

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of May 13-14 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Redemptorist Community

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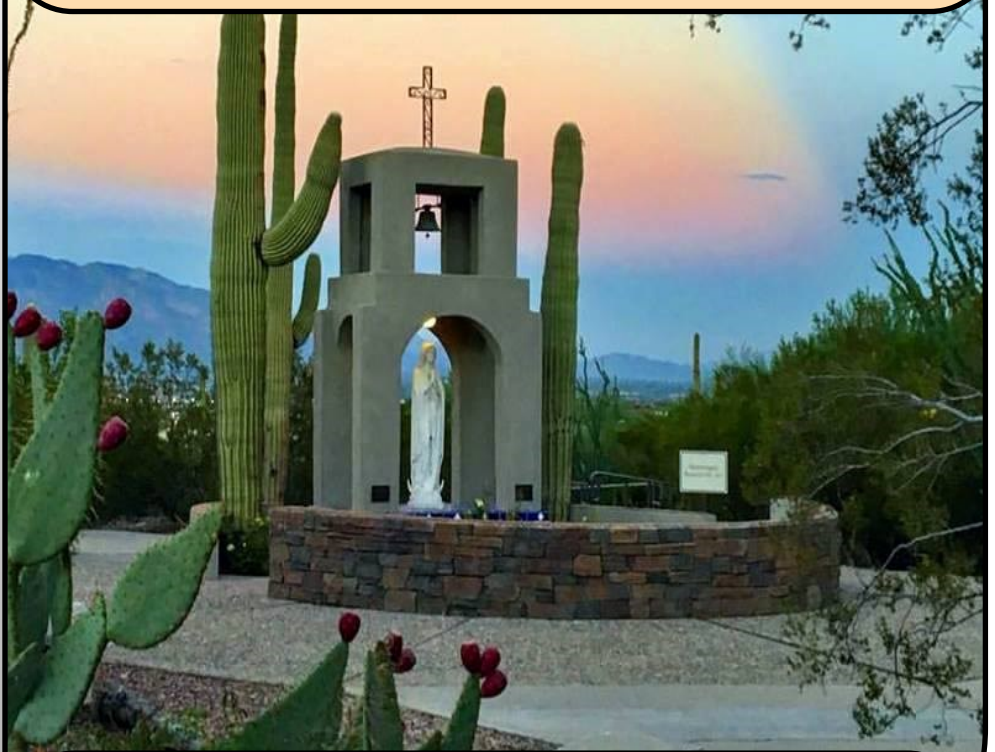
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Our Lady of the Desert



The Virtue of poverty leads us to a certain detachment from our possessions. Poverty should also lead us to a heart-felt sorrow for those who lack the goods of this earth. We need to remember that God does not love us more than the poor. It is God's will that they have the goods they need in order to enjoy and survive life!

The Virtue of Poverty reminds us that there is something missing in our world, namely justice! We always need to keep in front of our eyes the well-being of the poor. Jesus always did this. His life was about serving the poor. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus even identifies himself with the poor when he says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (Mat 25: 35-40).

When we share of our own resources to help the poor among us, we serve Jesus! The spirit of Evangelical Poverty always leads us to serve Jesus. It pushes us to overcome injustice in our own attitudes and in our world. It opens us to alms-giving, to sharing our resources with the poor. It leads us to see that the just welfare of others is more important than our own right to selfishly clutch our possessions.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



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Mother's Day Prayer

Dear God, today we give thanks for the amazing and wonderful gift of mothers. They are the backbone of families and the foundation of society. Without mothers, the world would be a darker and less caring place.

We are grateful for the tireless sacrifices that mothers make every day, the sleepless nights, the countless hours of work, and the unwavering love and devotion they give to their families. Their selflessness and strength inspire us and fill us with awe.

Lord, we ask You to bless all the mothers in the world today. Give them the strength to persevere through the challenges they face, the wisdom to guide their children in the right path, and the courage to overcome any obstacle that may come their way.

May their hearts be filled with joy and their minds with peace, knowing that their efforts are not in vain and that their love and care make a difference in the lives of those around them.

We thank You for the gift of mothers, and we pray that You continue to bless them with Your love and grace. In Your holy name, we pray. **Amen.**

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Our Lady of the Desert Community

**It is my pleasure to share with you that the Women's Acts Retreat
will be held at the RRC on the Memorial Day Weekend.**

**We are having the return Mass to the Community on Sunday May 28th at 10:00 am
We have been blessed with 35 retreatants and their families which will be attending Mass.
Please welcome them with your open arms and prayers.**

Blessings, Angela Schneider

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, May 12

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

****Trista Hodges Illness & Son Zack
Willprecht (d)**

Saturday, May 13

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Stephen
Rehrauer

**** Bob & Angie Breister**

Sunday, May 14

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Bonifacio A. Hernandez (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****Murrieta Family**

Monday, May 15

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Joel & Lidia Allen - 45th Wedding
Anniversary**

Tuesday, May 16

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly

****Bill Abatecola (d)**

Wednesday, May 17

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Bernito G. Hernandez (d)**

Thursday, May 18

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

****Ascension of the Lord**

Friday, May 19

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

****Joseph Hack (d)**

Saturday, May 20

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Robert Reiter (d)**

Sunday, May 21

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Anna M. Hernandez (Special Intention)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Maria Arellano (d) -Anniversary of Death**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 65lbs of food for the month of April. 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
To Honor
All Mother's Living or Deceased
of Our Lady of the Desert**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of May 1-8, 2023

\$ 4,592.00

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**



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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



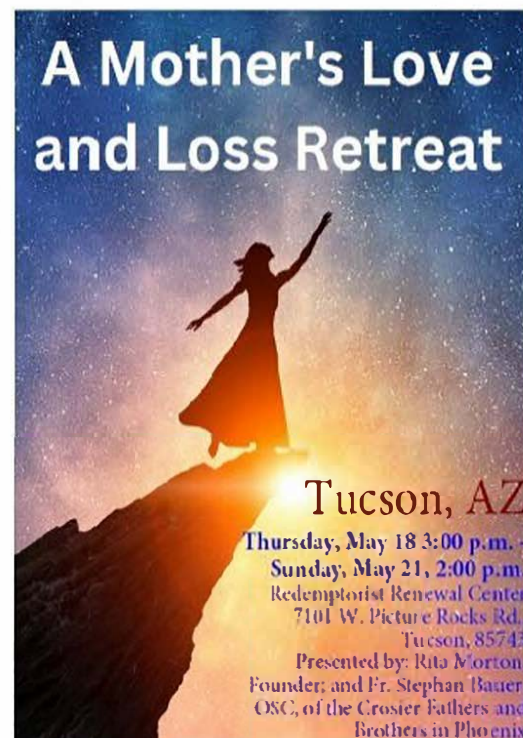
ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM THE LOSS OF A SON, DAUGHTER, OR GRANDCHILD?

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- supportive online resources
- monthly gatherings



Where deep grief meets the mystery of grace

YOU ARE NOT ALONE



Dear Padre,

If the Catholic Church recognizes baptisms from other Christian denominations, why not confirmations?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark. It defines our character and can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian, if the person intends what the Church intends.

Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes confirmation different from baptism is that the minister of confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the apostolic unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone had been confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, their confirmation would be considered valid, and the person wouldn't be reconfirmed.

Most Christian churches have a common understanding of what the sacrament of baptism is, but while other churches might have communion, confirmation, and ordination, their celebration of those sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid. ●



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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| May 15 | May 16 | May 17 | May 18 | May 19 | May 20 | May 21 |
| <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Ascension</i> |
| Acts 16:11–15 | Acts 16:22–34 | Acts 17:15, | Acts 18:1–8 | Acts 18:9–18 | Acts 18:23–28 | Acts 1:1–11 |
| Jn 15:26–16:4a | Jn 16:5–11 | 22–18:1 | Jn 16:16–20 | Jn 16:20–23 | Jn 16:23b–28 | Eph 1:17–23 |
| | | Jn 16:12–15 | | | | Mt 28:16–20 |



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[The Holy Spirit] is the Gift of God; he is God himself, who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him.

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 17, 2020

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