

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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## Weekend of April 22-23 Third Sunday of Easter

### 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

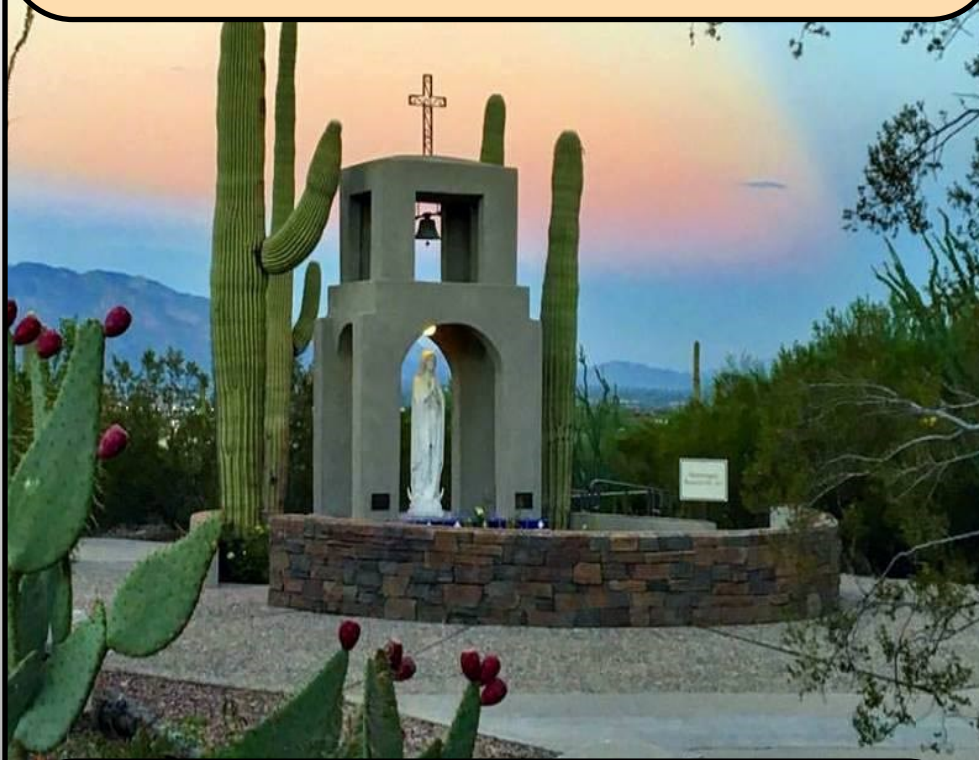
#### Bulletin Editor

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



In his teachings on love of neighbor, Alphonsus highlights two negative things to root out of our lives. First, Alphonsus cautions us about rash judgement. He writes, “Dear Christian Reader, if you desire to practice the beautiful virtue of charity, strive to reject every rash judgement, every distrust, and unfounded suspicion of your neighbor.” Alphonsus saw very clearly that peace and harmony cannot blossom in a heart filled with suspicion, bitterness, or aversion. We must root these out of our lives if we really wish to love others. Alphonsus also warns again uncharitable speech. He points out that, “Even among those who have vowed to strive after holiness there are many who cannot move their tongue without wounding someone.” To practice love of neighbor demands rooting out this desire to be negative or to hurt others with our speech. We should try to only say things that are good about others! Controlled speech is part of the virtue of Love of Neighbor!

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

## **Bible Study**

Because all the priests will be attending the Diocesan Priest’s Convocation on Monday, there will be no Bible Study Class this week. We will have our final class next Monday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m. in the Petroglyph Room.



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## **Knights of Columbus Scholarships**

We thank you the parishioners of Our Lady of the Desert Church for shifting \$32,000 from the State of Arizona general tax fund to CTSO to support our children who are in catholic schools. If you are a registered member of Our Lady of the Desert Church and are a parent, grandparent, or another sponsor of a child who attends a catholic school in the Diocese of Tucson, then you may nominate them for one of our scholarships. We are now accepting applications. Forms are available at the back of the Church, at the church office, and from Terry Bahill, at 520-742-5469 or [terry@sie.arizona.edu](mailto:terry@sie.arizona.edu). The firm deadline for receipt of these applications is May 1, 2023. This scholarship fund is administered by the Knights of Columbus Council 15704 of Our Lady of the Desert Church.

## **ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS ACTIVELY RECRUITING FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

ENROLL NOW FOR NEXT YEAR AND APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

### CONTACT INFO

Office – (520) 378-7012

Email - [schooloffice@ascsaz.org](mailto:schooloffice@ascsaz.org) URL - <https://ascsaz.org/>

1425 E. Yaqui Street

Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

## **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 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**

### **Monday, April 24**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Sadie Rice (d) You are not forgotten**

### **Tuesday, April 25**

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

**\*\*Mary Ann Vincent (d)**

### **Wednesday, April 26**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Jim Rucker (d)**

### **Thursday, April 27**

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

**\*\*Genevieve Rucker & Family**

### **Friday, April 28**

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

**\*\*Ben Daquiz (d)**

### **Saturday, April 29**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Stephen  
Rehrauer

**\*\*Philip Oberstar (d)**

### **Sunday, April 30**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Victims of Coronavirus (Recovery &  
Wellness)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Ed Schafle (d)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Fr. Brian's Bible Study Group:**

Will meet **not** on Monday April 24, but  
will meet on May 1, at 10:00 am  
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](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.

### **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.

### **Grief Share Support Group**

Grief share is a friendly group of caring people, who share the experience of the loss of a loved one. For more information contact, June or Stan Wood at 520.219.2919.





*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."**

# 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  
In Memory of  
Amanda D. Duran (d)**

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**

Weeks of April 10-17, 2023

\$ 5,201.00

**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/>



# 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	<b>12:00 - 1:00</b>
Saturday 29	<b>12:00 - 2:00</b>
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



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







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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,

***Our planet's condition is now a serious problem.  
Why is climate change hardly mentioned in homilies?***

Many people view climate change as a political issue more than a religious one. As such, some homilists avoid controversial, politicized topics altogether; others are selective in preaching about them; still others tend to use the pulpit as a soapbox for a single political issue or a variety of them. Moreover, preachers themselves are not apolitical, nor are they all centrist in their ideologies. Like those in the pews, homilists have biases, too.

So how did climate change become so politicized? Despite decades of substantial evidence from many respected scientific experts, confusion exists about climate change because the issue's scope is massive and hard to digest, international cooperation is mandatory, and polar-opposite opinions of politicians and their followers are often intransigent. Nevertheless, Pope Francis convened an international conference in 2019 to look at how religions can help the world reach sustainable ecological goals by 2030 to, he said, repair "the damage we have done. No branch of science or form of wisdom should be overlooked, and this includes religions and the languages particular to them."

Thus, according to the Pope, "religious voices" play a crucial role in addressing the serious condition of our planet. Inasmuch as religion has a fundamental responsibility to offer people faith and hope in a better world—and homilies help believers find meaning and purpose—taking action and speaking out about humanity's well-being are becoming less optional. ●



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**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30
Easter Weekday	St. Mark, Evangelist	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15	1 Pt 5:5b–14	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	Acts 9:31–42	Acts 2:14a, 36–41
Jn 6:22–29	Mk 16:15–20	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Jn 6:60–69	1 Pt 2:20b–25 Jn 10:1–10



GIULIO NAPOLITANO / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The adversity that we are experiencing with the pandemic, and that we already feel in climate change, must spur us on, must drive us to innovation, to invention, to seek new paths. We do not come out of a crisis the same, we come out better or worse.***

**VIDEO MESSAGE TO MARK EARTH DAY, APRIL 22, 2021**