

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Saturday 4 pm livestreamed Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/c/OurLadyoftheDesertChurch/playlists>

Weekend of July 22-23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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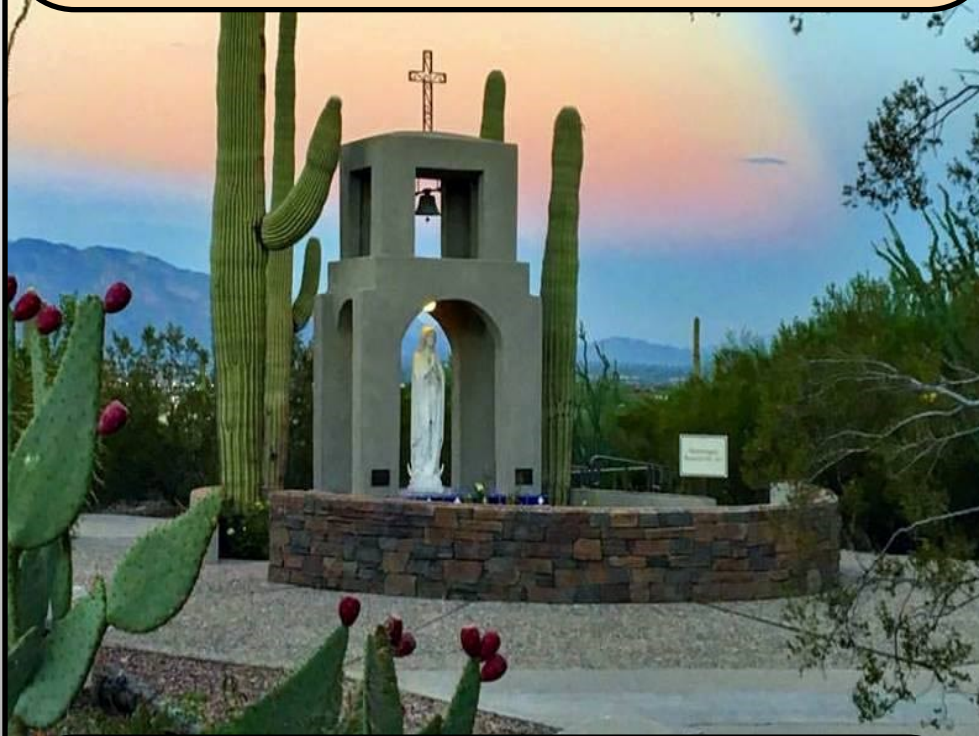
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Together we are the body of Christ, living and active today.

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Sunday, July 23rd Rom 8:26-27

In today's second reading from Romans, Paul speaks about prayer. Paul understands that we humans are not perfect, and so we sometimes are confused about how to pray. However, Paul points out that the Holy Spirit dwells in us. The Spirit will take up our imperfect prayers and perfect them in God's hearing. Prayer itself becomes a work between us and the Spirit. The Spirit helps us to always present pleasing prayer before God.

Monday, July 24th Ex 14:5-18

Today we have the story of the crossing of the Red Sea. The Egyptians have changed their minds about letting the Hebrews go. The army pursues them to the sea. When the people cry out to God, he comes to their help. He has Moses divide the water so that dry land appears in the midst of the sea. The people cross over. As the Egyptians start to follow them, the waters flow back and destroy the army of Pharaoh. This is a story of deliverance but also a story which shows that God will always be with us and help us in the hard times of life!

Tuesday, July 25th 2 Cor 4:7-15

As today is a feast day, we have readings which interrupt the story of the Exodus. Paul poetically speaks today of our life in Christ. He states the obvious: Jesus's grace is inside of us weak, imperfect humans. However, the power of Jesus always shines through in our lives, even in our weakest moments. God continually works to bring us to life in Christ. He moves us to grow and overcome our weaknesses. His grace is always stronger than our weaknesses.

Wednesday, July 26th Ex 16:1-5, 9-15

The people, now out of Egypt, are traveling through the desert. Already, they forget all the love and care God has showed them. Their hunger blinds them to God's presence. In response to their grumbling, God sends them quail in the evening and manna in the morning. God's love for his people continues, even when we might think that because of their sinfulness, they do not deserve his love. But, God's love and mercy for his people are always stronger than our weaknesses and sin.

Thursday, July 27th Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b

The Hebrew people have been led out of Egypt to God. He meets them today at Mount Sinai. He appears to them in symbols of his strength. He appears as a dark cloud, and as a storm, and as fire on the mountain, and his speaking with Moses is heard as thunder. The great and almighty one has come down to his people. Even in their frail humanity, God loves them and gives himself to them.

Friday, July 28th Ex 20:1-17

Today, God gives the ten commandments. It is important to see why the commandments are given. God tells Moses that it was because of his great love for them, that God chose them to be his people, and freed them from Egyptian slavery. The 10 commandments are seen as a way of showing our thankfulness to God for what he has done for us. They are also a show of our love towards the God who loves us so much. We should always seek to thank God by refraining from thoughts and actions that are against who he is. Following the commandments is about love and wanting to please the God who has done so much for us!



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Saturday, July 29th Ex 24:3-8

The people agree to follow God's will. Moses then initiates a covenant ceremony wherein the people enter a covenant with God. This covenant makes God and his people a "family." The people are splashed with the blood of the sacrificed animals to symbolize their involvement in this covenant agreement. They will also eat the flesh of the sacrificed animals as a further expression of this fact. This covenant reminds us of the mass where we celebrate a new covenant in the blood of Christ through which we are redeemed and made God's holy people. There too we eat the flesh and drink the blood of the sacrificial victim, under the forms of bread and wine.

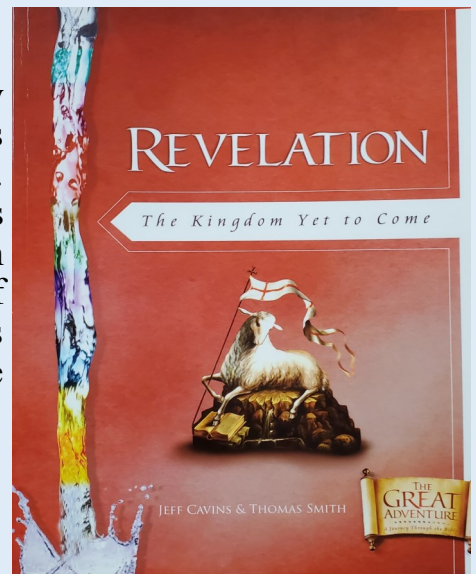
~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study

We will be holding another Bible Study from the Great Adventure Series. We will be studying the Book of Revelation.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven. Here, you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass.

Workbooks for this study cost \$28.00. This will be a 10-week study held on the Mondays from October 9 through December 11. Please call the office to register for this study by September 11th. 520.744.3400.



SAVE THE DATE

Arizona Rosary Celebration

Saturday, October 14, 2023

St. Augustine Cathedral,
192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson AZ 85701

Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson, Presiding

Guest Speaker;

Sr. Regina Maria Gorman, O.C.D.
Vicar General, Carmelite Sisters of the
Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles.

Holy Hour Celebration, Friday, October 13, 2023
St. Pius X Catholic Church in Tucson

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Pray for Us!

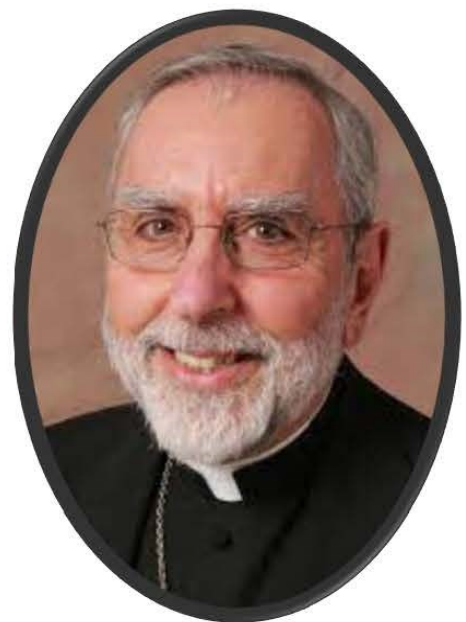
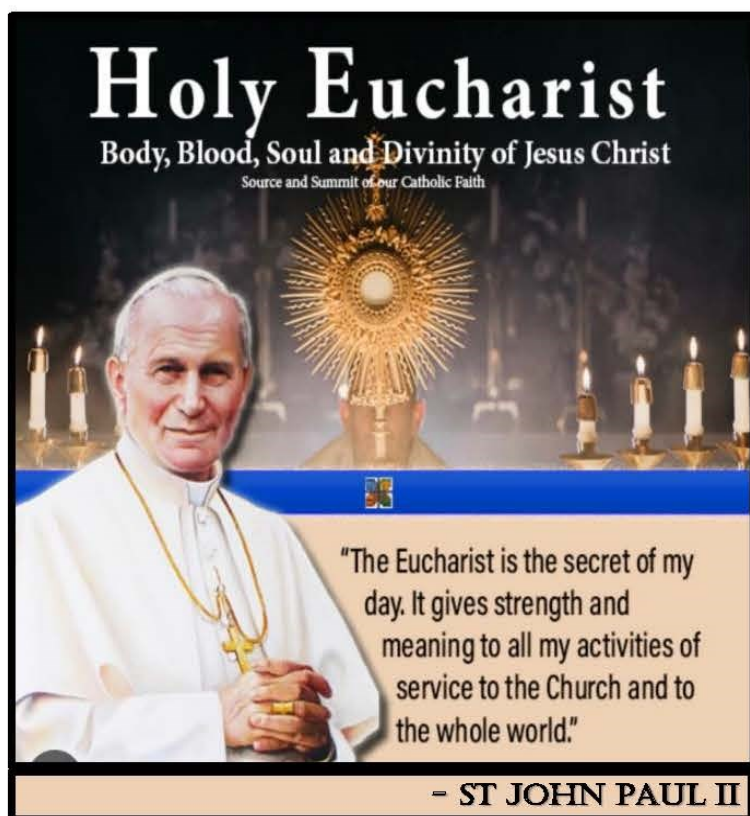
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Eucharistic Revival Conference 2023

Saturday, September 30th at 9AM to 2 PM

**High Desert Middle School
4000 High Desert Dr, Globe AZ**



**GUEST SPEAKER
BISHOP EMERITUS
GERALD KICANAS**

- ❖ **Registration at 9:00 AM**
- ❖ **Introduction at 9:30 AM**
- ❖ **1st Session at 10:00 AM**
- ❖ **Break**
- ❖ **2nd Session at 11:00 AM**
- ❖ **Lunch**
- ❖ **Holy Eucharist 1:00 PM**

- ❖ **Free Admission**
- ❖ **Praise and Worship**
- ❖ **Fellowship**
- ❖ **Refreshments**
- ❖ **Complimentary Meal**

Invite your family & friends!



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National Eucharistic Revival

DAY of PRAYER & REFLECTION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM

Mass followed by luncheon, presentation, and Benediction

**St. Augustine Cathedral
Bishop Kicanas Pastoral Center
192 S. Stone Ave #2, Tucson, AZ 85701**

Explore the Mass and the Eucharist

Father Frank DeSiano, C.S.P.

How does the Word of God, which we proclaim at Mass, invite us to conversion?

How does it prepare us for the Eucharistic Prayer?

How does the Eucharistic Prayer unite us to Jesus

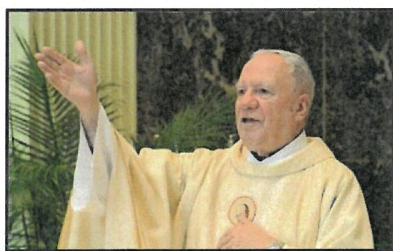
and bring us into his eternal prayer of praise to the Father in the Holy Spirit?

How does the Mass empower us, as missionary disciples, to go forth in service to the World?

Join us in this Spirit-filled exploration of the Mass done in the context of prayer and reflection.

Over the three-part experience, our understanding of the power of the Mass
to call us to conversion and make us disciples will grow and deepen.

Prayer and Eucharistic devotions will underline the themes of the day.



Father Frank DeSiano, CSP, was ordained a Paulist Priest in 1972. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Boston University with the theme of "Parish-based Evangelization." He has served twice as pastor of urban parishes, been elected President of the Paulist Fathers, and has been President of Paulist Evangelization Ministries since 2009. He has written many books and articles. His latest book is about developing a spirituality of the Kingdom of God.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Please registration on line at

<https://www.diocesetucson.org/eucharistic-revival>

Contact the Diocese of Tucson Office of Formation if you have any questions.

Ofelia James, 520-838-2545 or e-mail ojames@diocesetucson.org



THERE IS NO ADMISSION FEE

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****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

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

****Gerald & Jerry Neely**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****Bob & Angie Breister**

Monday, July 24

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Carol Burba (d)**

Tuesday, July 25

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

****Fr. Paul Coury - Happy Birthday**

Wednesday, July 26

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Dr. Tepke (d)**

Thursday, July 27

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

****Carmina Gentile - 95th Birthday**

Friday, July 28

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

****Scott Milligan - God's Comfort**

Saturday, July 29

4:00 p.m. live-streamed - Fr. Peter Connolly

****Victims of Corona-virus - Recovery and Wellness**

Sunday, July 30

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Larry Waller (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Sadie Rice (d) You are not forgotten**

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. Thank you for your generosity.
~Marge Mauzer



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

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 by
Velma Whittingham
In Memory of
Tom Whittingham**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of July 1-16, 2023 \$ 16,468.00

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

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 4th

JULY

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.



Our Mother of
Perpetual Help

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,

Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and that they were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?

Chapter 1 of Genesis contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths, such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven twenty-four-hour days? Perhaps God actually spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth, "all things visible and invisible," as we profess in the Nicene Creed, and all of creation is good. Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 283). ●



Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSsR, PhD

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 24 Weekday Ex 14:5-18 Mt 12:38-42	July 25 St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28	July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Mt 13:1-9	July 27 Weekday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Mt 13:10-17	July 28 Weekday Ex 20:1-17 Mt 13:18-23	July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Ex 24:3-8 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	July 30 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is not those who are always searching for others' limitations and flaws who cooperate well with God but, rather, those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature....God, and he alone, will reward the good and punish the wicked.

ANGELUS, ROME, JULY 19, 2020