

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 18-19 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

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Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Pat Grile, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

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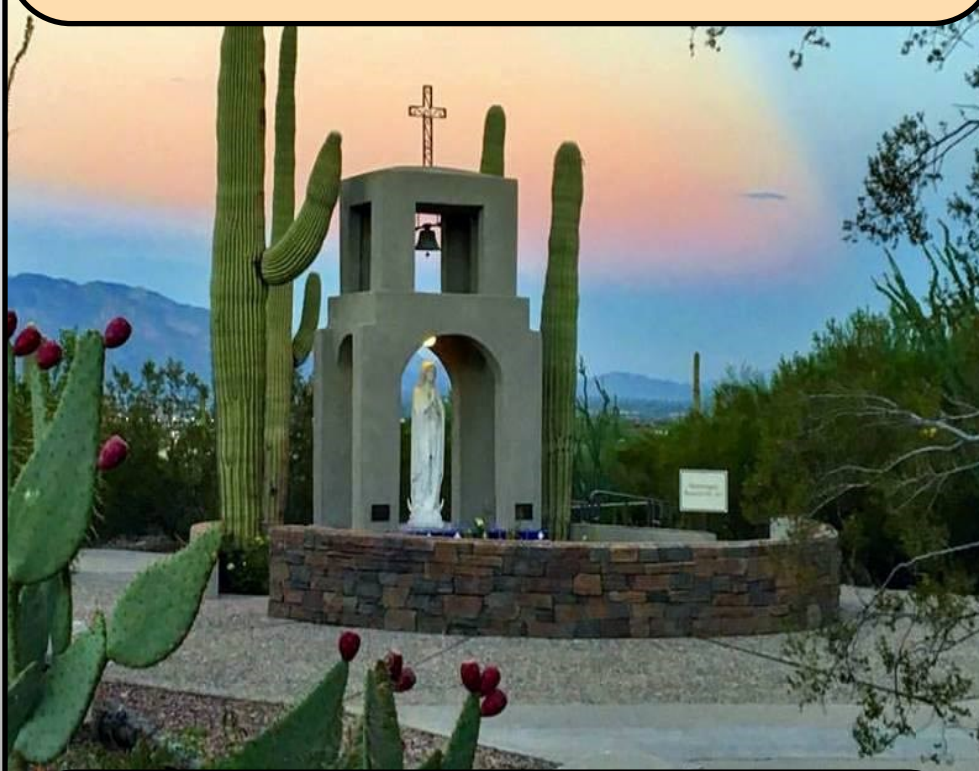
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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We have looked at how the practice of virtue of The Love of God should lead us to know we are loved, and to love God in return. However, Alphonsus insisted that there was one more step needed. For Alphonsus, heaven was the “perfection of love.” Alphonsus called for us to exercise the virtue of hope (seen in month of February) as a way of growing in the virtue of The Love of God. As he wrote, “To long for heaven in order to possess God and love him more perfectly is a true and perfect love of God, for eternal glory is the perfection of his love.” It is only in heaven that we will be able to fully appreciate, without limits, the infinite love of God for us.

To hope for heaven and walk towards it by the way we live our lives, is the perfection of the virtue of Love of God. We must allow ourselves to not only experience God’s love now, but also to look forward to the perfection of our experience in heaven. It is only there that we can perfectly love him in return. Our minds must remain fixed on the finish line!

~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.

First Friday Adoration

Due to the fact that the first Friday of April falls on Good Friday, there will be no Adoration in April. However, you are invited to Adoration on Holy Thursday after the 7:00pm Mass in the Petroglyph Room.

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 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

Prayer for Vocations to the Redemptorist Family

Prayer for Vocations to the Redemptorist Family Provident God, You spoke your dream of plentiful redemption in Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit ignited the heart of St. Alphonsus,
Inspiring him to found a family in the Church,
dedicated to proclaiming the good news
of plentiful redemption to the most abandoned.
Raise up among us strong women and men of faith,
afire with love for you

and zeal for the mission of proclaiming your word
among those who do not know you,
or who need to hear your Word proclaimed anew.

Guide men to respond with generosity as vowed Redemptorist priests and brothers,
and women and men to serve in joy and hope
as partners in the Redemptorist mission.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Word, who is our Life. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity Church: 1300 N Greasewood , Rummage Sale May 5-6, 2023 7 am – 2 pm



**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 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)**

Monday, March 20

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Sr. Patricia Vereb - Healing**

Tuesday, March 21

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

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

Wednesday, March 22

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Kathy Silvia - Happy Birthday Month**

Thursday, March 23

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

****Gen & Boyd Beckert**

Friday, March 24

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

****Roberta Miller Brown - Happy Birthday**

Saturday, March 25

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Peter Connolly

****Victims of Covid**

Sunday, March 26

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Marguerita Bejarano (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Jim Benkert**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr. Brian's Bible Study Group:

Will meet on Monday March 20, at 10am

in the **Ironwood room downstairs**

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."

Hos 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 Kelly and John Mooney
In Loving Memory of
Joan Crose**

**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 March 6-13, 2023

\$ 5,538.00

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/>



Free Parish Pancake Breakfast at St. Alphonsus | Sunday, March 19th

In appreciation for all the support you give us, the Knights of Columbus are holding a free pancake breakfast after both Sunday masses March 19. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, coffee, and orange juice. **WELCOME!**



Stations of the Cross at 11:30 AM in O.L.D. church on all **Lenten Fridays** (Exception: Holy Friday)

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



ORGAN DONOR WEEKEND with Mrs. Cathy McCall

There is an **Organ Donor Registration form in the bulletin today**. Please consider being an organ donor. This is a heroic and charitable act encouraged by the Church. You can save and enhance lives with donated organs including skin and eyes.

If you want a copy of the **Organ Donor Story**, please pick it up at the Knights table outside the church.

Organ Donor Prayer

For the generosity and comfort of organ donors and for their families,
For the continued joy and well-being of organ recipients,
For the fulfillment of hope of those waiting for life giving transplants,
For those who offer to be organ donors. That their families support the decision.
Lord hear our prayer.

Parish _____

Gifts of Life, Love & Legacy

Knights of Columbus

ORGAN DONOR REGISTRATION

Council _____

Pope Benedict XVI

A Gift for Life, Considerations on Organ Donation - (11-1-2008)

*"Organ donation is a unique testimony of charity. There exists, in fact, a responsibility of love and charity that commits oneself to make one's own life a gift for others, if one truly seeks one's own fulfillment. The act of love, which expressed with the **gift of one's own vital organs**, is a genuine testimony of charity that knows how to look beyond death so that life always wins."*

Saint Pope John Paul II

For a New Culture of Human Life - (March 25, 1995)

*"Over and above such outstanding moments, there is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big and small, which build up an authentic culture of life. A particularly praise worthy example of such gestures is the **donation of organs**,...with a view to offering the chance of health and even life to sick who sometimes have no hope."*

Facts about Organ and Tissue Donation

FACT: It's a federal crime to buy or sell organs and tissues. Race, gender, income or celebrity status are never considered in determining who receives an organ. Organ allocation is based on factors including blood type, length of time on a waiting list, geographical location, severity of illness or other medical criteria.

FACT: Doctors who treat patients at the time of death have nothing to do with donation or transplantation of their organs and tissues. Every effort is made to save the patient's life before donation can be considered.

FACT: There is no cost to be a donor. Donation is a gift. Any costs for transplantation are the recipient's cost.

FACT: Studies show that donation most often provides immediate and long-term consolation.

Donor Registration Form

YES! *I want to be an organ, eye & tissue donor!*

Council # _____

* Required

* First Name _____ * Last Name _____

* Address _____

* City _____ * State _____ * Zip _____

* Date of Birth _____ * Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female
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* Driver's License / ID# _____

Email _____

How did you hear about the registry? _____

* Signature _____ * Date _____
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Your donation decision will be entered in the Donate Life AZ Registry. Within four weeks you will receive a letter confirming your registration. If you have any question about your registration, please contact 520-887-7847

MAIL TO: PO Box 35812 - *lifedonor* USA - Tucson, Arizona 85740

For information or a program at church, workplace, school, business, organization, or club meetings contact:

520-887-7847 - jmccall415@msn.com - 520-909-9375

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.

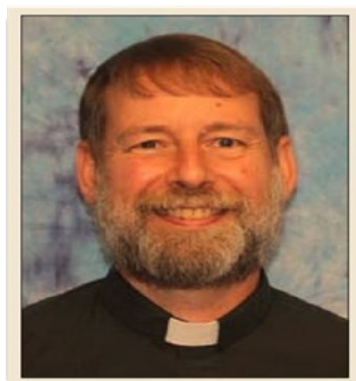
4 *Participation in the Redeemer's Family*—discuss **Mar 20**

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



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.



Our Mother of
Perpetual Help

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,

Why should I bother to be more religious? I'm a good person. Isn't that enough to get me into heaven?

When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. "Imagine that you are on your deathbed," he said. "From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?" That is still good advice.

Here's another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout your childhood, she was always there for you. But as a teen you belittled her and, in effect, told her that all she had offered is worthless to you. In a saner moment, won't you feel terrible about how you treated her?

Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Church and the celebration of the sacraments (CCC 1085). To refuse these gifts, to say, "I am already a good person. I don't need these gifts from God" is a bit presumptuous, don't you think?

To be "religious" is not just an outward show of piety. It's the way we have been given to learn God's language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love. ●



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Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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
March 20 <i>St. Joseph</i> 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a	March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 47:1–9, 12 Jn 5:1–16	March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 49:8–15 Jn 5:17–30	March 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ex 32:7–14 Jn 5:31–47	March 24 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Wis 2:1a, 12–22 Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30	March 25 <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i> Is 7:10–14; 8:10 Heb 10:4–10 Lk 1:26–38	March 26 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> Ez 37:12–14 Rom 8:8–11 Jn 11:1–45 or Jn 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves....Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. If we are blind, we cannot claim to be guides and teachers for others: indeed, a blind person cannot lead another blind person....

ANGELUS, FEBRUARY 27, 2022