Our Lady of the Desert Church

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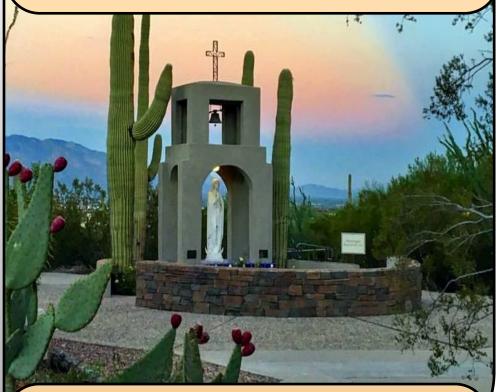
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Weekend of December 31-January 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God



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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The recommended virtue for January, according to St. Alphonsus's plan, is Faith. Faith is a virtue that functions especially on two levels in our lives. First, it often refers to a list of beliefs. Secondly, it refers to an inner response to the God who has revealed these truths to us. Let's take a look at these two types of Faith.

God has loved us from the moment we were created. He has desired to enter into a give and take relationship of love with us. However, because he is a spiritual Being, we cannot see, hear, or feel him. Yet, as physical beings, it is only through our five senses that we are able to experience and come to know anything. We depend on our senses to bring outside information into our hearts and minds.

Because of this, God has been working to reveal himself to us. He leads people to reflect upon their experience of this world and to find truth through that reflection. He has spoken to us through the prophets and through kings of Israel. He has continually been revealing who he is and what he desires in our lives. Our God does not want to be unknown by us, but to be loved by us!

The greatest means of God revealing himself to us came about through Jesus Christ. In Jesus, we have a direct encounter with God through a human life. As The Letter to the Hebrews says, "In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being." (Hebrews 1: 1-3). In Jesus, God has revealed the totality of himself to his people

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the entire Redemptorist Community here at the Redemptorist Renewal Center, and on behalf of the whole staff, I offer you prayers and wishes for a New Year filled with peace and many blessings. The Baby born on Christmas is the Prince of Peace.

We pray that the Prince of Peace may be so much a part of your life, that you radiate him to your families and friends. May God be with you and bless you throughout the New Year!

Fr. Brian



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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 \$2,483 for couples and \$1,243 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 2022 Arizona tax forms 323 and 348. Please use code 1699 when completing the form. This scholarship fund is administered by the Knights of Columbus Council 15704 of Our Lady of the Desert Church. For forms or more information contact Terry Bahill, 742-5469 or terry@sie.arizona.edu

GriefShare Support Group

Grief share is a friendly group of caring people, who share the experience of the loss of a loved one. We will be starting a 12 week program starting on January 22 from 2:00pm-4:00pm. In the front office conference room. For more information contact, June or Stan Wood at 520.219.2919. or at Jwls1@earthlink.net.



**Mass Intentions/Presiders

Friday, December 30

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea ** Lloyd J McCrory (d)

Saturday, December 31 New Years Eve

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Pat Grile
** Bill Abatecola (d) (would have been 78th
Birthday)

Sunday, January 1 New Years

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

**Billie Stall (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

** Betty Wehle (d)

Monday, January 2

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson **Stall Family Healing

Tuesday, January 3

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly **Stall Family Healing

Wednesday, January 4

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea **Joseph Rebholz (d)

Thursday, January 5

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Pat Grile
**Marguerita Bejarano (d)

Friday, January 6

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson **Anne & Adam Braga Healing

Saturday, January 7

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Brian Johnson **Jackie Sroka - Healing

Sunday, January 8

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly
**Bob & Angie Breister and Family
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile
**Fr. Ed Vella

UPCOMING EVENTS

Associates and Anyone Interested,

The Tucson Circle of Redemptorist Associates will be meeting on January 19.

Food Bank: The Marana Food Bank bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore. Please help our local community by donating today. We Collected 105 lbs of food for the month of October. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Adoration

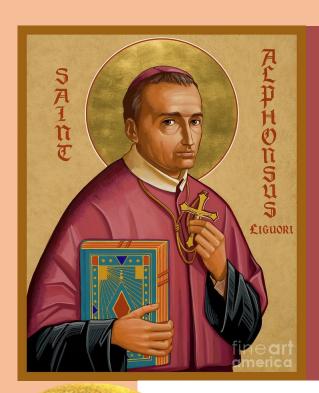
Adoration will be the first Friday of the every month, from 5 PM to 9 PM.

Please email Keven Birck at kbirck@comcast.net to let him know which hour you would like to attend. It's important for us to have each hour filled so no one is stuck covering any additional hours. Thank You, and God Bless. ~ Keven Birck

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 p.m.

Zoom ID:84750496913

Password: 704190



THE BOOKSTORE IS OPEN **AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS**

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Amazon contributes 0.5% of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice.

We have registered "Redemptorist Society of Arizona"

(our corporate title) as a place of charity. Sign in to the following before making your purchase:

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0218579 Thank you so much!!

Ecumenical Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023 6:30pm

SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL 192 S. STONE AVE. 85701



Ecumenical leaders from across Tucson invite you to PRAYER 2 this prayer service to commence the National Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2023. Members of various Christian faith traditions will lead the prayer service, with reflections from Catholic Bishop Edward Weisenburger

> "DO GOOD; SEEK JUSTICE."

-Isaiah 1:17



OUR SICK

Linda Alam Bill Beitzel Isabella Carlson Pete Castillo Pat Celentano Todd Cobble Dennis Correia Jane Carroll Tom Doyle Jerrita Duplante Helen Fautleroy Doug Fifield Adelita Garcia Jean Granacki Sherry Iavagnilio Joan Jones Kim Judkins

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Marty Lopez

Harriet Lewandowski

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Joseph Lowman **Ierrilee Lucas** Karin MacCutcheon Angie Ortiz Marcella Ortiz Jim O'Toole Kathy O'Toole Mark Paris Thomas Peterson Nettie Pezzulo **Aubrev Scarbrough** Chuck Sensale **Iackie Sroka** Elaine Tolentino Anna Marie Treinen Jim Whitten Stan Wood Dorie Zimmerman

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

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS

Last 12 Months

Bill Abatecola (12/21) Dcn. Joe Bogushefsky (6/22) Berlyn Hodges (3/22) Mary Determan (11/21) Richard Determan (3/22) Donald Figge (8/22) Gloria Garcia (11/21) Katherine Gaboury (10/22) Pauline Kenyon (6/22) Loretta Korpics (1/22) Rosie Kubiak (2/22) Billie Marshall (9/22) Philip Oberstar (10/22) James Oliver (4/21) Pat Pion (1/22) Lamont Ullrich (6/22) Cruz Rosales (1/22) John Santy (10/21) Jayne Skymanski (3/22) Frank Taylor (8/22) Annette Thompson (11/21) Iim Wurth (11/21)

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

(Month/Year)

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.

Christmas Poinsettias

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Week's of December 19-26, 2022

\$ 6,984.00

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



Joan Crose & Michael Crose Cleo Moore Gerald Callaghan Archie & Yvonne Blais Lewandowski & Popiel Families Catalina Rivera Gloria Garcia George & Rose Sheehan David & Dorothy McLachlan **Iack Lehmkuhl** Sue Fuller Thomas & Claire Iudy Albert & Florence Goulet Constance Fournier Roland & Barbara Goulet Frances Vidunas Marie LaPorte **Carroll & Neely Families** Klein & McCullough Families Danny Jones Jimmy Jones Jayne Skzmanski Billie Marshall Richard O'Connell Our Lady of the Desert Church In Thanksgiving For All Graces **Jeff Congrove** Carter & Gallagher Families **Annette Thompson** Thompson Family Schaefer & Gates Families Reilly & Riley Families

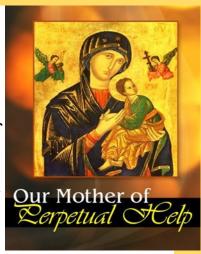
Burba & Kolar Families

Jim & Mary Dietz 60th Wedding Anniversary **David Spears** Ed Thelen Ryan Hanley Anthony & Mary Donofrio Hedy, Dave & Jim Miller Rosie Kubiak Sr. Pat Duffy Sr. Marge **Joe & Ellen Fernando Parents** Buelah Kutch Mabel Barry John & Florence Stokan The Rice Family Diane Stokan The Komar Family **Denny Mallory Abatecola Family Donlon Family** Ostrowski Family Rapecis Family Ioel & Lidia Allen Marcia Janicki Walter & Helen Ingalls **Julia Ingalls** Marian & Clem Vayda Geri Vavda Helen Nelson Roxanne (Helen) Dilts Kyle Vayda

Phyllis Spence

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,

I understand that all Catholics, not just priests and religious, are called to holiness. How can laypeople become holy?

The five elements of holiness are the same for all the baptized, always in the context of their vocational calling.

Prayer: In the liturgy, we join our sisters and brothers to offer communal worship where we are nourished and formed by word and sacrament. In private prayer, we maintain, clarify, and nourish our relationship with God.

Love of neighbor: We are called to treat others with the acceptance and respect that God has for each person. Every person is our neighbor, especially people in need (Matthew 25:40).

Living one's vocational commitment: Being faithful to a spouse in marriage, working for family harmony, staying true to dedicated singleness in the world or in the religious community setting—all are avenues of holiness.

Penance and self-discipline: The Christian life demands self-denial, control, and sacrifice. Christians must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23).

Reaching out in discipleship: Holiness also comes from and finds its noblest expression in a life of service and ministry. Baptism initiates us into the fullness of Christian reality, which ultimately means discipleship—sharing our faith and serving others, especially the most needy.

For laypeople, the main arena of holiness is where they live, work, play, and struggle every day. It is there that they must proclaim "the kingdom of God is in our midst," and answer their call to holiness.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves.... Do I know how to look at people with the heart? Do I take to heart the people with whom I live?.... Let us ask for the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them.

HOMILY, VATICAN, JANUARY 1, 2020

MONDAY

January 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

TUESDAY

January 3 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34

WEDNESDAY

January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42

THURSDAY

January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51

FRIDAY

January 6 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11

SATURDAY

January 7 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 2:1-12

SUNDAY

January 8 *Epiphany* of the Lord Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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