

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

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*Borderlands Outreach*

Rev. Tom Fransiscus, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Stephen Huy Vu, C.Ss.R.

*Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish*

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Alexis Murrieta

Knights of Columbus

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Grand Knight

Weekend of April 15-16

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday



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



When St. Alphonsus speaks of love of neighbor, he often mentions two very positive ways to work on loving. First, he encourages a spirit of peace. He points out a quotation from Isaiah: “Then a wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.” (Is 11:6) Commenting on this passage, Alphonsus says, “By these words, Isaiah wished to say that the followers of Jesus Christ, though from different nations and different climes and of unlike characters and temperaments, would nevertheless live peacefully together, for love will induce them to practice mutual forbearance.”

Secondly, Alphonsus stresses almsgiving. Almsgiving is the religious duty to help the poor and the needy, not only out of our abundance, but even, if necessary, out of what we consider essential for ourselves. Here, he quoted The Book of Tobit where it is written, “It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life.” (Tobit 12: 8-9)

By cultivating peace and forbearance along with almsgiving in our lives, Alphonsus insists that we will grow in our ability to love our neighbor as Jesus asks of us!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



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Song of THE CHAPLET OF THE *Divine Mercy*

Please join us for this beautiful
devotion to the
Divine Mercy of Jesus
April 16, 2023 3:00 p.m.
Old Lady of the Desert Church

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.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, April 14

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

****Mary Carol Burba (d)**

Saturday, April 15

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Peter Connolly

**** Winfield & Barbara Baker (d)**

Sunday, April 16

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Gen & Boyd Benkert**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Jim Rucker (d)**

Monday, April 17

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****James Eckhardt (d)**

Tuesday, April 18

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

****Lou Ann Spiegelhoff (d)**

Wednesday, April 19

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Billie Marshall (d)**

Thursday, April 20

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

****Mary Eckhardt (d)**

Friday, April 21

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

****Special Intention**

Saturday, April 22

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Pat Grile

****Deceased of Gentile & Mucciacciaro
Family (d)**

Sunday, April 23

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****The Ortiz Family**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Genevieve Rucker & Family**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr. Brian's Bible Study Group:

Will meet on **Monday April 17**, at 10am
in the **Ironwood 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.



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 Sick List April 2023

Mila Aroskar
Ed Kenyon
Tim McDonald
Chuck Peterson
Linda Peterson
Margaret Zeches
June Wood

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Dcn. Joe Bogushefsky (6/22)
Art Davenport (4/23)
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)
Dennis Terrill (2/23)
Frank Taylor (8/22)
Larry Waller (4/23)

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

Hosca 2:16

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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.

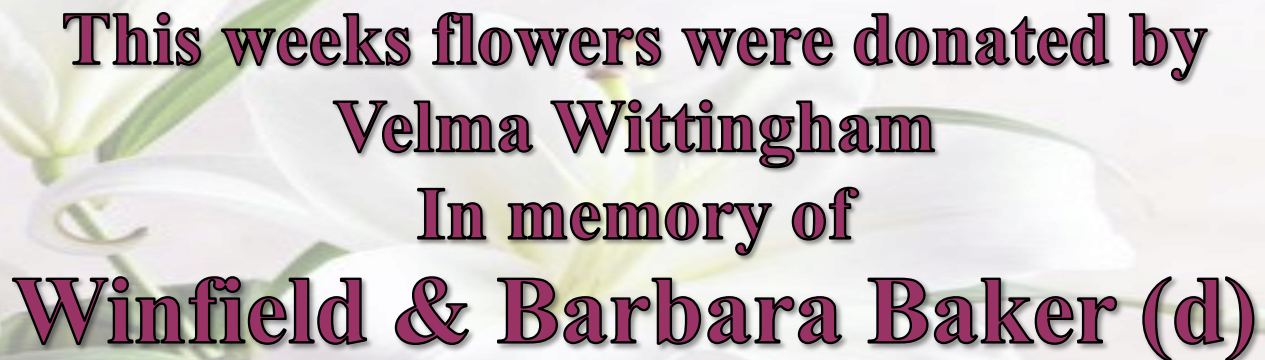
Redemptorist Renewal Center office hours are as follows:

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
Velma Wittingham
In memory of
Winfield & Barbara Baker (d)**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of April 3-10, 2023

\$ 9,735.00

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/>

Our Lady of the Desert Easter Lilies *Honor & Remember the Following Loved Ones*

Alexis Murrieta for Becoming a member of the Catholic Church

Joan Crose, Michael Crose & Cleo Moore

David Spears

Ryan Hanley

Bill Stelma

Billy Meeker

DeLorise Meeker

Carroll & Neely Families

Bily Marshall

Jane Szymanski

Robert C. Francis

Harold & Anne Ramsey

Patrick John Martin

Duffner & Jones Families

Annette Thompson

The Murrieta Family

William Robert Abatecola

Francis G. Ferguson



NAMES NOT LISTED WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN



THE BOOKSTORE IS OPEN AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS



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



Bookstore Hours

April 2023

April 1-2	After the weekend masses
Tues & Thurs 4 & 6	10:00 - 2:00
April 8-9	After the weekend masses
Tues & Thurs 11 & 13	10:00 - 2:00
April 15-16	After the weekend masses
Tues & Thurs 18 & 20	10:00 - 2:00
April 22-23	After the weekend masses
Tuesday 25	10:00 - 2:00
Thursday 27	12:00 - 1:00
Saturday 29	12:00 - 2:00
April 29-30	After the weekend masses



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



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SATURDAY

MEN'S DISCERNMENT *Retreat*

DUC IN ALTUM

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

PICTURE ROCKS | REDEMPTORIST RENEWAL CENTER

7101 W PICTURE ROCKS RD, TUCSON, AZ 85743

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

AGES 18-45

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS ARE WELCOME

Link to sign up



Register by May 2, 2023



Dear Padre,

I am very curious why, after his resurrection, Jesus told Mary Magdalene not to touch him, but in the upper room, Thomas was encouraged to touch him.

Saint John tells us of this incident between Mary and the risen Jesus. There are scholars who say that immediately after Jesus spoke to Mary he ascended to heaven. His encounter with Thomas, then, would be after the ascension, and the feast of the Ascension we celebrate forty days after Easter is simply a termination of Jesus' earthly appearances.

There is another explanation to consider, offered by other Scripture scholars. The word Jesus uses to tell Mary Magdalene not to touch him is more like "cling" to him. She cannot *cling* to her old relationship with Jesus. Since his resurrection, a new relationship is necessary. Mary was looking for the Jesus she knew before the passion, not the Jesus of the resurrection. She must now come to know the risen Jesus.

Mary could not cling to Jesus because she had to see him in a new way. For Thomas, the situation is different. Jesus invites Thomas to place his hand on the wounds to prove that he is "real"—that he is really a new kind of being, a resurrected being. Thomas, in his way, also wants to cling to what he thought he knew about Jesus. Both he and Mary Magdalene were close to Jesus, but even so, there were things they still did not understand. Jesus always has the ability to surprise us. ●



ANDRIJ / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Redemptorists / 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
April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:23–31	Acts 4:32–37	Acts 5:17–26	Acts 5:27–33	Acts 5:34–42	Acts 6:1–7	Acts 2:14, 22–28
Jn 3:1–8	Jn 3:7b–15	Jn 3:16–21	Jn 3:31–36	Jn 6:1–15	Jn 6:16–21	1 Pt 1:17–21
						Lk 24:13–35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Don't be afraid of doubts, because they are not a sign of the lack of faith....On the contrary, doubts are "vitamins of faith": they help strengthen faith and make it more robust. They enable faith to grow, to become more conscious, free and mature. They make it more eager to set out, to persevere with humility, day after day.

MEETING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, ATHENS, DECEMBER 6, 2021