

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 25-26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Redemptorist Community

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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. 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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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



It is now time for a few suggestions on how we can grow in a habit of loving God. Fr. Lowery suggests a few different ways of doing this:

1. Alphonsus always taught that the crucifix was a moving sign of God's love for us. Fr Lowery suggests that perhaps we can read chapters 26 and 27 of St Matthew's Gospel and meditating on the love that led Jesus to so suffer for us.
2. Each day, we should include a time of thanksgiving in our prayer life. By looking at all God gives us and constantly thanking him for showing such love to us, we can be led to see ever more clearly God's working in our life in many simple and seemingly ordinary ways.
3. To follow God's will is always a struggle for us. Our own self-love can many times get in our way. Reflecting on where we struggle with this and asking God's help in these areas will lead to our growth in showing our love to God.

~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.

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 7:00 pm 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.

IT IS TIME FOR THE BLESSING OF THE TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKETS!

In two weeks, on Holy Saturday, at 10:00 AM, Father Brian will bless all the Easter Baskets at the Altar of the Our Lady of the Desert Chapel

Święconka, pronounced, “shyyen-son-kah”, is the traditional blessing of the food to be eaten on Easter Morning. It is a tradition dear to the heart of every Pole. These foods are what Polish people abstain from during Lent. Every member of the Family on Easter Morning partakes of each blessed food.

You do not have to be Polish to participate in this wonderful tradition. Put together an Easter Basket similar to the one shown on the right. Start your own tradition. Share with others.

Last year I invited all the Members of the Parish to make an Easter Basket this year. I hope to see more Parishioners in the Church with their Easter Basket this Holy Saturday at 10 AM.

Thank You! Dziękuję! (pronounced “Gin-coo-yah”)



Polish Easter Basket



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:

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 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

Monday, March 27

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Anne & Manny Murray –52nd Anniversary

Tuesday, March 28

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

**Larry & Karen Benkert

Wednesday, March 29

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

**Amanda D. Duran (d)

Thursday, March 30

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

**Gunnar & Jonee Gift for Healing

Friday, March 31

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

**Bob & Angie Breister

Saturday, April 1

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

**Barbara Burnett (d)

Sunday, April 2

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**Bob & Angie Breister

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

**Sam Shummond Healing

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr. Brian's Bible Study Group:

Will meet on Monday March 27, 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 Margaret
In Celebration of
Ernest Zeches 90th 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

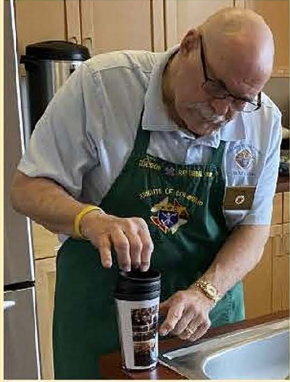
Week's of March 13-20, 2023

\$ 4,230.00

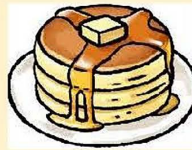
If you have requested additional envelopes, they will be available the following week in the box on the table by the side door in church.

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/>

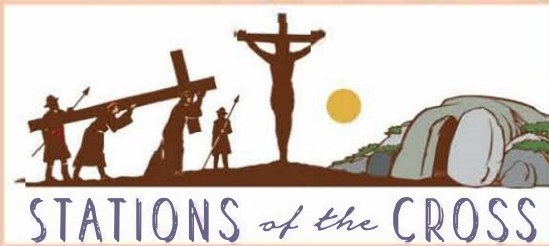


**Some pictures of the free
Parish Pancake Breakfast
Thank you for being there!**



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

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



ORGAN DONOR WEEKEND with Mrs. Cathy McCall on MARCH 25-26

There is an **Organ Donor Registration** on the glass table near the north exit of the church. 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.

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



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



Our Mother of
Perpetual Help

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,

Are Catholic religious orders dying?

Yes...and no.

In Africa and Asia, some religious orders are vibrant, with orders of men and women religious increasing in number. In the United States, Europe, and Oceania, it's a different story. As many as 300 of the 420 institutes of women religious in the US are in their final decades of existence (*Leadership Conference of Women Religious*, 2019). One-third of all women's congregations in the US have fewer than fifty members. In the US, sisters over age ninety far outnumber those under sixty. Consequently, many communities fall short of the number of active ministers needed to replace their elderly and retiring members. The story is similar for many orders of religious men.

As those in religious orders struggle to remain effective in their mission and ministry for God and humanity, they are reimagining styles of leadership, levels of administration, and, in short, ways of getting the job done. This includes, for example, creative partnerships with laypeople to share in the charism, community life, and ministry of the religious order.

People are still drawn to Jesus and the work of building the kingdom. Only God knows how this "building process" will look in the future. As in all challenging times, the Church remains hopeful. From crisis comes resurrection! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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MONDAY

March 27
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9,
15-17, 19-30,
33-62 or
Dn 13:41c-62
Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY

March 28
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

March 29
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20,
91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY

March 30
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY

March 31
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY

April 1
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY

April 2
*Palm Sunday
of the Lord's
Passion*
Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66
or Mt 27:11-54

Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Take away the stone from your heart! Let the Word of God restore life where there is death. Jesus repeats to us: "Take away the stone." God did not create us for the tomb....He created us for life, [which is] beautiful, good, joyful.

ANGELUS, MARCH 20, 2020

