

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of February 17-18 First Sunday of Lent

Redemptorist Community

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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 18th 1 Pt 3:18-22

Peter presents Jesus's crucifixion, death, and resurrection as a sacrificial offering through which all of humanity is set free from sin and separation from God for all eternity. Jesus's triumph was not just for the living, but also for those who had already died. The fruits of the death of Christ are applied to us in Baptism. Peter says that just as Noah and a few of his family escaped the waters of the flood in an ark, so we escape death by Baptism which gains for us a clear conscience.

February 19th Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

In today's reading from The Book of Leviticus, God calls out to the people that they (because they are created in his image) must be holy as he is holy. He therefore calls them to put all animosity out of their minds. They are to care for and serve their brothers and sisters in kindness. All selfishness must be cleansed from their hearts. This is also our call during Lent. We too need to concentrate on growing in holiness.

February 20th Is 55:10-11

Isaiah prophesies that God will send his Word to the earth and through that Word, God's Will shall be done. John's Gospel, of course, presents Jesus as the Word. So, in Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, God brings salvation to us as he always proclaimed he would in the Old Testament. Jesus will not return to the Father until the Father's will for salvation has been accomplished!

February 21st Jon 3:1-10

Today's reading from the Book of Jonah begins after Jonah has already been spewed onto the shore by the large fish. Jonah finally concedes and heads towards Nineveh. He begins to preach that Nineveh must repent of its evil, or God will destroy it. The king and all the people do indeed repent and so, God withholds punishment. The actions of the Ninevites, namely repentance, is held up to us this Lent so that we too may repent and encounter mercy.

February 22nd 1 Pt 5:1-4

Peter today calls upon all the presbyters of his day to treat their people with respect and kindness. They must not treat their people unkindly. We too, have been called by Christ to serve each other. This reading from Peter reminds us that this season of Lent is a time where we should also work on our kindness and goodness to others.

February 23rd Ez 18:21-28

Ezekiel prophesies that God judges us according to our actions at any moment. Our past has no bearing on today. It is what we do today that will determine our fate. If we turn from sin and strive to be holy, we will find life. For God, the present is everything. The choice we make today is what counts.

February 24th Dt 26:16-19

Moses reminds the people that they must always obey the laws and decrees of the Lord. We must choose Him to be our God by following his will in our lives. If we do, we will be greatly blessed and be special in His sight. Again, during Lent we too must seek to be better in following God's laws and decrees.



~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

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Upcoming Funeral's
Saturday February 24, 2024
Dan Sullivan -10:00 a.m.
Joe Fernando -12:00 a.m.



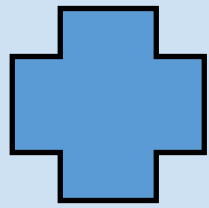
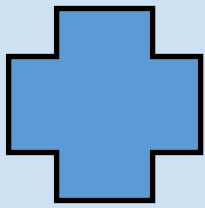
Redemptorist
Renewal Center
ANNUAL EASTER
CELEBRATION

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 or Bernie Chuinard 245.2485 Email: berniechuinard@hotmail.com



Stations on the Cross
Will be held in the
Our Lady of the Desert Church
at 11:00 a.m.

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.



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:

1st – 5th - 10th - 25th - 50th - 60th 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: 1ST 5TH 10TH 25TH 50th 60TH 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

Lent

As you all know, we are now a few days into the Season of Lent. Lent is a time for us to take a hard look at our lives and see the areas where maybe our Christian beliefs don't shine forth in our life. It is a wonderful chance for us to start again. All are encouraged to pick a weak spot in our faith-life and work on making it stronger. We do this through a method that the Church encourages us to enter into, namely **fasting** (giving up something to remind ourselves that life is not about fulfilling our own wants), **prayer** (which reminds us that there is One Who is greater than ourselves and who is in charge), and **almsgiving** (sharing of our time treasure and talents with those around us as a way of reminding ourselves that we are called to serve, not be served). Using these disciplines well can help us grow as Christians.

We are also encouraged to make use of the sacrament of Penance during this season. To help with this, the parishes of our Vicariate will be holding Penance Services at the following times:

St Thomas the Apostle: March 5th at 5:30 P.M.

St Elizabeth Ann Seton: March 7th at 6:00 P.M.

St Odilia's: March 12th at 6:30 P.M.

St Mark's: March 14th at 5:30 P.M.

Santa Catalina: March 20th at 5:00 P.M.

St Christopher's: March 20th at 6:00 P.M.

Our Lady of the Desert: March 23rd at 11:00 A.M.

Additional Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Christ Child Society of Tucson invites you to a free ½ day retreat at the Redemptorist Renewal Center

**Address: 7101 W Picture Rocks Rd
Tucson, AZ 85743**

Phone: (520) 744-3400

Retreat Leader: Fr. Paul Coury C.Ss.R.

Date: Monday, March 11, 2024

Start time: 9:00 AM

(it will be over at noon and a lunch will be available for \$25.)





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	Jerry Linton
Tim McDonald	Aubrey Scarborough
Chuck Peterson	Joanna Crawford
Linda Peterson	Lee Morrison
Michael Dunlap	Stan Wood
Joan Forgue	Terry Bahill
June Wood	Emily Hernandez
Rachel Flint	Larry Cobble
Bob Garcia	Kurt Cummings
Fr. Jeff King-Healing	
David Donofrio	

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Fr. Rich Boever C.Ss.R. (1/24)
Carol Boerner (9/23)
Bernie Burba (11/23)
Peter Castillo (2/24)
Art Davenport (4/23)
Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R. (9/23)
Joe Fernando (2/24)
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 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)**

Monday, February 19

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**** Washington's Birthday**

Tuesday, February 20

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

****Everette De Rouse (d)**

Wednesday, February 21

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Bob and Angie Breister**

Thursday, February 22

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

****Ben Daquiv (d) 1st Anniversary of Death**

Friday, February 23

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

****Haydee De Jesus (d)**

Saturday, February 24

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Tom Donaldson

****Barbara & Winfield Baker (d)**

Sunday, February 25

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Jim Burba (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Hurbert & Madeline Dompke (d)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stations on the Cross

Will be held in the Our Lady of the Desert Church at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming-Grief Share Support Group

Grief share is a friendly group of caring people, who share the experience of the loss of a loved one. Program every Sundays starting **April 7-June 23** from 2:00pm-4:00pm. In the front office conference room. For more information contact, June or Stan Wood at 520.219.2919. or at Jwls1@earthlink.net.

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.

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, 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
By Velma Whittingham
In Memory of
Will Starman**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weekend Collection March 5-12, 2024 \$ 5,223.00

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

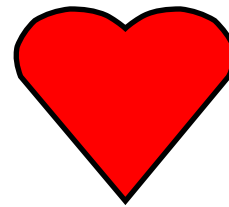
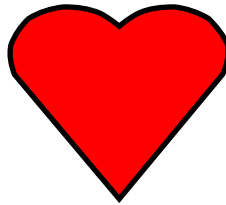
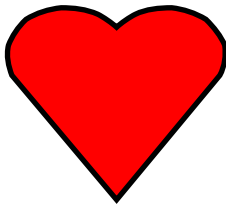


February 2024

Book Store Hours - Bookstore open after all weekend Masses

HAPPY Valentine

Share the Blessings All Year Thru



Saturday – Sunday 10th / 11th

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

Monday, February 12th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, February 13th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, February 15th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, February 16th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday – Sunday 17th / 18th

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

Monday, February 19th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, February 20th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, February 22nd

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, February 23rd

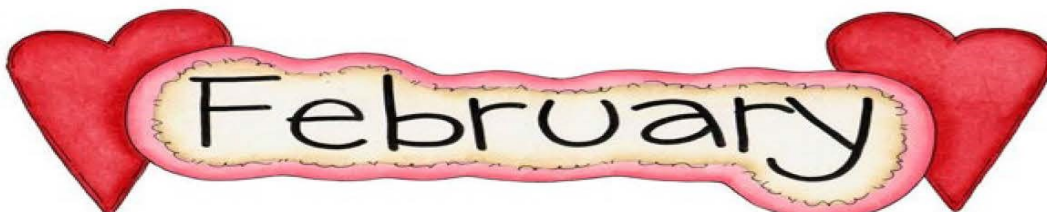
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday – Sunday 24th/25th

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

Monday, February 29th

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



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,

We're in the middle of home renovations, and the season of Lent is beginning. Everything is in total disarray. Any ideas to help me "keep my religion" at this time?

"There is...a time to tear down, and a time to build" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3). During the season of Lent—a word meaning "spring"—we are called to put away the "dead" deeds of winter. It's a time of spiritual "spring cleaning" for the individual and for the faith community. As nature renews herself every spring, so do we. The change of season may even prompt a renovation project—the kind you are now undertaking. The structural changes to a home afford many spiritual parallels—the redoing of your physical home can be a challenge to realign your spiritual home during Lent.

In the Genesis story, God is pleased with the handiwork of his creation. Likewise, our stamina, perseverance, and patience to see a work through to its completion are cause for great satisfaction and celebration. This would remind us that we are made in the same image of God, who took delight in his own work. Lent also can become a time of delighting in ourselves as God's special and ongoing creation.

When your home improvement project is completed, arrange for a blessing of your home. Enthroned a special cross or icon to venerate, light a devotional candle, and use holy water in the area of the home that was improved. At that time, remind yourself again that you and your home belong to the Lord—renewed during the spring cleaning of Lent! ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 19	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Second Sunday of Lent
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18	Is 55:10–11	Jon 3:1–10	1 Pt 5:1–4	Ez 18:21–28	Dt 26:16–19	Gn 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Mt 25:31–46	Mt 6:7–15	Lk 11:29–32	Mt 16:13–19	Mt 5:20–26	Mt 5:43–48	Rom 8:31b–34
						Mk 9:2–10



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

How do we hear the voice of God? We hear it in his Word. For this reason, it is important to know Scripture, because otherwise we do not know how to react to the snares of the Evil One. And here I would like to return to my advice of reading the Gospel every day....

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 22, 2015