

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 29-30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Pat Grile, C.Ss.R.

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Rev. Tom Fransiscus, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Stephen Huy Vu, C.Ss.R.

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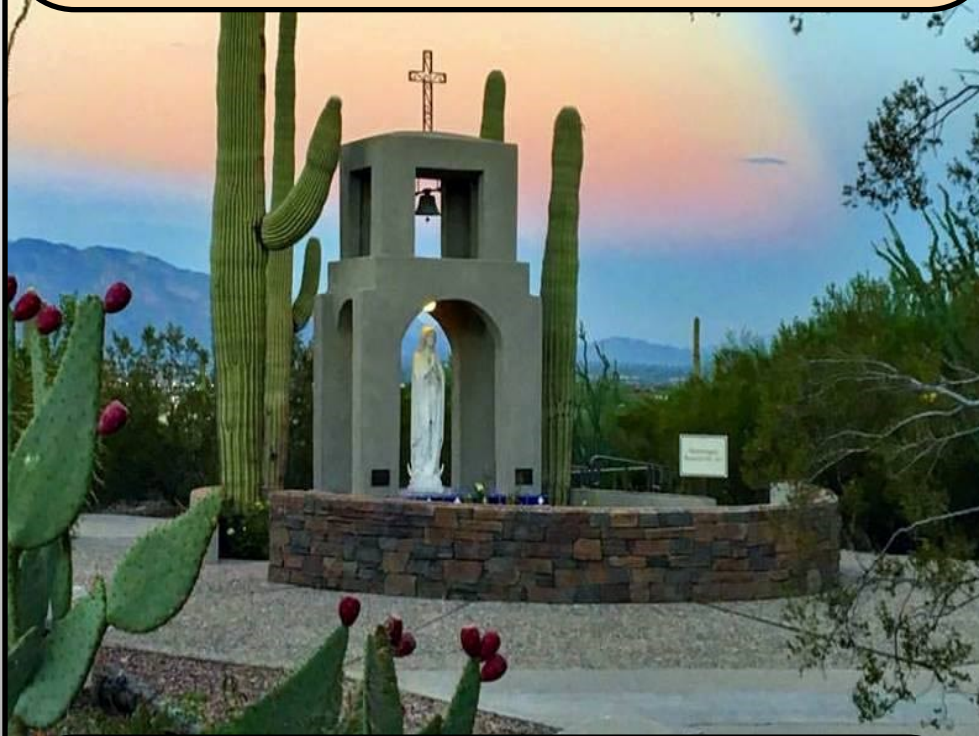
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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Sunday, July 30th Rom 8:28-30

God's call and choice of us as His people is not as simple as we might think. Usually, we think that we hear God's word and respond by following Him. Paul tells us differently. Paul points out that even before creating us, God already foreknew us. He then called us into being and predestined us to be conformed to the image of His Son. Then he called us as people who were predestined for this great end. Next, he purified (justified) us through the death of His Son. Finally, God has decreed our glory as his children. God is active throughout our existence and even before we exist, calling us to love!

Monday, July 31st Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

In today's first reading, Moses comes down from the mountain with the 10 Commandments. He sees the people have already turned their hearts from God and are worshipping an idol. In fury, Moses throws the tablets on which are written the Commandments and breaks them. This may be a symbol that the covenant between God and His people has been broken. God, even though He forgives, foretells that punishment for this offense will come upon the people. What we do has power to effect our future lives, even though we may be forgiven.

Tuesday, August 1st Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28

The mighty God has chosen to live among His imperfect people. Today, we see the tent of meeting where God dwelled with them. He proclaims to Moses who he is: a merciful God who forgives the sins of his people. The tablets of the 10 Commandments are written anew as a show of forgiveness. The people once again have the law of the covenant to guide them.

Wednesday, August 2nd Ex 34:29-35

Moses spoke with God face to face. Today, we see what such intimacy did to him: it made his face glow. He was filled with the light of God! He passed on to the people all that God told him, so that the people might also be filled with God's light. God's love and word can enlighten our lives, even today.

Thursday, August 3rd Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

We return today to the dwelling of God among His people. This dwelling now begins to take on the look of what the temple will be in the future. The Holy of Holies is set up and veiled off from the rest of the tent. God's presence fills the Holy of Holies. His presence is shown to the people by a dark cloud over the tent by day, and a fiery cloud by night. God wishes for His people to always know He is with them.

Friday, August 4th Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37

Today, God gives Moses the liturgical plan for His people. He calls for the celebration of the 3 main feasts for the Jewish people, namely Passover, Day of Atonement, and Feast of Booths. Through remembering these feasts, the people will remember to turn to God with worship and praise. Of course, the more they worship, the more they will remember their covenant relation to God, and live accordingly.



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Saturday, August 5th Lv 25:1, 8-17

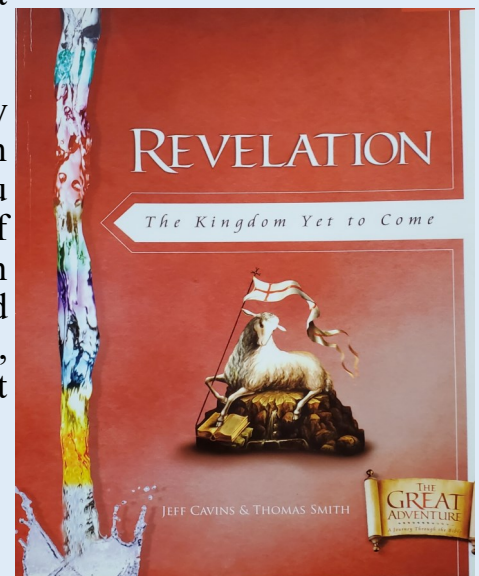
Today, God declares the great Year of Jubilee. This was supposed to happen every 50 years. At this time, all debts were to be forgiven, property returned to its prior owners, and the land allowed to rest. It was a time to remember who they were and who their God is. It was a year of renewal for people and land. This jubilee was to be a sign of trust in God and love for each other.

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.



Fr. Pat's Farewell Celebration

As you all know, Fr Pat has been assigned to a new home. He will be leaving for St Alphonsus Parish in Brooklyn Center, MN around the middle of August. We will have a farewell gathering for you to say goodbye to him after the 10:00 Mass on August 13th. The event will be in the Petroglyph Room at 11:00. All are invited!

The Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704, which was awarded the **ARIZONA STATE 'COUNCIL OF THE YEAR FOR 2022-2023,'** will start to sell 'Jim Click Raffle Tickets' before & after the Masses during the weekend of August 26th & 27th.

Please remember, as in years past, ALL ticket sales money collected will go towards supporting local Charities.

BUT ALSO KEEP IN MIND. . .

YOU COULD WIN



One of three great prizes:

NEW 2023

FORD BRONCO RAPTOR,
two round-trip, first-class airline
tickets to anywhere in the world
OR \$5,000 cash!

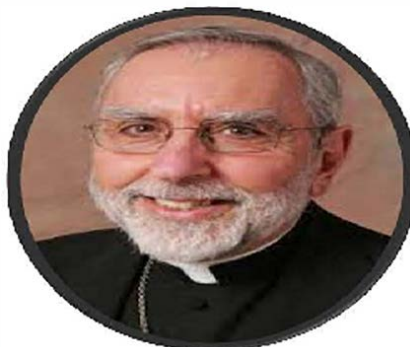
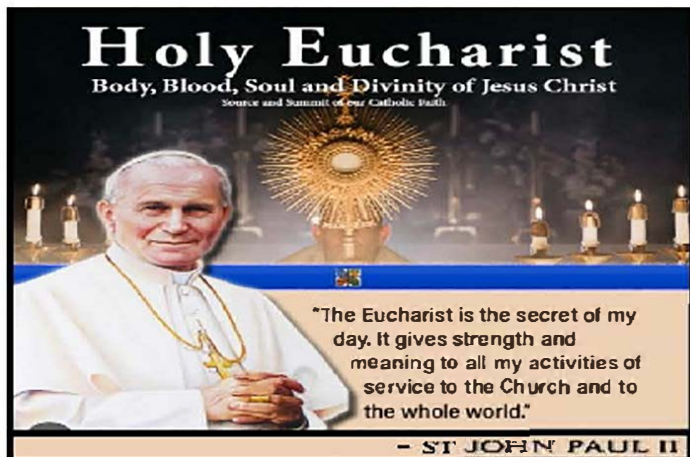
(Restrictions apply to airline tickets: Please see
Millions for Tucson Raffle Rules)



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!

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, July 28

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

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

Saturday, July 29

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

****Victims of Coronavirus - 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**

Monday, July 31

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Kathleen Spratt (d)**

Tuesday, August 1

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

****St. Alphonsus Liguori**

****John Calka - Healing**

Wednesday, August 2

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Redemptorist Community**

****Jackie Sorka - Healing**

Thursday, August 3

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

****Robert Francis (d)**

Friday, August 4

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

****In Loving Memory of Ernest Zeches (d)**

Saturday, August 5

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Pat Grile

****Dennis Terrill(d)**

Sunday, August 6

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Mary Ostrowski (d) 95th Birthday**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Donald Wagstaff (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.

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



Here are some interesting facts about the Knights of Columbus;

- Knights are Catholic Men, at least 18 years old, and are Practical Catholics as understood by the Holy See.
- Knights are committed to make their Community a better place while supporting their Church and evangelizing their Faith.
- There are over 18,000 Knights associated with the Arizona Knights of Columbus.
- A Knight is part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving and supporting lifelong Friends.
- Also, a Knight of Columbus spiritually protects his Family.

If these facts are appealing to you, **YOU CAN JOIN TODAY!**

Contact The Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704, Membership Director, Sir Knight Ray Obral, at 520-403-5003 or rjobral@comcast.net



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!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Website; azrosary.net





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
Tony Iavagnilio

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
In Memory of
Jack Stiles**

**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 17-24, 2023 \$ 3,072.00

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/>

First Friday Adoration

Come let us adore Him!

August 4, 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.



THE BOOKSTORE IS
OPEN
AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS

Bookstore Hours
AUGUST 2023

AUGUST 5-6 Sat, Sun	After the weekend masses
AUGUST 10 Thursday	10:00 - 2:00
AUGUST 12-13 Sat, Sun	After the weekend masses
AUGUST 17 Thursday	10:00 - 2:00
AUGUST 19-20 Sat, Sun	After the weekend masses
AUGUST 26-27 Sat, Sun	After the weekend masses
SEPTEMBER 2-3 Sat, Sun	After the weekend masses

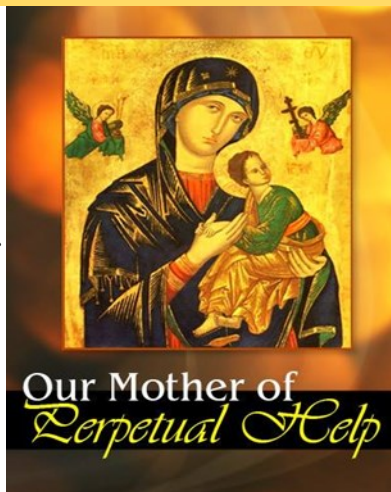


***Summer
Reading***

AUGUST



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,

What is spiritual Communion?

Saint Thomas Aquinas said spiritual Communion is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament”...and to lovingly embrace “Him as if we had actually received Him.” It is the practice of desiring union with Christ in the Eucharist by those who cannot receive holy Communion for valid cause, such as an infirmity or an irregular marriage. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis also said the practice is “highly recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament.”

A prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori is ideal for those unable to receive holy Communion:

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Saint John Paul II wrote, “It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of ‘spiritual Communion,’ which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints....Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: ‘When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you’” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 34). ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are asked to summon the courage and the intelligence to resolve today’s many geopolitical and economic crises. Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples.

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



MONDAY

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Ex 32:15–24, 30–34
Mt 13:31–35

TUESDAY

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28
Mt 13:36–43

WEDNESDAY

August 2
Weekday
Ex 34:29–35
Mt 13:44–46

THURSDAY
August 3
Weekday
Ex 40:16–21, 34–38
Mt 13:47–53

FRIDAY

August 4
St. John Vianney, Priest
Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27, 34b–37
Mt 13:54–58

SATURDAY

August 5
Weekday
Lv 25:1, 8–17
Mt 14:1–12

SUNDAY

August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9