

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of February 3-4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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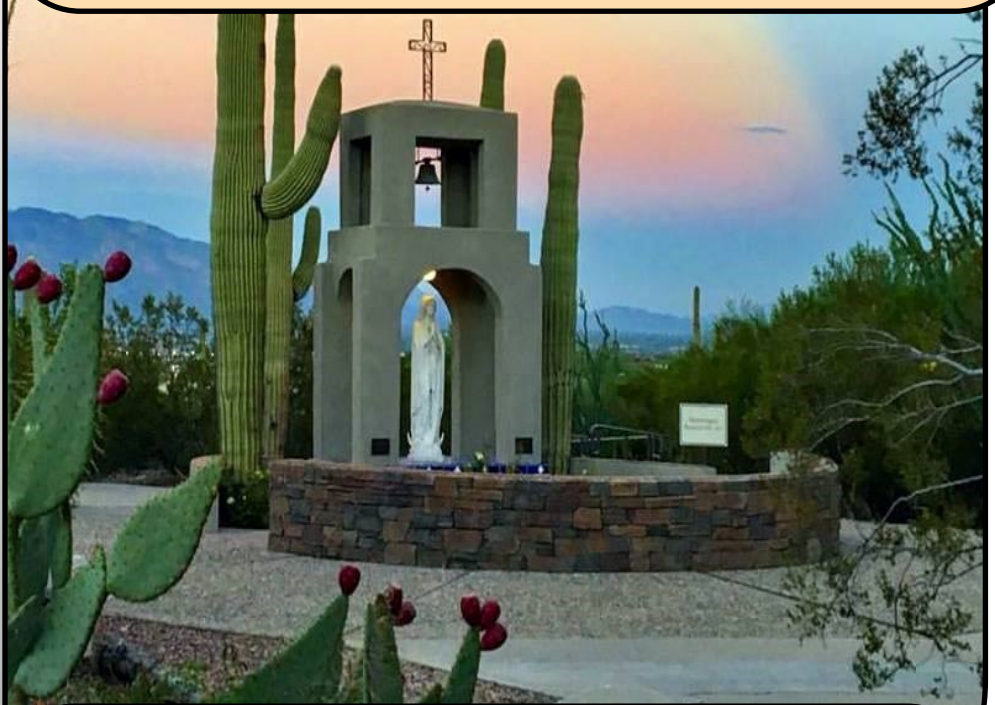
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Our Lady of the Desert



February 4th 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul writes to the Corinthians about how he sees his ministry of preaching the gospel. For Paul, it is the other who matters, not himself. He preaches to all free of charge, even though he could charge if he wanted. He says he becomes all things to all people. He identifies with them where they are and calls them forth into the love of Jesus. His message is always intended to bring salvation to those who hear him.

February 5th 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13

In today's reading, King Solomon has finished the building of the temple. He has the Ark of the Covenant brought in and placed in the Holy of Holies. Right away, God shows his presence through a dark cloud that fills the Holy of Holies. Israel now has a fitting home for their God. This brings to fulfillment God's Word to David that David's son would build him a house.

February 6th 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30

Solomon prays today within the temple. He asks God's abiding presence to always be with Israel. He asks that God protect this temple always. As long as Solomon and the people remain faithful, God will answer their prayer. But, as they later depart into sin, the temple will fall. God protects those who are faithful to him.

February 7th 1 Kgs 10:1-10

The Queen of Sheba visits Solomon. She has heard of his amazing wisdom, wealth, and power, and she needs to see it for herself. God has indeed honored David's son just as He said he would do. The question now was the second part of the equation, where God said I will bless him if he remains faithful to me. Unfortunately, Solomon's great wealth and all his wives will turn him away from the Lord. Just like Solomon, we need to watch to make sure sin does not tempt us into ruin.

February 8th 1 Kgs 11:4-13

As Solomon grows old, he gives in to sin. He begins to build temples to the false gods of his wives. As his wives worship these false gods, God becomes angry. He announces that he will take the kingdom away from Solomon's son. He will be left with only one tribe who will follow him, because God remembers the promise He swore to David. Once again, sin has made a mess of all God's great plans for his people.

February 10th 1 kgs 11:29-32; 12:19

Today, the Northern Kingdom of Israel splits off from the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Kingship in the north is given to Jeroboam. David's house has lost most of the kingdom because his son was not faithful. Now, it is up to Jeroboam. Will he be faithful?

February 11th 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Today we have our answer to the question of Jeroboam's faithfulness. The answer is no! He notices that many people from the north are going to shrines in Judah to offer sacrifice. He fears that if this keeps up, he will lose his people to the new King of Judah, Rehoboam. To stop these shrine visits, Jeroboam builds new shrines up north into which he places idols. He leads the people into sin and unfaithfulness. Once again, disaster will strike the people because of sin. ~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



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Church Mission

This Lent Our Lady of the Desert will be offering a very special set of services. Fr Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R. will be leading us in a mission from March 3-5 at 3:30 in the afternoon each day. A mission is an opportunity for us all to renew our Catholic faith. The mission services consist of a proclamation of the word of God, preaching and reflection, singing, and praying together. It will be a grace-filled happening, an opportunity to experience in a special way the wonderful and incredible presence and love of God.

Upcoming Funeral

Funerals will be held in the Our Lady of the Desert Chapel
Ed Kenyon -February 9, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.



Redemptorist
Renewal Center
ANNUAL EASTER
CELEBRATION

March 31st
Immediately following Mass
Tickets \$40.00

Available in the Office

Arizona Income Tax Credits

Donations to CTSO (The Catholic Tuition Support Organization) should be used as tax credits on your Arizona State income tax. If you owe, for example, \$1000 to the State you can redirect that \$1000 to a child whose sponsors are registered **members of the Our Lady of the Desert Church and who attend a catholic school in the diocese of Tucson**. This will not cost you a dollar. It is a tax credit, not a tax deduction. This year the maximum deduction is \$2,609 for couples and \$1,307 for singles. You do not have to wait until April 15 so that you know how much money you owe to the state. You may estimate the amount based on last year's return. If you donate too much, you merely roll it over for next year's tax. But do not do this several years in a row so that you build up a big balance. If you donate now, then CTSO will send you a letter that you or your accountant can use to fill in the correct amounts on your **2023** Arizona tax forms 323 and 348 Please, after #348 add: IMPORTANT forms are in back of Church to donate, with our **referral # 1699** filled in.. This scholarship fund is administered by the Knights of Columbus Council 15704 of Our Lady of the Desert Church. For forms or more information con-tact Terry Bahill, 742-5469 Email: terry@sie.arizona.edu or Bernie Chuinard 245.2485 Email: berniechuinard@hotmail.com



Please join Our Lady of the Desert
Redemptorist Associates
As we welcome a new Associate,
Cindy Otte, to Our Circle!

When: Thursday, February 15, 2024
in the St. Alphonsus Kitchen or via Zoom*.
5:00--6:00pm--Commitment Prayer Service
6:00--7:00pm—Lenten Soup Supper

ALL ARE WELCOME!

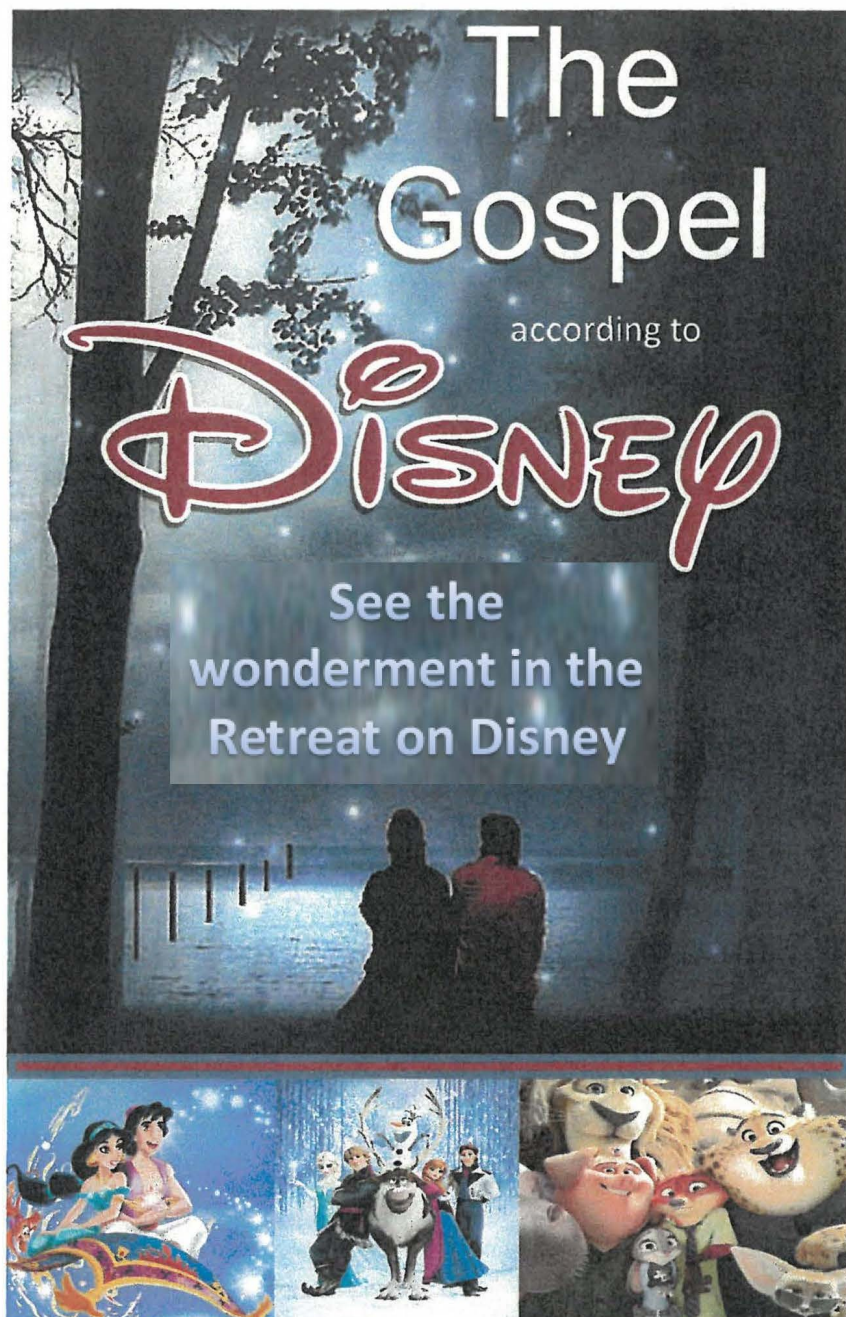
***Please contact John Davenport (john@davenport.net)
if you would like a zoom link to the meeting.**

New Bible Study: Paul's Letter to the Galatians

The most important question a Christian can ask is “What must we do to be saved?” St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians provides the answer and reveals the merciful love God the Father has for his children. Galatians: Set Free to Live speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation Jesus has won for us and explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ’s redeeming sacrifice through faith and love.

Presenter Jeff Cavins explains how Christ fulfilled the Law and set us free to live in the Spirit. Learn what “justification” means and how faith and works are an integral part of it. Discover how we become heirs to the promises and blessings of Christ through faith.

Join us for this study beginning March 12th. There will be 8 sessions on successive Tuesdays. The cost for this study is \$30.00. Please RSVP to the Office by February 17th.



Redemptorist Renewal Center

**7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd,
Tucson, Arizona 85743**

**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.**



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 February 2024

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

Jerry Linton
Aubrey Scarborough
Joanna Crawford
Lee Morrison
Stan Wood
June Wood
Emily Hernandez
Larry Cobble
Kurt Cummings

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Fr. Rich Boever C.Ss.R. 1/24
Carol Boerner (9/23)
Bernie Burba (11/23)
Peter Castillo 2/24
Art Davenport (4/23)

Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R. (9/23)
Theresa Fitzpatrick (10/23)
Dave Forgue (10/23)
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)
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, February 2

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea

**** Louise M. Thom (d)**

Saturday, February 3

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Charlie Wehrley

****Edda Jean Leffelman (d)**

Sunday, February 4

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Matthew Scott McFerran (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Sergio Garcia Jr. (d)**

Monday, February 5

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**** Lou Ann Spiegelhoff (d)**

Tuesday, February 6

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

****Lidia Obernauf (d)**

Wednesday, February 7

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Jayne Szymanski (d)**

Thursday, February 8

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

****Tom & Peggy Camp - Healing**

Friday, February 9

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea

****Peter (d)**

Saturday, February 10

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Brian Johnson

****Stephen St. Clair (d)**

Sunday, February 11

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Dorie Zimmerman (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Patrick John Martin (d)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Monthly Rosary Prayer

Please come and join us on the second Wednesday of every month. In the Our Lady of the Desert Church starting at 9:00 a.m.

Scripture Prayer Group

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

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
Fr. Richard Boever, C.Ss.R.**

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 15-22, 2024 \$ 4,383.00

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/>

Bookstore Hours



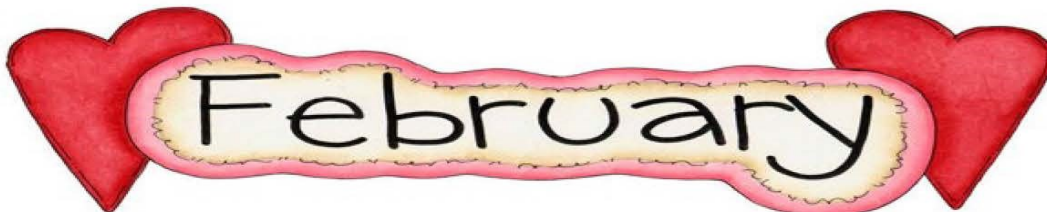
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Book Store Hours - Bookstore open after all weekend Masses

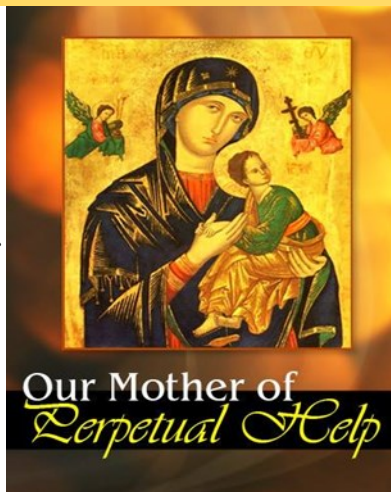
HAPPY Valentine

Share the Blessings All Year Thru

Friday, February 2 nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 3 rd / 4 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, February 5 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, February 6 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, February 8 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, February 9 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 10 th / 11 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, February 12 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, February 13 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, February 15 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, February 16 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 17 th / 18 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, February 19 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, February 20 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, February 22 nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, February 23 rd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 24 th /25 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Monday, February 29 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,

***In the Our Father, we pray, “thy kingdom come.”
Will God’s kingdom come only at the end of the world?***

God’s kingdom will come in its fullness only at Jesus’ Second Coming, but the kingdom came into the world with Jesus’ first coming as a man. That means we are in God’s kingdom right now, but not in its fullness.

In the Scriptures, we read that John sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the messiah or if they need to wait for another. Jesus responds, “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Luke 7:22). These are all signs of the kingdom of God.

In the meantime, we don’t have to just wait for God’s kingdom to come in its fullness. We can make God’s kingdom more of a reality on earth by visiting the sick, caring for the poor, and being kind to others. Loving your spouse is a sign of the kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is among us, not completely but partially, and we can make it more of a reality in the good that we do for each other.

Jesus’ Second Coming will be at the end of time, an event Jesus himself did not know the time of: “But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” (Mark 13:32). ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, 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

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



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus shows a particular predilection for those who are wounded in body and in spirit: the poor, the sinners, the possessed, the sick, the marginalized. Thus, He reveals Himself as a doctor both of souls and of bodies, the Good Samaritan of man. He is the true Savior: Jesus saves, Jesus cures, Jesus heals.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 8, 2015