

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of May 20-21

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Redemptorist Community

Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

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Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

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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.

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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



The Virtue of Evangelical Poverty leads us to a spirit of detachment from our possessions, as we saw last week. What is important to remember is that this detachment is not optional! Detachment is mandatory for our salvation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states straightforwardly, “The precept of detachment from riches is obligatory for entrance into the Kingdom of heaven” (CCC 2544). Obligatory. Detachment is not an option. If we want to make it into the Kingdom, we must practice this virtue. Jesus says the same thing in Luke’s gospel when he says, “In the same way, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:33) As we saw earlier, our possessions cannot become the end-all of our lives. God gives us good things to enjoy, but not so that they will control us. Rather, we must use them to help the poor among us. If we spend our lives clinging to our possessions, we will never move beyond them and open our hearts to God. That just seems to be the way we are made. If our hearts are full of love for our own possessions, our hearts are simply already filled up! There is no room for love of God in our hearts. To make room for God, we must practice the Virtue of Poverty and its associated spirit of detachment.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

RCIA

Every year, our parish offers a process through which non-Catholics can join our Catholic Church. This process is called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This past year, we had two individuals who joined the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil Service. Another opportunity will be starting this Fall. If you know of someone who is not presently Catholic, but who might be interested in joining our Church, we invite you to have them call Fr Brian at the office.



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The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all of you for your support of the statewide Knights raffle. The winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, May 20-good luck! Through your participation, our ticket sales totaled \$5,500.00 which means that as soon as checks get processed, we will be presenting Our Lady of the Desert Church with a check in the amount of \$2,750.00. Thanks again, we will post the winners as soon as we get the names from our State Council.

GK Dave VanderLinde

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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 who will be attending Mass.

Please welcome them with your open arms and prayers.

Blessings, Angela Schneider

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

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**

Monday, May 22

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Ana Harris - Healing**

Tuesday, May 23

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

****Larry Leck (d)**

Wednesday, May 24

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

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

Thursday, May 25

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

****The Women's ACTS Retreat**

Friday, May 26

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

****Special Intention**

Saturday, May 27

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Brian Johnson

****Stephen Adams (d)**

Sunday, May 28

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Victims of Corona Virus - Recovery & Wellness**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****The Women's ACTS Retreat**

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

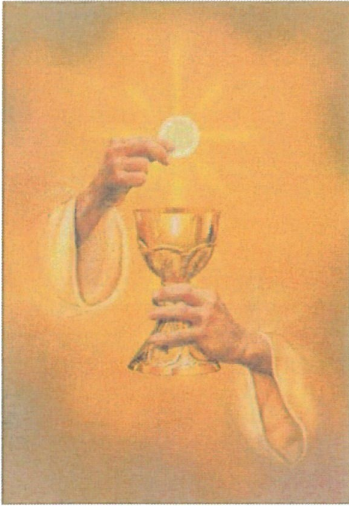
Grief share is a friendly group of caring people, who share the experience of the loss of a loved one. For more information contact, June or Stan Wood at 520.219.2919.

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.

All good gifts come from God. Great News! We have reached our \$250,000.00 campaign goal. The Redemptorists are grateful for your generosity and support. We are a small parish with an enormous heart to meet the needs of our parish community.





Eucharist: The Fullness of Charity and of Life

**Convocation for Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy Communion in
Home Bound, Nursing Home,
Hospital and Prison Ministry**

**Saturday, July 22, 2023
9:00 am – 5:00 pm Lunch included
Bishop Kicanas Pastoral Center
192 S. Stone Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85701**

**Keynote Speaker:
Fr. Martin J. Barnum
Professor Emeritus, Mundelein Seminary**

**Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson**

**Fee: \$10.00 per person to offset costs
Make check payable to CCS-St Jukan Ministry**

**Seats are limited. RSVP to
Patsy Klein, Coordinator, St. Jukan Ministry with Elders
patsyk@ccs-soaz.org
(520) 392-4999**



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)
Virgil Roeder (5/23)
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 Kelly and John Mooney
In Loving Memory of
Michael Crose**

**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 May 8-15, 2023

\$ 8,515.00

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.



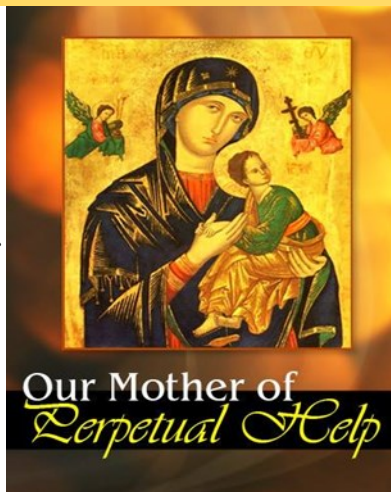
Bookstore Hours

MAY 2023

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



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 be confirmed?

In baptism, God calls you to be a priest, prophet and king. In confirmation, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live out those vocations. A priest offers prayer and sacrifice. In confirmation, you are moved to make your everyday life a sacrifice that you join to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 12:1).

Prophet is from *prophētēs*, a Greek word meaning “spokesperson.”

In confirmation, you are compelled to preach the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16), just as the apostles were when they received the Holy Spirit on the original day of Pentecost (Acts 2:2–4). When you were baptized, you were made a member of the royal family of God (1 Peter 2:9). Just as Jesus showed what it means to be a Servant King, so are we called to serve others in love. In confirmation, we are inspired by the love that God pours into us in his Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

In his first public preaching, Jesus quoted from Isaiah the prophet: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me” (Luke 4:18). That was the beginning of his public ministry. When the bishop anoints you with chrism, you can say the same. Your confirmation is the beginning of your own public ministry. ●



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A disciple follows the Master daily and shares the joy of discipleship with others. Not by conquering, mandating, proselytizing, but by witnessing, humbling oneself alongside other disciples and offering with love the love that we ourselves received. This is our mission...to show by our lives...that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 20, 2019

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Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1–8
Jn 16:29–33

TUESDAY

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17–27
Jn 17:1–11a

WEDNESDAY

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28–38
Jn 17:11b–19

THURSDAY

May 25
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

FRIDAY

May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19

SATURDAY

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
Jn 21:20–25

SUNDAY

May 28
Pentecost
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
Jn 20:19–23