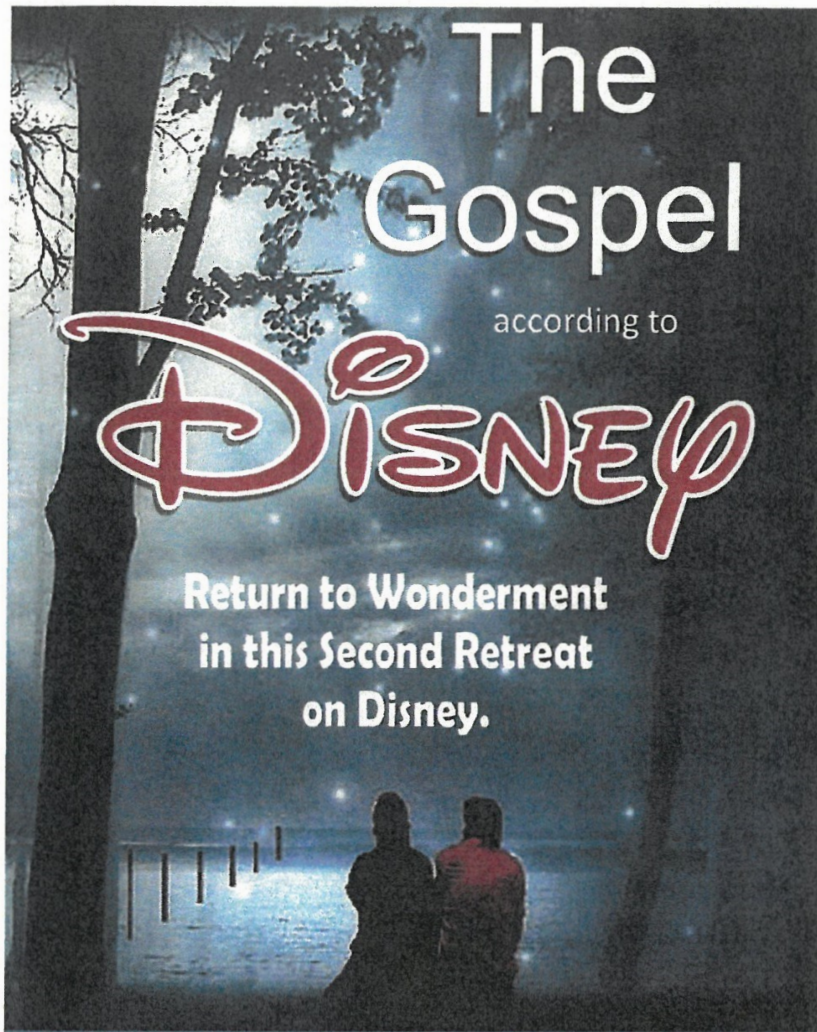
call 744-3400 to register



9:00 AM– 3:00 PM

\$55 per person, includes lunch and handouts

Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.S.S.R. **Retreat Director**



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**REV. CHARLIE WEHRLEY,
Retreat Director**

In this follow-up to **The Good News according to Disney**, we will continue to examine 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.

As adults today, we need to regain our childhood sense of wonderment. So many of us have lost the freshness that comes from being amazed by the simple beauties of life. We've lost our sense of play and the creative imaginations that spurred us to discover the mysteries of life as children.

In **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 on Friday evening and ends Saturday evening with dinner.

This retreat is NOT intended for children, but teens may attend with an adult/parent.

February 17, 2024

**Call 520-744-3400
For reservations.**



Please remember in your prayers

OURSICK

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

*If you would like to be added to our sick list, please call the
office.*

520.744.3400

*The Scripture Prayer group that meets on Tuesday evenings
prays for those on the sick list.*

Our Sick List January 2024

Peter Castillo
Tim McDonald
Chuck Peterson
Linda Peterson
Michael Dunlap
Joan Fogue
Joe Fernando
Rachel Flint
Bob Garcia
Fr. Jeff King-Healing

Fr. Rich Boevor C.Ss.R.
Jerry Linton
Aubrey Scarborough
Joanna Crawford
Lee Morrison
Stan Wood
June Wood

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Carol Boerner (9/23)
Bernie Burba (11/23)
Art Davenport (4/23)
Carol Draper Burba (1/23)
Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R. (9/23)
Theresa Fitzpatrick (10/23)
Dave Fogue (10/23)
Sharon Iavagnilio (1/23)
Tony Iavagnilio (1/24)
Joan Jones (11/23)
Mary Johnson (1/24)
Pierrette (Petra) Juteau (11/23)
Edward Kenyon (1/24)
Harriet Lewandowski (5/23)
Scott Milligan (11/23)
Linda Obenauf (11/23)
Virgil Roeder (5/23)
Edward Schafle (1/23)
Dan Sullivan (11/23)
Phyllis Spence, OSB (11/23)
Dennis Terrill (2/23)
Larry Waller (4/23)
Dorie Zimmerman (9/23)

"The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak."

Hoshea 2:16

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, January 12

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
** Joanna & Sam Hurley - Healing

Saturday, January 13

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Gary Ziuraitis
**Gil Albertsons (d)

Sunday, January 14

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea
**Joan Forgue-Healing
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Lou Ann Spiegelhoff (d)

Monday, January 15

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
**Matthew James Grant (d)

Tuesday, January 16

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Breege Cooney (d)

Wednesday, January 17

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson
**Deceased Redemptorist

Thursday, January 18

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly
**Betty Jackson (d)

Friday, January 19

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Dave Forgue (d)

Saturday, January 20

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Peter Connolly
**Jack Lehmkuhl (d)

Sunday, January 21

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson
**Dorie Zimmerman (d)
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
**Maria D. Arellano (d)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grief Group-Loss of a Spouse

Meeting on January 28, 2024 in the front office conference room starting at 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information contact, June or Stan Wood at 520.219.2919. or at Jwls1@earthlink.net.

Homebound Ministry

Do you have a loved one, a neighbor or friend that is currently Homebound, in a Care Center or in the Hospital? Do you think that person would like a visit from a Homebound Eucharist Minister? Our Lady of the Desert has trained (EMs), who would love to take Holy Communion to that special person. For more information call the office 520-744-3400.

Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates

Please join us at one of our monthly meetings (3rd Thursday of the month, from 5:00-6:00pm). We'd love to see you in person or on Zoom. Please contact Diana Davenport at diana@davenport.net (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport (john@davenport.net) for a Zoom link.

Weekly Rosary Prayer

Every Wednesday starting at 6:00 p.m. In the Our Lady of the Desert Chapel. Please come join us.

Scripture Prayer Group

meets via zoom each Tuesday. For more details email John Davenport at: john@davenport.net, or call 440.478.1203.

Food Bank

The Marana Food Bank bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore. We collected a total of 101lbs of food for the month of November. Please help our local community by donating today. Thank you for your generosity. ~Marge Mauzer

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.

Redemptorist Renewal Center office hours are as follows:

Monday - Saturday:

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**This weeks Flowers were donated
In Loving Memory of
Betty Harrison**

To sponsor flowers in memory of or in celebration. Please contact the office at 520-744-3400

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weekend Collection January 2-8, 2024 \$ 12,315.00

If you have requested additional envelopes, they will be available the following week in the box on the table by the side door in church.

For your convenience, know that you may come during office hours to personally offer your stewardship, mail it in, or use the following link and specify your donation. Click here:

<http://desertrenewal.org/fees-and-rates/>



*Our Lady of the Desert Poinsettia's
Honor & Remember
The Following Loved Ones*



Kensie & Anna Gift
Shane Olsen
Michael Daughtry
Daniel Devere
Past & Present Murrieta Families
Schaefer & Gates Families
Reilly & Riley Families
Harold & Clarise Stolz
Josephine & Lawrence McIntosh
Klein & Vanderlinde Families
Israel
Julia Ingalls
Marian & Clem Vayda
Geri Vayda
Helen Nelson
Roxanne (Helen) Dilts
Kylie Burdin
Mary Vigh
Mildred Hoft
Henry Hoft
Anonymous
Thomas & Claire Judy
Albert & Florence Goulet
Constance Fournier
Rosie Kubiak
Kathy Albom
Gwen Niemi
Phyllis Spence, OSB
Marcia Streichert
Marcia Box
Joan Crose & Michael Crose
Cleo Moore
Carter & Gallagher Families

Denny Mallory
Dennis Terrill
Gabriel & Eva Bruno
Ross & Helen Terrill
Catalina Rivera
Ivan & Lavina Kramer
Bob Kramer
Glen Kramer
Richard Portwood
Abatecola Family
Donlon Family
Rapecis Family
Joan, Danny & Jimmy Jones
Lewandowski & Popiel Families
Annette Thompson
Duffner & Jones Parents
Carroll & Neely Families
George & Rose Sheehan
David & Dorothy McLachlan
Ryan Hanley
David Spears
William Metzger
Jackie Misuraca
Patrick John Martin
Elmer & Virgil Ensrude
Dick & Grace Keller
Jesus, Alexis, Cruz & Camilo Murrieta
Schaefer & Gates Families
Our Youth's Lifelong Devotion to Christ
Walter & Helen Ingalls
Taraba Family
Jack Lehmkuhl
Komar & Rice Families



THE BOOKSTORE IS OPEN AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS

January 2024

Book Store Hours

Bookstore open after all weekend Masses.

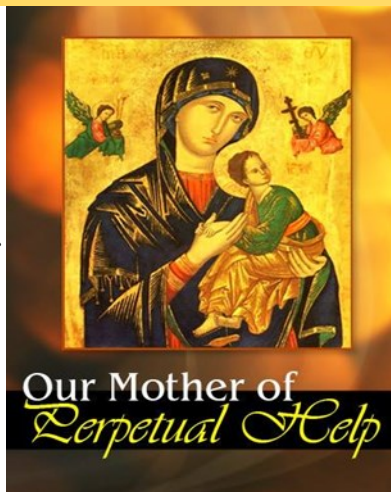
HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ Blessings All Year Thru

Closed Jan 1st – 4th

Friday, January 5 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 6 th / 7 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, January 8 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, January 9 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, January 11 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, January 12 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 13 th / 14 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, January 15 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, January 16 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, January 18 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, January 19 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 20 th / 21 st	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, January 22 nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, January 23 rd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, January 25 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, January 26 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 27 th /28 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, January 29 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, January 30 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm



Novena Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help adapted to be prayed in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic



Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial.

Help us not to lose heart. Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus. Comfort your people who are vulnerable and anxious. Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk.

Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly. Teach us to trust in God's love and mercy and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life. Amen



The *Act of Spiritual Communion*, by St. Alphonsus Liguori, may be a source of comfort at this time when we are separated from one another, but connected as the Body of Christ. Pray this prayer when you are not able to receive the Eucharist.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you into my heart. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself entirely to you. Never permit me to be separated from You. For this I pray. Amen.

Source: *Visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament*
by St. Alphonsus Liguori

Dear Padre,

If St. Matthew was an apostle, why do we have Gospels from other writers who were not apostles of Jesus? Since he knew Jesus personally, wouldn't his Gospel be the definitive one?

There are two assumptions that need to be addressed. One is that the Apostle Matthew is the same as the evangelist Matthew. The book's title, the Gospel According to Matthew, was added to the text in the second century. Whether it was written by the same Matthew or someone else, it still traces back to the experience of the apostles. The Scriptures are the inspired word of God, and Christians can rely on the truth of the Gospel message through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The other assumption is that one Gospel is somehow more "definitive." All four Gospels are the inspired word of God. A Gospel is not a history of the life of Christ. It is a collection of stories that each evangelist arranged in a specific way so that they would make sense to a particular audience. For the Gospel of Matthew, the audience was predominantly Jewish, but these Jewish Christians were being excluded from mainstream Judaism and perhaps were wondering among themselves if Jesus was really the Messiah for whom they had waited so long. Matthew's Gospel asserts repeatedly that Jesus is a true Israelite who fulfills Old Testament prophecies, while also reinterpreting the Law of Moses in a new direction that includes all nations. ●



Fresco of Apostle St. Matthew the Evangelist by Pietro Gauguier / Renata Sedmakova

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



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May the Virgin Mary help us make of our lives a hymn of praise to God in response to his call and in the humble and joyful fulfillment of his will. But let us remember this: there was a moment in each of our lives in which God made himself present more strongly, with a call.

**ANGELUS, ROME,
JANUARY 17, 2021**

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

DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections and prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more. Available from Liguori Publications.



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