

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of January 28-29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

Church Rector

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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Kelly Mooney

Bob Jones

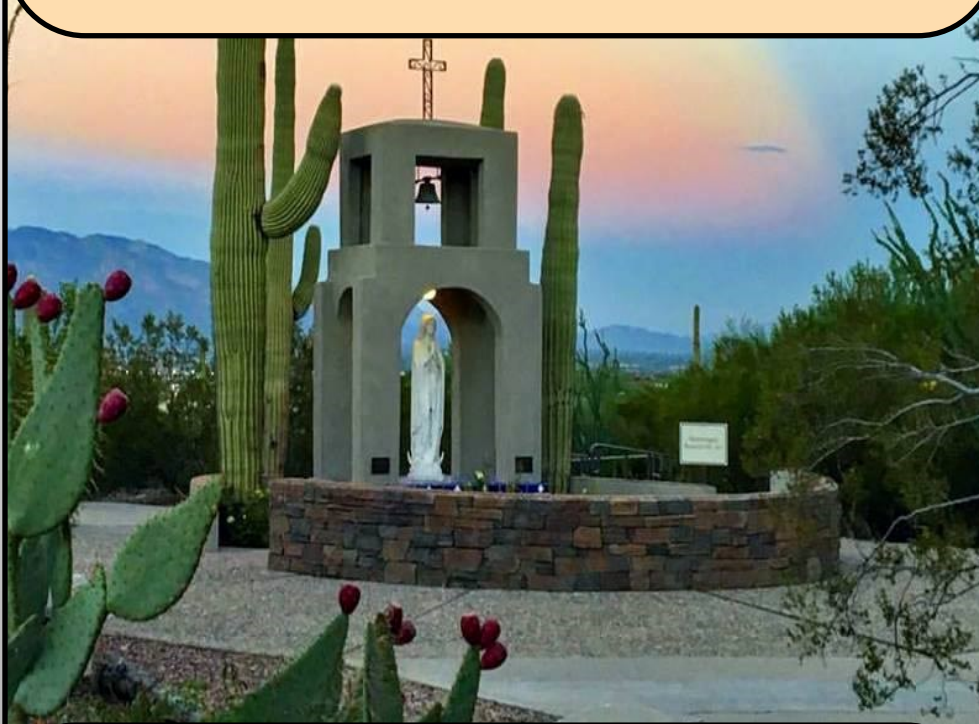
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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What are some practical things we can do to grow in the Virtue of Faith? The first I would like to suggest is reading about people from the Bible, especially Abraham and David. Through neither was perfect in the living of their Faith, both can be outstanding examples of faith to us. We can study the catechism, for example. Thirdly, prayer has a large role to play in our development of Faith. Since Faith is a freely given gift, we must open ourselves to it by asking God to give us the grace to grow in faith. Reflecting on all the gifts that God has put into our lives (family, friends, beauty of nature), can help us to appreciate these people and things better, and this will in turn make us more appreciative and desirous of God's love for us. This, of course, can lead to us growing deeper in our own love for God. Finally, it is always a good idea to examine our own life of Faith. Do we actually live according to what we say we believe? If not, why? What change can I make in the way I live my life to bring it to be a more perfect response of love to God?

Let's work at being a more faith-filled person!

~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 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

Monday, January 30

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Billie Marshall (d)

Tuesday, January 31

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

**Robert S. Francis - Happy Birthday

Wednesday, February 1

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**Angela & Melvin Boudreaux (d)

Thursday, February 2

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

**Andriana Fedash (d)

Friday, February 3

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

**Marguerita Bejarano (d)

Saturday, February 4

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Steve Rehrauer

**Bob & Angie Breister Family

Sunday, February 5

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Steve Rehrauer

**Frank Taylor (d) K of C

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**Deacon Joe Bogushefsky (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 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.

Grief Share 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**



Please remember in your prayers

OUR SICK

Linda Alam	Joseph Lowman
Bill Beitzel	Jerrilee Lucas
Bernie Burba	Tim McDonald
Bud Carter	Karin MacCutcheon
Pete Castillo	Angie Ortiz
Pat Celentano	Marcella Ortiz
Todd Cobble	Jim O'Toole
Dennis Correia	Kathy O'Toole
Jane Carroll	Mark Paris
Tom Doyle	Thomas Peterson
Jerita Duplanty	Nettie Pezzulo
Helen Fautleroy	JoAnn Ross
Doug Fifield	Aubrey Scarbrough
Adelita Garcia	Sam Shummon
Gunnar Gift	Chuck Sensale
Jean Granacki	Jackie Sroka
James Jarvis	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)
Carol Draper Burba (1/23)
Donald Figge (8/22)
Gloria Garcia (11/21)
Katherine Gaboury (10/22)
Sharon Iavagnilio (1/23)
Pauline Kenyon (6/22)
Loretta Korpics (1/22)
Rosie Kubiak (2/22)
Mary Luanne Leising (1/23)
Billie Marshall (9/22)
Philip Oberstar (10/22)
Pat Pion (1/22)
Lamont Ullrich (6/22)
Cruz Rosales (1/22)
Edward Schafle (1/23)
Jayne Skymanski (3/22)
Frank Taylor (8/22)

(Month/Year)

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

Hoshea 2:16

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 Our Lady of the Desert Parishioners

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 16-23, 2023

\$ 3,325.00

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/>



Visiting the DiaperBank: *Half of us* will suffer some form of incontinence.

Imagine being unable to attend Mass because you'll likely have an accident.

Day care centers require parents to send ten diapers with their babies, *every day*.

Imagine being a mother who made the right choice to keep her baby, but who then faced the difficult choice between eating dinner herself or affording the diapers to send with her baby so she can go to work.

These are real, daily concerns for many in our community, and these are the needs the Arizona Diaper Bank exists to help fill.

<https://diaperbank.org>: **'Providing Dignity for All of Arizona'**

Through your generosity this past year, our Council provided funds to the Diaper Bank to serve these neighbors and friends of ours. We visited the warehouse to learn more, and to bring back the organization's - and the community's - gratitude to you.



Baby - Bottle - Drive

for the ReachOut Women's Center goes on till March 5th

If checks, please make them out to: **'Knights of Columbus 15704'**.

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



50th March for Life with the presence of our bishop and a thousand of other wonderful people. Many young children, families, and various churches. Photo: brothers & sisters from O.L.D., Picture Rocks.



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

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Thank you so much!!

World Day of the Sick Mass

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



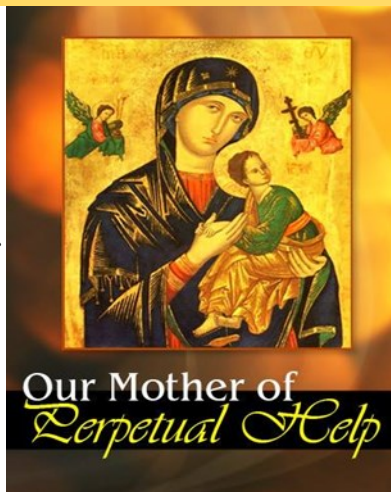
**Anointing of the Sick
Blessing of Caregivers
Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes**

**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,

At Mass, why does the priest put a part of the consecrated host into the chalice?

The celebration of the Eucharist was known as “the breaking of the bread” in the Acts of the Apostles (2:42). “The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name, signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Corinthians 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ...” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 83). At Mass, bread is broken and wine is poured for Communion, just as the Body of Christ was broken and the Blood of Christ was poured out on the cross. In this fraction rite, we recognize Christ in “the breaking of the bread,” as did his disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 23:30–31).

After the fraction of the bread, the priest places a small piece of it into the chalice “to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious” (*GIRM* 83). This rite is called the commingling.

While the *Agnus Dei* (“Lamb of God”) accompanies the fraction of the bread, the priest quietly recites a prayer of preparation for Communion “so that he may fruitfully receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The faithful do the same, praying silently” (*GIRM* 84). ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Sisters and brothers, I am convinced that “the world can be seen more clearly from the peripheries.” We must listen to the peripheries, open the doors to them and allow them to participate. The suffering of the world is better understood alongside those who suffer.

**FOURTH WORLD MEETING OF POPULAR MOVEMENTS,
OCTOBER 16, 2021**

MONDAY

January 30
Weekday
Heb 11:32–40
Mk 5:1–20

TUESDAY

January 31
St. John Bosco,
Priest
Heb 12:1–4
Mk 5:21–43

WEDNESDAY

February 1
Weekday
Heb 12:4–7, 11–15
Mk 6:1–6

THURSDAY

February 2
Presentation
of the Lord
Mal 3:1–4
Heb 2:14–18
Lk 2:22–40 or
Lk 2:22–32

FRIDAY

February 3
Weekday
Heb 13:1–8
Mk 6:14–29

SATURDAY

February 4
Weekday
Heb 13:15–17,
20–21
Mk 6:30–34

SUNDAY

February 5
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 58:7–10
1 Cor 2:1–5
Mt 5:13–16

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