

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of April 8-9

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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



St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, has his famous hymn about love. For Paul, love of neighbor was not a warm feeling of universal love for others. No, for Paul, love was not a feeling, but an action. It was a way of treating ourselves, (based in humility), and a way of treating our neighbor. Actions and attitudes are key! As Paul writes, "Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries." (1 Cor 13: 4-5)

Christian love does not really depend on our "liking" someone. After all, Jesus even commands us that we love our enemies and pray for them. Love is about seeing others as children of God, people who are loved by God. As such, we see it is our duty to treat them with thoughtfulness and kindness, whether we want to or not! To love is to serve, to even consider the good of the other above our own good; to see the wants of another as being our commands, in a sense. If we truly put others first, things like jealousy, impatience, and snobbishness cannot exist.

Love cannot exist in a vacuum, it is found only in the concrete actions of our life.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Happy Easter

Happy Easter to you all! Today we celebrate Jesus's rising from the dead and our own participation in His gift of new life through our Baptism. The presence of the Holy Spirit within us leads us to already experience the power of the resurrection budding in our lives. The Redemptorist Community wishes all of our parishioners a very happy and holy day of celebration with family and friends. May the joy of the Resurrected Christ always fill your hearts!

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



CRAWFISH Festival

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023
11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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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**

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

****Daphne & Poppy Celebrate their Birth**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Denny Mallory (d)**

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

Petroglyph overflow

****Denny Mallory (d)**

Monday, April 10

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Redemptorist Priests**

Tuesday, April 11

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

****Roger & Irma Scherer**

Wednesday, April 12

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****Deceased Redemptorist**

Holy Thursday, April 13

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

****Larry & Karen Benkert**

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)**

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

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.



Easter Lilies

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of March 27-April 3, 2023

\$ 8,633.00

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



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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



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 should I believe Jesus founded the Catholic Church?

What a great question, especially during our Easter season, when the readings at Mass are about how the early Church discovers its mission and identity. Jesus intended to found a Church to carry on his mission.

Jesus chose twelve men to accompany him and learn from him. He passed on his mission to them: "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me" (Luke 10:16). Jesus called Simon Bar-Jonah "Peter," meaning "rock." Indicating his foundational role, Jesus said to Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19).

Throughout the New Testament, we read how the apostles in their turn passed on their authority to other individuals by the laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6). Initially, the only two orders were bishops and deacons, but soon priests were also ordained to share some of the authority of the bishop and to be his assistants.

The Church would exist and do Jesus' work until the end of time. The whole Church, the "Body of Christ," as Paul would call it (1 Corinthians 12:27), would be Christ acting in the world on his behalf. The Church and all its members are to be "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13-16). ●

Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 2:14, 22-32	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	Acts 2:42-47
Mt 28:8-15	Jn 20:11-18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1-14	Mk 16:9-15	1 Pt 1:3-9
						Jn 20:19-31

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The peace Jesus gives to us at Easter is not the peace that follows the strategies of the world, which believes it can obtain it through force.... This peace, in reality, is only an interval between wars....The peace of the Lord follows the way of meekness and mildness: it is taking responsibility for others.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, APRIL 13, 2022