

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 4-5

Second 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



During this month of March, we concentrate on the virtue called The Love of God. For St Alphonsus, this virtue forms the very center of our Christian lives. Everything is about God's love for us, and our love for God in return.

Let us start with looking at God's love for us. Alphonsus insists that each and every one of us is continually surrounded with the warmth of God's love. This is not due to our worthiness of being loved, but simply because we are "the apple of God's eye." God's love for us is made most visible in the person of Jesus. As St. Paul writes, "God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: he sent his only son to the world that we might have life through him. Love, then, consists of this: not that we have loved God, but that he has loved us and has sent his son as an offering for our sins." (1 Jn 4:9-10) God loved us so much that he sent his son to die for us, even when we were still deep in sin! Such love was undeserved, but God loved us anyway.

An example of Alphonsus' writings on this topic is: "If the love of all persons, all angels, all saints were combined, they could not equal the smallest part of the love of God for you." Alphonsus always called on people to meditate on this great love. He pointed to the crib, the cross, and the tabernacle as the three big symbols of how much God loves us. By reflecting on these very human ideas, Alphonsus believed we could catch a glimmer of how much God loves us.

~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.

Adoration -will be this first Friday of the month on March 3, 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.



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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 8th, 6:00 P.M., St Elizabeth Ann Seton

March 9th, 6:00 P.M., Santa Catalina

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

March 14th, 4:30 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 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. Steve Rehrauer

****Marguerita Bejarano (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

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

Monday, March 6

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Roger & Irma Scherer**

Tuesday, March 7

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

****Benito G. Hernandez (d)**

Wednesday, March 8

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Redemptorist Community**

Thursday, March 9

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

****Edie Rohr**

Friday, March 10

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

****Bob & Angie Breister Family**

Saturday, March 11

4:00 p.m. livestreamed -

Fr. Tom Franciscus

****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)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr. Brian's Bible Study Group:

Will meet on Monday March 6, 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

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)
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 Marge Mauzer
In Memory of
Ed Mauzer - 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 February 20-27, 2023

\$ 6,422.00

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/>

Praying Lent: Renewing Our Lives on the Lenten Journey



STATIONS *of the* CROSS

followed by

Lenten
 Soup
&
Fellowship

at **11:30 AM** in O.L.D. chapel on five Fridays:

| March 10, 17, 24, 31

followed by vegetarian Soup and fellowship
in St. Alphonsus kitchen till 1 PM

LENTEN TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE with Music and Scripture

on Wednesday 15th March from 4 - 5 PM

followed by Soup and fellowship in St. Alphonsus kitchen



You're invited!
Please join us!



Organization: RRC, Knights of Columbus, Charles Lohr, Music director.



**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.

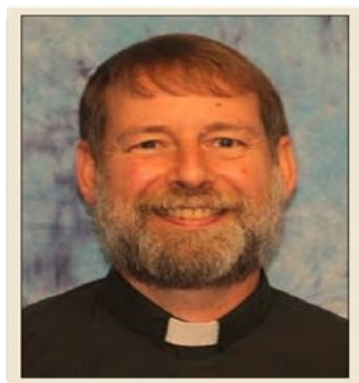
Peace be with you,

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.

- 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
Center

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Tucson, AZ

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**



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



March 2023

Book Store Hours

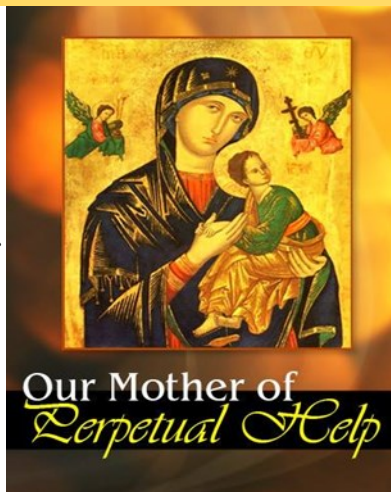


Bookstore open after all weekend Masses.

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,

What is the value of lighting a candle in church?

Lighting candles is one of many customs that can be found in most of the world's religions. Lit candles, in church or at home, in front of a picture or statue of a favorite saint, serve a symbolic function. The light of the candle represents our desire that our prayer may be constant, as St. Paul urged (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The candle burns while we go about our daily tasks, symbolizing our desire to be at prayer with God. Similarly, Tibetan Buddhists spin prayer wheels and believe that as long as the wheels spin, a prayer is offered. Candles give light and banish the darkness. For Catholics they symbolize the light of Christ, by whose death and resurrection we are saved.

Lighting a candle isn't a required act. You can pray without lighting candles, without statues, without anything but your faith in God. However, we Catholics love our symbols. We like to engage all of our senses in our prayer experience: beautiful churches, colored light, incense, great music and, yes, candles.

One extreme position to avoid is lighting a candle hoping it will cause something else to happen, like the sudden cure of a loved one or relief from financial ruin. We are to avoid all appearance of using candles as if they have an untapped, magical power. Nevertheless, lighting a candle as a part of our prayer is a comforting custom and most things (and people?) look lovelier by candlelight. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, 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 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Third Sunday of Lent
Dn 9:4b-10	Is 1:10, 16-20	Jer 18:18-20	Jer 17:5-10	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17-28	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20	Ex 17:3-7
Lk 6:36-38	Mt 23:1-12	Mt 20:17-28	Lk 16:19-31	Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace. For in the words of León Bloy,... "The only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint."

GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE (ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD), MARCH 19, 2018