

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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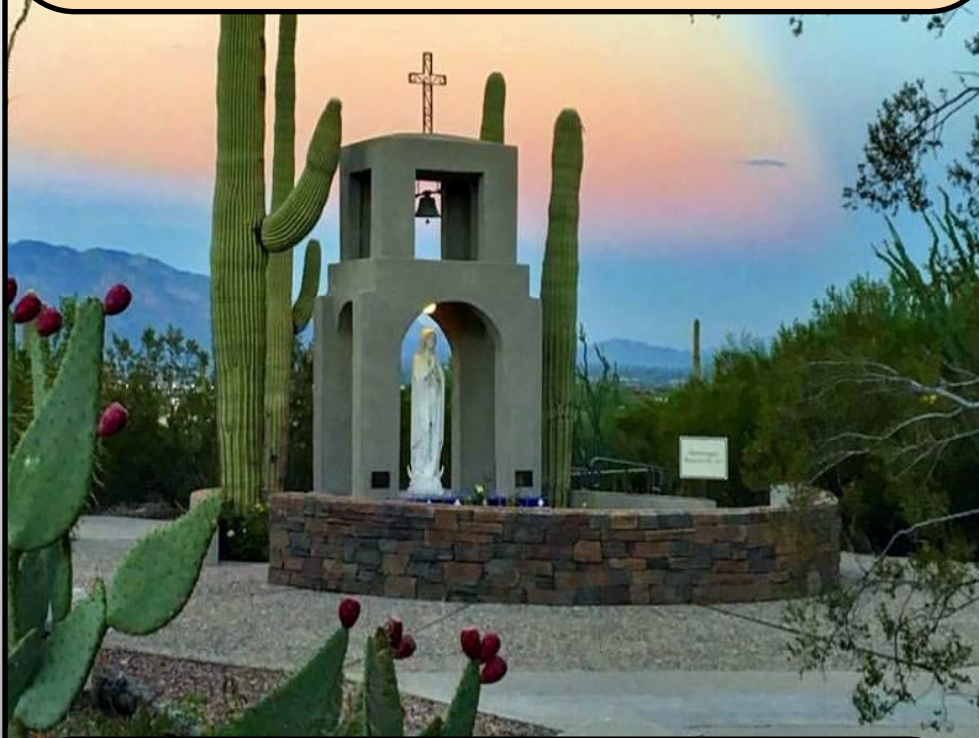
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## Weekend of July 1-2 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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



## **Sunday, July 2 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11**

In this section of Paul's Letter to the Romans, Paul reminds the Romans that when they were Baptized, they were united to Jesus in his death and resurrection. Therefore, Paul encourages them to live as if they were dead to sin, since Jesus already paid the debt due for our sins. Paul always asks his readers to rise above sin, to root it out of their lives. Their life has been purchased by Jesus's passion and resurrection. The power of the resurrection has already started to reign in them as a life dedicated to God and His will.

## **Monday, July 3 Eph 2:19-22**

Paul states today that Baptism has changed us. Because of it, we are now part of the Church, the body of Christ. Each of us already carry within us the Spirit of Christ. The power of that Spirit is working to heal us from sin and rebuild us in the image of Christ. Since this mystery exists in all the Baptized, we must strive to be truly one with each other in peace. It is only in such unity that the full presence of Christ can be found.

## **Tuesday, July 4 Gn 19:15-29**

Today, we return to the story of Abraham and his nephew, Lot. Lot had moved away from Abraham to a place near Sodom. Now, God is about to destroy that city and the whole plains area because of their huge sins. But God is mindful of Abraham and his love for Lot. He therefore has Lot leave the city for safety before the punishment is carried out. God in His mercy remembers his faithful servant, Abraham. God always remembers His favor towards those whom He loves.

## **Wednesday, July 5 Gn 21:5, 8-20a**

Abraham had a son by his slave, Hagar. However, his wife Sarah then bore Isaac, who was the legal heir of Abraham. It was through Isaac that Abraham would become the father of many nations. Sarah is jealous of Ishmael, Hagar's son, and doesn't want him to inherit anything at all from Abraham. So, Abraham sends Hagar and her son away. God, however, is with Ishmael, since he is a son of Abraham. God tends to his needs and promises that he will become the father of a great nation. Ishmael is seen as the father of the Muslim tradition.

## **Thursday, July 6 Gn 22:1b-19**

We have the story of Abraham and Isaac today. Abraham, as a test, is asked to sacrifice his son Isaac up to the Lord. However, once God sees that Abraham is obedient, he stops it from happening. Earlier, Isaac had inquired about the lamb to be offered in the sacrifice. Abraham told him that God himself would provide the lamb. Abraham then finds a ram (not a lamb) and offers it up. Since then, the rabbis have been looking for Abraham's prophesy of God providing the lamb to come true. As Jesus will later begin his public career, John the Baptist will announce, "Behold the Lamb of God." Jesus himself will be the Son sacrificed by a Father (God).





## **Friday, July 7 Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67**

Sarah dies today, and Abraham himself is quite old. He sends a servant back to Ur, where he had originally come from, to find a wife for Isaac. The servant returns with Rebekah. In her, Isaac finds relief from his grief over his mother's death. Isaac and Rebekah are now poised to bear a son through whom the promises made to Abraham will be fulfilled. The faithfulness of God continues on!

## **Saturday, July 8 Gn 27:1-5, 15-29**

Isaac and Rebekah bear two sons, Esau and Jacob. Esau, as the elder brother, should be the main heir of his father. The blessing and promise God made to Abraham is meant to flow through him. However, Jacob, working with his mother, deceives Isaac. In this way, Jacob receives the blessing and the birth-right from Isaac in place of Esau. Thus, God's promise to make of Abraham a great nation, flows through the trickster Jacob. Even though human nature and sin have entered into the equation, God's promise is still honored.

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

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

### **Friday, June 30**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Pat Grile

**\*\*Bill Lewis**

### **Saturday, July 1**

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Pat Grile

**\*\* Leonardo Gentile (d)**

### **Sunday, July 2**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Mary Ann Monte**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Jesus & Alexis Murrieta - Happy 13th Anniversary**

### **Monday, July 3**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Denny Mallory (d)**

### **Tuesday, July 4**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Pat Grile

**\*\*Anna Charlotte Donlon (d)**

### **Wednesday, July 5**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

**\*\*For Healing**

### **Thursday, July 6**

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

**\*\*Carol Burba (d)**

### **Friday, July 7**

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

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

### **Saturday, July 8**

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

**\*\*Cruz Rosales (d)**

### **Sunday, July 9**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Larry Waller (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

**\*\*John, Trinidad, Santiago Buenniaje,  
Christina Singson (d)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Reminder** : The front office will be closed starting July 1-16, 2023. We will reopen for business on Monday July 17, 2023 from 8:00am-4:00pm.

**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.

### **Marriage Help**

A Retrouvaille Weekend can help couples rediscover peace, hope, and purpose in their marriage. Register Now for a Retrouvaille Weekend scheduled, Friday evening, August 25 - Sunday, August 27, 2023. Visit: [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org), Call or Text (520) 762-4449.

### **Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates**

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 95lbs of food for the month of May. 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 July 2023**

Fr. Jeff King-Healing  
Ed Kenyon  
Tim McDonald  
Chuck Peterson  
Linda Peterson  
June Wood  
JoAnne Heinzl  
Lee Morrison  
Scott Milligan  
Rachel Flint  
Bob Garcia - Healing

### **OUR LADY OF THE DESERT**

**DECEASED MEMBERS**  
*Last 12 Months*

**(Month/Year)**

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)  
Harriet Lewandowski (5/23)  
Billie Marshall (9/22)  
Philip Oberstar (10/22)  
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."**

Hoshea 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.**



## This weeks Flowers were donated To Honor The Music Ministry & Choir

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 July 9-16, 2023 Will be posted on July 23rd .

**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

## Bookstore Hours

JULY 2023

JULY 1-14 CLOSED for VACATION

JULY 15-16 Sat, Sun After the weekend masses

JULY 18 Tuesday 10:00 - 2:00

JULY 20 Thursday 10:00 - 2:00

JULY 22-23 Sat, Sun After the weekend masses

JULY 25 Tuesday 10:00 - 2:00

JULY 27 Thursday 10:00 - 2:00

JULY 29-30 Sat, Sun After the weekend masses



Happy 4<sup>th</sup>

JULY

**Alive in Christ**

## Charismatic Healing Mass

**Thursday July 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

"Great crowds came to him, having with them the lame, the blind, the deformed, the mute, and many others. They placed them at his feet, and he cured them." - Matt 15:30



- ❖ Lively Praise & Worship
- ❖ Celebration of the Holy Mass
- ❖ Inspired teaching
- ❖ Prayers for healing



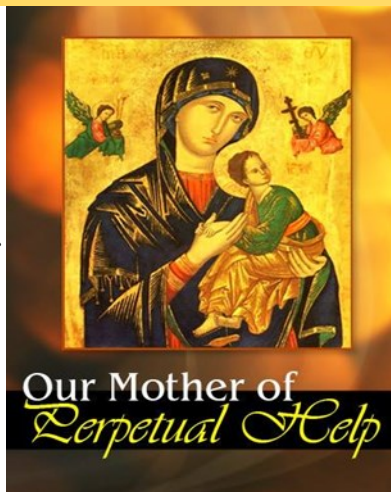
Fr. Bala Kommathoti

**Bring your family & friends!**

- Attend in person at: Our Lady of La Vang Parish, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson
- Also, on Zoom at: **Meeting ID: 814 4930 0841**  
**Passcode: 352734**

View this using Zoom app on a computer / tablet / smart phone,  
Or listen on a traditional phone: Dial (346) 248 7799 or (669) 900 9128 (*not* toll-free)  
- If you have problems joining the meeting, please text Diana at: 520-981-8800.  
- For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to [TucsonCCR.org](http://TucsonCCR.org)

## 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,

## *How do we serve everyone in a culturally diverse parish?*

In the past it was common to have parishes dedicated to different ethnic groups where such populations were concentrated. In 2010, the US bishops found that 33 percent of all US parishes were culturally diverse, and that's perhaps using a narrow understanding of diversity. Then in 2014, they published *Best Practices for Shared Parishes: So That They May All Be One*, in which they outline a nine-movement process for creating an inclusive parish. The term "shared parishes" describes parish communities in which two or more languages or cultural contexts are present in the ministerial life of a parish. The fact that there are nine movements is notable. It means that we slowly move toward inclusiveness; we don't simply present a Mass in Spanish and think the job is done.

This brings to mind a parishioner in a parish I served in the Mississippi Delta. This was indeed a "shared parish," with a large African-American population, a significant Spanish-speaking population, and an elderly population of white Americans who expected a more "traditional" Mass with familiar hymns. Rosemary was an Italian-American whose family had lived in the area since the beginning of the nineteenth century. She served as the parish's director of education. Rosemary made it her practice to attend every Mass to welcome people and make them feel at home. She was the perfect example of the first movement toward serving everyone in a shared parish: hospitality. ●

**Fr. Patrick Keyes, 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*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 3 <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i> Eph 2:19–22 Jn 20:24–29	July 4 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 19:15–29 Mt 8:23–27	July 5 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 21:5, 8–20a Mt 8:28–34	July 6 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 22:1b–19 Mt 9:1–8	July 7 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 23:1–4, 19; 24:1–8, 62–67 Mt 9:9–13	July 8 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 27:1–5, 15–29 Mt 9:14–17	July 9 <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Zec 9:9–10 Rom 8:9, 11–13 Mt 11:25–30



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*Millions of people came to this land to pursue their dream of building a future in freedom. We, the people of this continent, are not fearful of foreigners, because most of us were once foreigners. I say this to you as the son of immigrants, knowing that so many of you are also descended from immigrants.*

**ADDRESS TO US CONGRESS, WASHINGTON, DC, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

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