

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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## Weekend of January 29-30 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

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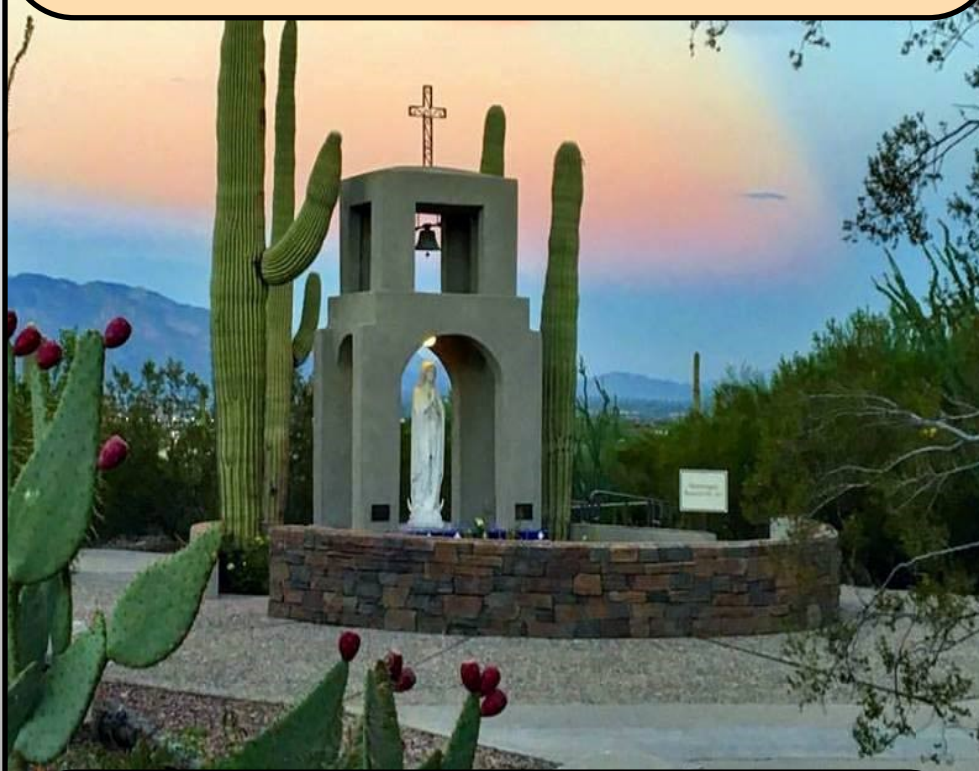
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

# Our Lady of the Desert



Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

Today we celebrate The Memorial of Saint John Bosco, priest. John Bosco was ordained to the priesthood in Turin, Italy. He founded The Oratory of St Francis de Sales, a school for boys. His whole priesthood was devoted to the cause of education. He founded the Society of St Francis de Sales (Salesians) to carry on his system of education around the world. He is known as a “teacher and father to the young.” St John reminds us of the value of education. He is a reminder to us that as adults, we need to love the youth among us and assure that they grow in both spiritual and practical learning. Let us pray today for all parents (primary educators of their children) and teachers that they may remain faithful in their educational duties.

Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

In today’s first reading, we hear about the death of Absalom, King David’s son. He was the leader of a revolt against his father. Yet, when David hears he is dead, he proclaims, “My son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you, Absalom, my son, my son!” David’s love for his son never ended, even though Absalom sinned against him. This is a good reflection point for all of us. Love should always victor over anger and resentment. Perhaps this was also the thought process that led God to send his own Son to die in our place!

Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is a celebration of Jesus being presented to God and the people in the temple. This event has always been seen as the fulfillment of today’s first reading which proclaims: “And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek.” The people of Israel had been waiting for a long time for the coming of the Messiah. The Presentation proclaimed that the Messiah was now here! Our God has also come to the temples of our hearts and our homes, and our churches, really to everywhere in our world. Let us go to this God who has come to be with us. Let us thank him and rely on His love and strength in our lives.

Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Today we celebrate The Optional Memorial of Saint Blase, bishop and martyr. St Blasé is remembered as a man who worked miracles of healing in the lives of his people. He is especially remembered for curing a young boy who had a fish bone stuck in his throat. Because of this, he is looked upon as the patron saint for all those suffering from diseases of the throat. On this day, the church offers us the Blessing of Throats in his memory. Let us pray today, asking God to deliver us from all ailments (physical and spiritual) of our throats. May we be loud in proclaiming God’s praises with our mouths!

Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Our first reading today consists of praises for King David. He is remembered as God’s shepherd over the people. He is remembered for his military battles, for his improvements made to the liturgical life of Israel, for his love of God, and even for his sinfulness from which he was always quick to repent. David, though far from perfect, was a man who always sought to grow closer to God. He is a wonderful person for us to imitate in this regard. Let us always turn from our sins to find the God who always loves us and welcomes us back.

Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Today is the Memorial of Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr. We know practically nothing about the historical life of Agatha, except that she was martyred in the year 250. But, throughout the centuries, she has been praised for her virginity and her martyrdom. She was a woman wholly devoted to Christ. There was no one more precious to her in her life. She loved him so much that she was willing to die rather than offend him. Agatha stands in front of us today as a model of dedication to Christ. We too are called to live for Him and Him alone.

~ Fr. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

## **Upcoming Funerals**

We will be celebrating the funeral of parishioner Annette Thompson on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in the Church. Please keep Annette, Michael and the whole family in your prayers.

**Flower Donations can be made out to the Our Lady of the Desert or Redemptorist Renewal Center**

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## **Covid-19 News**

"Hospitalizations for Covid are drastically up in Tucson and a little over one-fourth are Catholics. The hospitalized include elderly, teenagers and children, and they are largely not vaccinated. I join with our Holy Father, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, my brother bishops around the world, and the vast majority of faithful Catholic scientists and doctors in encouraging all the faithful to be vaccinated when they have the opportunity. I also ask for prayers for an end to the pandemic and for the health and wellbeing of those who are sick."

**– Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger**



*Arizona Knights of Columbus*  
*The Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704*

**Membership Drive! Membership Drive! Membership Drive!**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MISSION:** We are Catholic men building a bridge back to our faith and willing to help in any way necessary to evangelize our Catholic Faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that is what Knights do every day. Are you willing to help your Church, Clergy, Parishioners, your Family, and Charitable Groups? Then joining the Knights of Columbus is for you!

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To be a Knight of Columbus you must be 18 years of age and practice your Catholic Faith per the Holy See and the Precepts of the Church

We will be outside the Our Lady of the Desert Church Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, after the 4 PM Mass and Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, after the 7:30 AM and 10 AM Masses. There will be Representatives there to answer your questions and help you fill out the application to start your process of becoming a Knight.

Please call Sir Knight Ray Obral, Council Membership Chairman, at 520-403-5003 if you have questions or if you wish to schedule an appointment where you will become a Knight of Columbus.

**Vivat Jesus, May Jesus Live!**

## *Marriage Anniversary Mass 2022*

**Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger**

cordially invites you to

a special Mass celebrating Marriage Anniversaries  
for couples that have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony  
and are celebrating the following anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> - 60<sup>th</sup> or longer

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2022**

Sunday, February 13, 2022, at 2:30 p.m.

St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson

**Registration forms available in the office lobby.**

## **\*\*Mass Intentions/Presiders**

### **Friday, January 28**

4:00 p.m. - Fr. Tony Nguyen

\*\*Carmen Ortiz Ornelas (d)

### **Saturday, January 29**

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Ron & Diane Duplanty - 50th Anniversary

### **Sunday, January 30**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\* Arturo Manuel Ornelas (Special Intention)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

\*\*Cecil Beatty - (d)

### **Monday, January 31**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

\*\* Bob & Angie Breister Family

### **Tuesday, February 1**

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

\*\*Bob & Angie Breister Family

### **Wednesday, February 2**

7:30 a.m.. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\* Artudo Manuel Ornelas - Special Intention

### **Thursday, February 3**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tony Nguyen

\*\*Carmen Ortiz Ornelas (d)

### **Friday, February 4**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

\*\*Anna M. Hernandez - Special Intention

4:00 p.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Anna M. Hernandez - Special Intention

### **Saturday, February 5**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Victoria Villa (d)

### **Sunday, February 6**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

\*\*Artudo Manuel Ornelas - Special Intentions

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

\*\*Stephen Adams (d)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Food Bank:** The Marana Food Bank bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore. We would like to begin taking donations again. Please help our local community by donating.

### **GriefShare Support Group-**

Grief share is a friendly group of caring people, who share the experience of the loss of a loved one. Through the use of a video, a participants guide and a opportunity for discussion. **Group will meet on Sunday's from 2:00 - 4:00pm, in the front office conference room.** For more information: contact, June or Stan Wood 520.219.2919. or at [Jwls1@earthlink.net](mailto:Jwls1@earthlink.net).

**Scripture Prayer Group -** meets via zoom each Tuesday from 7-8pm. For more details email John Davenport at: [john@davenport.net](mailto:john@davenport.net), or call 440.478.1203.

**Redemptorist Associates -** .Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Redemptorist Lay Associates, please contact Jenny Martin 520.461.9001.

For a copy of the Installation Mass On January 20. Please visit: <https://youtu.be/QBxqZAoWQeE>



**SoulShine** -Every **WEDNESDAY, 7:00-8:30 pm**. The SoulShine Online CoDA Zoom Room starts at 6:30 pm for anyone who wants to join early and visit before the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/965541204>

**Password:** [soulshine](#)

**Adoration:** will be available every first Friday of the month starting on February 4, from 5:00pm-9:00pm, everyone is welcome .

## 2021-2022 Monthly Morning of Recollection

October 2021-June 2022

The Redemptorist Renewal Center continues its mission of spiritual renewal. We at the RRC wish to invite those who seek to deepen their relationship with God with classical sources of spiritual reflection, in a modern context. The heart of the program is contemplative, emphasizing the importance of spiritual study, prayer, and silence.

**February 19, Retreat -Kevin Saunders - Cancelled**

**Saturday, March 19, 2022**  
**A Day with God — Tony Nguyen, CSsR**

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**  
**(TBD), Pat Grile, CSsR**

**Saturday, June 18, 2022**  
**The Story of the Fall from Grace in Genesis — Brian Johnson, CSsR**

The cost for each session is \$35.00/day (includes daily lunch). For reservation and further information please call: 520.744-3400, or e-mail: [office@desertrenewal.org](mailto:office@desertrenewal.org). [www.desertrenewal.org](http://www.desertrenewal.org). Redemptorist Renewal Center 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road, Tucson, AZ 85743

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**THE BOOKSTORE IS**

**OPEN**

**AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS**

*Please remember in your prayers*

## OUR SICK

Dcn Joe Bogushefsky	Jim O'Toole
Peggy Calabro	Kathy O'Toole
Pete Castillo	Mark Paris
Pat Celentano	Nettie Pezzulo
Todd Cobble	Thomas Peterson
Richard Determan	Aubrey Scarbrough
Tom Doyle	Chuck Sensale
Adelita Garcia	Jayne Skymanski
Jane Granacki	Elaine Tolentino
Berlyn Hodges	Judy Cooper Wagoner
Sherry Iavagnilio	Jim Whitten
Joan Jones	Dorie Zimmerman
Kim Judkins	
Suzanne Kraft	
Rosie Kubiak	
Lynn Lee	
Harriet Lewandowski	
Marty Lopez	
Jerrilee Lucas	
Karin MacCutcheon	
Philip Oberstar	
Angie Ortiz	
Marcella Ortiz	

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

## OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

### DECEASED MEMBERS

*Last 12 Months*

Please remember in your prayers:

Bill Abatecola (12/21)  
Steve Adams (9/21)  
Richard Alday (1/21)  
Maria Arellano (8/21)  
Kenneth Benner (4/21)  
Mary Determan (11/21)  
Eldon Fernandes (7/21)  
Cliff Gardner (1/21)  
Bonnie Johnson (7/21)  
Ron Kosidowski (8/21)  
Jack Lehmkuhl (7/21)  
Virginia Lester (5/21)  
Patricia Long (1/21)  
Charles Mitchell (3/21)  
David Neely (6/21)  
James Oliver (4/21)  
Bertha Ortega (6/21)  
Pat Pion (1/22)  
Cruz Rosales (1/22)  
Alice Rigney (12/20)  
William Ritchie (3/21)  
John Santy (10/21)  
Christina Rose Smith (8/21)  
Mary Ann Tatum (5/21)  
Annette Thompson (11/21)  
Donald F. Wagstaff (8/21)  
Richard Weichert (5/21)  
Jane Welti (6/21)  
Jim Wurth (11/21)

(Month/Year)

*"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.

## Please Take Note:

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 week's flowers were donated  
*To Celebrate The 41st Wedding Anniversary  
of  
Khue & Cuong Tran*

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

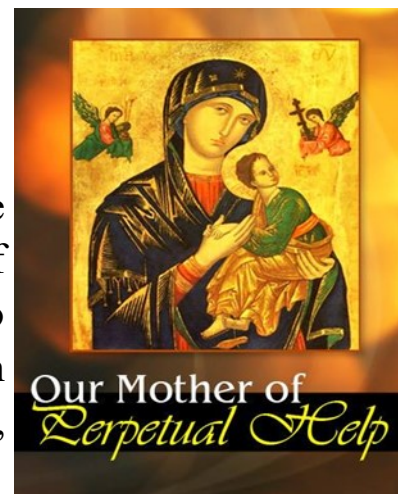
Week Ending :            January 17-24, 2022            \$ 2,964.00

**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/>

## 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,

**There are so many preachers urging us to “reform our lives.” Most of this preaching centers on asking forgiveness for personal sins. Isn’t there more involved?**

**C**onsider that the reform more Christians should be focusing on is the social reform that fosters equality among human beings.

A central conviction of all Jesus’ followers is that every person of whatever race, gender, class, nationality, or any other distinction is fundamentally equal in dignity to every other person. That is why we vigorously support the unborn, the disabled, the mentally challenged, the poor, and the elderly. Every



human is a creation of God, created in God’s image. No one is better or more worthy than another.

This was certainly a key conviction of the Second Vatican Council: “With respect to the fundamental rights of human persons, every type of discrimination, whether social

or cultural, whether based on sex, race, color, social condition, language or religion is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God’s intent” (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World [*Gaudium et Spes*], 29).

If you wish to truly reform yourself, make a commitment to overcome discrimination on all levels, which is so obvious in our country’s division between rich and poor. Get involved with social causes that help the poor, the unborn, the oppressed, and the elderly. Become a beacon of hope this new year.

*Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR*

[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The great biblical tradition enjoins on all peoples the duty to hear the voice of the poor. It bids us break the bonds of injustice and oppression which give rise to glaring, and indeed scandalous, social inequalities. Reforming the social structures which perpetuate poverty and the exclusion of the poor first requires a conversion of mind and heart.*

JOURNEY TO THE PHILIPPINES, JANUARY 16, 2015



## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 31

*St. John Bosco,*  
*Priest*

2 Sm 15:13–14, 30;  
16:5–13

Mk 5:1–20

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 1

*Weekday*

2 Sm 18:9–10, 14b,  
24–25a, 30—19:3

Mk 5:21–43

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 2

*The Presentation*  
*of the Lord*

Mal 3:1–4

Heb 2:14–18

Lk 2:22–40 or  
2:22–32

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 3

*Weekday*

1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12

Mk 6:7–13

### Friday

FEBRUARY 4

*Weekday*

Sir 47:2–11

Mk 6:14–29

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 5

*St. Agatha,*  
*Virgin and Martyr*

1 Kgs 3:4–13

Mk 6:30–34

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 6

*Fifth Sunday*  
*in Ordinary Time*

Is 6:1–2a, 3–8

1 Cor 15:1–11

or 15:3–8, 11

Lk 5:1–11