

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of January 14-15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

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Rev. Tony Nguyen, C.Ss.R.

Director of Renewal Center

Local Redemptorist Superior

Rev. Pat Grile, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

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*Borderlands Outreach*

Rev. Tom Fransiscus, C.Ss.R.

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*Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish*

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Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

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Kelly Mooney

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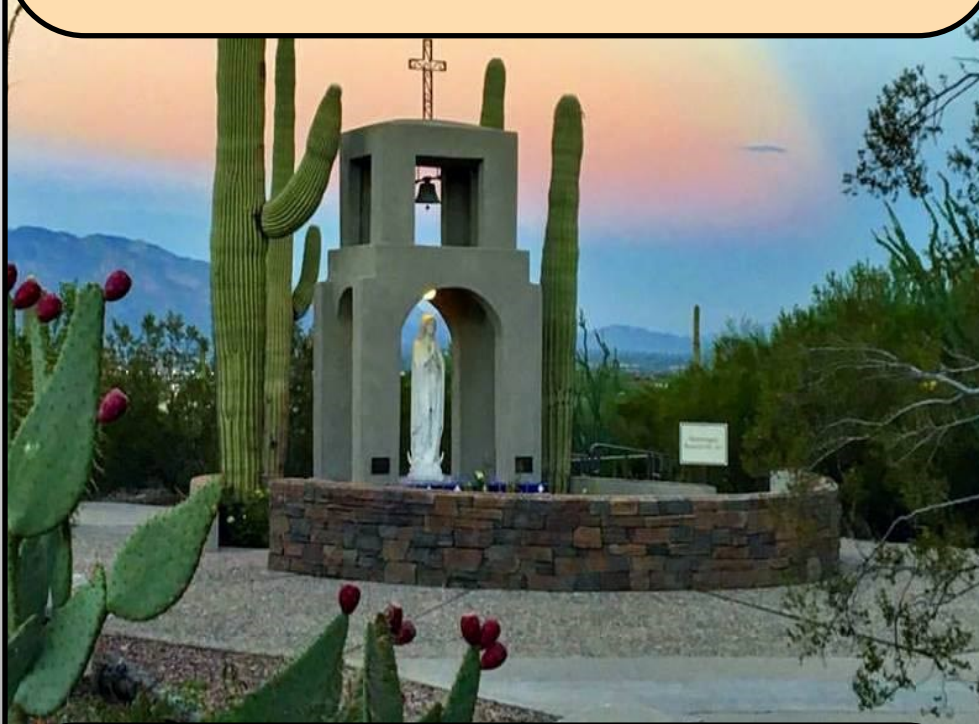
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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



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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

Catholic Community Services - Free Assistance with Tax Issues Do you need help with an issue with the Internal Revenue Service or the Arizona Department of Revenue? Free help is available through Catholic Community Services Low Income Tax Clinic (LITC) for eligible taxpayers who are dealing with tax issues. Whether you have received a letter from the IRS, or the Arizona Department of Revenue, have an unresolved tax issue, or have any other tax problem - Catholic Community Services is here to help you. The tax clinic will start on January 30th and run to April 15th and will be open every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 2 pm to 6 pm, and on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm at the Pio Decimo Center, located at 848 S 7th Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85701. Please give Anna Burke a call for more information at (520) 416-4763 or email at annab@ccs-soaz.org



****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, January 13

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Pat Grile

** Berlyn Hodges (d)

Saturday, January 14

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

** Van Bensett (d)

Sunday, January 15

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Marguerita Bejarano (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

** Deacon Joe Bogushefsky (d)

Monday, January 16

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Dave & Judy Vanderlinde - Blessing

Tuesday, January 17

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

**Phillip Oberstar (d)

Wednesday, January 18

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**Deceased Redemptorist

Thursday, January 19

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Pat Grile

**All The Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 20

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

**Special Intention

Saturday, January 21

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

**Anna M. Hernandez - Special Intention

Sunday, January 22

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Marguerita Bejarano (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**Maria Arellano (d)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates

Do the homilies you hear in our church often touch a deep chord within you? Would you like to learn more about the Redemptorist charism that shapes our community? Redemptorist Associates are committed to furthering the mission of the Redemptorist Congregation by deepening our relationship with our Redeemer through prayer and service to our wounded world. 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.

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.

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**



Baby-Bottle-Drive (BBD) during 2 weeks for the Reachout Women's Center



Thank you for your participating in the BBD, between **January 14**, and **January 29**!

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 under the table near the main exit of the church.

Returning the bottle(s): Please bring them back at the mass of the weekend of January 28-29. 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.

Are you interested to **visit** the reachoutwomenscenter.com on **February 16** (10-12AM)? If yes, please sign-up. The sign-up sheet is on the table near the main exit of the O.L.D. chapel.

Novena for Life

Invite your friends and family!

At 'Our Lady of the Desert' chapel, RRC

January 18 (Wednesday) - 26 (Thursday)

Starting at 8:00 AM after the 7:30 mass

How does it work?

Join us at this **½ hour prayer to stop abortion!**

Dates: **January 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26.**

Reflection proposed by the US bishops. Music, meditation, and short sharing in small groups.

50th Annual March for Life

At 'St. Augustine Cathedral' in Tucson

Saturday, January 21, 9:00 AM

Ending at 1 PM at the Holy Hope Cemetery

How does it work?

Mass with Bishop E. Weisenburger at 9:00 AM

March for Life starts at Cathedral at 10:00 AM

Walk of 4.2 miles to the Holy Hope cemetery.

12:00 AM: Rose Ceremony for the unborn.

> Carpooling from RRC. Sign-up list at O.L.D. <



Coming events : see also → KofC15704.org → Calendar

Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates
Presents
***“Bernard Haring, CSsR Part 2:
Only Prayerful, Jesus-based Formation of Consciences
Can Stand Against the Horrors of War”***

When: Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 5-6:00pm, followed by a Potluck Dinner from 6-7:00pm

Where: St Alphonsus Kitchen (behind the Bookstore Building)

What: **Part Two** of a Film and discussion of an incredible German Redemptorist drafted as a priest-medical During WWII.

After the war, Fr. Haring said that, in view of the way men’s consciences allowed them to receive communion and then go out and obey orders to execute innocent people,
**“...the churches—both Protestant and Catholic—
had not done their job.”**

He proposed a three-fold solution: re-investigating the actual life of Jesus, exploring the insights of other religions, and establishing communities intensely committed to prayer.

Please join us in person (or via Zoom) for this presentation,
and enjoy a delicious Potluck Dinner afterward!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please contact Diana Davenport at diana@davenport.net (520-612-9873) for more information. Please contact John Davenport at john@davenport.net for a Zoom link.



Fr. Bernard
Haring, CSsR:
“If anyone
cannot smile,
he doesn’t
know yet that
he’s redeemed

WHAT DO WE DO WITH EVIL?

"What Do We Do With Evil?" is the title of a book by Richard Rohr, OFM. In his reflections upon "The World, The Flesh, and The Devil" Rohr takes us deeper into the readings of St. Paul. One scripture text that calls for deep meditation is "*When I am weak, then I am strong*" from 2 Corinthians 12:10.

How do we in this New Year 2023 handle evil? Do we see the effects of evil around us in the wars, the violence, the pandemic, the politics that separate us from one another, the shootings in our schools, bars, clubs, and supermarkets?

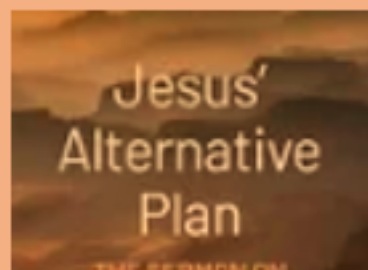
Have we numbed our senses to these events so we ignore them, push them away and mumble "What can I do?" and just wish they would go away?

What are we to do as people of faith who believe in an all loving and merciful God?

Will we just let our fears win out?

Or will we be this people of faith who believe that even in the midst of pain and hardships and death and tragedy, that God is very much still present within us and around us? Do we trust that we can go through agony and rise to the Resurrection?

Come join us for an inspiring and hope-filled journey into life of St. Paul and the teachings of Jesus about overcoming pain and death and rising to Resurrection!



Three books will be the sources that I will use for our reflections:

Richard Rohr: Jesus Alternative Plan, The Sermon on the Mount

Richard Rohr: What Do We Do With Evil? The World, The Flesh, and The Devil

Henri J. M. Nouwen: You Are the Beloved

**Saturday Retreat
January 28, 2023
9:00 – 11:30 AM
Fr. Pat Grile, C.Ss.R.
\$35 pay at front desk**



Please remember in your prayers

OUR SICK

Linda Alam	Joseph Lowman
Bill Beitzel	Jerrilee Lucas
Bud Carter	Tim McDonald
Pete Castillo	Karin MacCutcheon
Pat Celentano	Angie Ortiz
Todd Cobble	Marcella Ortiz
Dennis Correia	Jim O'Toole
Jane Carroll	Kathy O'Toole
Tom Doyle	Mark Paris
Jerita Duplanty	Thomas Peterson
Helen Fautleroy	Nettie Pezzulo
Doug Fifield	Aubrey Scarbrough
Adelita Garcia	Chuck Sensale
Gunnar Gift	Chillie Shummon
Jean Granacki	Sam Shummon
Joan Jones	Jackie Sroka
Kim Judkins	Elaine Tolentino
Suzanne Kraft	Anna Marie
Lynn Lee	Treinen Jim Whitten
Harriet Lewandowski	Stan Wood
Marty Lopez	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

Dcn. Joe Bogushefsky (6/22)
Carol Burba (1/23)
Berlyn Hodges (3/22)
Richard Determan (3/22)
Donald Figge (8/22)
Gloria Garcia (11/21)
Katherine Gaboury (10/22)
Sherry Iavagnilio (1/23)
Pauline Kenyon (6/22)
Loretta Korpics (1/22)
Rosie Kubiak (2/22)
Billie Marshall (9/22)
Philip Oberstar (10/22)
Pat Pion (1/22)
Lamont Ullrich (6/22)
Cruz Rosales (1/22)
Jayne Skymanski (3/22)
Frank Taylor (8/22)

(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.

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 Lee Morrison**

Joel and Lidia Allen

**In Honor of their love of God &
service to the poor**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Week's of January 14-15, 2023

\$ 6,864.00

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/>



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OPEN
AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS**



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Amazon, please know that
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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**

**JOIN US IN
PRAYER**

**CELEBRATING
UNITY**

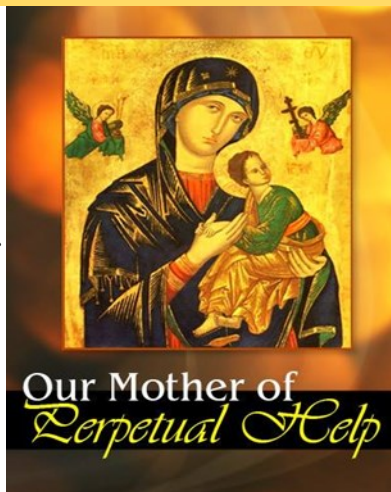


Ecumenical leaders from
across Tucson invite you to
this prayer service to
commence the National Week
of Prayer for Christian Unity,
January 18-25, 2023. Members
of various Christian faith
traditions will lead the
prayer service, with
reflections from Catholic
Bishop Edward Weisenburger.

**"DO GOOD;
SEEK JUSTICE."**

-Isaiah 1:17

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 am African American. When I go to church, I feel disconnected from the rest of my life. How does the Church fit with my culture?

Church documents lift up different cultures as treasures to be preserved and incorporated into the life of the Church. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, “[The gospel] must be proclaimed, celebrated, and lived in all cultures in such a way that they themselves are not abolished by it, but redeemed and fulfilled: It is with and through their own human culture, assumed and transfigured by Christ, that the multitude of God’s children has access to the Father, in order to glorify him in the one Spirit” (CCC 1204).

Many think “catholic” means homogenous, that the Mass should be exactly the same everywhere. On the contrary, it is “catholic” because it takes in everything. It is, or at least it should be, a cross-cultural experience, for we all are the children of God. All cultures should find their expression in the Catholic Mass.

The difficulty is putting this into practice, especially in communities with members from more than one culture. Receptivity on the part of the pastor is important, too. As he learns about another culture, he’ll be more open to using the best of it in worship. Perhaps you, along with other concerned parishioners, might discuss this with your pastor. There are resources and institutes available to assist you in making your worship truly reflect who you are individually and communally. ●



Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
JANUARY 16	JANUARY 17	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 22
Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 5:1–10	Heb 6:10–20	Heb 7:1–3, 15–17	Heb 7:25–8:6	Heb 8:6–13	Heb 9:2–3, 11–14	Is 8:23–9:3
Mk 2:18–22	Mk 2:23–28	Mk 3:1–6	Mk 3:7–12	Mk 3:13–19	Mk 3:20–21	1 Cor 1:10–13, 17; Mt 4:12–23 or Mt 4:12–17



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord is deliberate in repeating the word all.

He knows that we are always using the words “my” and “our”: my things, our people, our community....

But he constantly uses the word all. All, because no one is excluded from his heart, from his salvation.

HOMILY, WORLD MISSIONS DAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019