

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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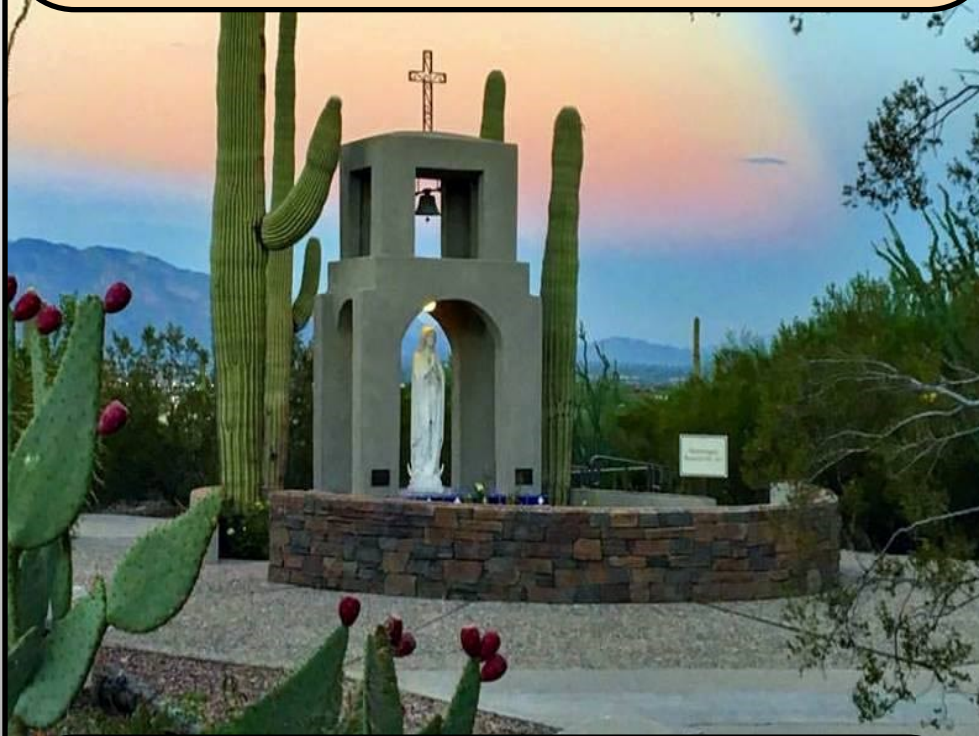
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Weekend of July 15-16

Fifteenth 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.

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Sunday, July 16th Rom 8:18-23

Paul, today, assures us that even though we suffer now, a future of well-being and freedom from suffering await us. In God's love we will be set free. Scripture has always held that we have suffering because of the sin of Adam and Eve. They freely chose to divorce themselves from God's love. As a result, God pronounced a curse on the earth itself. In Genesis, we read, "Cursed be the ground because of you! In toil you shall eat its yield all the days of your life" (Gen 3:17). Now, Paul declares that through Jesus, not only will humans be set free, but even this very earth will become the place of peace and blessing it was always meant to be. God's love is more powerful than human sin!

Monday, July 17th Ex 1:8-14, 22

After the death of Joseph, a new Pharaoh comes to power in Egypt, one who never knew Joseph and all the good he did for Egypt. He sees that there are quite a few of these foreigners present in the land. Because he does not trust their loyalty, he orders them to be enslaved, so they will not have the freedom or ability to revolt against Egypt. He further orders all male children born to the Hebrews to be killed upon birth. Even though in truth, the Hebrews have been a source of blessing and life through Joseph, the Pharaoh fails to see them as such. Instead, Pharaoh's blindness leads to separation, fear, and hatred. This is very similar to what Joseph's brothers felt toward him. The past seems to have returned to bite the people.

Tuesday, July 18th Ex 2:1-15a

Today we hear of the birth of Moses. He escapes his death sentence because of a loving mother and a compassionate daughter of Pharaoh. Notice that the name Moses means "Drawn out of the water." We have here, perhaps an early reference to Baptism. It is by being drawn out of the waters of Baptism that we are saved.

Wednesday, July 19th Ex 3:1-6, 9-12

Today, we read about God calling Moses. The story pictures a loving, compassionate God who sees the suffering of his people and seeks to rescue them from their situation. It seems God's response to suffering is always the same. He seeks release and healing for his people. Moses, like ourselves, will be the instrument through whom God's saving grace comes to his people.

Thursday, July 20th Ex 3:13-20

Yesterday's theme of God's love and mercy in the face of our suffering continues today. God tells Moses, "I am concerned about you and about the way you are being treated in Egypt; so I have decided to lead you up out of the misery of Egypt into ... a land flowing with milk and honey." God, in his mercy always wants his people to thrive in happiness!



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Friday, July 21st Ex 11:10—12:14

Today we have the story of the roots of one of the highest of the Jewish holidays, Passover. This feast is centered around God choosing the poor and enslaved Hebrews over the rich and well Egyptians who were keeping them in slavery. This being chosen by God was a chief part of Israel's self-identity. For us Christians, the church has always taught that the death and resurrection of Jesus was a second Passover. A time when God called forth his new people and gave them victory over slavery to sin and death!

Saturday, July 22nd Sgs 3:1-4b

Today is the Feast of St Mary Magdalene, so our narrative from Exodus is interrupted by a reading from the Book of Songs. The Book of Songs is a collection of love poems. In today's poem, a bride seeks out the one she loves. She cannot bear being separated from him. After searching for him among the people, she finds him again. Mary Magdalene was a friend of Jesus who sought him out after his death. She is a model for us. Is finding Christ and loving him the highest goal of our life, or is there something else that we put first. Let us pray that our love for Jesus may be always true in our hearts!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, July 14

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

****Dillon Alonzo - Kilkenny - Happy Birthday**

Saturday, July 15

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

****Jack Mahoney (d)**

Sunday, July 16

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Anne Boisvert - Birthday**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Sr. M Digna Vela**

Monday, July 17

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

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

Tuesday, July 18

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

****Deceased Redemptorists**

Wednesday, July 19

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Consuelo Piccarella (d)**

Thursday, July 20

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

****Virgil Roeder (d)**

Friday, July 21

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

****Anna M. Hernandez - Special Intention**

Saturday, July 22

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

****Tom Whittingham (d)**

Sunday, July 23

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Geraldyn & Jerry Neely**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****Bob & Angie Breister**

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

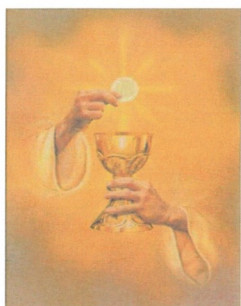
The Marana Food Bank bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore. Please help our local community by donating today. We Collected 95lbs of food for the month of May. Thank you for your generosity.

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 July 2023

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

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
In Celebration of
Wayne & Mary Cay Wesolowski
55th Wedding Anniversary**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of July 9-16, 2023 will be posted in July 23rds Bulletin.

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



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



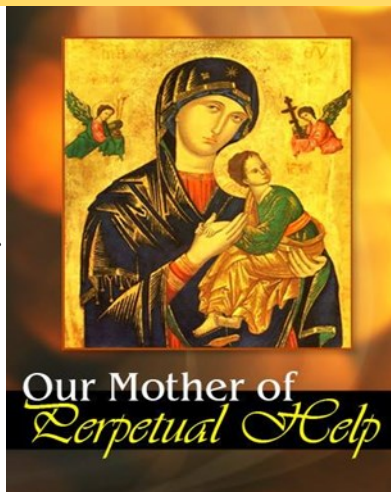
Fr. Bala Kommathoti

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

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 have a friend who has been coming to church with me, and he often has questions I can't answer. The big one last week was, "Why don't Catholics have more Bible preaching instead of all this ceremony?" I try to explain, but I don't think I have the right words. Help!

Your friend's question is very common because our Catholic ceremony can be confusing to those of other faiths.

The Catholic Mass comes from two prayer traditions. First, there is the tradition of the Jewish synagogue service where people gather to read and study the word of God. Second, there is the tradition of the early Christians who met in their homes to celebrate the breaking of the bread.

The earliest Christians, Jewish converts, maintained their Sabbath tradition of reading and studying the word of God. They added to that the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave them. Our Mass puts these two together in the Liturgy of the Word (readings, preaching, prayers) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (offering, eucharistic prayer, holy Communion).

The homily may not be as long as it is in some other Christian traditions, but the preaching should be solid, based on Scripture, and in line with the teaching of the Church. We are a Church of word and sacrament. We listen to the word of God and we celebrate the breaking of the bread. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free. Always keep a handy copy of the Gospel with you...and then, read a short passage every day, so that you become used to reading the word of God.

ANGELUS, ROME,
JULY 12, 2020

JANTANEE RUNPRANOMKORN / SHUTTERSTOCK



MONDAY

July 17
Weekday
Ex 1:8–14, 22
Mt 10:34–11:1

TUESDAY

July 18
Weekday
Ex 2:1–15a
Mt 11:20–24

WEDNESDAY

July 19
Weekday
Ex 3:1–6, 9–12
Mt 11:25–27

THURSDAY

July 20
Weekday
Ex 3:13–20
Mt 11:28–30

FRIDAY

July 21
Weekday
Ex 11:10–12:14
Mt 12:1–8

SATURDAY

July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1–4b or
2 Cor 5:14–17
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

SUNDAY

July 23
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–43 or
Mt 13:24–30

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