

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of August 12-13

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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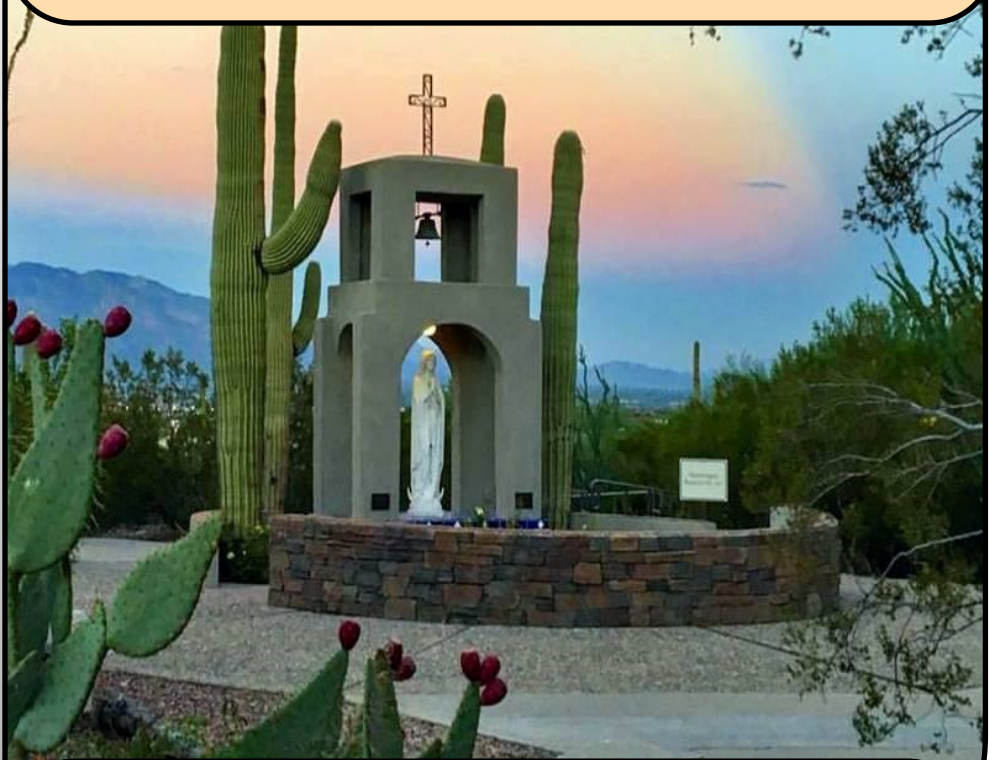
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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## **August 13th Rom 9:1-5**

Paul, today, speaks of his love for his fellow Jews. He grieves over their failure to accept Christ. After all that God did for them, they still failed to believe in the Messiah when he came. Paul's grieving over his people's rejection of Jesus is very similar to Jesus himself grieving over Jerusalem in the gospels where he speaks of wanting to gather them under his wings like a hen with her chicks, but they refused. We too should grieve over those around us who refuse to give themselves to Christ. We must always pray for them and give them a good example through our own way of living.

## **August 14th Dt 10:12-22**

Moses continues to speak to the children (now adults) of the Hebrews led out of Egypt. He reminds them of how much God loved their ancestors in the faith, and even today claimed them, the children of these past generations, as a people of his own. Moses calls them to "fear" the Lord. This does not mean that they should be afraid of God. Rather, it means that they should love God so much, that they would fear to hurt him through sin. The same is true for us. We are called to love God so much that we would never want to offend him. This gift of "Fear of the Lord" comes to us from God and through the Holy Spirit. We always should remember to pray for this gift!

## **August 15th 1 COR 15:20-27**

Paul writes today about the fact that Jesus conquered death. He reminds the people that through his death on the cross, Jesus has done this. He speaks of the fact that all humans were made subject to sin because of Adam. Just so, it was through Jesus's obedience and love that we too are now under the power of life. At the end of the world, Jesus will return to bring us into the fulness of life with God forever. We simply need to be faithful as we await that time. Victory is assured if we want it!

## **August 16th Dt 34:1-12**

We return today to Moses. Moses has served God for many years as he has led the people. It is now time for him to die. But, before that happens, God shows him the wondrous land that he had promised to give to the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses is buried and the people mourn him for 30 days. Joshua will now be the new leader of the people. He will finish what Moses began. He will lead the people to conquer the land and have it as their own.

## **August 17th Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17**

Joshua is about to lead the people across the Jordan River and into the promised land. As a sign that God is with them and leading them through Joshua, something happens that is very similar to what happened with Moses at the Red Sea. As the bearers of the ark of the covenant step into the river, its waters stop flowing and the people cross on dry land. Obviously, Joshua enjoys the same strength of God's presence as did Moses. God shows that he did not abandon the people upon Moses's death.



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## August 18th Jos 24:1-13

Joshua, in today's reading, reminds the people of all that God has done for them from the time of Abraham all the way until the present day. God has been leading them and feeding them and fighting for them. His love for His people has been truly great and remarkable. Joshua bids them to never forget all of this. Remembering will keep them thankful and faithful. We too need to reflect on our own life and upon all the goodness God has shown to us. If we remember, how could we ever turn our backs on this God who has loved us so much?

## August 19th Jos 24:14-29

Today's reading concludes yesterday's reading. After asking the people to remember all that God has done for them, Joshua now calls on them to respond. They must make up their minds whose people they are. They can serve the false gods of their ancestors or of the people they now live among in the promised land, or they can choose to follow the Lord, the God of their fathers. The people say they choose to follow the Lord. Joshua dies and is buried. He has done his job in bringing the people into the land. He has set them up as God's special people! However, as the rest of their history will show, the people will end up going astray, because they will forget to remember the goodness God has shown to them. Let us not make that same mistake in our lives!

*~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.*

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES FOR THIS FEAST DAY WILL BE MONDAY AUGUST 14 AT 4:00 P.M. AND TUESDAY AUGUST 15TH 7:30 A.M.**

## 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.



The Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704 will start to sell 'Jim Click "Millions for Tucson" Raffle Tickets' before & after the Masses during the weekend of August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

**To tempt you to purchase tickets, on Saturday and Sunday, we are planning to temporarily park the First Place Prize, the NEW 2023 FORD BRONCO RAPTOR, IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT FOR YOU TO SEE!!!**

However, 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)



ACTS Stands for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service and is a four-day, three-night Catholic retreat, led for men by parishioners, serving to build a stronger Christian community in our parishes.

The retreat will be held September 7th, 2023, to September 10th, 2023 at the Redemptorist Renewal Center and our theme this year is "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20.

If you are interested to live this retreat please contact, Ramon Andrade 520-405-8388 [rqndrade@aol.com](mailto:rqndrade@aol.com), Robert Santos 520-240-1953 [rnlsaint@hotmail.com](mailto:rnlsaint@hotmail.com), or Michael Murrieta 480-213-8570 [mikemurrieta10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemurrieta10@gmail.com)

God Bless you all and your families.

## **\*\*Mass Intentions/Presiders**

### **Friday, August 11**

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

**\*\*Ann Edna Dretzka (d)**

### **Saturday, August 12**

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Pat Grile

**\*\*Donald Wagstaff (d)**

### **Sunday, August 13**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Mel Guell (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

**\*\*Catalina Rivera (d)**

### **Monday, August 14**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Elena Abatecola (d)**

Vigil 4:00 p.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### **Tuesday, August 15**

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

**\*\*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

### **Wednesday, August 16**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Bob & Angie Breister**

### **Thursday, August 17**

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

**\*\*Charles Robert Rohr (d)**

### **Friday, August 18**

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

**\*\*Benjamin Brookhart (d)**

### **Saturday, August 19**

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

### **Sunday, August 20**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Axel Henry Donald Figge (d) 1st Anniversary**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

**\*\*Cecile Durant (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](http://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](mailto:diana@davenport.net) (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport ([john@davenport.net](mailto: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](mailto: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. We collected a total of 150lbs of food for the month of June and July. Please help our local community by donating today. Thank you for your generosity. ~**Marge Mauzer**



## **Men of the Our Lady of the Desert Church!**

We need you to please help us, the members of the Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704, to take care of and support our Church and Clergy. We also need help supporting local charities in Southern Arizona!

If you are a practical Catholic as understood by the Holy See and at least 18 years of age,



***YOU CAN JOIN TODAY!***

Contact Our Membership Director, Sir Knight Ray Obral, at 520-403-5003 or [rjobral@comcast.net](mailto:rjobral@comcast.net).

We will arrange to meet with you and your Family at the Renewal Center. You pick the time. At the Center everyone will attend an Exemplification, also called a CUF Degree. The Degree will teach you about the Knights of Columbus. Let us 'sweeten' the deal by waving your first year of DUES! We are waiting to hear for you.

For your information, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal benefit society, with more than 1.9 million members in over a dozen countries. Founded by a priest to help provide financial aid to Catholic families, the Knights of Columbus is now one of the largest life insurers in North America. The Knights of Columbus also helps support a multitude of charitable causes. In the last decade, the Order has given more than \$1.55 billion to charity.



### **Rachel's Vineyard (Tucson)**

**Are you a man or woman feeling regret, grief, or sadness following an abortion? Come and receive God's love and mercy for emotional and spiritual healing on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, September 15-17, 2023. Visit: [www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org) or Call/Text 520-743-6777.**

# Be

# True

# to Yourself



**"To be beautiful means to be yourself. You don't need to be accepted by others."**

*Thich Nhat Hanh*



## September 23, 2023

**\$55 per person  
Includes lunch and handouts**



*Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.*

**Retreat Director**

People who are in love with their lives don't compromise who they are to please other people. No one's approval is necessary.

They also don't waste time thinking about the past and what they could have done differently. They keep their attention on the present moment and do things differently now, having learned from past mistakes.

They live by taking chances. They do what makes their hearts sing. They have worked through the trauma life has thrown their way and refuse to be caged by negative thoughts.

In other words, they are TRUE to themselves. They refuse to be fake because they know God does not create fake people-- society does.

Most all of us need some help to be true to ourselves. Come learn how to better assert the true you and to enjoy the freedom of being the very person God created you to be.

*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

**7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd**

**Tucson, Arizona 85743**

**Call 520-744-3400  
for reservations**

**Retreat : 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



# Arizona Rosary Celebration

October 14, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Saturday



**St. Augustine Cathedral**

192 S. Stone Ave.  
Tucson, AZ 85701

*Bring family, friends, and  
your heartfelt petitions.*

**FREE Admission**

Information:

Dave Chohon  
(520) 539-5528  
info@AzRosary.net  
www.AzRosary.net



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**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel,  
Pray for Us.**



***Let's Pray the Rosary, Arizona!***

**Arizona Rosary Celebration**

**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**"Save the Date"** for the Arizona Rosary Celebration. This year's Arizona Rosary Celebration will be held this year in Tucson, Saturday, October 14, 2023, and in Phoenix, Sunday, October 15, 2023. We will honoring Mary under her title, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Tucson Event will be held at Saint Augustine Cathedral located at 192 South Stone Avenue, Tucson. The celebration begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 12:15 p.m. The Most Reverend Edward Wiesenburger will preside. The guest speaker for this year's event will be Sister Mary Clare Mancini, O.C.D., of the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. Celebrate our 13<sup>th</sup> year in the Diocese of Tucson and the 48<sup>th</sup> year of Arizona's Rosary Celebration tradition. You can support the event through advertising. Donation and Advertising forms can be found on the website, "AzRosary.net". The advertising deadline is September 4, 2023. For more information, contact Dave Chohon at [1945dwc@gmail.com](mailto:1945dwc@gmail.com) or 520-539-5528.





*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 August 2023**

Fr. Jeff King-Healing	Tony Iavagnilio
Ed Kenyon	Bernie Burba
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  
Erica Dretzka  
In Memory and Honor of  
Mel Guell**

**Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert**

Weeks of July 31-August 7, 2023      \$ 6,834.00

**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**

**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**

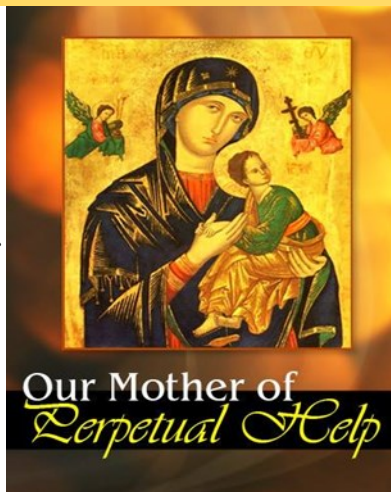


***Summer  
Reading***

**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,

## ***At what precise point in the Mass does the bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?***

For many centuries, thinkers in the Western and Eastern Churches have pondered this question. Some say the moment of consecration happens at the beginning of the sentence, “This is my body.” Others say it happens at the conclusion of that sentence. Still others claim it happens sometime during the sentence. The same theories were proposed about the consecration of the cup. From the Eastern Churches, the theory was raised that it wasn’t the eucharistic narrative that was consecratory, but rather the prayer of invocation to the Holy Spirit known as the *epiclesis*.

These theories continue to be debated, but to what avail? Even the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does not specify when the consecration happens (CCC 1375–81). But knowing the precise moment it happens doesn’t seem to be as important as simply knowing that the elements of bread and wine over which the prayer is prayed do become for us the Body and Blood of Christ.

This mystery of faith, moreover, adds another dimension to our lives: transformation into Christ. Whether we share in Communion at the liturgy or contemplate the Lord in the tabernacle, the loving call of the Spirit is to change our hearts. Specifically, when does that happen to us? One never knows for sure. But by participation in the mystery of faith, we’re changed ever more deeply into the One whose Body and Blood we share. ●



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Source: *The Eucharist: 50 Questions From the Pews*, © Richard N. Fragomeni, PhD  
(Liguori Publications, 2008)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20
St. Maximilian	Assumption	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twentieth
Kolbe, Priest	of the Blessed	Dt 34:1–12	Jos 3:7–10a,	Jos 24:1–13	Jos 24:14–29	Sunday in
and Martyr	Virgin Mary	Mt 18:15–20	11, 13–17	Mt 19:3–12	Mt 19:13–15	Ordinary Time
Dt 10:12–22	Rev 11:19a;		Mt 18:21–19:1			Is 56:1, 6–7
Mt 17:22–27	12:1–6a, 10ab					Rom 11:13–15,
	1 Cor 15:20–27					29–32
	Lk 1:39–56					Mt 15:21–28



### **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***Having faith means keeping your heart turned to God, to His love, to His Fatherly tenderness, amid the storm. Jesus wanted to teach this to Peter and the disciples, and also to us today. In dark moments, in sad moments He is well aware that our faith is weak.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 9, 2020**