

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of March 11-12

Third Sunday of Lent

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



Last week we looked at the virtue of Love of God, specifically, God's great love for us, even though we were not worthy of such love! Today, I would like to look at what Alphonsus says should be the result of our meditations on God's love for us, namely, our return of love to God.

Alphonsus pointed out that the free gift of love for us from God cries out for a response. Knowing that we are so loved should lead us to love God in return. Alphonsus points out that our response should be the same as Jesus' response. As Jesus said, "It is not to do my own will that I have come down from heaven, but to do the will of him who sent me." (Jn 6: 38) Just so, the virtue of love of God should lead us to do the will of God, and not our own will. Alphonsus believed that God's will for us could be found in the scriptures, as well as through the Church guided by the Holy Spirit to teach in matters of Faith and Morals. Of course, God's will for us must also be found through our vocation in life, and in the here and now of our lives. Alphonsus sums it up like this, "The chief point lies in our embracing the will of God in all things that befall us, not only when they are favorable, but when they are contrary to our wishes." Following God's will when that will is hard, or even when it seems to be counter to our own self-love, is the only true love of God. In love, we place him and his will first.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

"A WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Join St Andrew's Church Community for a special Lenten organ concert. Wes Moulton (organist at Our Mother of Sorrows in Tucson) will be playing the 1949 Moeller pipe organ, the largest pipe organ in Cochise County. Come to St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ on Friday, March 24 at 7 pm. Doors open at 6:35. No charge, a freewill offering will be accepted."

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.

Adoration -will be this first Friday of the month on April 7 from 5 pm to 9 pm. Please email Keven Birck at kbirck@comcast.net to let him know which hour you will be attending. It's important for us to have each hour filled so please contact me if you will be attending an hour.

Knights Raffle

As you all heard at last weekend's masses, the Knights of Columbus have started up their annual State Raffle. Their share of the proceeds will go to Our Lady of the Desert Church, like always. This year's money is designated to help our Saturday and Sunday Music Leaders to attend THE NATIONAL PASTORAL MUSICIAN ASSOCIATION (NPM) ANNUAL MUSIC CONFERENCE IN RENO, NEVADA. This is a wonderful way for them to grow in their understanding of Liturgical Music and to mix with other musicians. It will be a wonderful blessing for our parish as they bring back what they learn there! Please be generous with your support for this raffle.

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Lenten Confessions

We are all encouraged by the Church to make the Sacrament of Penance a part of our Lenten preparations for Easter. As always, the parishes of our vicariate are working together to offer ample chances for this to be done. You are invited to take part in whichever service works better for your schedule:

March 13th, 5:30 P.M., St Mark

March 14th, 5:30 P.M., St Odilia

March 27th, 6:00 P.M., St Christopher

March 28th, 5:30 P.M., St Thomas

April 1st, 11:00 A.M., Our Lady of the Desert



Redemptorist Renewal Center ANNUAL EASTER CELEBRATION

\$40.00 ~ Brunch Ticket
Valid April 9, 2023

Available for purchase in the office starting this weekend. 520.744.3400

Space is limited



****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, March 10

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

** Bob & Angie Breister Family

Saturday, March 11

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Tom Fransiscus

** Walter & Sophie Kozuch (d)

Sunday, March 12

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

**LouAnn Spiegelhoff (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

** Edward Thom (d)

Monday, March 13

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**Louise Thom (d)

Tuesday, March 14

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

**Van Bensett (d)

Wednesday, March 15

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**Deceased Redemptorist

Thursday, March 16

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

**James Orr (d)

Friday, March 17

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

**Special Intention

Saturday, March 18

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Brian Johnson

**Raymond & Eleanor Conley (d)

Sunday, March 19

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**James Orr (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Teri McGuinness (d)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr. Brian's Bible Study Group:

Will meet on Monday March 13, 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. Program is Sundays 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.

ACTS Women's Retreat

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.



Please remember in your prayers

OURSICK

*Please pray for those in our community who are struggling
with various illnesses.*

*If you would like to be added to our sick list, please call the
office. 520.744.3400*

*The Scripture Prayer group that meets on Tuesday evenings
prays for those on the sick list.*

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

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)
Katherine Gaboury (10/22)
Sharon Iavagnilio (1/23)
Pauline Kenyon (6/22)
Billie Marshall (9/22)
Philip Oberstar (10/22)
Lamont Ullrich (6/22)
Edward Schafle (1/23)
Jayne Skymanski (3/22)
Dennis Terrill (2/23)
Frank Taylor (8/22)

"The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak."

Hosca 2:16

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 Murrieta Family
To Celebrate the Birthday of
Carmen Murrieta**

**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 27-March 6, 2023

\$ 13,053.00

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/>



American Flag Retirement Ceremony: Sunday, March 12th, after the 10 AM Mass at the RRC between the O.L.D. 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. Any questions, please contact SK Ray Obral: (520) 403-5003

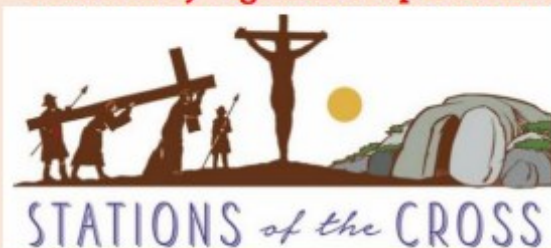


**Free | after morning masses | Sunday, March 19th
Parish pancake breakfast at St. Alphonsus**



Stations of the Cross at 11:30 AM in the O.L.D. church on all Lenten Fridays.

Followed by vegetable soup & bread & water and fellowship, in St. Alphonsus kitchen till 1 PM.



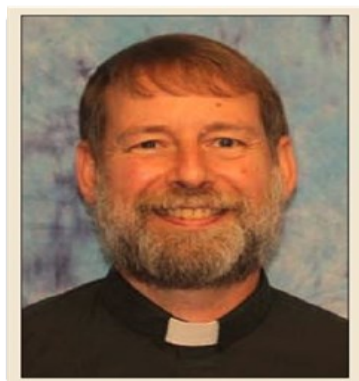
LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE
with Prayers, Songs and Contemplation
on Wednesday 15th March from 4 - 5 PM
followed by Lenten Soup and fellowship
in St. Alphonsus kitchen.



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.

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- 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



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.

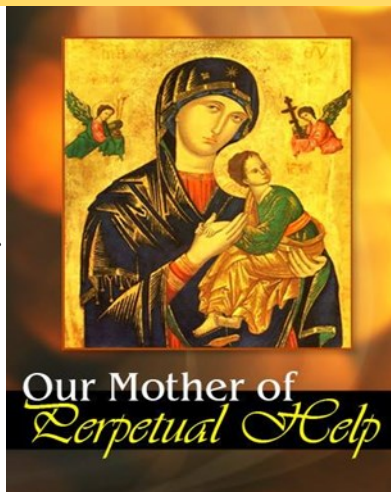
Thursday, March 2 nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 4 th /5 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, March 7 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 9 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 11 th /12 th	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, March 14 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, 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



March



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 have done some really terrible things in my life. When I did them, I didn't think anything about them, but now I feel very guilty. Can God really forgive me?

As we Redemptorists like to say, "With God there is plentiful redemption." God's mercy is everlasting and overflowing in its abundance. As we continue in Lent, let's remember that Easter is the sign that God forgave even the great sin of the crucifixion of his only Son. Time and time again throughout the Scriptures, Jesus demonstrates this bountiful mercy. He forgave Zacchaeus, the tax collector. He forgave the woman caught in adultery. He was tender with the Samaritan woman we hear about in today's Gospel. He spent his days living among and forgiving all manner of sinners. He even forgave Peter's great denial. The Church has named a multitude of saints, but note that in 2,000 years it has never declared anyone to be definitively condemned to eternal punishment. There is hope and mercy for all.

No matter how great the sin, God will forgive it. All you have to do is ask for mercy sincerely. All that takes is a repentant heart. From the tone of your message, you are truly sorry. Find a priest with whom you are comfortable and ask him to celebrate with you the sacrament of reconciliation. If you don't know how to go to confession, just ask. The priest will help you. Be at peace. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org

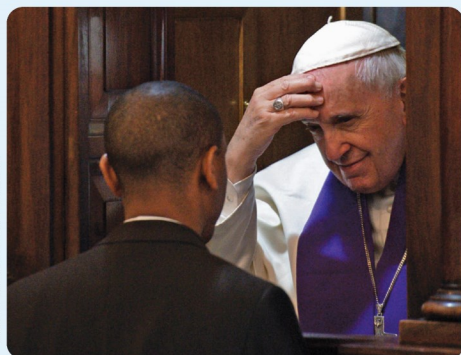


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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Jer 7:23-28	Hos 14:2-10	Hos 6:1-6	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Lk 4:24-30	Mt 18:21-35	Mt 5:17-19	Lk 11:14-23	Mk 12:28-34	Lk 18:9-14	Eph 5:8-14
						Jn 9:1-41

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.



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We all have the right to be forgiven. All of us....Forgiveness is a "right" in the sense that God, in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, has given it in a total and irreversible way to every person willing to accept it with a humble and repentant heart.

**ADDRESS AT A COURSE ORGANIZED BY APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY,
MARCH 25, 2022**