

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of June 3-4 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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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



Since we are once again in June, we have looked at a full year of St. Alphonsus' advice about growing the virtues in our life. Hopefully you found his insights helpful. I would now like to turn and present a few thoughts from the readings for this week's masses. Specifically, I'd like to zoom into the second readings on Sunday and Feast Days, and the first reading from weekdays.

Sunday, June 4th 2 Cor 13:11-13

In today's excerpt from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, Paul calls the Christian Community to oneness and peace. We are told to encourage one another, agree with one another and to live in peace with each other. Paul's wish is that every Christian open their heart to the grace that comes into our life through Jesus. This experience of being graced will lead to an experience of being loved by the Father who sent Jesus to bring us that grace. Then, realizing that the Father sent that grace to all of us, we begin to see that we are all brothers and sisters, sharing within our being the grace of Jesus and the love of the Father. This knowledge will in turn lead us to the fellowship and unity that is ours in the Holy Spirit. Living out that unity is what Christianity is all about.

Monday, June 5th Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8

Today we see the good side of Tobit. He is a man of generosity. He looks to share his blessings with his fellow Jews who are in exile. He hears of the death of a Jewish man and runs to collect his body and give him a holy burial. He does this even at the risk of losing his own life as a punishment. Tobit is a man who realizes that he and his fellow Jews are brothers and sisters, and that they must take care of one another. He knows he cannot sit around enjoying his own life and blessings while others around him suffer. His heart leads him to share what he has and to serve the needs of others. No matter how costly it may be for him, he seeks to treat others with respect and care.

Tuesday, June 6th Tb 2:9-14

Today we see the other side of Tobit. Like all of us, he had his sinful side, as well as his good side. His sinful side shows up in the way he treats his wife. His wife has innocently come home with a goat. It was given to her as a bonus on top of the money she was made for weaving clothes. However, Tobit can't seem to accept this. He accuses his wife of being in possession of a possibly stolen goat. His wife calls his attention to the injustice of this situation. She points out that all the charity of his actions towards others are gone when it comes to how he treats her! I am always happy to see that Tobit and others in the scriptures are just like us! They too seem to lose concentration when it comes to people they love the most. It seems we all tend to grow slack and take for granted those we love most. People often complain to me that they seem to treat those who are a regular part of their life, those they love most, worse than they treat others. Perhaps today is a good time to ask ourselves honestly if our Christian charity shows itself in our dealings with our own family and loved ones.



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Wednesday, June 7th Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a

Today's reading from Tobit centers first on Tobit's reaction to his wife's accusations from yesterday. Tobit becomes a big baby in a sense. He cannot accept the fact that he was put in his place. He sees death as being the only way he can deal with insults from his wife and neighbors. He has been wronged, or so he thinks! Then we meet Sarah, who has also had to endure insult from others. She contemplates suicide as a way out, but she refrains from killing herself because she knows she would only hurt her father if she followed through with her thoughts. It seems to me that both characters, in their pride,

have difficulty getting beyond their own self. They feel it is a huge insult to be ridiculed, and they just cannot let go of the fact that "I" have been hurt. There is no idea of admitting their faults and trying to grow. Again, how very human they are!

Thursday, June 8th Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a

Today's reading from Tobit jumps ahead in the story. Tobit has sent his son Tobiah to a faraway land to collect money that is owed to him. He also instructs Tobiah to bring home with him Sarah, who should become his wife. The Angel Raphael appears to him in disguise and offers to go with him. In our reading today, Tobiah and Raphael arrive at the home of Sarah and her parents. Even though Sarah has been married seven times, and each marriage has ended in the death of her husband on the day of marriage, Tobiah still insists on marrying her. Her parents grant her request. Tobiah asks Sarah to join him in prayer asking God to deliver them both from the demon who was killing Sarah's husbands. Tobiah is very brave, but still he knows that only with the help of God can he survive. He is a great model for us of prayer.

Friday, June 9th Tb 11:5-17

The story once again jumps ahead. Tobiah returns home from his errands. He brings with him a salve that Raphael has given to him. He puts the salve on his father's eyes, and his father's blindness is healed. Tobit now offers praise and thanks to God for his mercy. He has become a new man! All his fellow Jews, who had formerly ridiculed him, now rejoice with him. God's love through Raphael has brought a new unity and joy to Tobit's family, and to his neighbors. God's love has led to new life!

Saturday, June 10th Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20

Today, Raphael finally reveals his true identity to Tobit and Tobiah. He tells them that they must rejoice in how God's love has saved them. They are to shout out to all their neighbors for all the good God has done for them. Rejoicing and thanksgiving must always follow from God's grace in our lives.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, June 2

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

****Geidy Baccaloa 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**

Monday, June 5

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Joseph Hack (d)**

Tuesday, June 6

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

****Redemptorist Community**

Wednesday, June 7

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****For Healing**

Thursday, June 8

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

****Roger & Irma Scherer**

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**

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)**

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.

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

First Friday Adoration

Come let us adore Him!

June 2, 2023 5-9 pm

At the altar of Our Lady of the Desert Church

The monstrance will be placed on the altar at 5 pm and ends at 9 pm. Please contact Keven Birck at kbirck@comcast.net

Please join us in adoration of the Christ! Please spare 30-60 mins of your time or any amount you wish to adore our Lord Jesus. This is such a blessing for us to actually spend time with our Lord and Savior.



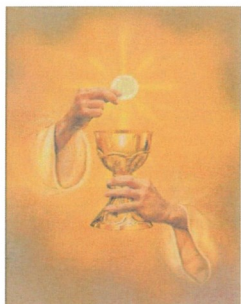
In union with Christ's passion,
we offer up as sacrifice upon the fleshy
altars of our hearts all that we lack.
In return we receive from on high the
fullness of Christ's body, blood, soul and
divinity in the Eucharist, and we see
the Word become flesh in our own lives.

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 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 the office or Bob and Chris Francis, 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)
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 Anniversary**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of May 22-29, 2023

\$ 5,671.00

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/>



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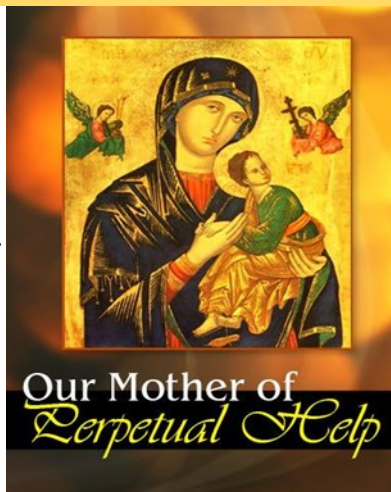
Bookstore Hours

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,

Two relatives of mine died from a disease for which they never sought treatment. Both said, “God will heal me if that is his will.” Wouldn’t God have wanted them to see a doctor?

It is safe to say that God would have them see a doctor. Does doing so compromise our faith in God? No. Throughout all of salvation history, God has relied on human beings to be his instruments, his messengers. While we believe in God, who can and has acted miraculously throughout history, these moments are exceptions, not the rule. Ordinarily, God’s work is done by human hands. The spread of the gospel itself has come about through people who have responded to God in faith.

Part of this gospel story is the healing ministry of Jesus. Christianity has from the beginning taken up Jesus’ ministry of healing and attempted to restore health to the sick, not only through prayer and the sacraments but also through institutions that care for the sick and the dying. Even as we recognize that our primary relationship is with God, we must also see that caring for our lives and our health, gifts from that same God, is a responsible way to receive and be good stewards of these gifts.

Think of the training, knowledge, and experience that doctors, nurses, and all other health-care practitioners have spent years attaining. Is not their work a miracle of God’s love when it brings healing, restoration, and renewal? ●

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HYPHER STORY / SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 5 <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> Tb 1:3; 2:1b–8 Mk 12:1–12	June 6 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 2:9–14 Mk 12:13–17	June 7 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 3:1–11a, 16–17a Mk 12:18–27	June 8 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 6:10–11; 7:1bcde, 9–17; 8:4–9a Mk 12:28–34	June 9 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 11:5–17 Mk 12:35–37	June 10 <i>Weekday</i> Tb 12:1, 5–15, 20 Mk 12:38–44	June 11 <i>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a 1 Cor 10:16–17 Jn 6:51–58

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today we can ask ourselves...do I, who profess faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, truly believe that I need others in order to live, that I need to give myself to others, that I need to serve others? Do I affirm this in words or do I affirm it with my life?

ANGELUS, ST. PETER’S SQUARE, JUNE 12, 2022

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