

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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## Weekend of February 10-11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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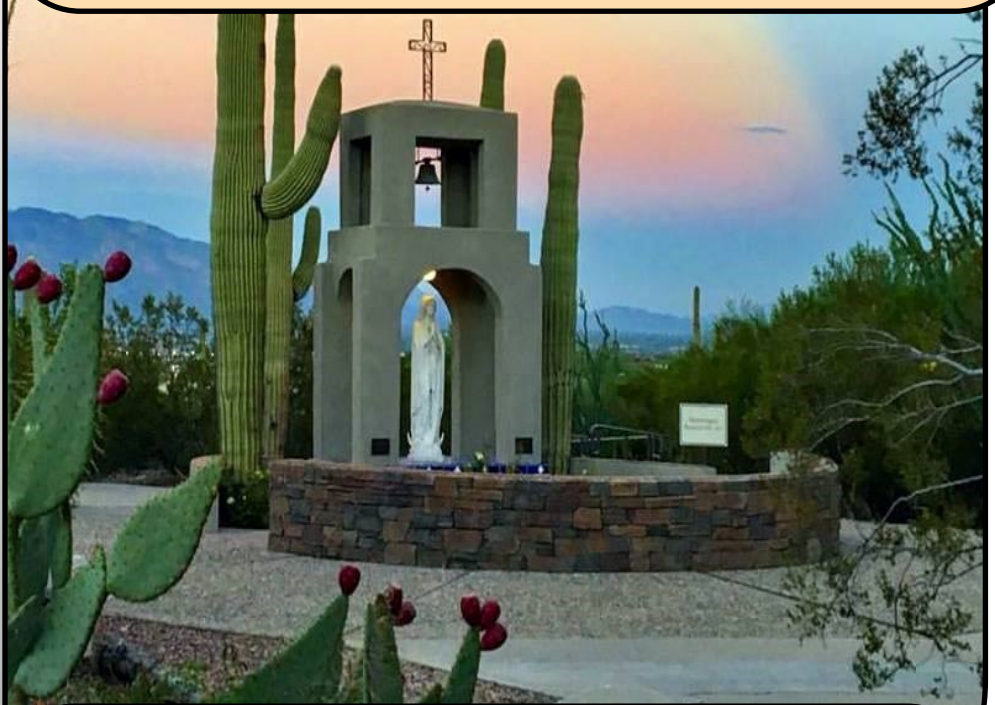
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

# Our Lady of the Desert



February 11th 1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Paul today points out that Jesus's life was all about service to others. Their needs were more important to him than his own. He states that he always tries to live this same way, even in the simpler things of life (such as eating). He advises the Corinthians to do likewise. They must always remember that they are called to serve and love others.

February 12th Jas 1:1-11

James first encourages his listeners to hold tight to their faith by persevering in all their trials. He goes on to encourage them to ask God for the gift of Wisdom. Wisdom can be defined as a knowledge about what is the best way to live in any given situation. James points out that God will be quick to answer one who asks in faith. We too should always pray for the gift of Wisdom!

February 13th Jas 1:12-18

James today writes about temptations. He encourages us to remain faithful even when tempted. Temptations are not sent from God to test our faith. Rather, James says that temptations come from our own desires. We must seek the help of God to overcome our desires for selfish gain.

February 14th 2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Today, we read from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Paul calls his listeners to repentance. He points out that God's response to sin was to send his Son to save us. If we repent, right now, we shall be forgiven and graced by God. Tomorrow might be too late! Paul encourages us that today is the acceptable time for us to repent! Now is the time of Salvation!

February 15th Dt 30:15-20

Moses points out that God has set before us a choice. We can either follow His laws or refuse to follow them. The choice is ours, and God will help us if we choose to be faithful. Such faithfulness will lead to life and blessing. Unfaithfulness will lead to death. As we saw yesterday, tomorrow may be too late for our choice. We must choose faithfulness today!

February 16th Is 58:1-9a

Isaiah writes today about sacrifice. God complains through Isaiah that the sacrifices of the people end in bitterness and violence. Sacrifice should end in love instead. We need to see our sacrifices as being a way in which we reach out in love and service to others. We refrain from thinking of ourselves and our wants in order to give to others. This is the mark of a true child of God.

February 17th Is 58:9b-14

God calls us today to refrain from oppression, from false accusations, and from malicious speech. He calls us to share with the poor and to take care of the afflicted among us. We are promised that if we do this, we will find blessing and life. Our willingness to forget our own wants will delight God. It will show that we are indeed his people. His rewards will be ours!

*Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.*



## **Pro-abortion Signature Campaign in Arizona**

Millions of dollars from the pro-abortion industry are flooding into Arizona from out of State. This includes paying workers to collect signatures in front of grocery stores and other public locations for an amendment to our State Constitution.

We urge the citizens of Arizona not to sign or endorse this signature campaign.

The goal of the signature campaign is to enshrine a constitutional right to unrestricted abortion in Arizona. What makes a constitutional amendment especially grave is that our own Arizona Legislators could lose the ability to regulate abortion in any way, leaving us with the potential for fully unrestricted abortion.

The proposed amendment would put women and girls at risk by no longer requiring the use of a qualified medical doctor as well as by removing safety standards for abortion clinics. By eliminating current parental consent laws, mothers and fathers would be left out of decision-making when their minor daughter needs them the most. Too, the proposed amendment would allow for painful late-term abortions and open the door to taxpayer funding of them. While the effort claims to be moderate in nature, its vague language would make Arizona one of the most extreme states in terms of abortion. We believe that even many of those who support abortion in limited instances would find the proposed Constitutional amendment extreme and misleading.

Arizonans deserve far better than the measures being proposed in this signature campaign. We humbly ask for your prayers that this signature campaign will fail and that mothers and their babies will be kept alive and safe.

Again, we urge the citizens of Arizona not to sign when approached by these paid canvassers in front of stores or public locations.

Bishop John Dolan

Bishop Eduardo Nevares

Bishop James Wall

Bishop Edward Weisenburger

# Our Lady of the Desert



## Church Mission

This Lent Our Lady of the Desert will be offering a very special set of services. Fr Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R. will be leading us in a mission from March 3-5 at 3:30 in the afternoon each day. A mission is an opportunity for us all to renew our Catholic faith. The mission services consist of a proclamation of the word of God, preaching and reflection, singing, and praying together. It will be a grace-filled happening, an opportunity to experience in a special way the wonderful and incredible presence and love of God.



Redemptorist  
Renewal Center  
ANNUAL EASTER  
CELEBRATION

March 31st  
Immediately following Mass  
Tickets \$40.00

Available in the Office

## Arizona Income Tax Credits

Donations to CTSO (The Catholic Tuition Support Organization) should be used as tax credits on your Arizona State income tax. If you owe, for example, \$1000 to the State you can redirect that \$1000 to a child whose sponsors are registered [members of the Our Lady of the Desert Church and who attend a catholic school in the diocese of Tucson.](#) This will not cost you a dollar. It is a tax credit, not a tax deduction. This year the maximum deduction is \$2,609 for couples and \$1,307 for singles. You do not have to wait until April 15 so that you know how much money you owe to the state. You may estimate the amount based on last year's return. If you donate too much, you merely roll it over for next year's tax. But do not do this several years in a row so that you build up a big balance. If you donate now, then CTSO will send you a letter that you or your accountant can use to fill in the correct amounts on your 2023 Arizona tax forms 323 and 348. This scholarship fund is administered by the Knights of Columbus Council 15704 Referral # 1699 of Our Lady of the Desert Church. For forms or more information contact Terry Bahill, 742-5469 Email: [terry@sie.arizona.edu](mailto:terry@sie.arizona.edu) or Bernie Chuinard 245.2485 Email: [berniechuinard@hotmail.com](mailto:berniechuinard@hotmail.com)





Please join Our Lady of the Desert  
Redemptorist Associates  
As we welcome a new Associate,  
**Cindy Otte**, to Our Circle!

**When: Thursday, February 15, 2024**  
**in the St. Alphonsus Kitchen or via Zoom\*.**  
**5:00--6:00pm--Commitment Prayer Service**  
**6:00--7:00pm—Lenten Soup Supper**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

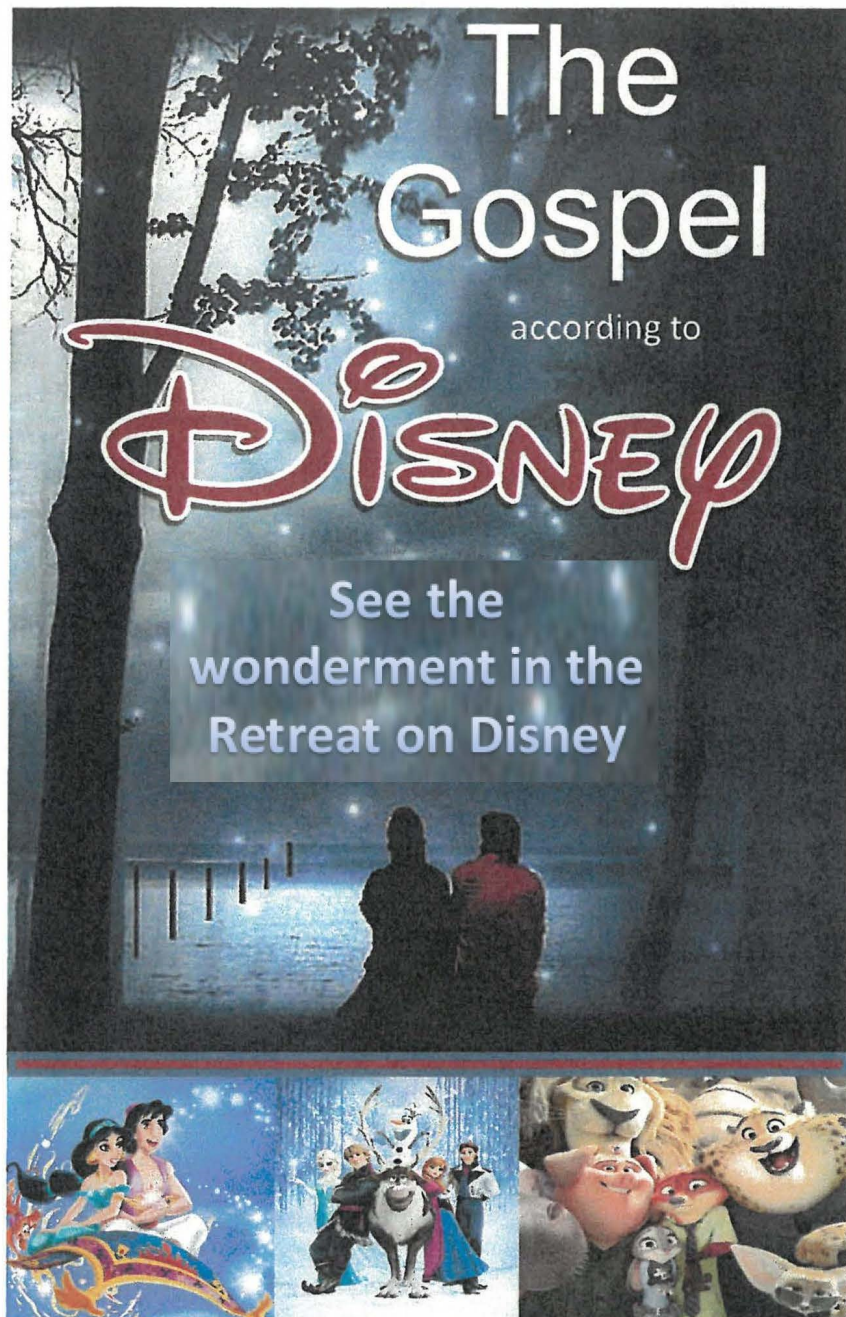
**\*Please contact John Davenport ([john@davenport.net](mailto:john@davenport.net))  
if you would like a zoom link to the meeting.**

### **New Bible Study: Paul's Letter to the Galatians**

The most important question a Christian can ask is “What must we do to be saved?” St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians provides the answer and reveals the merciful love God the Father has for his children. Galatians: Set Free to Live speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation Jesus has won for us and explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ’s redeeming sacrifice through faith and love.

Presenter Jeff Cavins explains how Christ fulfilled the Law and set us free to live in the Spirit. Learn what “justification” means and how faith and works are an integral part of it. Discover how we become heirs to the promises and blessings of Christ through faith.

Join us for this study beginning March 12th at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. There will be 8 sessions on successive Tuesdays. The cost for this study is \$30.00. Please RSVP to the Office by February 17th.



**Redemptorist Renewal Center**

**7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd,  
Tucson, Arizona 85743**

**REV. CHARLIE WEHRLEY,  
Retreat Director**

In this follow-up to **The Good News according to Disney**, we will continue to examine the moral and life-changing truths that are found in the canon of Walt Disney movies. Many of these truths are taken directly from Scripture and many of them contain psychological and emotional value for those of us who are faced with the ups and downs of 21st Century life.

As adults today, we need to regain our childhood sense of wonderment. So many of us have lost the freshness that comes from being amazed by the simple beauties of life. We've lost our sense of play and the creative imaginations that spurred us to discover the mysteries of life as children.

In **The Gospel According to Disney** we will explore some of the life-giving messages that are hidden below the entertainment surface of Disney films like Frozen, Aladdin and Zootopia.

This retreat begins at 9 am includes lunch and ends at 3 pm.

Cost is \$55

This retreat is NOT intended for children, but teens may attend with an adult/parent.

**February 17, 2024**

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





# Marriage Anniversary Mass 2024

**Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger**

cordially invites you to

a special Mass celebrating Marriage Anniversaries  
for couples that have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony  
and are celebrating the following anniversaries:

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - 50<sup>th</sup> - 60<sup>th</sup> or longer**

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2024**

Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.

St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave., Tucson

**Annual Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024**

✦ **REGISTER BY: Wednesday, February 21, 2024** ✦

### **REGISTRATION**

- **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

- <https://forms.office.com/r/KmvdLX6Kbi>

QR Code:



**OR**

- **If unable to register online, please complete and return this form:**

Please provide the following information for the couple celebrating the special anniversary.  
~ A reminder notification and invitation from Bishop Weisenburger will be emailed in late February ~

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Couple's Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE** CIRCLE Anniversary: 1<sup>ST</sup> 5<sup>TH</sup> 10<sup>TH</sup> 25<sup>TH</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>TH</sup> or

**61 AND ABOVE!**

\_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary

**PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO:**

Diocese of Tucson Bishop Kicanas Pastoral Center

ATTN: Ofelia James

192 S. Stone Ave, #2

Tucson, AZ 85701

**OR** email form to [ojames@diocesetucson.org](mailto:ojames@diocesetucson.org)



*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 February 2024**

Miguel Quijada  
Tim McDonald  
Chuck Peterson  
Linda Peterson  
Michael Dunlap  
Joan Forgue  
Joe Fernando  
Rachel Flint  
Bob Garcia  
Fr. Jeff King-Healing  
David Donofrio

Nellie Hernandez  
Jerry Linton  
Aubrey Scarborough  
Joanna Crawford  
Lee Morrison  
Stan Wood  
June Wood  
Emily Hernandez  
Larry Cobble  
Kurt Cummings

### **OUR LADY OF THE DESERT**

**DECEASED MEMBERS**  
*Last 12 Months*

**(Month/Year)**

Peter Castillo (2/24)  
Fr. Rich Boever C.Ss.R. (1/24)  
Carol Boerner (9/23)  
Bernie Burba (11/23)  
Art Davenport (4/23)  
Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R. (9/23)  
Theresa Fitzpatrick (10/23)  
Dave Forgue (10/23)  
Nellie Hernandez (3/23)  
Tony Iavagnilio (1/24)  
Joan Jones (11/23)  
Mary Johnson (1/24)  
Pierrette (Petra) Juteau (11/23)  
Edward Kenyon (1/24)  
Harriet Lewandowski (5/23)  
Scott Milligan (11/23)  
Linda Obenauf (11/23)  
Virgil Roeder (5/23)  
Dan Sullivan (11/23)  
Phyllis Spence, OSB (11/23)  
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, February 9**

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

**\*\*Peter**

### **Saturday, February 10**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Stephen St. Clair (d)**

### **Sunday, February 11**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Dorie Zimmerman (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Patrick John Martin (d)**

### **Monday, February 12**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\* Betty Harrison (d)**

### **Tuesday, February 13**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Denny Mallory (d)**

### **Ash Wednesday, February 14**



7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*David Fogue (d)**

4:00 p.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

### **Thursday, February 15**

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

**\*\*Betty Harrison (d)**

### **Friday, February 16**

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

**\*\*Dennis Terill (d)**

### **Saturday, February 17**

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

**\*\*Will Starman (d)**

### **Sunday, February 18**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Anna Charlotte Donlon (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Shane Olson (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? 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](mailto:diana@davenport.net) (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport ([john@davenport.net](mailto:john@davenport.net)) for a Zoom link.

### **Weekly Rosary Prayer**

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

### **Monthly Rosary Prayer**

Please come and join us on the second Wednesday of every month. In the Our Lady of the Desert Church starting at 9:00 a.m.

### **Scripture Prayer Group**

meets via zoom each Tuesday. For more details email John Davenport at: [john@davenport.net](mailto:john@davenport.net), or call 440.478.1203.

# 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 Memory of  
Edward Kenyon**

**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

Weekend Collection January 29,- March 5, 2024

\$ 11,214.00

**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/>



# Bookstore Hours

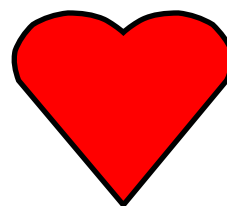
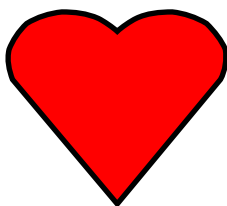
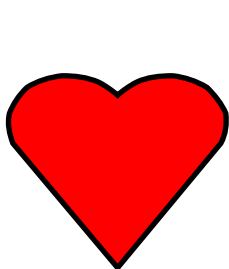


## February 2024

Book Store Hours - Bookstore open after all weekend Masses

**HAPPY Valentine**

**Share the Blessings All Year Thru**



Saturday – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup>

after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am

Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup>

after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am

Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

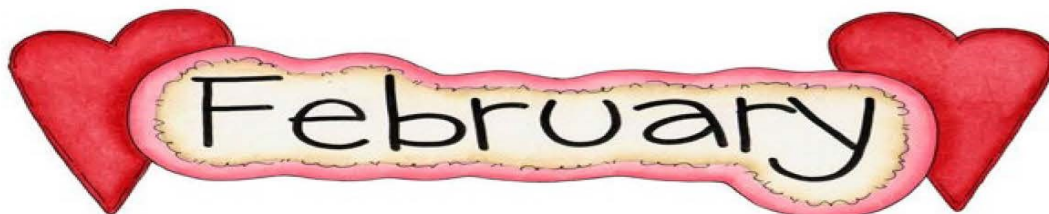
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Saturday – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>

after all Masses 4 pm, 7:30 am, 10 am

Monday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 2:00 pm



## 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.



Our Mother of  
*Perpetual Help*

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 am having a difficult time receiving Communion from a eucharistic minister who has been behaving in a manner that I don't consider moral. When I receive Communion from her, I feel like I am condoning her actions. Would it be wrong of me to go to a different person to receive Communion?***

It seems unlikely that someone would assume you are condoning her actions by receiving Communion from her. We do not sin by receiving a sacrament from an unworthy person. What matters is how worthy we are to receive it. It might be wise to receive Communion from a different person if you are more concerned with this minister's behavior than you are with Jesus when you approach the sacrament.

It is not our task to expose and punish the sinner. If you look at the life of Jesus, you will see that he did everything possible not to condemn sinners but to save them. We should take that as the model for our own lives. Try to find ways to encourage her to live a good life. Perhaps friendship would serve her better than a boycott of her Communion line.

When Jesus was presented with the woman caught in adultery, he did not pretend that it was right. Neither did he rush to condemn her. He looked for his opportunity to forgive and tell her to avoid sin. Use that as your example about how to treat the woman at church. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 12	February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18
Weekday	Weekday	Ash Wednesday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	First Sunday of Lent
Jas 1:1-11	Jas 1:12-18	Jl 2:12-18	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Gn 9:8-15
Mk 8:11-13	Mk 8:14-21	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Dt 30:15-20	Is 58:1-9a	Is 58:9b-14	1 Pt 3:18-22
		Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Lk 9:22-25	Mt 9:14-15	Lk 5:27-32	Mk 1:12-15



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Compassion means “to suffer-with-another.” Jesus’ heart manifests God’s paternal compassion for (the leper), moving close to him and touching him. And this detail is very important. Jesus “stretched out his hand and touched him.... And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean” (Mark 1:41-42). God’s mercy overcomes every barrier....***

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