

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of January 21-22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

Associates

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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Rev. Peter Connolly, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R.

*Borderlands Outreach*

Rev. Tom Fransiscus, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Stephen Huy Vu, C.Ss.R.

*Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish*

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Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

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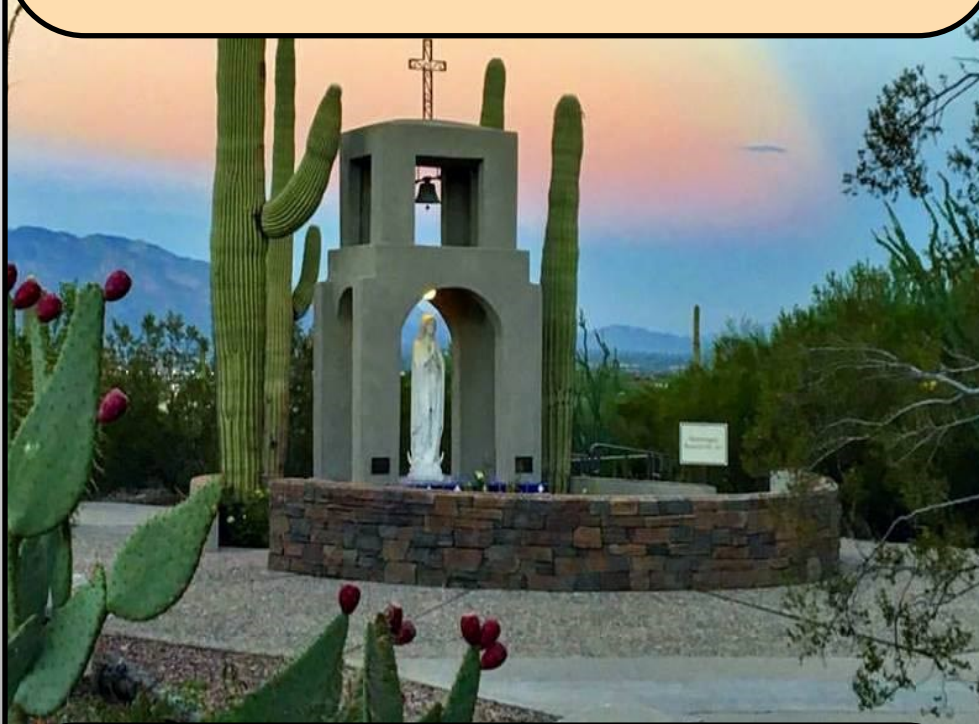
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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We have been looking at Faith. Faith is both an intellectual acceptance of God's revelation and also an act of the will, namely love. It is essentially a double yes. We say yes to the truths that God has revealed, and we say yes to a loving relationship with him.

There are a couple more important things regarding Faith. First, it is a gift from God. It is totally impossible to be a person of Faith without God giving us the grace that makes that possible. We cannot come to Faith of our own accord. God's willing our knowledge and love of Himself is always the first step. Secondly, Faith is always a free response. God does not force Faith upon us. We must freely choose it and freely open ourselves to its growth in our hearts.

When we live out the Virtue of Faith, we give God a free assent of the intellect as well as a free consent of the will. Living by Faith will always lead to an ever-deeper love and union with our God

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



RRC to Welcome a New Director

As we all know, Fr Tony Nguyen, the past Director of the Redemptorist Renewal Center, has moved to Chicago to be part of the leadership team of the Denver Province. Fr. Steve Rehrauer will be taking over the Director responsibility at the RRC. Fr. Steve arrived here on Saturday night.



Father Stephen Rehrauer recently completed two successive terms as Provincial Superior of the Denver Province. A noted Moral Theologian, he joined the Redemptorists in 1974 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1980. After his first assignment at St. Joseph Parish in Denver, he studied for a Pontifical Licentiate and began a Pontifical Doctorate in Moral Theology in Madrid, Spain. After earning the licentiate in 1985, he returned to the USA. He served in Denver for two years and was appointed formation director in Chicago, where he also served as assistant pastor at Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes. After returning to Madrid and finishing the doctorate in 1995, Father Rehrauer taught part-time in the Redemptorist Moral Theology Institute in Madrid and served on the mission team. At the request of the Superior General, he moved to Rome to become a full-time professor at the Alphonsian Academy in 1996.

In the two decades that he taught at the Alphonsian Academy, Father Rehrauer was recognized as an expert in the important relationship between Moral Theology and Anthropology. His lectures were extremely popular among the international body of scholars who attended the Redemptorist graduate faculty as well as other universities in Rome. In addition to serving as an Ordinary Professor at the Alphonsianum, he was an invited professor at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (the Angelicum), and the Pontifical College of the Venerable Bede (the Beda). He was in great demand as a director for doctoral theses, which demanded time and considerable patience as he guided students from across the globe.

Father Rehrauer has presented his research at intercontinental gatherings of moral theologians throughout the world, while providing continuing education to different episcopal conferences. The formation of lay theologians and pastoral workers is one of his special interests. He generously provided priestly ministry and lectured in the Vincent Pallotti Institute sponsored by the prestigious Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas, a residential community for students attending pontifical universities and visiting scholars in Rome dedicated to the formation of the laity and to the promotion of the lay vocation in the Church and in the world. Intrinsically Catholic, The Lay Centre has a strong commitment to promote Christian unity and creates opportunities for genuine encounter and dialogue with people of all religions. Father Rehrauer authored *Theology for Today's Catholic: A Handbook, an Introduction to Adult Theological Reflection* (Liguori Press).

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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

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Now that we have a stockpile of worn and/or damaged American Flags, we will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony.

The Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, February 19th, after the 10 AM Mass. It will take place at the Redemptorist Renewal Center at Picture Rocks between the '*Our Lady of the Desert Church*' and '*Mary's Garden*'.

The Ceremony will explain all about the American flag and its history.

First, we will completely retire a ceremonial flag in a fire pit. Then we will retire the rest of the flags in a similar fashion. The *Father Anthony Rey Fourth Degree Assembly No. 3617* will be performing this Ceremony.

Invite your relatives and friends to attend.

If you have questions concerning this Ceremony, contact SK Ray Obral: (520) 403-5003



****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

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)**

Monday, January 23

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Jose Reyneil Tupas (d)**

Tuesday, January 24

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

****William & Patricia Parsons (d)**

Wednesday, January 25

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****Nicholas & Josephine Governale (d)**

Thursday, January 26

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

****Dr. Tom Callahan (d)**

Friday, January 27

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

****Robert McNeil (d)**

Saturday, January 28

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Pat Grile

****Victims of Covid**

Sunday, January 29

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Marguerita Bejarano (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****The Murrieta Family**

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 will meet again on February 16.** 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 during 3 weeks for the Reachout Women's Center



Thank you for your participating in the BBD, between **January 14**, and **March 5**!

Many needing mothers will be grateful for your generosity and your prayerful support. Thank you!

Do you need an empty bottle? You'll find them on the table near the main exit of the O.L.D. church.

Returning the bottle(s): Please bring them back at the mass of the weekend of **March 4 - 5**. 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.

**The most important is not the money but the heart
and prayers you put in, the awareness of the needs.**



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Novena for Life

When you read these lines, the 'March for Life' will be over. The 'Novena for Life' continues:

January 23, 24, 25, 26 at the O.L.D. chapel

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

Coming events : see also →
KofC15704.org → Calendar

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.

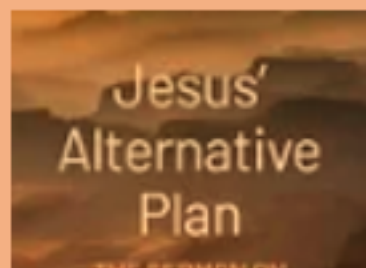
How do we in this New Year 2023 handle evil? Do we see the effects of evil around us in the wars, the violence, the pandemic, the politics that separate us from one another, the shootings in our schools, bars, clubs, and supermarkets?

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.**

\$40.00 with lunch included

Location: 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road Tucson, AZ 85743

(Petroglyph Room)

Call The Front Office To Sign Up: 520.744.3400



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	Jackie Sroka
Jean Granacki	Elaine Tolentino
Joan Jones	Anna Marie Treinen
Kim Judkins	Jim Whitten
Suzanne Kraft	Stan Wood
Lynn Lee	Dorie Zimmerman
Harriet Lewandowski	
Marty Lopez	

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

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DECEASED MEMBERS

Last 12 Months

Dcn. Joe Bogushefsky (6/22)
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
In Honor of Fr. Brian Johnson for
His Gift of Teaching Bible Study**

**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

Week's of January 9-16, 2023

\$ 3,578.00

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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You shop. Amazon gives.

For those who shop on Amazon, please know that we also have an AMAZONSMILE account.

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!!

World Day of the Sick Mass

**Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger, J.C.L.
Principal Celebrant**



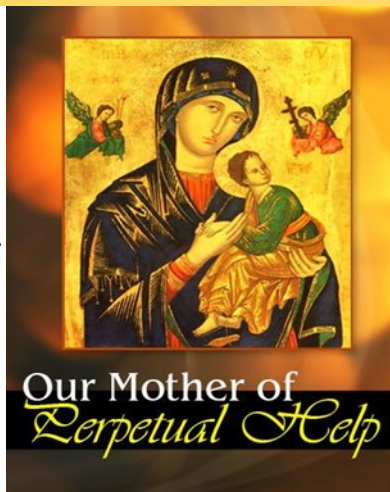
**Anointing of the Sick
Blessing of Caregivers
Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Saturday, February 25th
10:30 AM**

**St. Thomas the Apostle
5150 N. Valley View Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85718**



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,

Could you explain “lead us not into temptation” from the Lord’s Prayer? That doesn’t seem like something God would do.

Part of the problem lies in the translation of the Greek verb. *Lead* is the word used, but it means a request that we not enter into or yield to temptation (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). As we read in the Letter of James, “No one experiencing temptation should say, ‘I am being tempted by God’; for God is not subject to temptation to evil, and he himself tempts no one” (James 1:13).

Pope Francis agrees with you that this translation is confusing. He has approved changing this one line of the Lord’s Prayer from “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” This wording places the focus on us and our activity, as the original Greek implies. It is a plea that we do nothing to put ourselves in the way of temptation or give in to temptation.

This change will appear in the latest edition of the Italian *Roman Missal*, but there are no plans now to change the wording in English-speaking countries. If you would like to read more about the Lord’s Prayer, the *Catechism* includes an article that goes into a lot of detail (CCC 2777–2865). ●



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MONDAY

January 23
*Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children*
Heb 9:15, 24–28
Mk 3:22–30

TUESDAY

January 24
*St. Francis de
Sales, Bishop
and Doctor of
the Church*
Heb 10:1–10
Mk 3:31–35

WEDNESDAY

January 25
*Conversion of
St. Paul, Apostle*
Acts 22:3–16 or
Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

THURSDAY

January 26
*Sts. Timothy and
Titus, Bishops*
Heb 10:19–25
Mk 4:21–25

FRIDAY

January 27
Weekday
Heb 10:32–39
Mk 4:26–34

SATURDAY

January 28
*St. Thomas
Aquinas, Priest
and Doctor of
the Church*
Heb 11:1–2,
8–19
Mk 4:35–41

SUNDAY

January 29
*Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Zep 2:3; 3:12–13
1 Cor 1:26–31
Mt 5:1–12



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are... disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor! It is vital that government leaders and financial leaders...[work] to ensure that all citizens have dignified work, education, and health care. Why not...ask [God] to inspire their plans?

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL, EVANGELII GAUDIUM, 2013