

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 27-28

Pentecost

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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Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

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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



To help us grow in the Virtue of Poverty, Fr Lowery once again gives us several suggestions. First, he recommends reading and reflecting on a few passages from Matthew's Gospel. Specifically, he mentions 5: 1-2, 6: 19-34, 19: 16-30, 25: 31-45.

Secondly, he suggests that we spend some time examining our conscience on issues of social justice. Do our viewpoints reflect those of the Christian tradition and the teachings of the church?

Thirdly, Fr Lowery suggests that we make out a will or examine one that we might already have. Does that will reflect a well-ordered charity towards our loved ones? Is there any place in it for funds to go to charitable organizations to help build up social justice and the kingdom of God? If not, why not?

Finally, Fr recommends that we make a concrete plan to share with the poor this week; food, clothing, shelter, a sum of money, which would go to help someone in need.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Memorial Day, May 29, 2023 - As a reminder, Monday is a Federal Holiday and the office will be closed. We will be open for normal business hours on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

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. 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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Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Enrollment & Renewal

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (EBT Food Stamps) Enrollment or Renewal is available through Catholic Community Services at the Pio Decimo Center, located at 848 S. 7th Ave by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, please call Libia at (520) 416-4759 or email libiak@ccs-pio.org.

Catholic Community Services - Pio Decimo Center

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The monstrance will be placed out on the altar at 5 pm and ends at 9 pm. Please contact Keven Birck at kbirck@comcast.net and let him know what hour you would like to attend. This is such a blessing for us to actually spend time with our Lord and Savior.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

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)**

Pentecost

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**

Monday, May 29

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Denny Mallory (d)**

Tuesday, May 30

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

****Fr. Iva Levystky & Fr. Bondan Geleta
Peace in Ukraine**

Wednesday, May 31

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

****Bob & Billie Marshall (d)**

Thursday, June 1

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

****Joseph Hack (d)**

Friday, June 2

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

****Geidy Baccalao Llerena & Serguey H
Delgado - 12th Wedding Anniversary**

Saturday, June 3

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

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

Sunday, June 4

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Lou Ann Spiegelhoff (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Jackie Sroka - Healing**

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

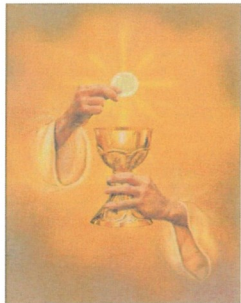
The Marana Food Bank bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore. Please help our local community by donating today. We Collected 65lbs of food for the month of April. Thank you for your generosity.

Hello Parishioners,

For times when people cannot come to Mass because of illness or disability, Our Lady of the Desert offers Communion to the Sick and/or Homebound. An Extraordinary Ministers (EMs) volunteer will be happy to visit with Holy Communion and pray with those who cannot come to Mass.

- 1. If you know of a parishioner who is homebound and would like to have an EM visit, please call the Office 520.744.3400 to set up a visit(s) or call Bob or Chris Francis at 520.490.4189**
- 2. If you would like to become a EM volunteer with the Homebound Ministry, please call Bob or Chris 520.490.4189 for more information. Please note the insert below of the upcoming convocation in July through the Diocese for this ministry.**

Thank You and God Bless You.



**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 Jugan Ministry**

**Seats are limited. RSVP to
Patsy Klein, Coordinator, St. Jugan 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
Fr. Jeff King-Healing
Ed Kenyon
Tim McDonald
Chuck Peterson
Linda Peterson
Margaret Zeches
June Wood
JoAnne Heinzl

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 For The Women's ACTS Retreat

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 15-22, 2023

\$ 3,455.00

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.



Our Mother of
Perpetual Help

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,

I am a practicing Catholic and I don't remember being confirmed. Is it too late for me to be confirmed?

The sacrament of confirmation usually happens when a person is older, and therefore you would likely remember the occasion. It could be that you were not confirmed. You can check with the parish you lived in during your school years to be sure. They keep records of confirmations done in the parish.

Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation. Baptism ushers us into our life with God by giving us new life. Confirmation seals us with the spirit so we can follow Jesus and live out our particular vocation. And the Eucharist gives us strength for the journey and keeps us in union with God.

If you discover you have not been confirmed or if you can't find out for certain, talk with your pastor. You would not be the first adult seeking confirmation. Your pastor can tell you how your diocese handles confirmation for adults. There might be a program of adult instruction for confirmation to ensure you understand the sacrament and the teachings of the Church.

Today is Pentecost, the day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the apostles. The Spirit gave them strength for what they had to do. The Spirit can do the same for you. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4
<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<i>St. Justin, Martyr</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>
Gn 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	Sir 35:1–12 Mk 10:28–31	Zep 3:14–18a or Rom 12:9–16 Lk 1:39–56	Sir 42:15–25 Mk 10:46–52	Sir 44:1, 9–13 Mk 11:11–26	Sir 51:12cd–20 Mk 11:27–33	Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9 2 Cor 13:11–13 Jn 3:16–18



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus' disciples were still disoriented and fearful. They did not yet have the courage to go out in the open. We too, at times, prefer to remain within the protective walls of our surroundings. But the Lord...sends upon us the Holy Spirit who envelops us and overpowers all our hesitations.

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 23, 2021

A VIGIL LED BY POPE FRANCIS AHEAD OF PENTECOST SUNDAY AT THE VATICAN IN JUNE 2019.
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