

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of January 7-8

Epiphany of the Lord

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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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.

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Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

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Bulletin Editor

Alexis Murrieta

Knights of Columbus

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Grand Knight



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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Last week we looked at the fact that God has been revealing himself to us in many ways. All of our experiences of life can reveal something of God to us. In Jesus, God made human, God has totally revealed himself to us!

This treasure of God's self-revelation to his people has been entrusted to the Church. It is the church's mission to safeguard and pass on that revelation to all people. As the Vatican II document on the church states, "The one mediator, Christ, established and ever sustains here on earth his Holy Church, the community of Faith, Hope, and Love, as a visible organization through which he communicates truth and grace to all men."

It is the job of the Church, therefore to teach and hand on all of the things that God has revealed about himself and his will for us. The Church thus hands on the "full content of our Faith." The Church teaches what was handed on to her by the process of revelation. This is already one part of the reality of Faith in our life. When we believe in what God has revealed, we have faith in the content of what God has revealed. This level of Faith is therefore an assent of our minds to all that God reveals to us about himself and his plan for us. By faithfully following the teachings of the Church, we grow in our understanding of God.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



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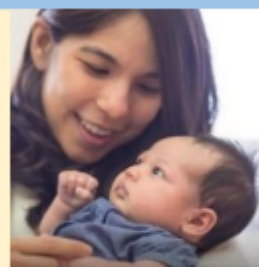
Arizona Income Tax Credits.

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





In the KofC's programs, **ASAP** (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) has a special place. There's no doubt, that today, Family, Faith and Life are strongly attacked. The abominable abortion battle goes on: 2,363 helpless humans are killed daily in USA (<https://2363.org>), in the mother's womb and even after birth (CA). **ASAP gives hope to pregnant and young women.** That's why the KofC is strengthening its support for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes through ASAP, a new pro-life initiative created in 2022. www.kofc.org/asap



The **Knights** of the **'Our Lady of the Desert' church** ask our faithful parishioners to engage in an active way to endorse the **'Reachout Women's Center'** by prayer and participating in the **Baby-Bottle-Drive** (BBD).



What is a **BBD** and how does it function? Starting the weekend of **January 14-15**, we will be distributing baby bottles to our parishioners after mass. Please be generous and



return them filled with cash, coins, or checks (made out to the Knights of Columbus). The collection will end the weekend of January 28-29. If you need more empty bottles, you'll find them in the Knight's corner at the O.L.D. church. Thank you for your continued support! Visit on: reachoutwomenscenter.com
The KofC will organize a **visit of the center on February 16** (10-12AM), and you're warmly invited to participate

Our **2nd visit of a charity** we donate to will be: **Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona: Thursday, January 19**, from 10:00 AM to 1 PM. If you want to go, **please sign up:** HornerMC@pm.me or Dave VanderLinde (616) 292-0539.



Novena for Life

Invite your friends and family!

At **'Our Lady of the Desert'** chapel, RRC

January 18 (Wednesday) - 27 (Friday)

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, (21), 23, 24, 25, 26, 27.

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

Faith & Science go always together: **"By 18 weeks in your mother's womb, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music."**

50th Annual March for Life

Invite your friends and family!

At the **'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 begins at the Cathedral at 10:00 AM

Walk of 4.2 miles to the Holy Hope cemetery.

12:00 AM: Rose Ceremony for deceased children.

Details: www.40daysforlife.com/en/tucson and www.usccb.org/abortion and <https://2363.org>



Coming events : see also → KofC15704.org → Calendar

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

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. Brian Johnson

**** Fr. Ed Vella**

Monday, January 9

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Edwin Cardenas (d)**

Tuesday, January 10

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

****The Souls in Purgatory**

Wednesday, January 11

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Redemptorist Community**

Thursday, January 12

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

****Debrah Ann Czzowitz (d)**

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)**

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**

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-medic 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



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Arizona"**

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purchase:**

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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



Please remember in your prayers

OUR SICK

Linda Alam	Joseph Lowman
Bill Beitzel	Jerrilee Lucas
Isabella Carlson	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
Jerrita Duplante	Nettie Pezzulo
Helen Fautleroy	Aubrey Scarbrough
Doug Fifield	Chuck Sensale
Adelita Garcia	Jackie Sroka
Gunar Gift	Elaine Tolentino
Jean Granacki	Anna Marie Treinen
Joan Jones	Jim Whitten
Kim Judkins	Stan Wood
Suzanne Kraft	Dorie Zimmerman
Lynn Lee	
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

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)
Sherry Iavagnilio (1/23)
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)
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.

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 The Rosales Family
In Loving Memory of
Cruz Rosales**

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 December 26-January 1

\$ 7,540.00

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
Jack Lehmkuhl
Sue Fuller
Thomas & Claire Judy
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
The Murrieta Family In
Thanksgiving For All Graces
Jeff Congrove
Carter & Gallagher Families
Annette Thompson
Thompson Family
Schaefer & Gates Families
Reilly & Riley 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
Joel & Lidia Allen
Marcia Janicki
Walter & Helen Ingalls
Julia Ingalls
Marian & Clem Vayda
Geri Vayda
Helen Nelson
Roxanne (Helen) Dilts
Kyle Vayda
Phyllis Spence
Burba & Kolar Families

Thank You Our Lady of the Desert Church

This year was an incredible year.....

You all gave so generously from your hearts, to make this Christmas so amazing for these children and giving them Hope for the Future.

You and the Christ Child Society were able to help

- 100 children in families that are in our Tucson communities with ICS
- 250 Infants and Moms in need
- Your generous donations also led to helping Catholic Community Services with family games. Which allow them to bond together.
- Children's Advocacy Center these children are in court because of sexual or physical abuse, and you put smiles on their faces this Christmas.
- Homemade Christmas Stockings filled with books, crayons, toys, stuffed animals, school supplies. Also, a party of cookies and juice were provided at Pio Decimo Preschool and Our Mother of Sorrows Pre School. Santa and the Elves made an appearance and read to them. Take a look at the pictures which will speak to you louder than words.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you do for the Christ Child Society and all those we serve in need. May our Precious Christ Child continue to bless you and your families in the New Year.

Thank you to Our Lady of the Desert Knights of Columbus for all their Help and to all our amazing donors and volunteers.



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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.



Our Mother of
Perpetual Help

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've been asked to be a godparent. I'm honored but also a little hesitant. What does a godparent have to do?

Congratulations. It is an honor to be a godparent. Hesitancy is appropriate, too, as it is also a responsibility. The Church takes baptism very seriously. As a godparent/sponsor, you represent the larger Catholic community into which the child is being received. Church law requires several qualifications for being a godparent/sponsor. As a Catholic, you should have been baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist. You must be a practicing Catholic and at least sixteen years old (though some dioceses may have other age requirements). You should understand the meaning of baptism and the responsibilities that you will undertake on behalf of the Church.

Parishes often include godparents in the baptismal preparation programs they offer to parents. This baptismal instruction might challenge you to examine your life. The power of your good example cannot be emphasized enough. A child may not understand the behavior of adults, but the child sees their actions. You cannot tell a child to pray if you yourself don't pray.

Don't be scared off by all this. You are being invited to participate in the most important day of this child's life and to continue being involved as the child lives and grows. Don't let it be just a day of pictures and a party. If you let it, this day may change your life, too. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 9	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15
<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Is 42:1–4, 6–7 or Acts 10:34–38	Heb 2:5–12	Heb 2:14–18	Heb 3:7–14	Heb 4:1–5, 11	Heb 4:12–16	Is 49:3, 5–6
Mt 3:13–17	Mk 1:21–28	Mk 1:29–39	Mk 1:40–45	Mk 2:1–12	Mk 2:13–17	1 Cor 1:1–3
						Jn 1:29–34

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How many foreigners, including persons of other religions, give us an example of values that we sometimes forget or set aside! Those living beside us, who may be scorned and sidelined because they are foreigners, can instead teach us how to walk on the path that the Lord wishes.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, OCTOBER 9, 2016