

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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## Weekend of February 11-12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Redemptorist Community

#### Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

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*Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish*

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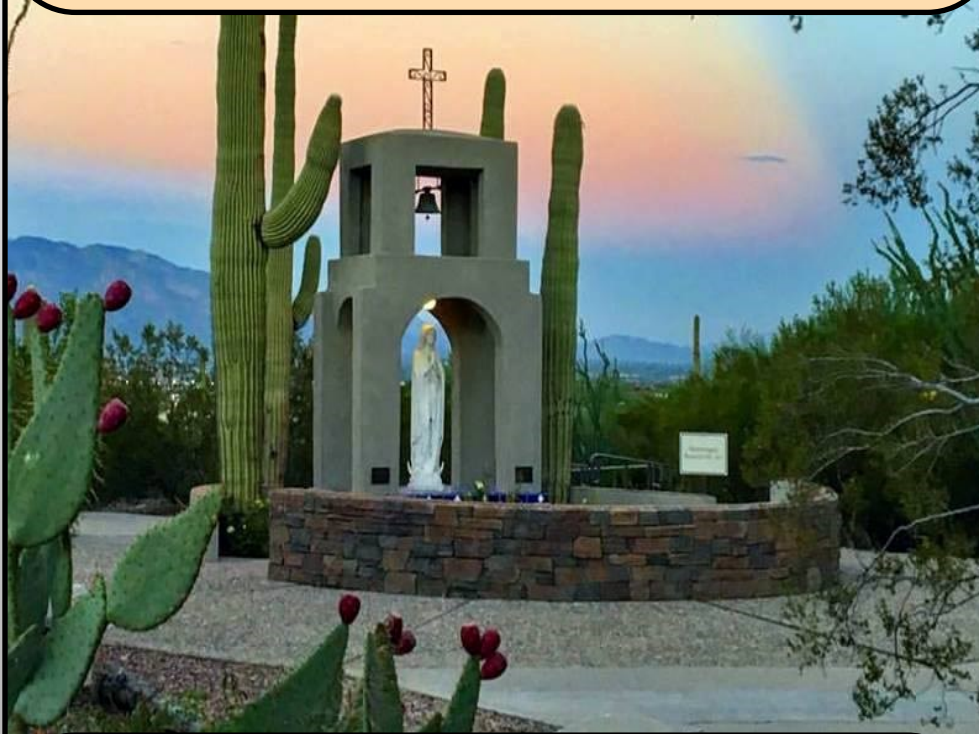
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

# Our Lady of the Desert



Hope is not only a virtue that leads us to view the future with confidence. It also leads us to view the past confidently, knowing that we are loved and destined for God. With hope in our hearts, we can look at all the times we have failed to follow Christ in our lives because of sin. Hope gives us the knowledge and conviction that no matter how much we have sinned, sin and death do not have to have the last word in our lives. Because God loves us so much, he has forgiven us our deeds from the past the moment we repented of them. We are free, our past actions do not hold us captive. God is always willing to allow us to start over at square one. As Isaiah tells us, “Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they may be crimson red, they may become white as wool.” (Is 1:18)

St Alphonsus writes of this dimension of hope when he says, “Why are you tormented with fear and distrust? Renew your courage at the sight of so many saints who at one time lived at enmity with God, but returned to him repentant and sorry, full of hope for the pardon of our sins. The same can happen to you!”

Hope looks towards the future, but it also frees us from the past! Hope allows us to live confidently, knowing God loves us in spite of our past sins!

*~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.*

## Visitors from Denver Province

Starting on Thursday of this week, members of the Provincial Leadership Team for the Denver Province will be visiting the RRC and Our Lady of the Desert. They will be present at weekend masses on the 18th and 19th both here and at Santa Catalina. If a visitor is present at the mass you attend, they would be very open to meet any parishioner who desires to speak with them concerning the Redemptorist Community here in Tucson.





# Our Lady of the Desert



**The BABY-BOTTLE-DRIVE ends on Sunday 2/12/23.**

All monies and checks from the BBD are blessed by our priests. May our Lord send His Holy Spirit to all pregnant mothers and all mothers and fathers in need. Thank you, parishioners from O.L.D. church for your enthusiasm and generosity in money and prayers. We'll give you some news in a next bulletin about the result of the BBD and about our visit at the Center where ALL the money goes.

**The most important is not the money but the heart, prayers and love you give!**

**For any eventual forgotten bottles after the closing date, please deposit them in the RRC office. Thanks!**



## 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, February 10**

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

**\*\* Special Intention**

### **Saturday, February 11**

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\* Jackie Sroka - Healing**

### **Sunday, February 12**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Tony Reznowski (d) Knights of Columbus**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\* Phillip Wehle (d)**

### **Monday, February 13**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

**\*\*Thomas O’Leary (d)**

### **Tuesday, February 14**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Bill Abatecola (d)**

### **Wednesday, February 15**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Redemptorist Community**

### **Thursday, February 16**

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

**\*\*Abatecola Family Special Intention**

### **Friday, February 17**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Marguerita Bejarano (d)**

### **Saturday, February 18**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Anna M. Hernandez - Special Intention**

### **Sunday, February 19**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Will Starman (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Audre Sparks (d)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Fr. Brian’s Bible Study Group:**

Will mee Monday at 10amin the Agave room building #7.

### **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](mailto:diana@davenport.net) (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport ([john@davenport.net](mailto: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](mailto:Jwls1@earthlink.net).

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

**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 196 lbs of food for the month of January. Thank you for your generosity.





*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
Joanee Gift	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.*

## OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS

*Last 12 Months*

Dcn. Joe Bogushefsky (6/22)  
Berlyn Hodges (3/22)  
Richard Determan (3/22)  
Thomas Doyle (12/22)  
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)  
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."**

# 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 Miki Abatecola  
For The Healing of The Gift Family**

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 30 - February 6, 2023

\$ 8,71300

**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/>

# 2023 Redemptorist Spirituality Workshop – Two Parts

1. **View** a 30-minute YouTube\* video individually sometime each week prior to the Monday discussion.
2. **Attend** a one-hour Zoom discussion session\*\* on the videos Mondays at 7PM CT.

**Introduction to the Workshop—discuss Feb 20**

1 *Importance of Spirituality*—discuss Feb 27

2 *Christian Spirituality*—discuss Mar 6

3 *Redemption in Scripture*—discuss Mar 13

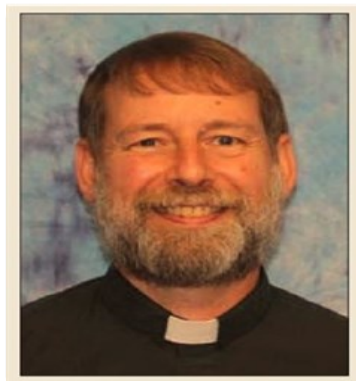
4 *Participation in the Redeemer's Family*—discuss Mar 20

5 *Proclaiming Plentiful Redemption*—discuss Mar 27

6 *Mary as Our Model*—discuss Apr 3

7 *Founding of the Congregation*—discuss Apr 17

8 *Redemptorist Saints and Blesseds*—discuss Apr 24



## PRESENTED BY

**FR. GREG MAY, CSsR**

Fr. Greg is the coordinator of the “Partners In Mission” program of the Denver Province. He is currently stationed in Chicago, Illinois.

For more information, please contact John Davenport at [john@davenport.net](mailto:john@davenport.net) or Diana Davenport at [diana@davenport.net](mailto:diana@davenport.net) or 520-612-9873. You can also check out *Hope E-Magazine* to learn more about the Workshop.

Hope E-Magazine

[https://maryprayforus.org/hope\\_winter23\\_welcome/](https://maryprayforus.org/hope_winter23_welcome/)

\*YouTube playlist at: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0rViM-oGCqnFUGYeUDOKi1aDFUhNocQR>

\*\*Register for Zoom link at: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvf-GhqzorH9YdHcxuorO8Rgmmu9NG\\_Lgu](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvf-GhqzorH9YdHcxuorO8Rgmmu9NG_Lgu)



**Our Lady of the Desert Circle of  
Redemptorist Associates Invites You to Our Thursday,  
February 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting at 5:00PM in the AGAVE ROOM.**

**Our speaker is Dr. Ana Sanguineti, M.D.,  
Lay Communicator for the Tucson Diocese**



As the dust of *Roe v. Wade* begins to settle, we need to re-assess our collective responsibility toward young mothers who choose life over abortion or are parenting in difficult circumstances. These moms and their children should not be condemned to isolation from a supportive community: **they need to know that we will step up and help them find the resources they need to help their children grow to their full potential as human beings.**

**What is *Walking With Moms In Need*?**

**WWMIN** is a **nationwide, parish-based initiative** to increase outreach and support to pregnant and parenting mothers in need. The **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops** is providing resources to help Catholics better understand the Gospel call to go to the peripheries and bring hope and help to those in need.

**This program offers a simple process for Catholics and their parishes to:**

- 1) Find out what help is available to local women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances.
- 2) Identify what types of support are missing.
- 3) Determine how their church can be part of strengthening the local support network for moms in need.

**For more information, contact Diana Davenport ([diana@davenport.net](mailto:diana@davenport.net)) or Angela Schneider, National President of Christ Child Society, at ([aschneid24@hotmail.com](mailto:aschneid24@hotmail.com)).**

**For a Zoom link to the meeting, contact John Davenport at [john@davenport.net](mailto:john@davenport.net)**



# If Only...

**Making peace with our regrets to heal the past**

**Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.**  
**Retreat Director**

**March 25, 2023**

*9:00 AM - 3:00 PM*

**\$45 per person**  
**Includes lunch**

*Redemptorist Renewal*  
*Center*

**7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd.**  
**Tucson, AZ**

**Call**  
**520-744-3400**  
**for reservations.**

If only I hadn't been blind to love...  
If only I hadn't left that job... If only  
I'd taken time to pray... If only I'd  
known you really needed to talk...  
If only I had trusted you... If only I  
had trusted myself...

Regrets haunt us from time to time.  
They appear as ghosts from the  
past and they have the power to  
emotionally devastate us for days.

We want to return to the past and  
relive it so as to change the  
outcome. But we cannot. We feel  
trapped and remorseful. And we  
don't know how to heal these  
wounds.

Before we can release past regrets,  
we have to truly face them-- the  
sorrow, sense of loss, the guilt and  
shame. We need to build a new  
relationship with them.

Learn to revision your mistakes and  
to take your power back from your  
past.



## Men's ACTS retreat 2023



Last Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> ACTS men's retreat, concluded with a joyful celebration at the 10 am mass in 'Our Lady of the Desert' church at Picture Rocks (RRC). Adoration, Community, Theology and Service (ACTS) is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus.

The ACTS retreats are in their infancy here in Tucson but started in San Antonio back in 1987. Over a million men, women and teenagers have attended ACTS retreats since its inception and there are over 2,000 retreats a year occurring. There are numerous testimonies describing retreatants who were evangelized through a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. They witness to becoming better fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, and children.

**It also exists an ACTS retreat for women:** It will be held at the RRC. **May 25-29, 2023.**

For information, please contact Kevin Birck (photo): [KBirck@comcast.net](mailto:KBirck@comcast.net) | (520) 404-3403



Kevin Birck, director ACTS retreat







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

## **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

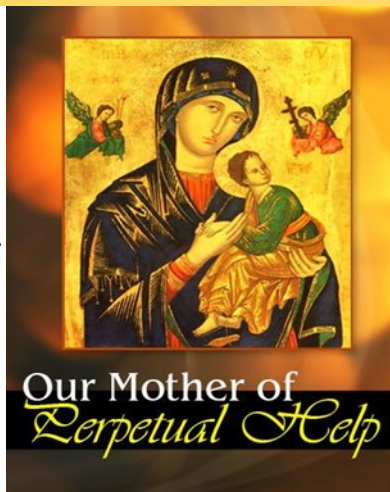
Saturday, February 25th  
10:30 AM

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,

*My wife and I are in our mid-fifties; we have a comfortable life, go to church regularly, pray, and generally consider ourselves good Christians. So what's wrong? We feel empty, hollow, and strangely unfulfilled. What can we do?*

Barring any other unnamed problem, you and your wife seem to be at a spiritual crossroads. You've come to the disturbing but provocative realization that St. Augustine voiced, saying, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord." Feelings of emptiness are a gift, a message that God is calling you to something more. It's time for careful discernment.

At stake here is: What is life really about? Up to this point, like many people, it sounds like you have enjoyed a comfortable and productive life filled with many of the good things the world has to offer. But when these prove unable to give lasting happiness, you are finding that true meaning must be sought elsewhere: in a more profound relationship with God. It is no longer a matter of knowing about God but of connecting with God in a close, personal, intimate relationship.

Lent begins in less than two weeks. Perhaps you and your wife can decide how to spend this Lent seeking a deeper relationship with God and God's people. You could join a prayer group or work at a soup kitchen. You could learn about meditation practices or help your parish in projects for the poor. You could spend one hour a week before the Blessed Sacrament. Whatever you decide, welcome this new stage in life to which God is calling you. ●

**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**



LIGHTFIELD STUDIOS / SHUTTERSTOCK

## MONDAY

February 13  
Weekday  
Gn 4:1-15, 25  
Mk 8:11-13

## TUESDAY

February 14  
St. Cyril, Monk and  
St. Methodius,  
Bishop  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Mk 8:14-21

## WEDNESDAY

February 15  
Weekday  
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22  
Mk 8:22-26

## THURSDAY

February 16  
Weekday  
Gn 9:1-13  
Mk 8:27-33  
**FRIDAY**  
February 17  
Weekday  
Gn 11:1-9  
Mk 8:34-9:1

## SATURDAY

February 18  
Weekday  
Heb 11:1-7  
Mk 9:2-13

## SUNDAY

February 19  
Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Time dedicated to being with God revives faith, which helps us in the practicalities of living, and faith, in turn, nurtures prayer, without interruption. In this circularity between faith, life, and prayer, one keeps alight that flame of Christian love that God expects of us.*

**GENERAL AUDIENCE, SAN DAMASO COURTYARD,  
JUNE 9, 2021**

### 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](http://Liguori.org).