

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Saturday 4 pm livestreamed Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/c/OurLadyoftheDesertChurch/playlists>

Weekend of January 20-21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

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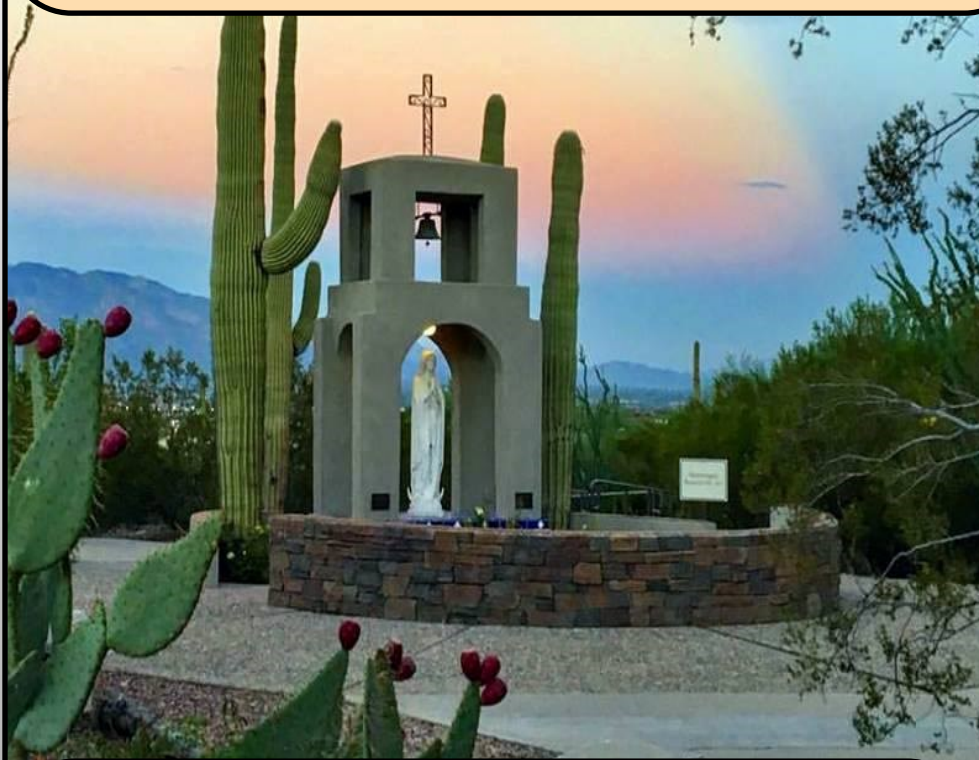
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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January 21st 1 Cor 7:29-31

For Paul and the early Christians, the belief was that Jesus' return, and the end of the world, was coming soon. Because of this, Paul calls upon the people to prepare for Jesus' coming, not focus their attention on their own comforts or the goods of this world. Paul always counseled people to put Faith first. They needed to keep their eyes focused on Jesus, and not be distracted by earthly things, as good as these things can be. We do not exist for this life, but for life with God in heaven.

January 22nd 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10

Today, we see David officially entering into an agreement with the people of Judah to be their king. His first action is to dislodge a bitter enemy from the land of Judah. David will continue to grow in strength and in stature. Eventually, the land of Israel in the North will also name him king. God's people will be reunited as one through His servant David.

January 23rd 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19

Now that David has secured a stronghold for his kingdom, he sends for the Ark of the Covenant to be brought into the City of David. This Ark is the symbol for Israel of God's presence in their midst. David cannot see how the headquarters of his kingdom could be complete without the Ark. After all, David understood that the people did not belong to him, but to God. David's joy is made evident by his dancing with abandon before the Ark.

January 24th 2 Sm 7:4-17

David wants to build a permanent house for God. Up until now, God was thought to live among the people in a tent. However, this is not God's wish. Rather, God, in a cleaver turn of phrase, promises that he will make a house (dynasty) out of him and his sons. Theirs will be a kingdom that shall never end. (Of course, Jesus is understood as being this eternal king). God goes on to say that one of David's sons (Solomon and Jesus) would build Him a house (temple and Church).

January 25th Acts 22:3-16

Today is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, so we have a special reading. In this reading from Acts, Luke has Paul speak of his conversion experience. Paul recounts how he was heading to Damascus to arrest Christians, when God appeared and spoke to him from a blinding light. How this experience must have pulled Paul into great confusion! Remember, at this time Paul thought Jesus was dead and that he was an imposter. Yet, now this supposedly dead Jesus speaks to him. This experience becomes the event that brings Paul to dedicate his whole life to this living Jesus who was merciful to him!

January 26th 2 Tm 1:1-8

Again, because of a special feast day (Feast of Sts. Timothy and Titus) we have a special reading. Paul writes to Timothy, whom Paul has placed in charge of the Church in Ephesus. Paul acknowledges the deep faith in Timothy that came to him from his mother and grandmother. Paul encourages Timothy to be strong in that Faith as he leads God's people. Though Timothy will face persecution, he must never give up his pride in being God's instrument to bring the Faith to his people.



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January 27th 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17

We move forward in the David stories today. David has seen a woman named Bathsheba who he finds very beautiful. He eventually has her husband killed so he can marry her. God send the prophet Nathan to confront David over this great sin. Nathan tells him a story about a wealthy man who took the lamb that belonged to a poor man. David, in his anger calls for the death of that man. Nathan tells him that he is that man himself! To David's great credit, he promptly turns from his sin and repents. This is perhaps where David's greatness lies. He is not perfect, but when he sins, he admits it and seeks to repent. That is what God wants from all of us!

~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!



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.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

As you are planning your summer with your family,
join over 18,000 men in Arizona
who are putting God at the center of their family,
becoming better men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers...
Become a better Catholic gentlemen.

Join Us
Become a Knight of Columbus



We are having a *Knights of Columbus* Recruitment Drive at Our Lady of the Desert Feb 3rd & 4th after all the Masses. If you have any questions about the *Knights of Columbus*, or you want to join us, see me after Mass, **RAY OBRAL**, Recruitment Chairman. Or you can contact me at **520-403-5003** or rjobral@comcast.net. As an incentive, if you join us during this Drive, **WE WILL WAIVE YOUR FIRST-YEARS DUES, \$35.00!**



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.



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January 27, 2024

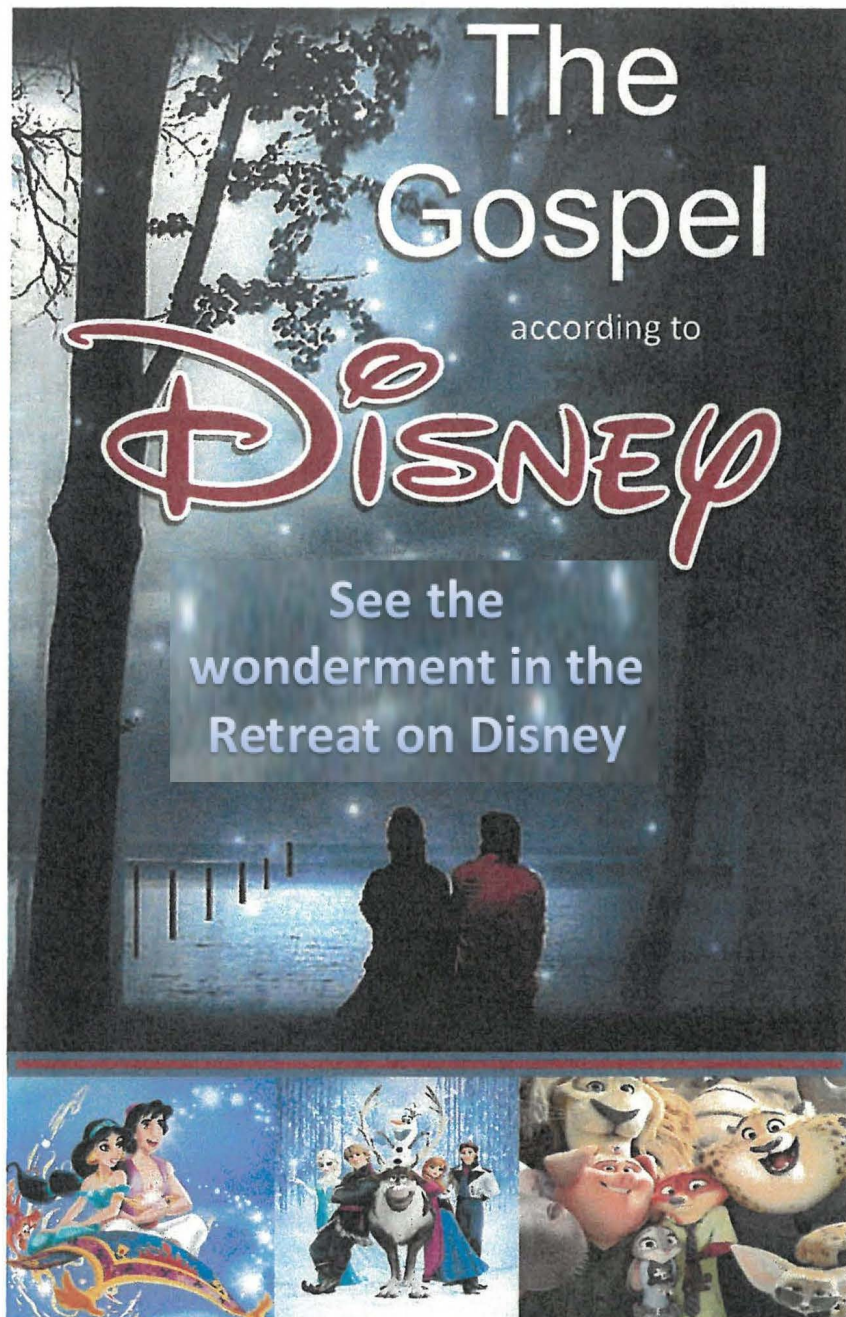
call 744-3400 to register



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 at 9 am includes lunch and ends at 3 pm.

Cost is \$55

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

February 17, 2024

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

Are you suffering from the loss of a son or daughter no matter how much time has passed?

Join us in 2024 for:



For more information
or to register, visit
sacredsorrows.org



Enter the respite of this 4-day, 3-night retreat, and allow your grief to gently meet Grace. You'll spend quiet time in the restorative beauty of nature; engage in soothing guiding meditations; rediscover your creativity; and experience "new things" in prayer invitations.

This retreat will bring a profound integration and deeper peace to your soul.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

**Thursday, February 1, 3:00 pm -
Sunday, February 4, 2:00 pm**
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where deep grief meets the mystery of grace



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
Emily Hernandez

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 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)**

Monday, January 22

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Hector and Isabel Aguirre - Happy Anniversary**

Tuesday, January 23

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehreuer

****Bernie Burba (d)**

Wednesday, January 24

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

****Joan Jones (d)**

Thursday, January 25

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly

****Grateful for RRC Maintenance, Housekeeping, and Kitchen Staff**

Friday, January 26

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

****Dave Forgue (d)**

Saturday, January 27

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Brittany Dumoulin (d)**

Sunday, January 28

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Dave Forgue (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Robert McNeil (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
By The Murrieta Family
Happy Birthday-
Bob & Alexis Murrieta**

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 8-15, 2024 \$ 6,722.00

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/>



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.



Our Mother of
Perpetual Help

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,

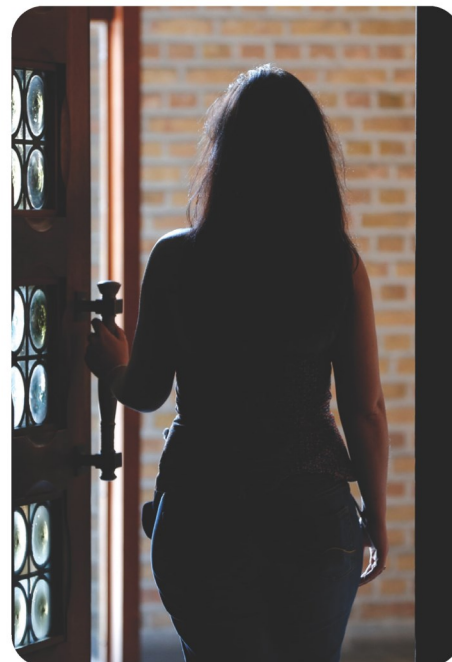
While on vacation, I attended Mass at a church where many people left right after Communion. Why would they do this?

Canon law says the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass on Sundays and other holy days. We are expected to attend the entire Mass.

A misunderstanding of this law may be traced to a pre-Vatican II teaching. Some theologians taught that the Mass had three main parts: offertory, consecration, and Communion. Some people reasoned that their obligation would be fulfilled by attending only those parts of the Mass. They felt justified in coming late and leaving early.

This changed with the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965). The Mass is divided into four sections (introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, concluding rite), and Christ is present throughout the Mass. Attending Mass means being there from the processional hymn through the recessional hymn.

Some people have valid reasons for leaving Mass early, such as feeling ill or taking a crying child from church. Perhaps they are traveling and need to get to the airport on time. Still, I also wonder why there is a great exodus before the Mass has ended in some churches. In my opinion, people who are in the habit of leaving early should reconsider that practice. ●



Fr. Victor Karls, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Weekday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10	2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19	2 Sm 7:4–17	Acts 22:3–16 or Acts 9:1–22	2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5	2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17	Dt 18:15–20
Mk 3:22–30	Mk 3:31–35	Mk 4:1–20	Mk 16:15–18	Mk 4:26–34	Mk 4:35–41	1 Cor 7:32–35
						Mk 1:21–28



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Brothers and sisters, before the Lord's call, which can reach us in a thousand ways—through others, happy or sad events—our attitude at times might be rejection. But God's call is always love: we have to try to discover the love behind each call, and it should be responded to only with love.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021

Pope Francis meets with "Phone Friend" volunteers of the Samaritans Italy in 2017. © L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO