

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Saturday 4 pm livestreamed Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/c/OurLadyoftheDesertChurch/playlists>

Weekend of February 25-26

First Sunday of Lend

Redemptorist Community

Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

Associates

Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

Director of Renewal Center

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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Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

Liturgical Ministers/ Compliance Officer

Kelly Mooney

Bob Jones

Bulletin Editor

Alexis Murrieta

Knights of Columbus

David VanderLinde

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.

Our Lady of the Desert



How can we grow this Virtue of Hope within our hearts? Fr. Lowery offers a few ideas in his book.

Read and reflect upon the journey of Israel from Egypt to Mount Sinai (chapters 12-18 of Exodus). Take notice of how God loved and cared for them in spite of their sins, and in spite of the evils of life they encountered.

Incorporate an act of hope into your daily prayer life. Thanking God for hope and asking that we grow in this virtue will always get us ahead. Use your own words, or use these words recommended by the church:

O my God, relying on your infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.

Avail yourself of the Sacrament of Confession. Confess with confidence in God's love, not in fear.

Make a detailed list of some of the things in life that cause you worry, fear, or distress. Make an effort to let go of these fears by remembering you are not alone, that God is with you. He will see you through these things in life.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

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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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

Our Lady of the Desert RCIA

As most of you know, O.L.D. has two individuals in our RCIA process this year. Both of these, who were baptized into another Christian Denomination, now seek to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. This will be accomplished at this year's Easter Vigil Service. Before that, though, they have been participating in religious education classes, and they will participate in a few Liturgical Rites. The most recent Rite was the Call to Continuing Conversion last Sunday (February 19) at the cathedral. At that time, the Bishop formally welcomed them and declared them worthy to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter. In a few weeks, they will celebrate with us at our 10:00 Liturgies, what are called the Scrutinies. Please keep our two Candidates, Alexis Murrieta and Hayden Spencer in your prayers as they continue their journey to full communion with the Catholic Church. (Above, Alexis and Hayden, along with their Sponsors and Hayden's wife, meet with Bishop Wiesenburger.)



****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

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)**

Monday, February 27

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Fr. Ivan Levytskyi & Fr. Bohdan Geleta
Peace in Ukraine**

Tuesday, February 28

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

****Cliff Gardner (d)**

Wednesday, March 1

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****Sisters of St. Ursula - Healing intentions**

Thursday, March 2

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

****Sisters of the Incarnate Word & Blessed
Sacraments**

Friday, March 3

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

****Bertita & Lucan Garvan - Healing**

Saturday, March 4

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

****Tony & Lolita Romero (d)**

Sunday, March 5

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Marguerita Bejarano (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Mike Thompson - 88th Birthday**

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 (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.

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 For The Departed Souls of Turkey and Syria

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 13-20, 2023

\$ 4,126.00

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/>

BABY-BOTTLE-DRIVE 2023 | FEED-BACK



We're humbled and extremely grateful to see how our parishioners responded to our 1st BBD, a real PRO-LIFE mission. Our Grand Knight Dave was able to give a check donation over **\$7,200** to Ms Saavedra, director of the Center. She said, in tears: "We never got such a big amount from a BBD".

We are so thankful for you and the MANY ways in which YOU give to support Reachout Women's Center Moms and Babies! **THANK YOU SO MUCH DEAR 'OUR LADY OF THE DESERT' PARISHIONERS!**

Some numbers from 2022: Families served: 1,101; Services rendered: 2,663; Ultrasounds performed: 212; Pregnancy Tests administered: 309; Volunteer hours: 270; Diapers distributed: 38,799; **Babies rescued: 40!**

The final amount will be higher than the current 7 k, because our Supreme Knight will honor our efforts and add another contribution. Also, we still have about 35 BB to come in. Please deposit them in the RRC office.



Yes, it's good to give money to charities, but it's also important to visit and listen to them and see how they work.



On 2/14, our WDD Ben Jimenez (right) honored our PGK & DD Herb Colón with the 'Columbian & Founder's Award'!

Congrats Herb!
Job well done!



Stevie Steve Cindy & Mike
On 2/10, **'Feed my starving children'**.
1.5 million food packages assembled and ready to go worldwide.



**Our Lady of the Desert Church Women and Friends
You are Invited
To the Next Women's ACTS Retreat
On May 25-28, 2023
At the Redemptorist Renewal Center**

**"Come Holy Spirit Come.... Peace be with you!
As the Father has sent me, so I send You." Jn 20:19-23**

ACTS is a four-day, three-night Catholic Retreat, led for men or women by parishioners, serving to build a stronger Christian community in your parish. **ACTS** stands for **Adoration, Theology, Community and Service**.

ACTS helps reignite our faith by meeting us where we are in our spiritual journey. The retreat provides an opportunity for a personal, as well as communal encounter with God, and promotes Christ centered discipleship.

The retreat will be held May 25-28, 2023, at Redemptorist Renewal Center. We can only take a limited number of retreatants. If you are interested in attending this retreat or know someone who is, please contact Isabel Andrade at 520-404-9496, Angela Schneider 520-400-4447 or Khue Tran 714-277-7486 to register for this retreat.

God Bless you all and your families.

Peace be with you,

Angela Schneider

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

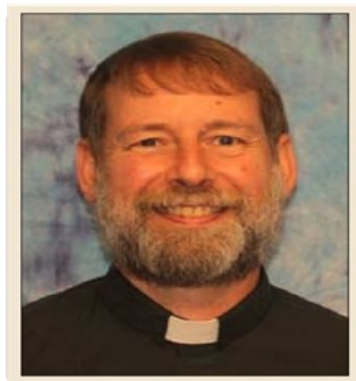
4 *Participation in the Redeemer's Family*—discuss Mar 20

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 or Diana Davenport at 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/

*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

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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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.



REDEMPTORIST RENEWAL CENTER

AT PICTURE ROCKS

...a desert spiritual life center

A Woman's Path toward Spiritual Awakening with Personal Inventory, Prayers, and Meditation

*Spring is stirring. New life greets us.
.... Refresh your own 12 step path with a
day to reflect with other women on where
you are in your journey now. We will take
time to review steps 10, 11 and 12 from
women's perspective. There will be time to
explore your own spiritual re-awakenings
with a series of experiences.*



Saturday, March 11, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Retreat Director: Rev. Elizabeth Lyman, MDiv. -- Rev. Lyman has over 25 years' experience as a spiritual director, Presbyterian pastor, teacher and life and recovery coach. She has served on the faculty of Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction and has led retreats all over the country. She has been involved in 12 Step recovery over 40 years. Elizabeth has her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry studies from Louisville Theological Seminary.

**The cost for the retreat is \$50.00.
(It includes lunch)**

**For reservation and further information please call:
520.744-3400, toll free: 866.737-5751
Or e-mail: office@desertrenewal.org.**



THE BOOKSTORE IS
OPEN
AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS



Christmas Items are now %25 off.
Come and see our selection.



March 2023

Book Store Hours

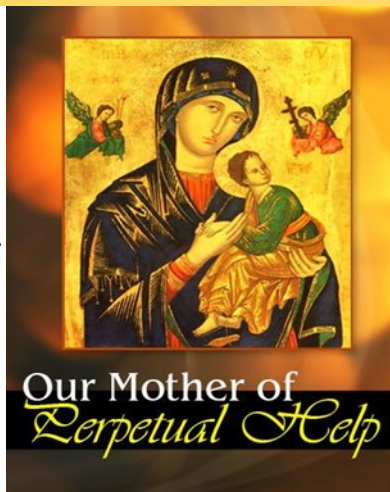
Bookstore open after all weekend Masses.



Thursday, March 2 nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 4 th /5 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, March 7 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 9 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 11 th /12 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, March 14 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 16 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 18 th /19 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, March 21 st	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 23 rd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 25 th /26 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, March 28 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 30 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday <u>April 1st /2nd</u>	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am



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,

In the Scripture passages about Jesus in the desert, it says he was alone. How do we know about things that happened to Jesus when he was alone?

In today's Gospel, we hear one passage about the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all refer to this incident, but none indicates that anyone was with Jesus.

There were witnesses to many incidents in the life of Jesus. But sometimes the disciples of Jesus depended on his instruction. The first Christians heard about Jesus' instruction and life from the apostles. This preaching of the apostles occurred before Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John wrote anything down.

Over time, the evangelists gathered this preaching together and put it in written form. Gradually these writings became accepted as the gospel, inspired by the Holy Spirit. The apostles were witnesses to what Jesus said and did, so Jesus did tell them things that others did not hear about until later.

Whatever Jesus experiences, he redeems. That means that while temptations are part of our life, they do not have to lead us away from God. Jesus shows us the way to meet them and overcome them. ●

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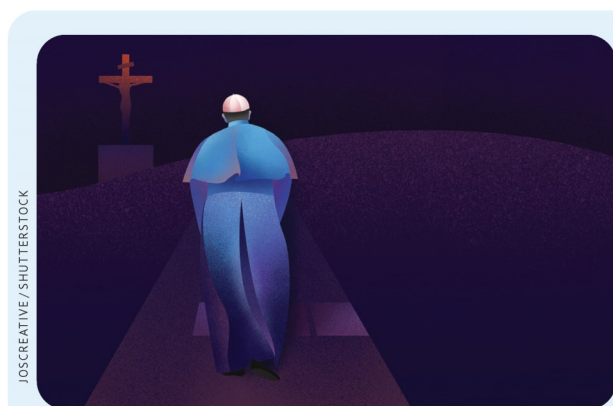


CHRIST IN THE WILDERNESS BY IVAN KRASKOV, 1872

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to ***DearPadre.org*** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 27	February 28	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	St. Katharine	Lenten Weekday	Second Sunday of Lent
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Drexel, Virgin	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 12:1-4
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 7:7-12	Mt 5:20-26	Mt 5:43-48	2 Tim 1:8-10
						Mt 17:1-9



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

May this time of Lent also be a time of the desert for us. Let us take time for silence and prayer— just a little, it will do us good—in these spaces let us stop and look at what is stirring in our hearts....placing ourselves before the Word of God in prayer.

ANGELUS, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MARCH 6, 2022