

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 8-9

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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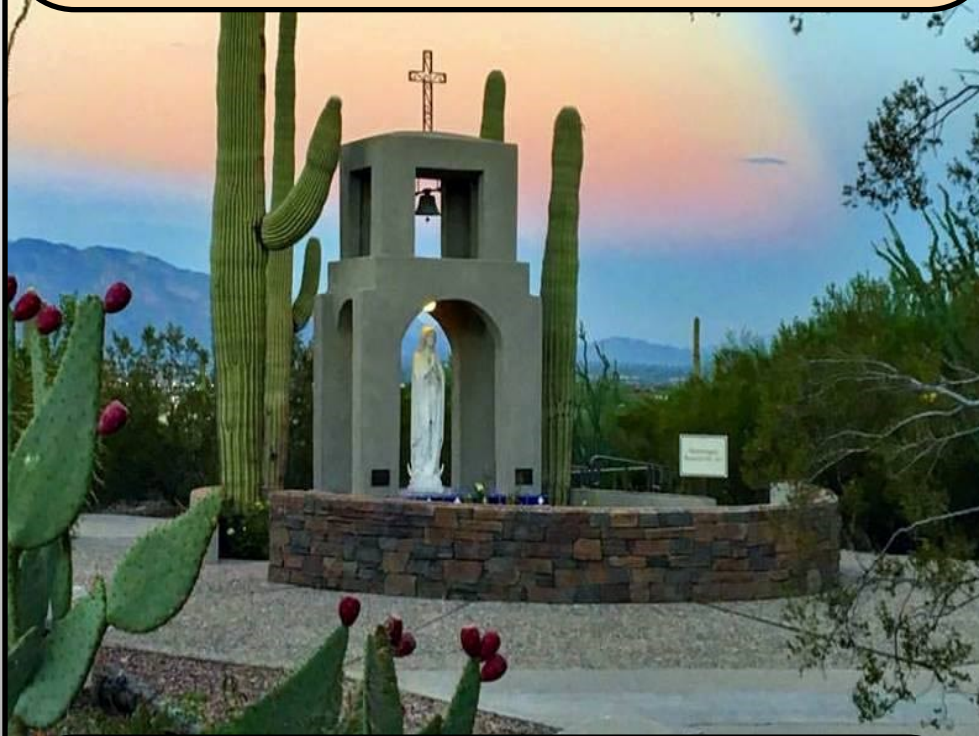
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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Sunday, July 9th Rom 8:9, 11-13

In today's second reading, Paul writes about the flesh vs. the spirit. For Paul, our baptism has put to death the power of the "flesh" in us, that is sin and temptation to sin. We have died to that way of life and have chosen to live for God, that is, in the Spirit. Paul points out that the Spirit of Jesus we received in baptism has made us new creations. The challenge is not to go backward into a "fleshy" existence, but to remain people of the Spirit. The power of the spirit will put the life of the flesh to death in us!

Monday, July 10th Gn 28:10-22a

We once again return to Genesis today. We are back to Isaac's son, Jacob. Jacob is the heir of Isaac through whom God's promise will flow. As Jacob sleeps, he has a dream wherein God tells him that he will give the land to him and his descendants. They will become a source of blessing for the whole world. God promises that he will be with Jacob and protect him on all his journeying. God's love for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is still flourishing. God never forgets his promises.

Tuesday, July 11th Gn 32:23-33

Our story today about Jacob is one where he wrestles with a man (angel, or God?). (Jacob has always struggled; first for his brother Esau's birthright, and then with his father-in-law for the right to marry Rebecca.) The man hits him in his hip causing Jacob to limp. The story ends up by commenting on a dietary law for the Jewish people. It points out that since Jacob (now Israel) was hit in the sciatic muscle of his hip socket, his family never eats the sciatic muscle of an animal. At any rate, Jacob receives a blessing from this strange man, a promise that God will always be with him.

Wednesday, July 12th Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a

We jump way ahead in the story today. Joseph is in Egypt, where he was taken after his brothers sold him into slavery. He is now second in charge in the country. He has stored a surplus of wheat because he knew a famine was coming. Now, his forethought serves as a way for him to feed the whole world. His own brothers come before him, but do not recognize him. As they bemoan their bad luck (one brother must be left behind in prison) Joseph turns away to hide the fact that he cries over their pain. Despite what they did to him, Joseph is still sympathetic to them and willing to eventually forgive.

Thursday, July 13th Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5

Jacob had two sons from his favorite wife. Joseph desires to see his younger brother. He has arranged for the others to bring him back to Egypt in order to free the captive brother from yesterday's reading. Joseph hears about his father's mourning over the chance that he may also lose this son. When Joseph hears of this, he breaks down in tears and reveals his identity to his brothers. In forgiveness, Joseph states that it was all God's will so that Joseph could save his family from the drought. God has a way of bringing good, even from bad!



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Friday, July 14th Gn 46:1-7, 28-30

Today, Jacob is about to go to Egypt. Naturally, he fears going there, but God speaks to him saying that he will be with him and protect him. God further promises that one day Jacob's family, which will by then be a great nation, will return to the land that God promised would be theirs. It will be through the ministry of Moses that this promise will be fulfilled.

Saturday, July 15th Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a

Today, Jacob dies. His sons are told to take his body to the cave where Abraham, Isaac, and their wives were buried. This has become the family plot. Joseph's brothers are now afraid again. They fear that with their father now dead, Joseph might seek to punish them for what they did to him. However, Joseph refuses to play God by judging them. He points out that though they intended to hurt him, God had actually allowed it to save the world from hunger. Joseph faithfully forgives his brothers and arranges for his own burial in the cave with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, July 7

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

****Roger & Irma Scherer**

Saturday, July 8

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Brian Johnson

**** Cruz Rosales (d)**

Sunday, July 9

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Larry Waller (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

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

Monday, July 10

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

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

Tuesday, July 11

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

****Arthur Patrick Davenport (d)**

Wednesday, July 12

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Scott Milligan - Gods Comfort**

Thursday, July 13

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

****Wayne & MaryCay Wesolowski - 55th
Wedding Anniversary**

Friday, July 14

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

****Dillon Anonzo-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**

UPCOMING EVENTS

A Reminder

The office will be closed July 1-16, 2023. The office will reopen on, Monday July 17, 2023.

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.



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 Loving Memory of
Rosie (Edna) Kubiak**

**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 9-16, will be posted in the bulletin on July 23.

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



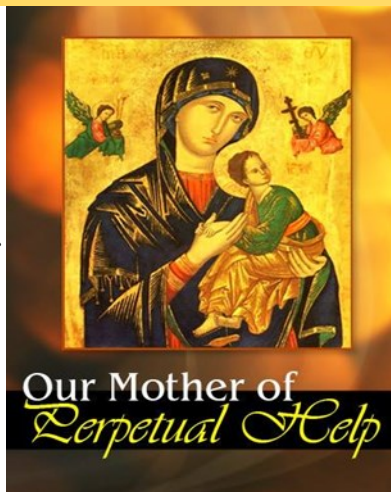
Fr. Bala Kommathoti

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,

In 1961, I became a member of the Catholic Church when I married a Catholic man. I divorced him and left the Church in 2007. Now I am a member of the United Methodist Church. Is it possible for me to rejoin the Catholic Church, and if so, what are the requirements? I miss “the church of my heart,” the Catholic Church.

It certainly is possible for you to come back, and now is the time to do it. Simply return to your local parish and begin attending Mass regularly. Before you receive the Eucharist again, you should make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. If you are not quite ready to do that, at least begin with coming to church regularly. When you are ready, introduce yourself to the priest and tell him that you would like to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation because you have been away from the Church for a number of years. The priest might encourage you to come to confession at a regularly scheduled time or perhaps make an appointment so you can spend more time together.

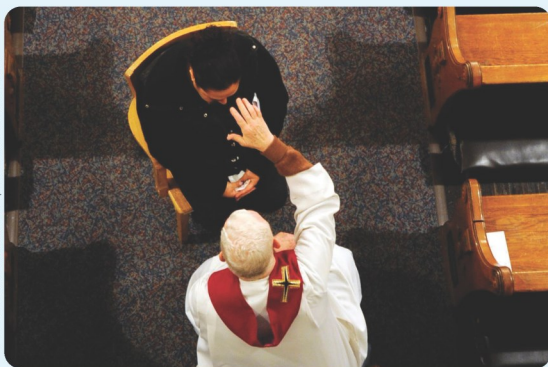
It is not necessary to go to classes or to rejoin the RCIA, but there may be some adult faith formation classes you could participate in. Again, your priest or parish could guide you. That tug you are feeling is nothing less than the Holy Spirit. Welcome Home! ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
July 10 Weekday Gn 28:10–22a Mt 9:18–26	July 11 St. Benedict, Abbot Gn 32:23–33 Mt 9:32–38	July 12 Weekday Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a Mt 10:1–7	July 13 Weekday Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29; 45:1–5 Mt 10:7–15	July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Gn 46:1–7, 28–30 Mt 10:16–23	July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a Mt 10:24–33	July 16 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10–11 Rom 8:18–23 Mt 13:1–23 or Mt 13:1–9



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

All of us have something we need to be cleansed of, or purified from. All of us. May the knowledge of this fact inspire us all to live in solidarity, to support one another and seek the best for others....[Jesus] comes to save us from the lie that says no one can change.

ADDRESS AT THE CURRAN-FROMHOLD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY,
PHILADELPHIA, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015