

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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## Weekend of February 18-19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Redemptorist Community

#### Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

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*Director of Renewal Center*

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Rev. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R.

*Borderlands Outreach*

Rev. Tom Fransiscus, C.Ss.R.

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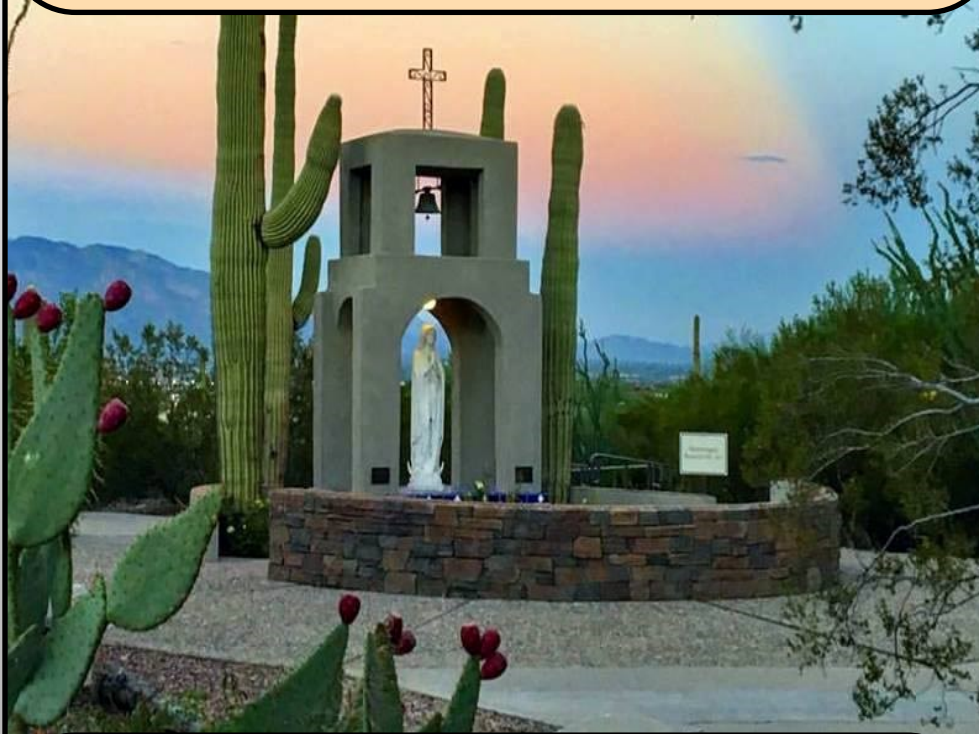
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

# Our Lady of the Desert



We have looked, in the past two weeks at hope as it points to the future, and also interprets the past. But hope also has a role to play in today, in the present time. We live in a world where sickness, death, loss, and violence are readily found. This can quite easily lead us to despair, to give up on hope. But it doesn't need to be that way. Hope can allow us to see that no matter what sufferings or difficulties we face, God is always with us. His love will always have the last say. As Jesus says in John's gospel, "I am the light of the world. No follower of mine will ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life." (Jn 8:12)

As Christians, we do not pretend that evil and suffering do not exist, we know they do! Yet, if we work to develop the virtue of hope in our hearts, we can walk confidently through those dark times, knowing that God is with us and he is our savior! Hope gives us courage. Hope allows us to struggle on through the painful side of being human.

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

## Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this coming Wednesday with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time when we are asked to take a good look at our life. Are we living a good, Christian life? Are there areas of life where we are not doing as well as we could be? Do we see the center of life as God and his will, or do we see our own life and will as being the important thing? Lent is a time to grapple with our faults and perhaps disordered lives. It is a time to call upon the grace of God to help us be the best people that we can be. It is a preparation for Easter, in the sense that if we really see the graces that flow from Jesus' resurrection and our own Baptism, we can celebrate Easter as the day when God reaches out to renew and resurrect His people from their sins. The ashes we receive are meant to remind us that "we are dust and to dust we will return." We are not capable of saving ourselves. It is only with God's grace that salvation is possible, and that grace must be freely accepted because we are aware of how needy we are! We invite you to join us at Mass on Ash Wednesday to kick off this season of repentance and renewal. Masses with the distribution of ashes will be at 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

## Stations of the Cross

Our Lady of the Desert will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 11:30 A.M. You are all invited to join us to reflect on the immensity of God's love for us as shown by the suffering of his Son.



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**Flag Retirement Ceremony**-Is cancelled for **Sunday Feb. 19**, due to the forecast of weather for the weekend. We will postpone the ceremony. The next planned date will be on March 12, after the 10am Mass. Details will be posted in the bulletin.

~Thank you, Knights of Columbus :)

## **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)





## **\*\*Mass Intentions/Presiders**

### **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. Tom Fransiscus

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

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

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

### **Monday, February 20**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Steve Rehrauer

**\*\*Members of the Carl Family (d)**

### **Tuesday, February 21**

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

**\*\*Carlos Enrique Cabre (d)**

### **Ash Wednesday, February 22**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Gene & Matie Kray**

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

**\*\*Katherine Gaboury (d)**

### **Thursday, February 23**

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

**\*\*Members of the Governale Family**

### **Friday, February 24**

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

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

### **Saturday, February 25**

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

**\*\*Victims of Covid**

### **Sunday, February 26**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Gerado Garcia (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Annette Thompson (d)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Will mee Monday at 10am in the

**Petroglyph room building #10**

### **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](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	Mike Thompson
Kim Judkins	Anna Marie Treinen
Suzanne Kraft	Jim Whitten
Lynn Lee	Stan Wood
Harriet Lewandowski	Dorie Zimmerman
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  
In celebration of  
Miki Abatecola - Happy Birthday**

**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 February 6-13, 2023**

**\$ 4,31500**

**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/>





## Praying Lent: Renewing Our Lives on the Lenten Journey



STATIONS of the CROSS

followed by

Lenten  
Soup  
&  
Fellowship

at **11:30 AM** in O.L.D. chapel on five Fridays:

**February 24 | March 3, 17, 24, 31**

followed by vegetarian Soup and fellowship

in St. Alphonsus kitchen till 1 PM

**LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE with Music and Scripture**

on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 4 - 5 PM

followed by Soup and fellowship in St. Alphonsus kitchen



**You're invited!  
Please join us!**



Organization: RRC, Knights of Columbus, Charles Lohr, Music director.

# 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

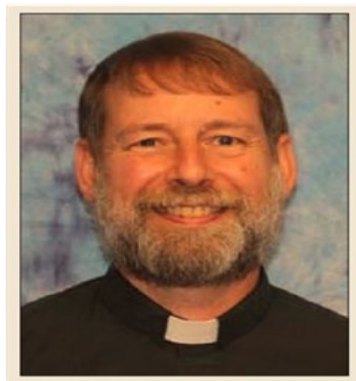
4 *Participation in the Redeemer's Family*—discuss Mar 20

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)



# 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**

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*Center*

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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.



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## **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**

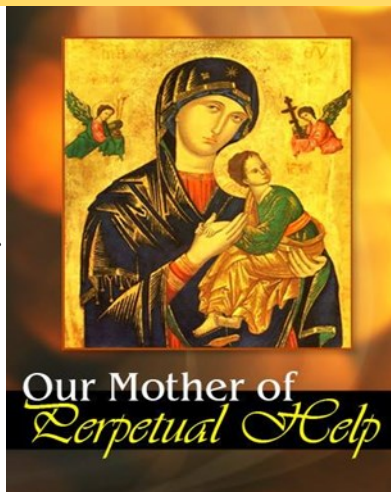


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## Novena Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help adapted to be prayed in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic



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.

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 wondering why Ash Wednesday is sometimes in February and sometimes in March. Who decides when Lent begins, and why is it always different?*

The beginning of Lent is determined by the date of Easter, which is a movable feast, unlike Christmas, which is always on December 25. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first full moon of spring. The first Sunday of Lent is six weeks before, and the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent is Ash Wednesday.

This subject has caused division in the Church since the second century, because the Eastern Church and the Western Church had different calendars. So, the calculations of the first full moon of spring differed and therefore the date of Easter and Ash Wednesday were different. Sometimes on a calendar you will see both Easter and Orthodox Easter listed on different Sundays. It is hard for most of us to appreciate why the differences between East and West are so important. Remember the prayer of Jesus, that we all may be one. We can honor our Lord's desire for unity and pray during this Lent for the unity of Christians everywhere. ●



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*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	First Sunday of Lent
Sir 1:1–10	Sir 2:1–11	Jl 2:12–18	Dt 30:15–20	Is 58:1–9a	Is 58:9b–14	Gn 2:7–9, 3:1–7
Mk 9:14–29	Mk 9:30–37	2 Cor 5:20–6:2	Lk 9:22–25	Mt 9:14–15	Lk 5:27–32	Rom 5:12–19 or Rom 5:12, 17–19
		Mt 6:1–6, 16–18				Mt 4:1–11



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*If we want to call ourselves Christians, this is the only way; there is no other. Having been loved by God, we are called to love in return; having been forgiven, we are called to forgive; having been touched by love, we are called to love without waiting for others to love first....*

**HOMILY IN BARI (ITALY), FEBRUARY 23, 2020**