

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of April 1-2

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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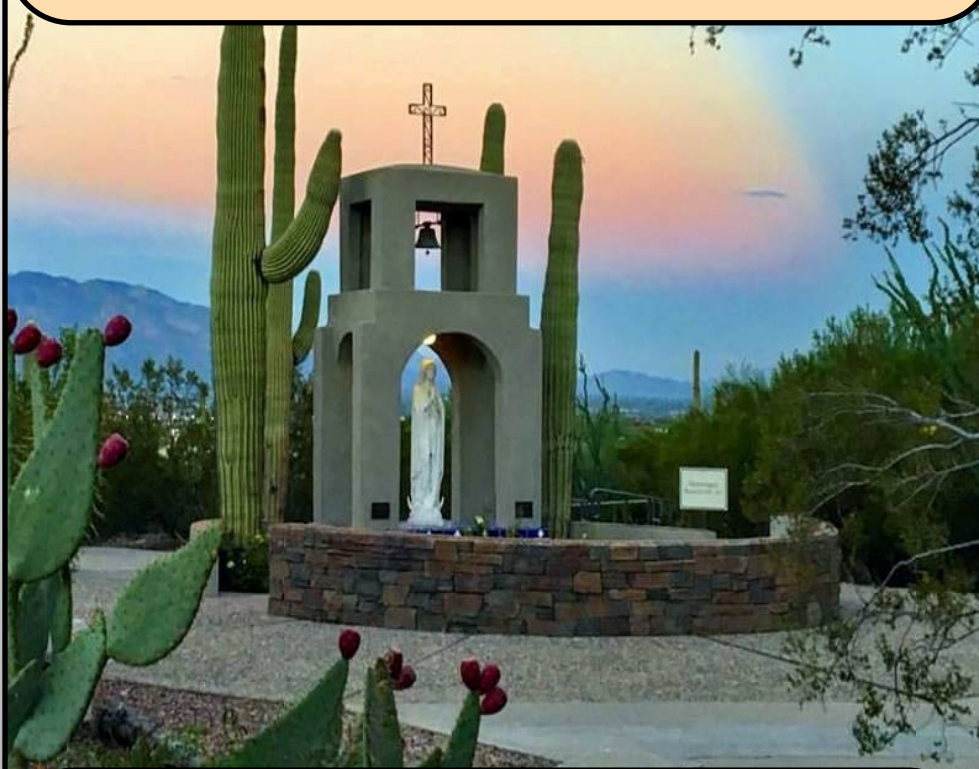
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

# Our Lady of the Desert



Last month, we looked at how St. Alphonsus encouraged us to grow in the virtue of The Love of God. For April, St Alphonsus bids us to work on a virtue very much connected to Love of God. This virtue is love of neighbor. In Matthew's Gospel, a Scholar of the law asks Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." (Matt 22: 36-40).

Obviously, it is important for us to love God, the perfect and totally loveable one who created us. But Jesus states that love of neighbor "is like the first." It is so bound up with the love of God that the two cannot be separated. Alphonsus tells us, "Why, therefore, must we love our neighbor? Because he is loved by God! We must love all whom God loves."

Jesus actually goes even further with this insistence that we love our neighbor. In John's Gospel, Jesus says, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... The commandment I give you is this, that you love one another." (Jn 15: 12, 17). If we are truly followers of Christ, therefore, we must love each other. It is what Jesus, our head, commands!

*~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.*

## Holy Week Services

As we enter into the Holiest Week of the year, you are all encouraged to try to find a little extra time to spend in prayer, meditating on the great love that Jesus shows for us by his willingness to suffer and die so that we might have eternal life. We especially encourage you to attend the Holy Week Services: **Thursday at 7:00 PM, Friday at 3:00 PM, and Saturday at 7:00 PM.** These services are wonderful ways to begin to reflect on the beauty of the Easter Sacraments in our lives.

## 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.



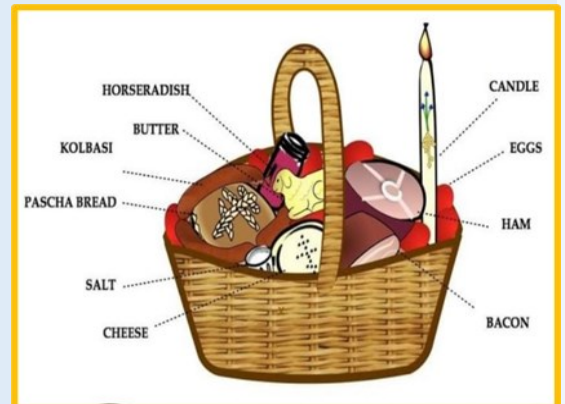
## IT IS TIME FOR THE BLESSING OF THE TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKETS!

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. Questions? Call Ray Obral, 520-403-5003



### *Polish Easter Basket*



(pronounced “Gin-coo-yah”)

Thank You!  
Dziękuję!



## 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 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)**

**Palm Sunday, April 2**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Bob & Angie Breister**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

**\*\* Sam Shummond - Healing**

**Monday, April 3**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Redemptorist Nuns in Dublin Ireland**

**Tuesday, April 4**

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

**\*\*Jim Benkert**

**Wednesday, April 5**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

**\*\*Redemptorist Community**

**Holy Thursday, April 6**

7:00 p.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

**Good Friday, April 7**

3:00 p.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**Holy Saturday, April 8**

7:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Pat Grile

**\*\*Leila Parme (d)**

**EASTER Sunday, April 9**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Denny Mallory**

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Pat Grile

*Petroglyph overflow*

**\*\*Denny Mallory**

## **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](mailto:diana@davenport.net) (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport ([john@davenport.net](mailto: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 [Jwsl1@earthlink.net](mailto:Jwsl1@earthlink.net).

### **Scripture Prayer Group**

meets via zoom each Tuesday from 7-8pm. For more details email John Davenport at: [john@davenport.net](mailto: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.

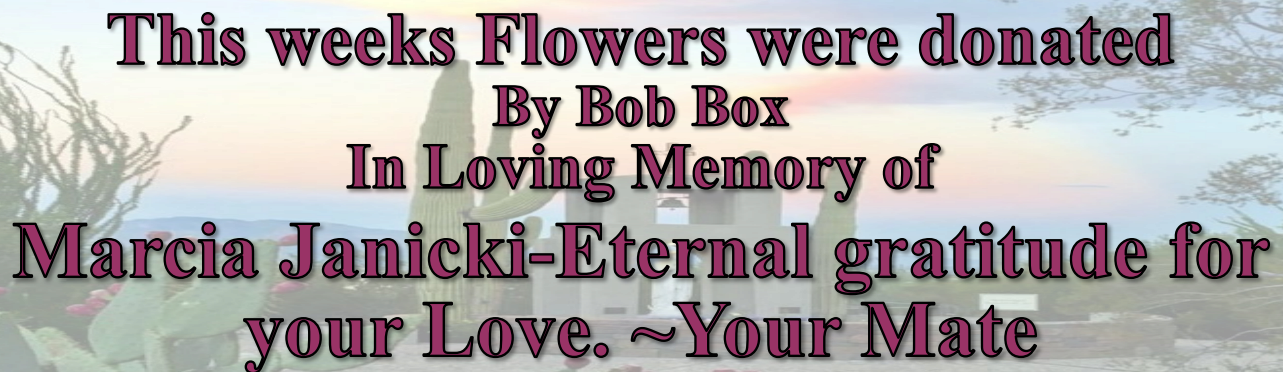
Redemptorist Renewal Center office hours are as follows:

Monday - Saturday:

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**This weeks Flowers were donated  
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In Loving Memory of  
Marcia Janicki-Eternal gratitude for  
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**Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert**

*Week's of March 20-27, 2023*

*\$ 3,997.00*

**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/>



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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 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup>	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup>	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, March 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup>	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup>	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday <u>April 1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup></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,

**Why do we call Jesus “the Lamb of God”? How did Jesus get that name, and why do we refer to him as a lamb? Doesn’t that make him sound weak and helpless?**

A lamb was a common animal of sacrifice for the Jews. The Passover account talks about sacrificing an unblemished lamb to God and eating its flesh so the people would have strength for the journey to the Promised Land.

Jesus is the perfect, unblemished sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven and we are made children of God. The Father provides Jesus as the sacrifice, and so Jesus is the Lamb of God, the sacrificial offering made because God loves us. Jesus chose to sacrifice himself according to the Father’s plan. “He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:8). Jesus gave himself into our hands so we could be caressed by the hands of God.

Like the Passover lamb, the Lamb of God is food for us. We “eat his body” and “drink his blood.” This food and drink gives us strength for our journey of faith. The food we receive from Jesus, the Lamb, is the nourishment we need to do as St. Paul begs the Philippians—and us—to do: “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death—over sin and death—not over someone and against someone else. But today, there is a war. Why do we want to win like this...?**

**There are only losses this way. Why not allow him to win?**

ANGELUS, APRIL 10, 2022

### MONDAY

April 3  
*Monday of Holy Week*  
Is 42:1–7  
Jn 12:1–11

### TUESDAY

April 4  
*Tuesday of Holy Week*  
Is 49:1–6  
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

### WEDNESDAY

April 5  
*Wednesday of Holy Week*  
Is 50:4–9a  
Mt 26:14–25

### THURSDAY

April 6  
*Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)*  
Chrism Mass:  
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9  
Rv 1:5–8  
Lk 4:16–21

Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper:  
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14  
1 Cor 11:23–26  
Jn 13:1–15

### FRIDAY

April 7  
*Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)*  
Is 52:13–53:12  
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9  
Jn 18:1–19:42

### SATURDAY

April 8  
*Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)*  
Gn 1:1–2:2 or 1:1, 26–31a  
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18  
Ex 14:15–15:1  
Is 54:5–14  
Is 55:1–11  
Bar 3:9–15, 32–44  
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28  
Rom 6:3–11  
Mt 28:1–10

### SUNDAY

April 9  
*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*  
Acts 10:34a, 37–43  
Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8  
Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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