

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of April 29-30 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

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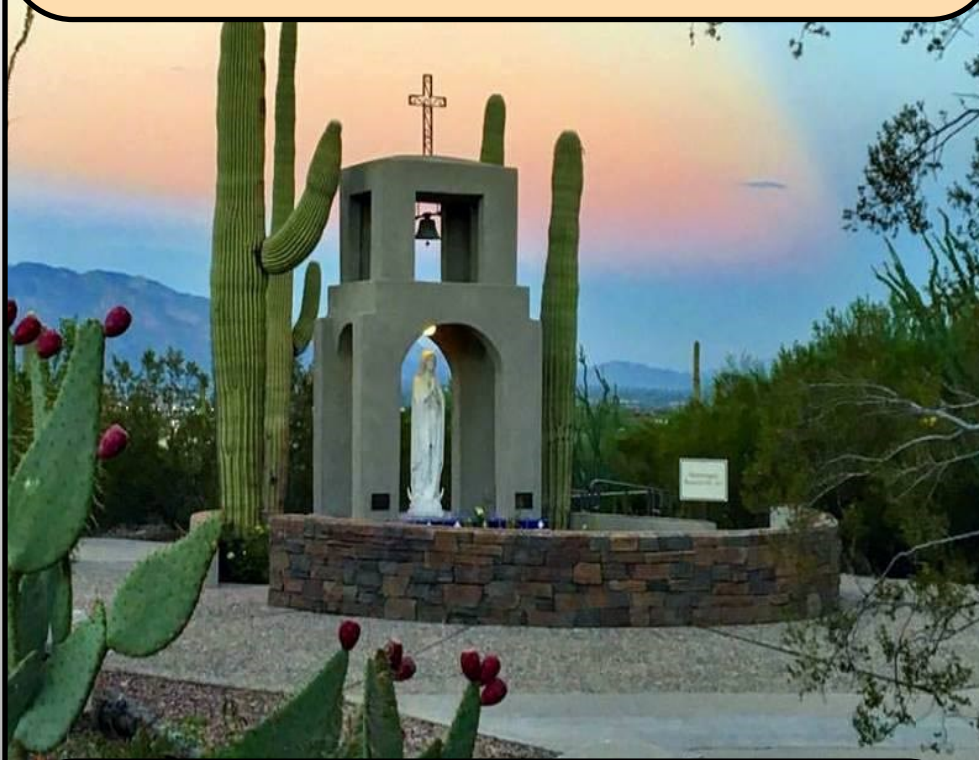
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Our Lady of the Desert



As we try to grow in this virtue of Love of Neighbor, Fr Lowery once again offers some practical ways to grow. First, he recommends reading and meditating on The First Letter of John. One of the strongest themes in this letter is love of neighbor.

Fr Lowery also advises us to examine our own attitude toward peace; peace in our own families and communities, and peace in the world. Do we earnestly desire peace? Are we striving to be peacemakers? He suggests reading the 1983 Pastoral Letter from the US Bishops entitled, "The Challenge of Peace: God's promise and our response."

<https://www.usccb.org/upload/challenge-peace-gods-promise-our-response-1983.pdf>

Another suggestion is to examine our attitude towards almsgiving. He suggests a good way to start is by reflecting on all the exotic reasons we have why almsgiving is not possible in our circumstances.

Finally, pick one concrete person with whom you struggle to get along. Try to determine the reasons for this. And plan a strategy of reconciliation with that person.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Adoration -will be this first Friday of the month on May 5, 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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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. 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.

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 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)**

Monday, May 1

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Isabel Hernandez - Birthday**

Tuesday, May 2

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

****Redemptorist Community**

Wednesday, May 3

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Cruz Rosales (d)**

Thursday, May 4

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

****Sisters of Perpetual Adoration**

Friday, May 5

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

****Denny Mallory (d)**

Saturday, May 6

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Peter Connolly

****Tina Menehune (d)**

Sunday, May 7

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Dee Furphy (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr. Brian's Bible Study Group:

This week is our last meeting. We will meet on Monday, 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 (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport (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, 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.

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 86lbs of food for the month of March. 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 Sick List April 2023

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

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.

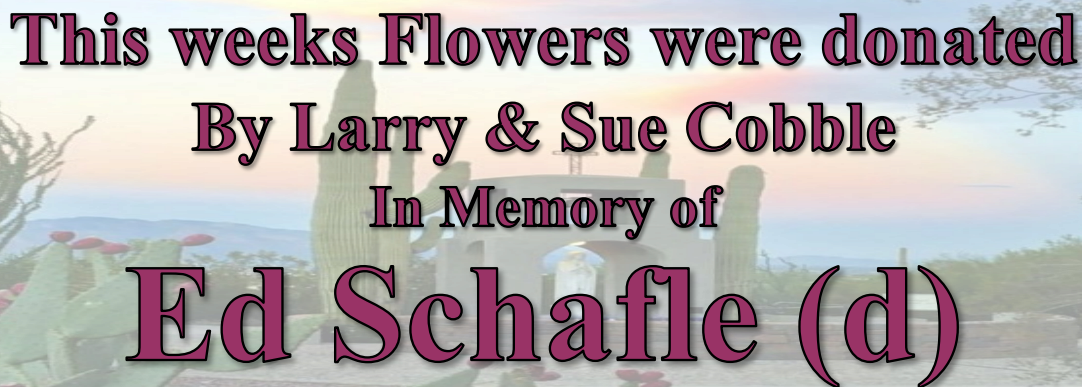
Redemptorist Renewal Center office hours are as follows:

Monday - Saturday:

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

Sundays:

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



**This weeks Flowers were donated
By Larry & Sue Cobble
In Memory of
Ed Schafle (d)**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of April 17-24, 2023

\$ 4,672.00

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

MAY 2023

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| Saturday May 6 | 12:00 - 2:00 |
| Saturday/Sunday May 6-7 | After the weekend masses |
| Tuesday May 9 | 10:00 - 2:00 |
| Thursday May 11 | 10:00 - 2:00 |
| Saturday/Sunday May 13-14 | After the weekend masses |
| Tuesday May 16 | 10:00 - 2:00 |
| Friday May 19 | 10:00 - 2:00 |
| Saturday May 20 | 12:00 - 2:00 |
| Saturday/Sunday May 20-21 | After the weekend masses |
| Friday May 26 | 10:00 - 2:00 |
| Saturday/Sunday May 27-29 | After the weekend masses |
| Tuesday May 30 | 10:00 - 2:00 |
| Thursday Jun 1 | 10:00 - 2:00 |



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





MAY

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SATURDAY

MEN'S DISCERNMENT *Retreat*

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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



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- supportive online resources
- monthly gatherings

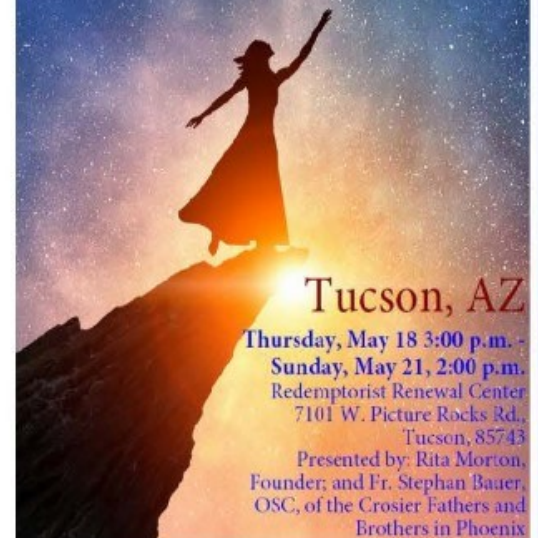


Where deep grief meets the mystery of grace

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Join us for:

A Mother's Love and Loss Retreat



Tucson, AZ

Thursday, May 18 3:00 p.m. -

Sunday, May 21, 2:00 p.m.

Redemptorist Renewal Center

7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd.,

Tucson, 85743

Presented by: Rita Morton,

Founder; and Fr. Stephan Bauer,

OSC, of the Crosier Fathers and

Brothers in Phoenix



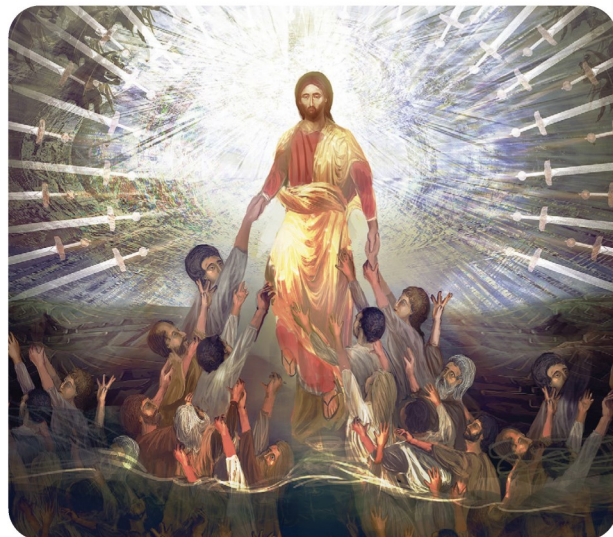
Dear Padre,

In the Apostles' Creed, we profess that Jesus "descended into hell." Is there any biblical reference to this? Do we know what he did when he was there?

Jesus Christ—who experienced death completely—descended to the realm of death. By his resurrection from the dead on the third day, he conquered death and the devil, “who has the power of death” (Hebrews 2:14). Other scriptural references include Acts 3:15, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 15:20, and Hebrews 13:20. An ancient homily for Holy Saturday also attests to this belief: “God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began....Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow Adam in his bonds and Eve, captive with him....I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead.”

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, “Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him” (CCC 633). His descent was to proclaim the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there, bringing “the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfillment” to all people of all times and all places (CCC 634). Thus, “the gospel was preached even to the dead” (1 Peter 4:6). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not always easy to discern the Good Shepherd's voice. Be careful. There is always the risk of being distracted by the din of so many other voices. Today we are invited not to let ourselves be distracted by the false wisdom of this world, but to follow Jesus...the one sure guide....

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 7, 2017

MONDAY

May 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1–18
Jn 10:11–18

TUESDAY

May 2
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 11:19–26
Jn 10:22–30

WEDNESDAY

May 3
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1–8
Jn 14:6–14

THURSDAY

May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:13–25
Jn 13:16–20

FRIDAY

May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26–33
Jn 14:1–6

SATURDAY

May 6
Weekday
Acts 13:44–52
Jn 14:7–14

SUNDAY

May 7
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1–7
1 Pt 2:4–9
Jn 14:1–12

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