

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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## Weekend of May 6-7 Fifth Sunday of Easter

### 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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#### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

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Kelly Mooney

Bob Jones

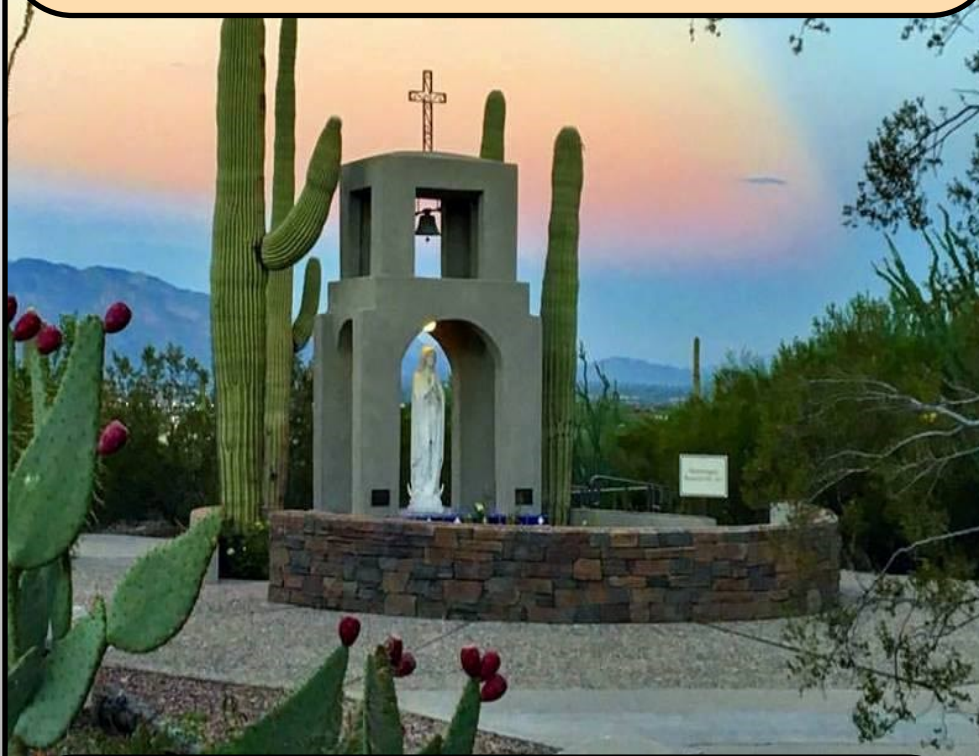
#### Bulletin Editor

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



The virtue recommended by St Alphonsus for our meditations is that of Poverty. Poverty has a horrible reputation in our western world. We usually think of people who are starving, lacking shelter, lacking clothing, lacking dignity. Poverty is something we would love to erase from the world! However, when we speak of the Virtue of Poverty or Evangelical Poverty, we are not speaking of a physical reality (since we would, after all, love to rid the world of physical poverty!) Rather, the Virtue of Poverty really speaks about an attitude of our hearts.

It is an attitude where we recognize all the gifts we have received from God so that we may live well and happily. However, we also realize that these gifts and possessions are not the fulfillment of our lives. Union with God is the fulfillment of human life. Evangelical Poverty is an attitude where, even though we enjoy the gifts God gives us, and are thankful for them, we do not allow our possessions to be more important to us than God and our neighbor. It requires a certain amount of “detachment” from our possessions. We see them as important, but not primary in our lives. We see that all we have, we are called to share. Our salvation does not consist of possessing things, but of possessing God!

*~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.*



# *Our Lady of the Desert*



## **Knights of Columbus State Raffle Ticket Sale**

This will be the last weekend for Knights of Columbus State Raffle Tickets. Remember 50% of our ticket sales come right back to Our Lady of the Desert Church. Knights are outside at the tables selling after Mass, please support our Council and Church. Thank You.

## **\*\*Mass Intentions/Presiders**

### **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 Menchune (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**

### **Monday, May 8**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Roger & Irma Scherer**

### **Tuesday, May 9**

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

**\*\*Dennis Terrill**

### **Wednesday, May 10**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Deceased Redemptorist**

### **Thursday, May 11**

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

**\*\*Frank Taylor (d)**

### **Friday, May 12**

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

**\*\*Trish 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**

## **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](mailto:diana@davenport.net) (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport ([john@davenport.net](mailto: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](mailto: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  
Parishioners, Volunteers and  
Staff**

**Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert**

Weeks of April 24-May 1, 2023

\$ 6,567.00

**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**

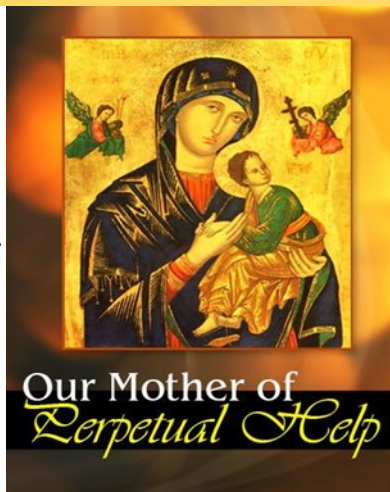
**MAY 2023**

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





## 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



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

Sacred Sorrows exists to help grieving mothers, grandmothers, and the people who love them.

Visit [www.sacredsorrows.org](http://www.sacredsorrows.org) to learn about:

- gentle & healing retreats
- supportive online resources
- monthly gatherings

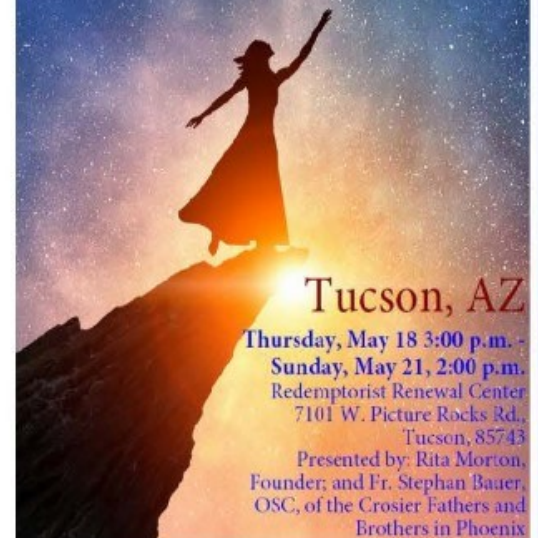


*Where deep grief meets the mystery of grace*

## 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,

*I know a Catholic couple who wanted to celebrate their sacrament of matrimony at a Mass in a forest, but the bishop didn't allow it. Why not marry in God's creation?*

A marriage between Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic is usually celebrated in a parish church. It can be celebrated in another church or oratory with the bishop or pastor's permission. A marriage between a Catholic and an unbaptized person can be celebrated in a church or another suitable place, although a Catholic church remains the preferred place for the celebration.

Why is the parish church the preferred site for the celebration? For Catholics, matrimony is a sacrament—one of the seven sacred signs through which God communicates love to us. When Catholics ask God to bind their union as a sacrament, the couple's love for each other is a sign of God's love for both, and their union is also a continuous sign of Christ's love for the Church. Thus, the church as a "house of God," which contains the presence of Christ, is revered as the most sacred place to make this most sacred commitment. Marriage, according to Pope Francis in a 2015 General Audience, "is not merely a ceremony in a church, with flowers, a dress, photographs....Christian marriage is a sacrament that takes place in the Church, and which also makes the Church, by giving rise to a new family community....[Saint] Paul says that the love between spouses is an image of the love between Christ and his Church. An unimaginable dignity!" ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Weekday	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:5–18	Acts 14:19–28	Acts 15:1–6	Acts 15:17–21	Acts 15:22–31	Acts 16:1–10	Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
Jn 14:21–26	Jn 14:27–31a	Jn 15:1–8	Jn 15:9–11	Jn 15:12–17	Jn 15:18–21	1 Pt 3:15–18 Jn 14:15–21



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*[Jesus] knows that, in life, the worst anxiety, anguish, arises from the sensation of not being able to cope, of feeling alone and without points of reference when faced with events. We cannot overcome this anguish alone...and this is why Jesus asks us to have faith in him, that is, to lean not on ourselves but on him.*

**REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 10, 2020**

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