

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 4-5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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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. 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

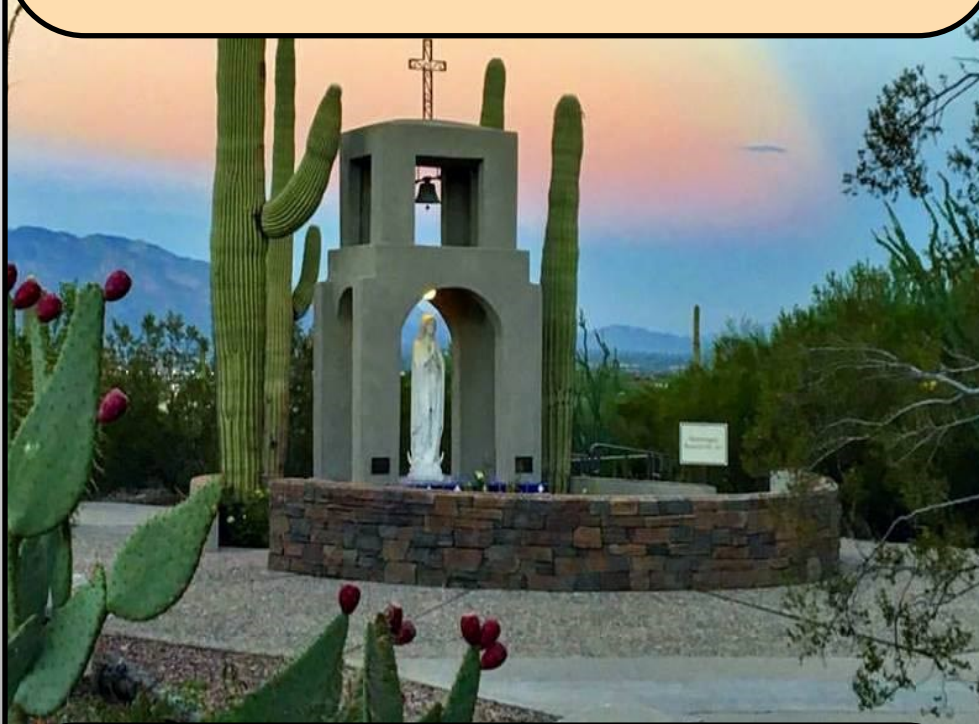
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Our Lady of the Desert



As we enter into the month of February, St Alphonsus recommends we focus on growing in the virtue of Hope. Hope is centered on God. It is the virtue by which we confidently expect the fullness of glory, our eternal destiny, the face to face vision of God. As Alphonsus says, “The first and foremost object of hope...is the possession of God in heaven.” He insists that to hope for less than this is to miss the basic Christian message. Paul sums it up like this, “If our hopes in Christ are limited to this life only, we are the most pitiable of men.” (1Cor 15:19)

The letter to the Hebrews states that hope is “A conviction about things we do not see.” (Heb 11:1) It is a belief that we await a fullness of redemption, a full sharing in the love of our God. This is a future that is not earned by our good conduct. Rather, it is a love with which God wishes to fill simply as a gift. It is in knowing that heaven is a gift that we find our confidence, even though we are not perfect! Thank God it doesn’t depend on us! It is all the work of a loving God.

Hope leads us to look with confidence upon our lives, to see ourselves as loved and desired by God. Hope helps us to want to open our hearts and lives to this God who loves us so much!

~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

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, 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) Knights of Columbus**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**** Deacon Joe Bogushefsky (d)**

Monday, February 6

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Marie Aaron (d)**

Tuesday, February 7

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

****Roger & Irma Scherer**

Wednesday, February 8

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Steve Rehrauer

****Deceased Redemptorist**

Thursday, February 9

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

****Denny Mallory (d)**

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)**

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	Marty Lopez
Bill Beitzel	Joseph Lowman
Bernie Burba	Jerrilee Lucas
Bud Carter	Tim McDonald
Pete Castillo	Karin MacCutcheon
Pat Celentano	Angie Ortiz
Todd Cobble	Marcella Ortiz
Dennis Correia	Jim O'Toole
Jane Carroll	Kathy O'Toole
Tom Doyle	Mark Paris
Jerita Duplanty	Thomas Peterson
Helen Fautleroy	Nettie Pezzulo
Doug Fifield	JoAnn Ross
Adelita Garcia	Aubrey Scarbrough
Joanee Gift	Sam Shummon
Gunnar Gift	Chuck Sensale
Jean Granacki	Jackie Sroka
Joan Jones	Elaine Tolentino
Kim Judkins	Anna Marie Treinen
Suzanne Kraft	Jim Whitten
Lynn Lee	Stan Wood
Harriet Lewandowski	Dorrie Zimmerman

*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)
Carol Draper Burba (1/23)
Thomas Doyle (12/22)
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 Mike Thompson
In Loving Memory of Annette Thompson
(79th 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 January 23-30, 2023

\$ 6,746.00

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

for the ReachOut Women's Center goes on till February 11-12th. We apologize for the confusion with the wrong date! For checks: make them out to: **'Knights of Columbus 15704'**. Please deposit the Baby bottles in the basket in front of the altar.

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

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

→ The Knights Treasurer Ray Obral brings the coins to the bank's coin counting machine.



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50th March for Life 2023



Our humble, joyful and hard-working Church Mice!

Judy, Chris, Mary Kay, Ellen, Carol, **SK** Georges, Velma.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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

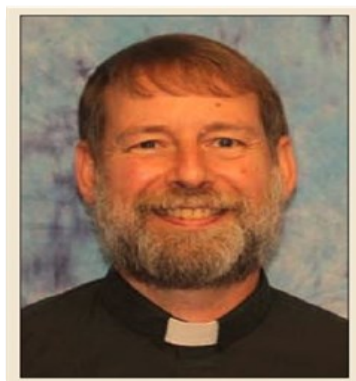
4 *Participation in the Redeemer's Family*—discuss Mar 20

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

Redemptorist Renewal
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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.



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

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-0218579>

Thank you so much!!

World Day of the Sick Mass

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



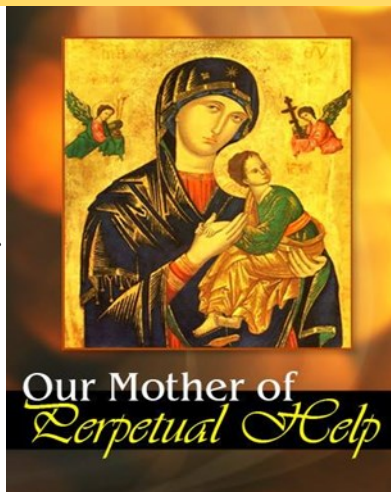
**Anointing of the Sick
Blessing of Caregivers
Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes**

**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,

Sometimes I become pretty disgusted with my life and myself. I wonder if anyone really loves me. Is there any way I can know that God loves me?

Every human person is made in the image of God. This means that your life is infinitely precious in God's eyes. God values and loves you beyond anything you could ever imagine.

God has also placed into our hearts a yearning for love and happiness that cannot be satisfied by anything less than God. True love will not be found in riches or well-being, in fame or power. True happiness will be found in God alone, the source of all life and all love.

In New Testament times, many people believed that wealth and success were signs of favor and love from God. If disaster struck, you would assume that God was angry with you, or that you had done something wrong. Ill-fortune was a "sign" that God's love had been withdrawn from you.

Jesus turned this sort of thinking on its head. Jesus taught that God truly loves all people, including those who are down on their luck. God's love is not based on wealth, fortune, or success. Rather, God loves you because you are God's own creation, God's child, and heir to God's own kingdom.

You might find it helpful to talk over those feelings of self-disgust with a spiritual director or a confessor. Meanwhile, take comfort in the words of Isaiah: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine (Isaiah 43:1). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> Gn 1:1–19 Mk 6:53–56	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 1:20–2:4 Mk 7:1–13	February 8 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:5–9, 15–17 Mk 7:14–23	February 9 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:18–25 Mk 7:24–30	February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 3:1–8 Mk 7:31–37	February 11 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 3:9–24 Mk 8:1–10	February 12 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sir 15:15–20 1 Cor 2:6–10 Mt 5:17–37 or 5:20–22, 27–28, 33–34, 37

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?
Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God changes the world by transforming our hearts, and this he cannot do without us. The Lord wants us to open the door of our hearts in order to enter into our lives....For when God finds an open and trusting heart, he can work wonders there.

HOMILY BAKU, AZERBAIJAN, OCTOBER 2, 2016