

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of June 10-11

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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.

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Sunday, June 11 1 Cor 10:16-17

Today's second reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians reminds us of our unity with Christ and with each other. Paul tells us that when we eat the body of Christ in the Eucharist and drink his blood, a oneness of life dwells within us. Christ's life within us is united to our life. As a group, then, we all are united to God and we share His life and love with each other. It is because we all share in Christ's life that we become brothers and sisters of each other. All of us share the same life of Christ. For Paul, this unity is very real, and it calls us to live a life of love with each other.

Monday, June 12 2 Cor 1:1-7

Paul today takes up the issue of suffering in life. He says that God always is present to us in times of suffering, offering encouragement and compassion. So too, we, as members of the Body of Christ, must also reach out to join Christ in encouraging our brothers and sisters who are walking through a tough or painful time in life. We must always seek to live the way Jesus lived; to encourage others as he himself does. Compassion and care for one another always has to have an important place in our Christian lives.

Tuesday, June 13 2 Cor 1:18-22

Paul today speaks of the trustworthiness of Jesus's teaching. We can always trust that the way of life he has revealed to us will lead us to God. The presence of the Holy Spirit within us shows us that God has indeed kept His promises. Paul says the Spirit within us is the first installment of this union with God. This union will grow more perfect throughout our lives and reach its perfection in our resurrection. God has begun the work of drawing his people to himself.

Wednesday, June 14 2 Cor 3:4-11

Paul today speaks about the law versus life in the Spirit. Although the law had kept Israel close to God and in covenant with him, the life of the Spirit within us is even more glorious. Christ has freed us from the blind following of the external law to an inner guidance of the Spirit in our lives. The Spirit is constantly working within us to lead us to a more perfect union with God and one another. We can trust the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to lead us to life.

Thursday, June 15 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6

Paul today insists that the new covenant in Christ far surpasses the old covenant of the law. Though the law was good, it only led to a veiled understanding of God. But now, God has revealed His Full Self to us through the Holy Spirit living within us. We no longer just know about God through laws set up to guide us. Now, we are enlightened by the very presence of God himself inside our bodies. We know him in faith, not just a reflection of himself.



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Friday, June 16 1 Jn 4:7-16

Today is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Therefore, our reading from Paul is interrupted by the Letter of John. John writes about the love of God. We have experienced this love by the fact that God sent his only Son to die for our sins. Only through love is such self-sacrifice possible. John also argues that we who are filled with the love of God through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our lives and hearts, must also cooperate with that indwelling Spirit by loving one another as God loves us. We too must die to ourselves and live for each other.

Saturday, June 17 2 Cor 5:14-21

Paul speaks today about death as the punishment for sin. However, Paul insists that Christ died in our place. Now, we live. We live for Christ. We live for his will and for the welfare of each other. How can we not love and give our lives to the one who gave his life for us? His death won forgiveness of our sins. We are free of them and called to share that reconciliation we have received from God with one another.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, June 9

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

****Katherine Gaboury (d)**

Saturday, June 10

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Peter Connolly

**** Cece Reardon (d)**

Sunday, June 11

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Dave & Judy Vanderlinde - 46th Anniversary**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****John, Trinidad, Santiago Buenniaje, Christiana Singson (d)**

Monday, June 12

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Joseph Hack (d)**

Tuesday, June 13

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

****Deceased Redemptorists**

****Bertita Galvan (d)**

Wednesday, June 14

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****Thelma Walter (d)**

Thursday, June 15

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

****Alex Waldman (d)**

Friday, June 16

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

****Pedro & Maria Diaz - 56th Anniversary**

Saturday, June 17

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

****Bob & Angie Breister**

Sunday, June 18

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Denny Mallory (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Sam & Chili Shummon - Special Intention**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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, 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 (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 95lbs of food for the month of May. Thank you for your generosity.

**Our Lady of the Desert Circle
of Redemptorist Lay Associates**
invites you to

***"A Visit to the Border with Fr. Ricardo Elford, CSsR:
Presented by John Davenport"***



Fr. Ricardo (left) and
Br. David Buer, OFM,
at our border with
Mexico. Br. David has
ministered both in
Tucson and at our
southern border for
many years.

Please join us **Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm AZ time** in the **Petroglyph Room** or **via Zoom** (please contact John Davenport at john@davenport.net for the Zoom link). All are welcome!



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)
Harriet Lewandowski (5/23)
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
Dave and Judy Vanderlinde -
Happy 46th Wedding Anniversary**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of May 29-June 5, 2023

\$ 6,885.00

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/>

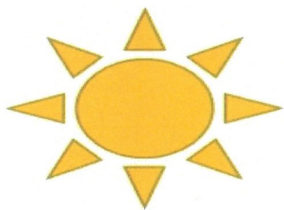


THE BOOKSTORE IS
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AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS

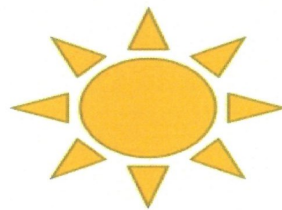
Bookstore Hours

JUNE 2023

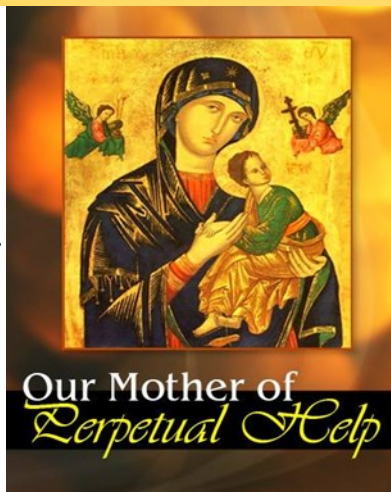
JUN 1	10:00 - 2:00
JUN 3-4	After the weekend masses
JUN 6	10:00 - 2:00
JUN 8	10:00 - 2:00
JUN 10-11	After the weekend masses
JUN 13	10:00 - 2:00
JUN 17-18	After the weekend masses
JUN 20	10:00 - 1:00
JUN 22	11:00 - 1:00
JUN 24-25	After the weekend masses



JUNE



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,

I'm eighty-one. When I received first Communion, the nuns told me not to chew the holy Eucharist, but to let it melt in my mouth. Is it wrong to chew it?

It is permitted to chew the host or to let it dissolve in your mouth. The hosts today must be unleavened and made only of flour and water, making it easier for some communicants to dissolve it in their mouths. Unleavened bread doesn't mold or spoil and is more suitable than leavened bread for exposition and adoration. However, for nearly 800 years, the Church used leavened wheat bread for the Eucharist before unleavened wheat bread was introduced into the Roman rite. Communicants would have had to chew the Eucharist before the modern waferlike host evolved.

Your first Communion instruction on the proper way to consume the Eucharist was an effort to instill in you a deep reverence for the Real Presence of Christ. This profound respect for our Lord in the form of consecrated bread and wine is still desired by the Church. For example, at Mass the priest "reverently consumes the Body of Christ" and "reverently partakes of the Blood of Christ" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 158). Similarly, "when receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister" (*GIRM* 160). Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a special day for us to remember Jesus' gift of his own body that we might be nourished and strengthened for this life's journey. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY

June 12
Weekday
2 Cor 1:1-7
Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY

June 13
St. Anthony of
Padua, Priest
and Doctor of
the Church
2 Cor 1:18-22
Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY

June 14
Weekday
2 Cor 3:4-11
Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY

June 15
Weekday
2 Cor 3:15-
4:1, 3-6
Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY

June 16
Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus
Dt 7:6-11
1 Jn 4:7-16
Mt 11:25-30

SATURDAY

June 17
Immaculate
Heart of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary
2 Cor 5:14-21
Lk 2:41-51

SUNDAY

June 18
Eleventh Sunday
In Ordinary
Time
Ex 19:2-6a
Rom 5:6-11
Mt 9:36-10:8



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We who go to Mass can ask: What is it that we bring to the world? Is it our sadness and bitterness, or the joy of the Lord? Do we receive Holy Communion and then carry on complaining, criticizing and feeling sorry for ourselves? This does not improve anything, whereas the joy of the Lord can change lives.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 14, 2020

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