

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of November 11-12

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

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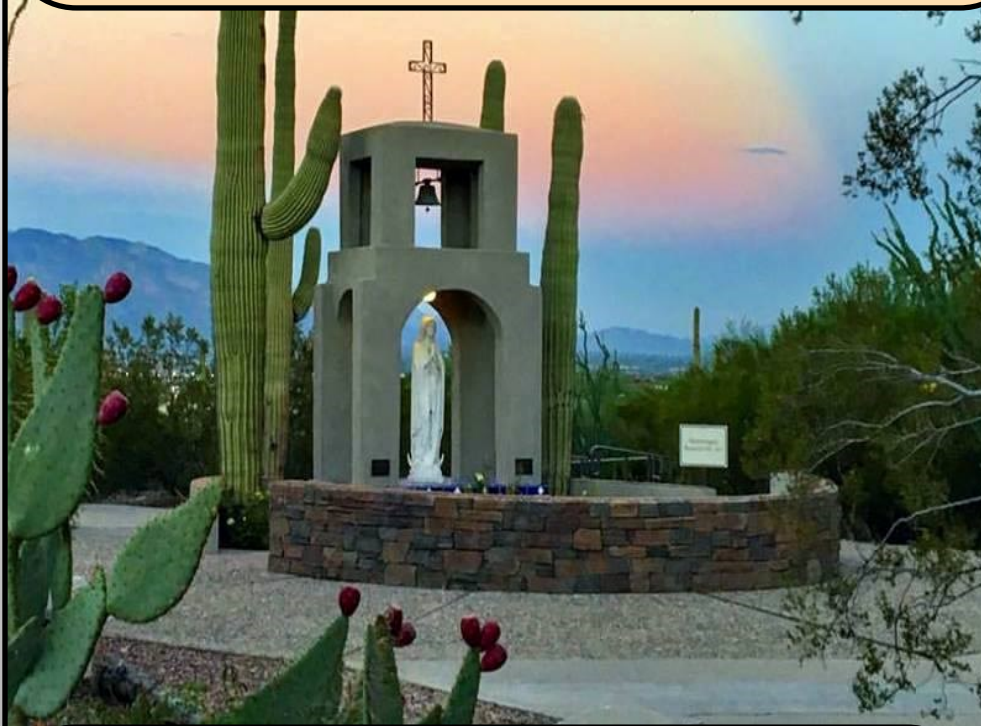
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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November 12th 1 Thes 4:13-18

Paul today writes about loved one who have died. It is so easy to think that they are gone. But, Paul states that they are merely “asleep.” He points out that on the last day, they shall rise and we shall all meet together again. Death is not an end of life, but a transition to a fuller life. As we remember our deceased loved ones this month, we should always thank God for the love they brought into our lives. We should also remember that they still love us, and they are waiting for us to join them in heaven.

November 13th Wis 1:1-7

Our reading from the Book of Wisdom states that God’s Spirit fills this world. If we seek to keep our minds and hearts on the doing of God’s will, we will receive the wisdom we need. Faith and trust are the only preconditions. So, Wisdom bids us to love justice and to seek God with purity of heart. Sin and injustice separate us from wisdom.

November 14th Wis 2:23–3:9

Today’s reading from Wisdom speaks once again about those have died. It, like Thessalonians on Sunday, declares that though the dead seem to be no more, in truth they live on. They are in the hands of God. They are in peace. If they were faithful to God, He will be faithful to them. They will dwell forever in the fullness of His love.

November 15th Wis 6:1-11

The author of The Book of Wisdoms speaks to kings and rulers today. These people are not free to do as they please. God has placed them over the people to guard the people and bring justice to them. If they fail in their responsibility, they will face the punishment their deeds deserve. God’s wisdom is available to them, so they won’t yield to sinful ways. They simply need to remember and look for it.

November 16th Wis 7:22b–8:1

Today we have an ode to Wisdom. The author sings the praises of Wisdom. He points out that Wisdom is always with God and works according to his ways. If we live in cooperation with Wisdom, we will truly live in the light. All things will be revealed to us. Darkness will lose power over us.

November 17th Wis 13:1-9

Today’s reading from Wisdom speaks about those who seek God. An understanding of God can be deduced from looking at the beauty and order. We see that God loves beauty and order! However, the author also mourns over those who, instead of using creation to get to the creator, see the creatures themselves as God. They have all that they need to get to the truth, but fail to go there. Such people will find punishment. God holds out life to all. We simply need to think and reflect on what we see and experience in creation and in God’s word.



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November 18th Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9

Today's reading pictures God's Word as love coming to the rescue of his people. It speaks of several incidents from Israel's past as showing the presence of God's word. When they were thirsty, water flowed for them in the desert. When trapped by the red sea, a dry pathway through the waters led them to deliverance. If we faithfully follow God's ways, we find life.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE RRC AT DESERT HOUSE?

**Come find out! Please join Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates
On Thursday, November 16, 2023 from 5:00-6:00pm in the St. Alphonsus Kitchen or via Zoom*.**

There will be a potluck supper following the meeting.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Please contact John Davenport (john@davenport.net) if you would like a zoom link to the meeting.

Book of Revelation

The Bible Study on the Book of Revelation will begin Monday, **November 13 at 10:00 A.M** for all those who have signed up for it. We will meet in the **Zendo room down the hallway in building 5.**

The Turkey is in the Oven!

Thanksgiving Day Mass is on Thursday, November 23 at 10:30am

Thanksgiving Day Brunch will follow Mass (around 11:30am)

Tickets are 40.00 dollars and are available in the office.

Come Join us....it will be a good time with good friends!





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 November 2023

Ed Kenyon	Bernie Burba
Tim McDonald	Phil Treinen
Chuck Peterson	Aubrey Scarborough
Linda Peterson	June Wood
Michael Dunlap	Linda Obenauf
Lee Morrison	Joanna Crawford
Scott Milligan	Margaret Zeches
Rachel Flint	
Bob Garcia	
Fr. Jeff King-Healing	
Tony Iavagnilio	

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Carol Boerner (9/23)
Art Davenport (4/23)
Thomas Doyle (12/22)
Carol Draper Burba (1/23)
Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R. (9/23)
Theresa Fitzpatrick (10/23)
Dave Forgue (10/23)
Sharon Iavagnilio (1/23)
Harriet Lewandowski (5/23)
Virgil Roeder (5/23)
Edward Schafle (1/23)
Phyllis Spence, OSB (11/23)
Dennis Terrill (2/23)
Larry Waller (4/23)
Dorie Zimmerman (9/23)

"The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak."

Hoshea 2:16

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, November 10

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
**Bob and Angie Breister

Saturday, November 11

10:00 a.m. Anointing of the sick-

Fr. Brian Johnson

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

Sunday, November 12

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson
**Michael Donoho (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly
**Deacon Joe (d)

Monday, November 13

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson
**Scott Milligan - Healing

Tuesday, November 14

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Bob & Chris Francis - Happy 53rd
Anniversary

Wednesday, November 15

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
**Rachel Flint - Recovery

Thursday, November 16

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Bernard Carroll (d)

Friday, November 17

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea
**Adolfo Cordova (d)

Saturday, November 18

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Brian Johnson
**For Healing

Sunday, November 19

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly
**Anthony Humig (d)
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson
**Catalina Rivera (d)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Homebound Ministry

Do you have a loved one, a neighbor or friend that is currently Homebound, in a Care Center or in the Hospital? Do you think that person would like a visit from a Homebound Eucharist Minister {EM}? Our Lady of the Desert (OLoD) has trained (EMs), who would love to take Holy Communion to that special person. For more information call the OLoD office 520-744-3400.

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.

Monthly Rosary Prayer

Starting November 8, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and every second Wednesday following. Times to be determined. In the Our Lady of the Desert Chapel. Please come and join us.

Weekly Rosary Prayer

Every Wednesday starting at 6:00 p.m. In the Our Lady of the Desert Chapel. Please come join us.

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.

Food Bank

The Marana Food Bank bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore. We collected a total of 50lbs of food for the month of October. Please help our local community by donating today. Thank you for your generosity. ~Marge Mauzer

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 Rivera
In Loving Memory of
Catalina Rivera**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of October 30-November 6, 2023 \$ 8,547.00

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.

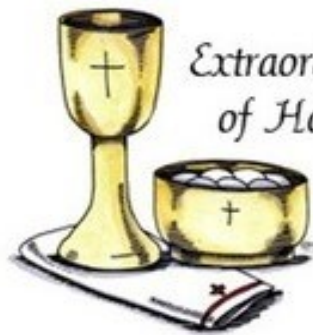
For your convenience, know that you may come during office hours to personally offer your stewardship, mail it in, or use the following link and specify your donation. Click here:

<http://desertrenewal.org/fees-and-rates/>



The 10:00 Choir is looking for singers and instrumentalists who would be interested in joining our Christmas Eve Choir. All music will be provided. Some rehearsals would be required as well as current compliance training.

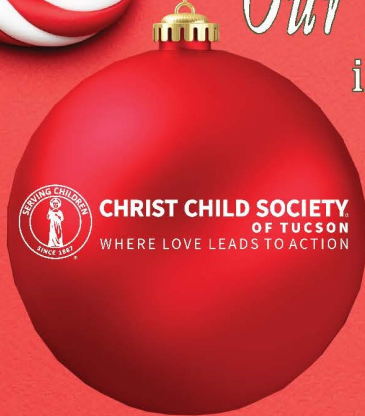
Please contact Charles Lohr at charles.lohr@comcast.net



*Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion*

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Our Lady of the Desert
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presents
**Christmas Gifts
of Love**

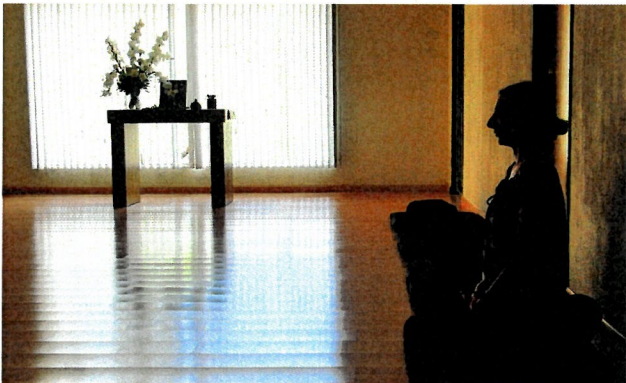
PICK AN ANGEL AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE!

Do you want to make the holidays brighter for children and babies? Adopt a child or an infant for the holiday! You will be giving gifts of LOVE. Choose one angel or MORE based on your Christmas budget. We will provide you with their clothing sizes and gift suggestions.

Each angel taken from the Christmas tree will support a newborn infant or child and creates wonderful memories. Look for the Christmas tree **Saturday, November 18th** and start picking angels! Please DO NOT gift wrap your Green Angel present. We will have Big Christmas Bags for you to place the presents for one child in them, and securely tape the Angel on it. If you need two bags, feel free to take them but put a duplicate angel on it. Infant gifts, Red Angels can be put in your own gift bags. Put all Gift Cards in a small box or envelope with Green Angel taped to it. Bring to the weekend Masses no later than the weekend of **December 9th and 10th** For more information or any questions contact: Angela Schneider at 520-400-4447 or email aschneid24@hotmail.com

Contemplative Intensive Retreat

Come tame your overthinking and quiet your mind



Contemplation is an ancient Christian tradition rooted in the Scriptures and the life of Jesus. It developed in an age of uncertainty, similar to our own, attracting thousands of lay men and women who yearned to lose themselves in God. These early Christians, who practiced a lifestyle that we describe by the term "contemplative," left a rich heritage with explicit instructions on living the New Life in Christ.

Contemplation is the fruit of personal practice and experience. The practice is the ancient Christian tradition of awareness not only at specific times of prayer, but while peeling potatoes, washing dishes, cleaning, gardening, sleeping and so forth. It's a practice that fulfills the directive of St. Paul, "Pray always."

Contemplation is often mistakenly identified with monasticism. For the first Christian contemplatives, it was simply the Christian way of living moment to moment with the grace of God. The testimony of their lives has inspired countless individuals throughout the centuries whose deepest desire was to conform themselves to Christ.

December 8-10, 2023

The cost is \$325 for single room occupancy.

The number of participants is limited. Register early. Please contact us at 520.744.3400, ext. 7111 or at our toll free line 866.737.5751, or email us at office@desertrenewal.org, or use our online registration form.

Fr. Steve Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

Retreat Director

Fr. Rehrauer is Director of RRC. He has taught Moral Theology at the Alphonsian Academy of the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. He has offered workshops in India, the Philippines, and Thailand, among other countries.

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Pictures from the Pasta Dinner | 10/28/2023 | 4 PM mass





Pictures from the Pancake-Sausage Breakfast | 10/29/2023 | 7:30 AM mass



More about the Knights of Columbus, Council #15704 "Our Lady of the Desert": kofc15704.org

Pictures from the Pancake-Sausage Breakfast | 10/29/2023 | 10 AM mass



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Pictures of the Silver Rose Prayer Ceremony | 10/19/23



More about the 'Silver Rose': <https://kofc-az.org/silver-rose-program>



THE BOOKSTORE IS OPEN AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS

NOVEMBER 2023

Book Store Hours

The bookstore is open after all weekend Masses.

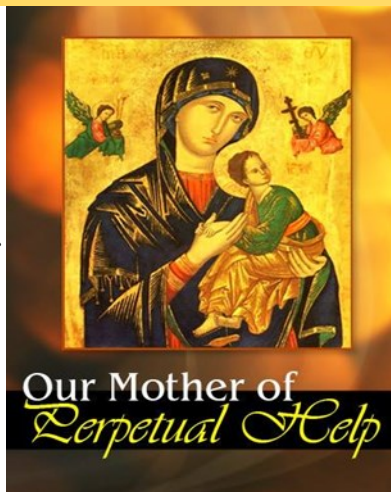
Saturday 4 PM Mass Vigil, Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Thursday, Nov 2nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 4-5	after all Masses
Tuesday, Nov 7th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 9th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday Nov 10th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 11-12	after all Masses
Monday, Nov 13th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov 14th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 16th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 18-19	after all Masses
Tuesday, Nov 21st	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 25-26	after all Masses



November

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,

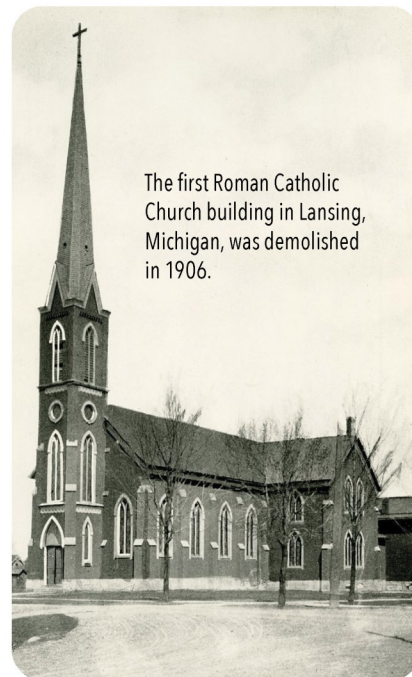
I was taught that Catholic churches are built on consecrated ground. How can a church be torn down and replaced by a shopping mall if it's sacred ground?

Church buildings are blessed and considered by the Church to be sacred places. But when they're damaged and can no longer be repaired or their repair is impractical or they no longer effectively serve their purpose for the faithful of God, the bishop can remove that blessing. By doing this, the bishop opens them for nonsacred use. Subsequently, they can be torn down or sold, as long as the new purpose is not scandalous to the people of God.

In the end, what is truly sacred is not the brick and mortar or even the soil, but the purpose for which they were built. Churches are blessed and declared sacred because we perform sacred rituals within them. When those rituals are no longer being performed in that location, there is no longer a need for them to be declared sacred.

When a church is closed, it is often a sad event. Many people carry deep emotional ties to their parish churches. But a diocese cannot always maintain all of its churches. Catholic populations shift, local needs change. Money is limited, and good stewardship demands that bishops sometimes make the difficult decision to close or merge parishes. Remember what is truly important and of ultimate and sacred value—our worship and service of God. ●

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR / DearPadre.org



The first Roman Catholic Church building in Lansing, Michigan, was demolished in 1906.

WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 13 <i>St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i> Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6	November 14 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 2:23-3:9 Lk 17:7-10	November 15 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19	November 16 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 7:22b-8:1 Lk 17:20-25	November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i> Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37	November 18 <i>Weekday</i> Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Lk 18:1-8	November 19 <i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



VATICAN MEDIA

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to tell us that we must be prepared for the encounter with him. Not only for the final encounter, but also for the everyday great and small encounters, with a view to that encounter for which the lamp of faith is not enough; we also need the oil of charity and good works.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 8, 2020