

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of August 19-20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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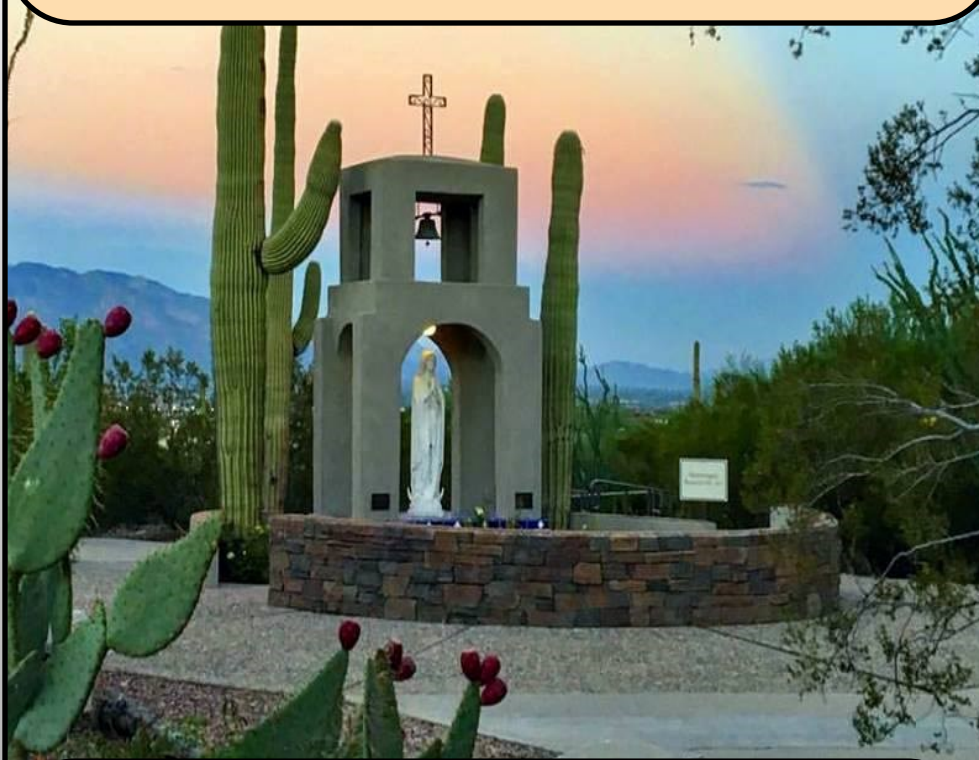
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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August 20th Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Paul is writing to Gentiles. He acknowledges that he became the “Apostle to the Gentiles” because of the rejection of the gospel that he found among the Jews. Paul sees the Jewish objectors as carrying out God’s will to bring mercy to all the world. Even though they do not know what they did, God worked through them. However, Paul holds out hope for the Jews. He states that now God will work through the Gentiles to bring his mercy to the Jews. God’s mercy will always win!

August 21st Jgs 2:11-19

The people are now settled in the promised land. Unfortunately, they have forgotten all that Moses taught them about fidelity to God. They have begun to worship other gods, as their neighbors around them did. As a result of their turning from God, bad things happen in their lives. They come to their senses and cry out to God for deliverance, and he hears them and sends a rescuer. However, once the rescuer is gone, the people fall back to their sinful ways. The sequence repeats itself. The question for them (and us!) is when will we finally learn our lesson? Only fidelity to God will bring safety and happiness into our lives.

August 22nd Jgs 6:11-24a

Today we hear of the call of the first judge, Gideon. Once again, God surprises. He does not call the rich and mighty, but rather a man whose family is the lowest of all in the tribe, and who is the lowest of all those in his father’s house. Gideon is slow to believe, and God is patient with him. Finally, after a miraculous accepting of a sacrifice by God, Gideon is convinced, and takes up his role as savior. Lowly people can do mighty things with the help of God!

August 23rd Jgs 9:6-15

Gideon dies in today’s reading. The people right away forget about him and God. They choose one from their own clan to be the ruler over them. They attack 69 of the 70 sons of Gideon and murder them. Only Jotham survived. He prophesies that because they have turned away from God and forgotten all that God did for them through Gideon, disaster would fall upon them. Again, the message is that when we forget God and his love and mercy, bad things happen to us.

August 24th Rv 21:9b-14

Because of a feast day today, we leave Judges and have a reading from Revelation. The seer is presented with a vision of the “bride of the Lamb.” He sees a new, heavenly Jerusalem coming down from heaven. The names of the 12 tribes of Israel and the names of the Apostles are written on the stones of the walls. Obviously, this new city represents the Church. The Church is the bride of Jesus. It is in the Church that Jesus takes pride, and his love and commitment to her is compared to that of a husband for his wife. God holds us in truly great love and respect. He is always there for us!



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August 25th Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Today, we have a passage from the Book of Ruth. This is a story of things that happened during the time of the Judges. Naomi and her husband leave their homeland and journey off to pagan lands because there is a drought in Israel. There, her two sons marry local women. One of these is Ruth. After Naomi's husband and 2 sons both die, Naomi wants to return home to the land of Israel. Ruth, who loves her, refuses to let her go alone. She, through a felt call to love and honor her mother-in-law, goes back to Israel with her. Eventually, Ruth will become the great grandmother of King David. God often calls to us through our relationships with others. If we heed his call, we can be a source of great blessing to them and to the world. All very ordinary, yet very extraordinary!

August 26th Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Ruth goes out to work in the fields of a relative of Naomi. The relative, Boaz, sees her and knows that she helped Naomi and was so loving towards her. Because of this knowledge, he falls in love with Ruth and marries her. Soon, she has a baby named Obed. Obed will be the grandfather of King David. Love for Naomi has won great honor and reward for Ruth! It has changed her life and brought her great joy!

~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.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL YOU GOOD PEOPLE OF OUR LADY OF THE
DESERT CHURCH!

I am so grateful for your kindness to me: your gracious words, beautiful cards and
greetings, and generous gifts!

It is humbling to realize how much you appreciated my ministry here at OLD these past
four years.

You expressed your admiration and gratitude for my homilies and celebrations of the
Eucharist and the retreats. Bless you all for your support and encouragement and
prayers.

Remember: each day is a new day you have never lived before and will never live again
as God loves you into life each day! Be so grateful for your precious gift of life.

We are together in the Eucharist every day!

I shall miss you and want to assure you of my love and prayers.

God bless each of you with His deep peace and joy!

Fondly,

Fr. Pat

My new address: St. Alphonsus Church

7025 Halifax Ave. N.

Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

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 26th & 27th.

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, Robert Santos 520-240-1953 rnlsaint@hotmail.com, or Michael Murrieta 480-213-8570 mikemurrieta10@gmail.com

God Bless you all and your families.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, August 18

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Pat Grile
**Benjamin Brookhart (d)

Saturday, August 19

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Pat Grile
**Dennis Terrill (d)

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)

Monday, August 21

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea
**Anna M. Hernandez-Special Intention

Tuesday, August 22

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Fr. Iva Levystky & Fr. Bondan Heleta
Peace in Ukraine

Wednesday, August 23

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
**Joel Allen - Birthday

Thursday, August 24

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson
**Thomas Korduba (d)

Friday, August 25

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea
**Katherine Korduba (d)

Saturday, August 26

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
**For Healing

Sunday, August 27

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly
**Sr. Donna Schultz for Healing
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Victims of Coronavirus – Recovery & Wellness

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. 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.

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 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!

Sunday, August 20, 2023

**Blessing Procession Participants Wanted for the
Arizona Rosary Celebration**

Make plans to join others on October 14, 2023, as the Arizona Rosary Celebration celebrates its 48th year statewide and 13th year in the Diocese of Tucson. The Event will be held at Saint Augustine Cathedral located at 192 South Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.. Groups wishing to participate in the Blessing Procession need to submit the registration form found on the website, "AzRosary.net". The completed form can be emailed to kocrick.garrison@gmail.com or by contacting Dave Chohon at 520-539-5528 or 1945dwc@gmail.com



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

Ed Kenyon

Tim McDonald

Chuck Peterson

Linda Peterson

June Wood

Lee Morrison

Scott Milligan

Rachel Flint

Bob Garcia

Tony Iavagnilio

Bernie Burba

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
John & Kelly Mooney
In Loving Memory and Honor of
Michael Crose**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of August 7-14, 2023 \$ 5,823.00

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/>

A Prayer Retreat Using Beads

Saturday, October 7, 2023. 9am to 1pm. Lunch Included.

Redemptorist Renewal Center,
7101 West Picture Rocks Rd. Tucson, AZ 85743

*Prayer can be hard. Come join us and find a way to
make prayer easier and more beautiful.*

This experiential
retreat will help
you deepen your
prayer life. You
can create your
own prayer
bracelet using
materials
provided, or
bring your own
beads. No
beading
experience
necessary!



*Retreat Director,
Rev. Elizabeth
Lyman, MDiv.
...Over 25 years as
pastor, spiritual
director, and life
recovery coach.
...Leads retreats
throughout the U.S..
... Involved in 12
Step recovery for
over 40 years.*



RETREAT COST OF \$55.00
INCLUDES LUNCH AND SUPPLIES.
Reservations and more information at
520-744-3400 or 866-737-5751
Or email: office@desertrenewal.org
Or contact Elizabeth at
revelyman@gmail.com



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

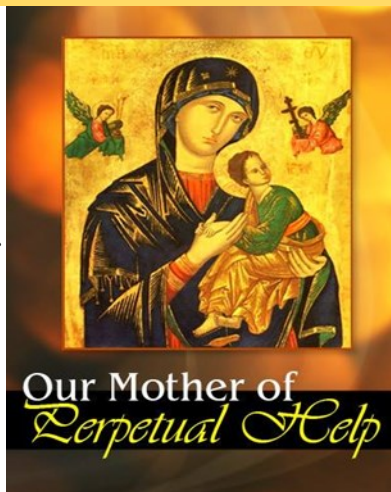


***Summer
Reading***

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,

**Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal?
We read part of a verse then jump to another part.
Doesn't reading it like this distort the meaning of the passage?**

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, "The present Order of Readings for Mass, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God's word, in a pattern suited to the purpose" (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition, 60).

So the readings are not "piecemeal" but rather arranged so that we are exposed to the whole of God's word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the second reading for today is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter eleven, verses 13–15 and 29–32. This is done not only for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective. ●



Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 21 St. Pius X, Pope Jgs 2:11–19 Mt 19:16–22	August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jgs 6:11–24a Mt 19:23–30	August 23 Weekday Jgs 9:6–15 Mt 20:1–16	August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rev 21:9b–14 Jn 1:45–51	August 25 Weekday Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22 Mt 22:34–40	August 26 Weekday Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17 Mt 23:1–12	August 27 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19–23 Rom 11:33–36 Mt 16:13–20

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Each one of us has our own story and...it is not always a clean story.... Many times it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain....What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!"

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 16, 2020

