

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 18-19

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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Director of Renewal Center

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Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

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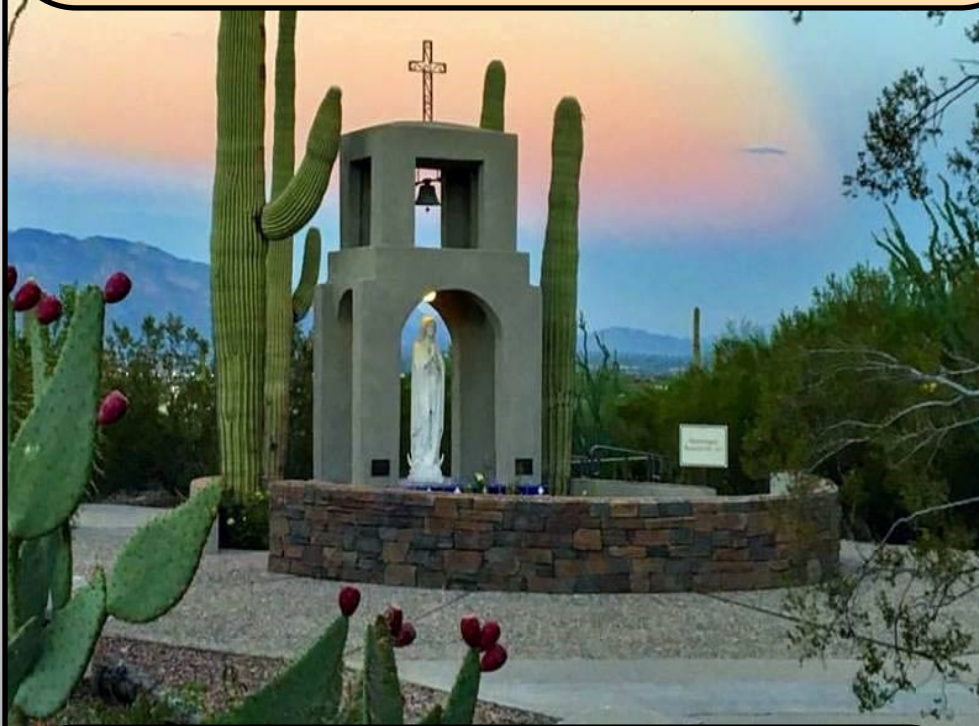
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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November 19th 1 Thes 5:1-6

Paul says in today's second reading that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night." There will be no warning of the end of the world. Yet, we as Christians know well that that day is coming. We should be living our lives in such a way that we will find ourselves ready and prepared for the end, whenever it does come about. Paul encourages us to live in the light (the knowledge of what will come). He begs the people to not live in a way that would show them to be paying no attention to what they know. We must honestly approach our lives.

November 20th 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63

Today we start reading from The Book of Maccabees. In today's story, we find many Jewish persons in Jerusalem who want to enter into alliances with the Greeks, who are the world power. They begin to turn their backs on their Jewish faith and to live to faith life of the Greeks. The Greek officials even go so far as to erect an idol on the altar of sacrifice in the temple. Still, even though many of their neighbors and family members have betrayed the Jewish Faith, many of the people held firm to the faith they had been taught. A good question for us might be: If others around us were to give up beliefs or ways of life that our Church teaches, would we go along, or would we be faithful.

November 21st 2 Mc 6:18-31

Today, we meet a man named Eleazar. He is one of the Jewish faithful who clung to his faith. When he is about to be put to death because he would not eat pork (which was unlawful for a Jew), his friends try to save him. They suggest that he supply another type of meat that can be eaten. They would simply pretend it was pork. However, Eleazar refuses. He does not want to take the chance of being a bad example to the younger Jews. He would rather die than lead them astray through a bad example. He dies instead and becomes an example of faithfulness and virtue.

November 22nd 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31

Today, our story from Maccabees centers on a mother of seven sons. The Greeks are trying to force them to turn from their faith. Even though the mother knows that if they refuse to eat the forbidden food they will die, she still encourages them to be faithful. She would rather see them die faithful, than to live unfaithfully. She reminds the youngest son that if he dies for his faith, he will meet his mother again in the life to come. What an amazing mother! She prefers saving her sons souls rather than just saving their bodies. That is love!

November 23rd 1 Cor 1:3-9

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Today, Paul cries out in thanks to God for the people of Corinth. He says that God has blessed them with his Word and Teachings. The Corinthians, in turn, have accepted those graces and held them firm in their hearts. Paul testifies that God will therefore give them the grace necessary to persevere in the faith. Such perseverance will lead to fellowship with Christ.



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November 24th 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59

Today, we return to The Book of Maccabees. We see the beginnings of the great Jewish Feast of Hanukkah. The Maccabbes have led a revolt and reclaimed the temple. They destroy the idols erected by the Greeks and rededicate the temple and its altar to God. Their faithfulness has led to a renewal of faith in the land.

November 25th 1 Mc 6:1-13

The king of the Greeks is filled with sorrow today. He hears that his armies have been defeated by two different enemies (including Jerusalem). He knows that he will soon die. He admits that his destruction is due to the shameful practices he tried to introduce in Jerusalem. The writer of this book firmly believed that God was fighting for His people. When adversity comes, God's love and protection will always win.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Book of Revelation

The Bible Study on the Book of Revelation will begin Monday, **November 20 at 10:00 A.M** for all those who have signed up for it. We will meet in the **Zendo room down the hallway, 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!



Office Closed

In observance on the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Front Office will be Closed on Thursday
November 23, and Friday

November 24, 2023. The office will re-open on Saturday, November 25 at 8:00 a.m.



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 Fergie (10/23)
Sharon Iavagnilio (1/23)
Harriet Lewandowski (5/23)
Virgil Roeder (5/23)
Edward Schafle (1/23)
Dan Sullivan (11/23)
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 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)**

Monday, November 20

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Lorraine Montuori (d)**

Tuesday, November 21

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

****Anna M. Hernandez - Happy Birthday**

Wednesday, November 22

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Rose Guth (d)**

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving

10:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

****Denny Mallory (d)**

Friday, November 24

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

****Robert & Mildred McNeil (d)**

Saturday, November 25

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Peace in Ukrain, Fr. Iva Levitsky C.Ss.R. &
Fr. Bohdan Geleta C.Ss.R.**

Sunday, November 26

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Ken Otte**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Rich & Ambrose Alday (d)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Surviving the Holidays

"Grieving during the Holiday Season" is the topic of our Grief Share Meeting from 2-4 P.M. on Sunday December 10th, 2023. Our group is composed of those who have lost a loved one. All in need are welcome. We'll meet in the Office/conference room. If you are interested in joining us, or have questions, please contact June or Stan Wood. 520-21-9-2919 .



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 170lbs 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
In Loving Memory of
David Forgue**

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 November 6-13, 2023 \$ 4,190.00

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/>



Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of the Americas

We will celebrate her feast in the Our Lady of the Desert Church on Tuesday December 12.

**Starting with: Mananitas-hymns to the Virgin at 6:00 a.m.
Convivencia (Mexican sweet bread) at 6:30 a.m. in the St.
Alphonsus Kitchen**

Holy Mass with Hymns at 7:30 a.m.

ST. JUGAN MINISTRY WITH ELDERS

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Hospital Ministry

Worship description: Since 1973, the laity have assisted in this ministry of love and service to the people of God. This workshop will provide pastoral practices related to this ministry to the sick and homebound including the Rite of Viaticum. New and seasoned ministers are welcome to learn new skills and share their honored gifts.

Presenters: Deacon Andy Corder
Chaplain, Tucson Medical Center
Member, National Catholic Chaplains Association

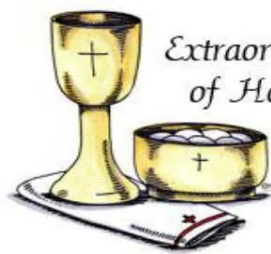
Patsy Klein, M.Ed.
Program Coordinator
St. Jujan Ministry with Elders

Saturday, December 2, 2023
St Mark Parish Hall
2727 W. Tangerine Rd.
Oro Valley, AZ 85742

9:00 am – Noon
Continental Breakfast will be served.

Deadline to RSVP: Tuesday, November 28,
2023 Please Contact: Patsy Klein
(520) 392-4999 or

patsyk@ccs-soaz.org to register or for more information.

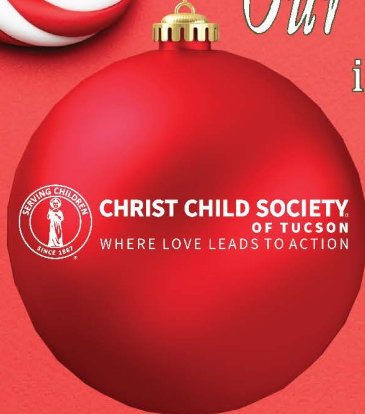


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**Christmas Gifts
of Love**

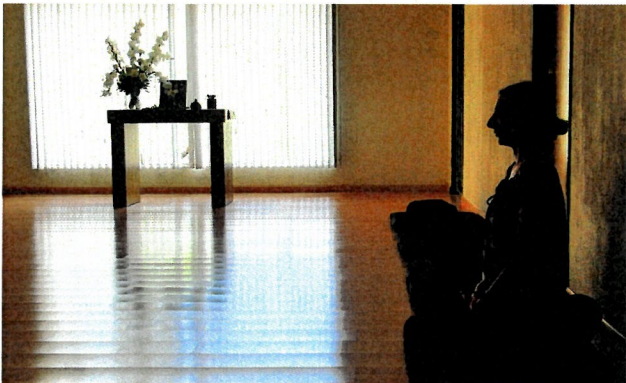
PICK AN ANGEL AND GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE!

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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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



Novena Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help adapted to be prayed in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic



Our Mother of
Perpetual Help

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,

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only one hour, and why?

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, those who would receive holy Communion refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (*Christus Dominus* and *Sacram Communionem*).

In 1966, Pope St. Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (*Paenitemini*). In 1973, he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (*Immensae Caritatis*).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the holy Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, *Immensae Caritatis* also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion. Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. And of course, Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



OLEKSANDRA NAUMENKO / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today the Church tells us: “Use what God has given you and look at the poor.” At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look...at those who are more in need.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



LEV RADIN

MONDAY

November 20

Weekday

1 Mc 1:10–15, 41–43, 54–57, 62–63

Lk 18:35–43

TUESDAY

November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18–31

Lk 19:1–10

WEDNESDAY

November 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20–31

Lk 19:11–28

THURSDAY

November 23

Weekday

1 Mc 2:15–29

Lk 19:41–44

Thanksgiving Day

Sir 50:22–24

1 Cor 1:3–9

Lk 17:11–19

FRIDAY

November 24

St. Andrew

Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36–37, 52–59

Lk 19:45–48

SATURDAY

November 25

Weekday

1 Mc 6:1–13

Lk 20:27–40

SUNDAY

November 26

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Mt 25:31–46