

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of December 2-3 First Sunday of Advent

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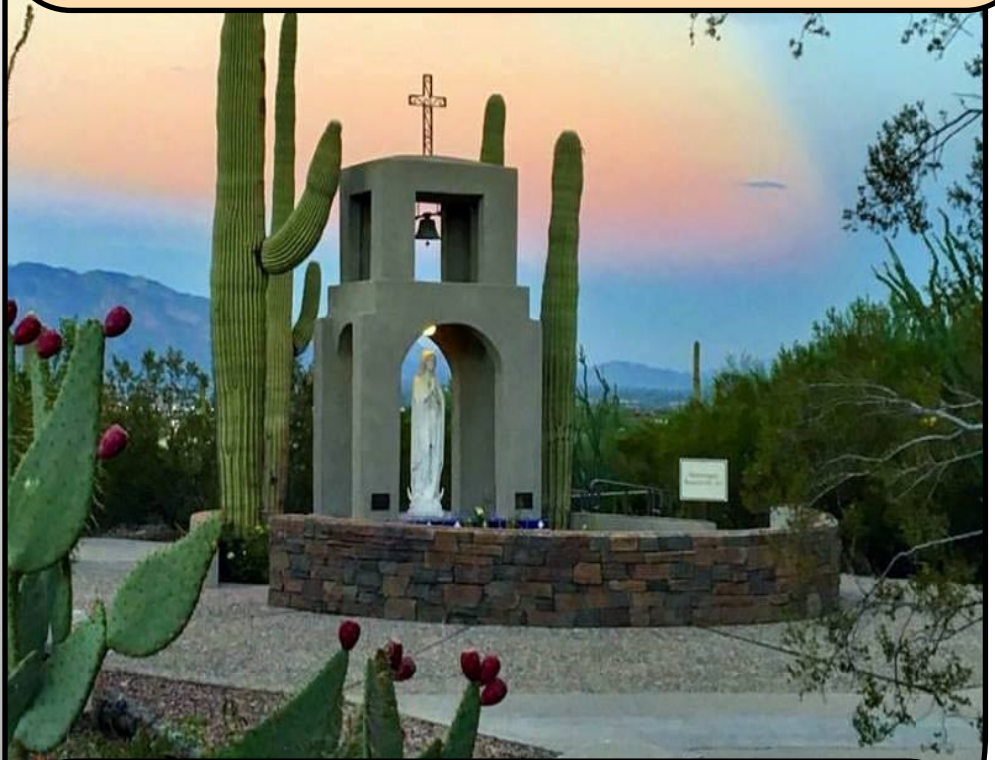
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

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December 3rd 1 COR 1:3-9

Paul writes to the Corinthians today. He praises them as people who have been called into fellowship with Jesus. God has given them all the gifts needed to achieve this fellowship. We too have been given all the graces needed to find fellowship with Christ and each other. Each one must simply exercise his or her own gifts, and we all will grow together in Christ's love. God's gifts to us are to be shared so that we can all benefit.

December 4th Is 2:1-5

Today's reading claims that God is calling all the world to himself through the ministry of Jerusalem. Of course, this prophecy is fulfilled in Christ. It is through his life, death, and resurrection that God will gather all the nations into one people. It is through him that peace can enter our world. Discord can never have the final word. Christ's love in us will always lead to peace.

December 5th Is 11:1-10

Isaiah prophesies peace and unity in the world. One of David's descendants will come forth as the eternal king. He will usher a time of peace and justice into our world. He will be marked by the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord. Notice that these gifts correspond to the gifts of the Spirit we received in Confirmation. Jesus's mission in the world today is carried out through you and me. He is counting on us to do our part in bringing love, peace, and redemption to our world.

December 6th Is 25:6-10a

Today, Isaiah prophesies a world of peace and comfort. All pain and fear will be removed from the earth. Death will no longer have power over us. Isaiah testifies that this vision will certainly come true. Of course, through Jesus, we know it has! He has conquered sin and death. In the life of resurrection, we will know nothing but peace!

December 7th Is 26:1-6

Isaiah prophesies today that Judah will find peace through God. He will bring the lowly people to an equal dignity with the powerful and rich. All will be one (similar to Jesus's promise that the last will be first and the first will be last.) All this will happen because God's love and mercy are a sure rock upon which our lives are built.

December 8th Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

The author sings a song of praise today. He rejoices in God's gift of salvation. He points out that we are blessed with all of the blessings and graces that God bestows upon His children because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This salvation was not something new in God's plan. It was there from the beginning. God's love has been with us the whole way, and it will be with us forever.

December 9th Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Isaiah today prophesies about our future with God. It will be a time of great joy and satisfaction. All our needs will be fulfilled for us. Peace shall blossom for everything in our world. We will live in the love and care of the Lord forever! Such is the future that awaits us!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



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Happy Advent

Today, we begin the celebration of Advent. This is a Liturgical Season during which we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas. One great way to prepare for Christmas is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). There will be several Penance Services in our area. Below is a listing of some of them. You are welcomed to attend any service that works for you:

Monday, December 4th at 5:30 P.M. at St Mark's

Tuesday, December 5th at 5:30 P.M. at St Thomas the Apostle

Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 P.M. at St Elizabeth Ann Seton

Friday, December 8th at 4:00 P.M. at Santa Catalina

Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 P.M. at St Odilia

Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 A.M. here at Our Lady of the Desert

Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00 P.M. at St Christopher

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are asked to attend Mass for this Feast Day. We will have a Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday the 7th, and a 7:30 a.m. Mass on Friday Morning.

Upcoming Funeral for Bernie Burba

A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, December 11, 11:00 am at Our Lady of the Desert Church for Bernie Burba. 7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd. Tucson, AZ 8574.3

Book of Revelation

The Bible Study on the Book of Revelation will begin Monday, **December 4, 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.

Taize Advent Prayer Service

On December 12, at 7:00 PM, OLOD will be presenting an Taize Advent Prayer Service in the church. This is a time to prepare us for the coming of Christmas. The service will include scripture, song and silence. Please join us for this prayer experience. The evening is sponsored by our own Knights of Columbus.

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.
in the Our Lady of the Desert Chapel**



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 December 2023

Peter Castillo	Tim McDonald
Ed Kenyon	June Wood
Chuck Peterson	Aubrey Scarborough
Linda Peterson	Joanna Crawford
Michael Dunlap	Fr. Rich Boever
Lee Morrison	Fr. Jim Shea
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)
Joan Jones (11/23)
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, December 1

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly
**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)

Monday, December 4

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
**Patricia Blenner (d)

Tuesday, December 5

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly
**Dorie Zimmerman (d)

Wednesday, December 6

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**In Memory of Kathleen Mary Liatti (d)

Thursday, December 7

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson
**Dave Forgue (d)
4:00 p.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

Friday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly
**Nancy Donahue (d)

Saturday, December 9

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

Sunday, December 10

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Bonifacio A. Hernandez (d)
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly
**Ray & Ellen Miller

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
John Zimmerman
In Loving Memory of
Dorie Zimmerman**

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

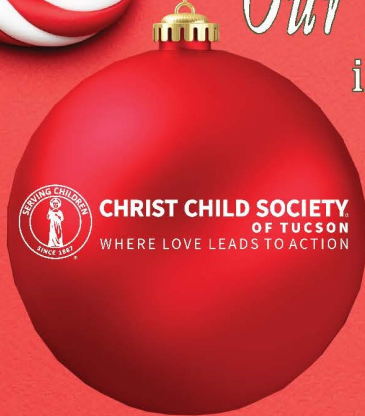
Weeks of November 20-27, 2023 \$ 6,936.00

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 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 BOOKSTORE IS **OPEN** AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS

December 2023

Book Store Hours

Bookstore open after all weekend Masses.

Friday, Dec 2 nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday Dec 3 rd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 3/4	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Tuesday, Dec 5 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, Dec 7 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday Dec 9 th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 9/10	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am
Saturday – Sunday 16/17	after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am

MERRY CHRISTMAS ~ BLESSINGS TO ALL

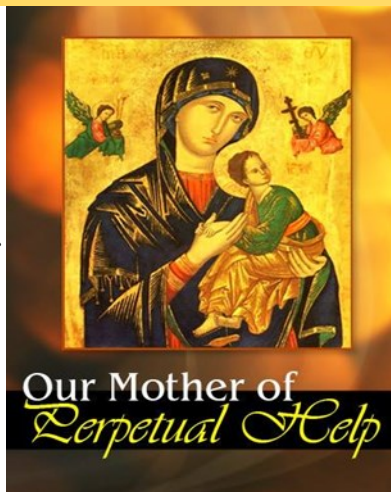
Saturday – Sunday 23/24	CLOSED
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HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ Continued Blessings all the Year Thru

Saturday – Sunday 30/31	CLOSED
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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 Gospels Matthew and Mark so alike? Why did the Church keep both Gospels when so much of Mark seems to be a mirror image of Matthew?

The Gospels were written over time and used by the faithful when they gathered for worship. They read the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus collected by Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

The Christian communities were often great distances from one another. A community may have had access to only one of these accounts. There is considerable similarity because the Gospel writers depended on one another. All three Gospels include some of the same incidents. Each also has incidents or details unique to that Gospel.

These were not the only accounts written about the life and ministry of Jesus. At some point, the Church had to decide which should be considered the inspired word of God. There were four accounts that were widely used: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. With their similarities and differences, the Church accepted these four accounts as Gospel—the Good News. ●

This first page of the Gospel of Mark is from a fourteenth-century Armenian illuminated manuscript painting by Sargis Pitsak.



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10
Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Advent Weekday	Second Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1–5	Is 11:1–10	Is 25:6–10a	Is 26:1–6	Gn 3:9–15, 20	Is 30:19–21, 23–26	Is 40:1–5, 9–11
Mt 8:5–11	Lk 10:21–24	Mt 15:29–37	Mt 7:21, 24–27	Eph 1:3–6, 11–12	Mt 9:35– 10:1, 5a, 6–8	2 Pt 3:8–14
				Lk 1:26–38		Mk 1:1–8

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] ...is at the door to our heart. He knocks. Do you know how to listen to the Lord...who has come today to visit you...? He came to Bethlehem, he will come at the end of the world, but every day he comes to us. Be attentive, look at what you feel in your heart when the Lord knocks.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 29, 2020