

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of November 25-26

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



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.

Our Lady of the Desert



November 26th 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Paul, today, says that through the sin of Adam, death comes to all people. He further states that through the faithfulness and the death and resurrection of Jesus, life comes to all people. He presents the resurrection of Jesus as “the first fruits.” Jewish thought always considered the first fruits of a plant as the best. These first fruits were offered up in sacrifice as a thanksgiving offering. However, they promised an abundance of fruits still to come. So, Jesus’s resurrection promises a new, more full life to come. Paul says this will happen at the end of time.

November 27th Dn 1:1-6, 8-20

Today we read from the Book of the Prophet Daniel. This book takes place during the exile. Daniel and three other Jews are part of a group of Jews the foreign king wishes to retrain and make a part of his advisers. They are all to be fed and trained for three years. They would eat food which was forbidden to them. However, Daniel and the other three convince a servant to feed them only vegetables and water. At the end of the test period, they are healthier than all the others. Because they are faithful to God’s law, they are blessed with many gifts. Chief among these was wisdom.

November 28th Dn 2:31-45

The king had a dream. He calls upon Daniel to interpret it for him. Daniel says that the dream predicts the current kingdom, followed by three others that will be lesser in greatness. Eventually, they will be replaced by a kingdom set up by God. It will be a kingdom that will never end. Of course, we Christians see this as being a prediction of the Kingdom of Jesus.

November 29th Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28

The son of the original king has come to the throne. He throws a party for some of his lords. They use the liturgical vessels from the temple in Jerusalem for their cups. A wrist and hand appear and write on the wall. Daniel is brought in to decipher the writing. He tells the king that he has abused the vessels of the temple and met with God’s anger and disapproval. His kingdom will not last. It will be given over to his enemies. God is always ultimately in charge. If we oppose him, we will suffer the consequences. If we honor Him, we will find life.

November 30th Rom 10:9-18

Paul states today that faith in the heart will lead to salvation. But, for people to believe, they must first have someone speak the word to them. Paul announces that God’s will is to be heard and understood by everyone. He uses the voices of prophets, but also uses nature as a way of speaking his love to his people. His love and invitation are for all people, both Jewish and Gentile. Our job is to open our ears so we can hear and to open our eyes so that we may see. Prayer and reflection help us to do this!

December 1st Dn 7:2-14

Today’s vision of the four great beasts represents the four kingdoms Daniel had spoken about earlier. However, He then speaks of one “like a son of man” who comes on the clouds of heaven and is given an unending kingdom by God. This title of Son of Man was the title Jesus used more often than any other to speak about himself. Jesus is the eternal king who is to rule forever.



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December 2nd Dn 7:15-27

Today, we have more about the beasts from yesterday. Specifically, our reading centers on the 4th beast (Rome). Though this kingdom will be powerful and control the whole world, it will fail in the end. Then God will present a new kingdom to his people. Of course, we view this as being Jesus's reign in our lives. Daniel testifies that in the end, all people will bow to the power of this God appointed king.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Book of Revelation

The Bible Study on the Book of Revelation will begin Monday, **November 27 at 10:00 A.M** for all those who have signed up for it. We will meet in the **Ironwood room across from the Pool.**



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.



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

Pedro Castillo	Tim McDonald
Ed Kenyon	June Wood
Chuck Peterson	Aubrey Scarborough
Linda Peterson	Joanna Crawford
Michael Dunlap	Margaret Zeches
Lee Morrison	
Scott Milligan	
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)
Bernie Burba (11/23)
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)
Pierrette(Petra) Juteau (11/23)
Harriet Lewandowski (5/23)
Linda Obenauf (11/23)
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 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)

Monday, November 27

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly
**Phyllis Spence, OSB (d)

Tuesday, November 28

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Ernest Zeches (d)

Wednesday, November 29

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**William Zeches (d)

Thursday, November 30

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson
**Anthony Capar (d)

Friday, December 1

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea
**Joe Taraba (d)

Saturday, December 2

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Peter Connolly
**Bob & Angie Breister

Sunday, December 3

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Dorie Zimmerman (d)
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
**Deacon Joe (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. 520-219-2919 .



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? Our Lady of the Desert has trained (EMs), who would love to take Holy Communion to that special person. For more information call the 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 by
The Liatti Family
In Loving Memory of
Kathleen Mary Liatti**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of November 13-20, 2023 \$ 6,443.00

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/>

First Friday Adoration

Come let us adore Him!

December 1, 2023 5-8 pm

At the altar of Our Lady of the Desert Church

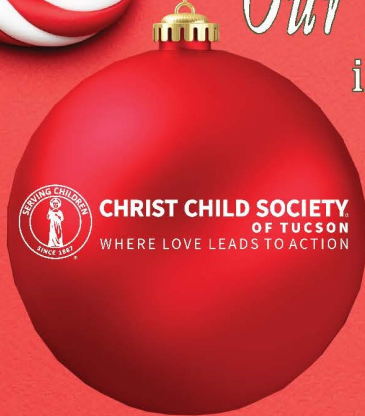
The monstrance will be placed on the altar at 5 pm and ends at 9 pm. Please contact Keven Birck at kbirck@comcast.net

Please join us in adoration of the Christ! Please spare 30-60 mins of your time or any amount you wish to adore our Lord Jesus. This is such a blessing for us to actually spend time with our Lord and Savior.



In union with Christ's passion, we offer up as sacrifice upon the fleshy altars of our hearts all that we lack. In return we receive from on high the fullness of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist, and we see the Word become flesh in our own lives.

Our Lady of the Desert
in conjunction with...



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

The Surrender Box



Learning to Let Go of the Need to Control Life

A Surrender Box is sacred. It's our God box and we place within it the names of all those people we are powerless over. We surrender them and their lives to our Higher Power, and we are free to breathe again.

Likewise, we surrender health problems, financial issues, fears about the future and regrets about the past into our Surrender Box. And in doing so we let go of our need to control life. Once we let go, accepting everyone and everything we are powerless to control, we gradually find peace and happiness.

Come create your own Surrender Box and begin the daily practice of letting go and letting God be in charge of your life—and the lives of all those you love.

December 9, 2023

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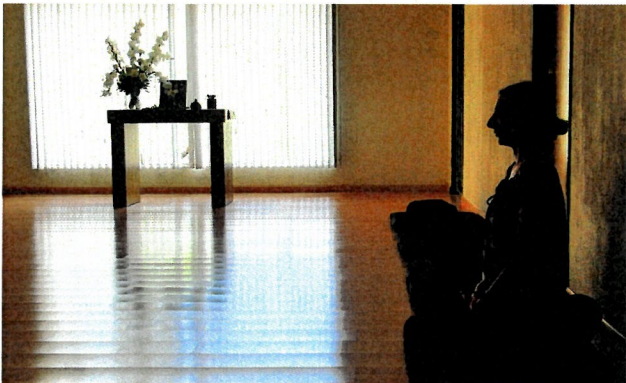
**9:00 AM– 3:00 PM
\$55 per person**

**Call 520-744-3400
For reservations**

**Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.S.S.R.
Serenity Retreat Director**

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,

In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?

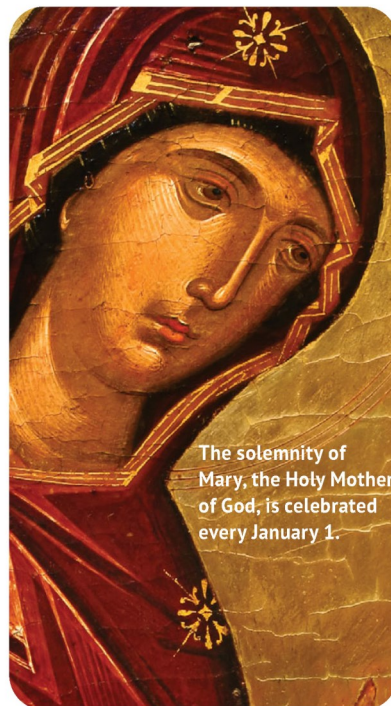
Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.

Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●



The solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is celebrated every January 1.

Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective
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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 27 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 1:1–6, 8–20 Lk 21:1–4	November 28 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 2:31–45 Lk 21:5–11	November 29 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28 Lk 21:12–19	November 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> Rom 10:9–18 Mt 4:18–22	December 1 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 7:2–14 Lk 21:29–33	December 2 <i>Weekday</i> Dn 7:15–27 Lk 21:34–36	December 3 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7 1 Cor 1:3–9 Mk 13:33–37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters—whether hungry or thirsty, a stranger, in need, sick, or in prison—we do to him (see Matthew 25:37–40). In this way, the Lord gives us his “gift list” for the eternal wedding feast he will share with us in heaven.

HOMILY, ST. PETER'S BASILICA, NOVEMBER 22, 2020