

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of March 9-10

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Redemptorist Community

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Director of Renewal Center

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C.Ss.R. JCL

*Diocese of Tucson Tribunal. Judge*

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*Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish*

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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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March 10th Eph 2:4-10

The author of The Letter to the Ephesians states today that it is by grace that we are saved. Salvation is a gift from God in Christ. We cannot do anything to earn it. All we can do is open our hearts and humbly accept the gift of salvation. God's mercy alone saves us!

March 11th Is 65:17-21

Isaiah writes today to a group of refugees who have returned from exile. He issues a beautiful prophecy of hope. He proclaims a day when the results of their sinfulness will exist no more. All will be happiness and glory for them, for God has forgotten their offenses. The same is true for us. If we turn our hearts back to God, we too will find salvation and joy!

March 12th Ez 47:1-9, 12

Ezekiel shares a wonderful prophecy of hope with us today. He has a vision of a life-giving stream of water that flows out of the temple, bringing abundant life to all the land. This water is so pure and strong that as it flows into the sea, the waters of the sea are made fresh. No obstacle can stand in its way. So it is with God's love which streams out of our sacraments bringing life to us all!

March 13th Is 49:8-15

Isaiah prophesies to a people who feel abandoned by God. It is a message of hope and forgiveness. It is a message of life renewed because of God's love and grace. The effects of their sins are healed. Because of God's mercy, it is a time of rejoicing and gladness for the people. God has not abandoned them because of their sins. He remains with them, offering life.

March 14th Ex 32:7-14

Moses is up on Mt. Siani getting the 10 commandments from God. The people down below have fashioned for themselves an idol, a golden calf. God tells Moses the people must be punished for their sins. He will wipe them from the face of the earth. But, Moses intercedes for the people and God's mercy flares up instead of his wrath. So it is with Jesus and with His Church. Through them, God's mercy is given to us, even though we sin!

March 15th Wis 2:1a, 12-22

In today's reading from the Book of Wisdom, the sinners speak of their hatred for the good people in their midst. They seek to bring pain upon these good people, because the lives of these good folks show the evil of the foolish ones around them. Yet, Wisdom proclaims that God will protect and care for his faithful ones. God's love for those who strive to follow his ways is unconquerable!

March 16th Jer 11:18-20

Again, we hear of the faithfulness of God to his faithful people. Jeremiah is hated by the evildoers of his day. They seek to do him harm. However, Jeremiah trusts in God's love to save him. God will always protect those who love him and strive to follow his ways!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



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The Bible Study on Paul's Letter to the Galatians begins this Tuesday, March 12th at 10:00 A.M. in the Zendo Room, which is at the end of the main corridor in the St Alphonsus Building.

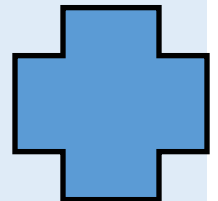
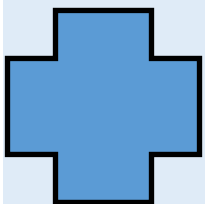
Upcoming-Grief Share Support Group

A new series of GriefShare will be offered
Beginning April 7th from 2-4 in the conference room.

Griefshare is a support group that meets for 13 weeks and is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. There are three parts : A video seminar with encouraging information-- packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts. A support group, with discussion about weekly videos and a Journalism workbook and personal study the reinforce weekly sessions. Features biblical concepts for healing from your grief.

Please register at the front desk if you are interested the workbooks are \$20.00.

Stations on the Cross
will be held every Friday of Lent in the
Our Lady of the Desert Church
at 11:00 a.m.



Rachel's Vineyard (Tucson) –

Are you a woman or man feeling regret, grief, or sadness following an abortion? Come and receive God's love and mercy for emotional and spiritual healing on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, May 10-12, 2024. Visit: [www. rachelsvineyardtucson.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org) or Call/Text 520-743-6777

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.



Redemptorist
Renewal Center
ANNUAL EASTER
CELEBRATION

March 31st
Immediately following Mass
Tickets \$40.00

Available in the Office

Tickets are non-refundable.

*By Your holy cross,
You have redeemed
the world.*



**Bring your family to the Good Friday
Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion**

Date: March 29, 2024

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Desert Church

7101 W Picture Rocks Rd, Tucson, AZ 85743

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion



Faith in Action

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Family



Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church Family and Friends You are Invited to

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Women's ACTS Retreat
May 16-19, 2024
Angela Schneider ~ Director



ACTS is a four-day, three-night Catholic Retreat, led for men or women by parishioners, serving to build a stronger Christian community in your parish. **ACTS** stands for **Adoration, Theology, Community and Service.**

ACTS helps reignite our faith by meeting us where we are in our spiritual journey. The retreat provides an opportunity for a personal, as well as communal encounter with God, and promotes Christ centered discipleship.

The retreat will be held May 16-19, 2024, at Redemptorist Renewal Center. We can only take a limited number of retreatants. If you are interested in attending this retreat or know someone who is, please contact Angela Schneider 520-400-4447, Veronica Ortiz 520-248-0189 or Eva Dorame 520-808-0326 to register for this retreat.

God Bless you all and your families.



SAVE THE DATE



Walking with
Mama in Need


Mother's Ministry Fair



**March 21, 2024
4-6pm**

**Cathedral Pastoral Center
192 S. Stone Ave
2nd Floor**

**Contact: Ana Sanguinetti, MD
asanguinetti@diocesetucson.org
(520) 481-8624**



Are you or someone you know pregnant or parenting young children? Are you looking for information, help, or support during a difficult time? We have many resources in Tucson through organizations eager to help you with material assistance, mentoring, pre-natal classes, post-abortion healing, and more. Come to the Mother's Ministry Fair at St. Augustine Cathedral Pastoral Center on Thursday, March 21 from 4-6:00pm and meet the people who run these agencies. We hope to see you there!



Be Yourself!

**PUSH PAST YOUR COMFORT
ZONE BY LOVING YOURSELF!**

Everyone wants to attract the right people into their lives, but few of us want to be vulnerable. And it requires being vulnerable enough to be your **REAL** self in order to attract the right, authentic people that we want to be in relationships with.

When we are afraid to be ourselves we are forced to pretend we are someone we are not. And if our great fear is that we don't measure up to other people we admire, we will attract all of the wrong people, while pushing away the right ones.

God has a plan for you and your relationships. If you want authentic, healthy relationships, you have to be authentic. Now's your chance. to be that authentic person.

MARCH 23, 2024

Fr. Charlie Wehrley, Retreat Director

**Redemptorist Renewal Center
7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd
Tucson, AZ 85743**

9:00 am- 3:00 PM

**\$55 includes lunch and handouts
call 520-744-3400 for reservations**



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 March 2024

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

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."

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, March 8

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Miriam Engle (d)

Saturday, March 9

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Peter Connolly
**Linda Obernauf (d)

Sunday, March 10

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea
**Edie L. Rohr
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Ed & Pauline Kenyon (d)

Monday, March 11

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Gary Schmader - Healing

Tuesday, March 12

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly
**Special Intentions Healing for Spiritual,
Physical & Emotional

Wednesday, March 13

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
**Deceased Redemptorist

Thursday, March 14

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea
**Fr. Rich Boever, C.Ss.R. (d)

Friday, March 15

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Jim & Mary Orr (d)

Saturday, March 16

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Jim Shea
**Gene Sierra Celebrate of Life

Sunday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day
7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Bob & Edie Rohr (d)
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson
**Giuseppe & Irma Genetin (d)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Stations on the Cross

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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.

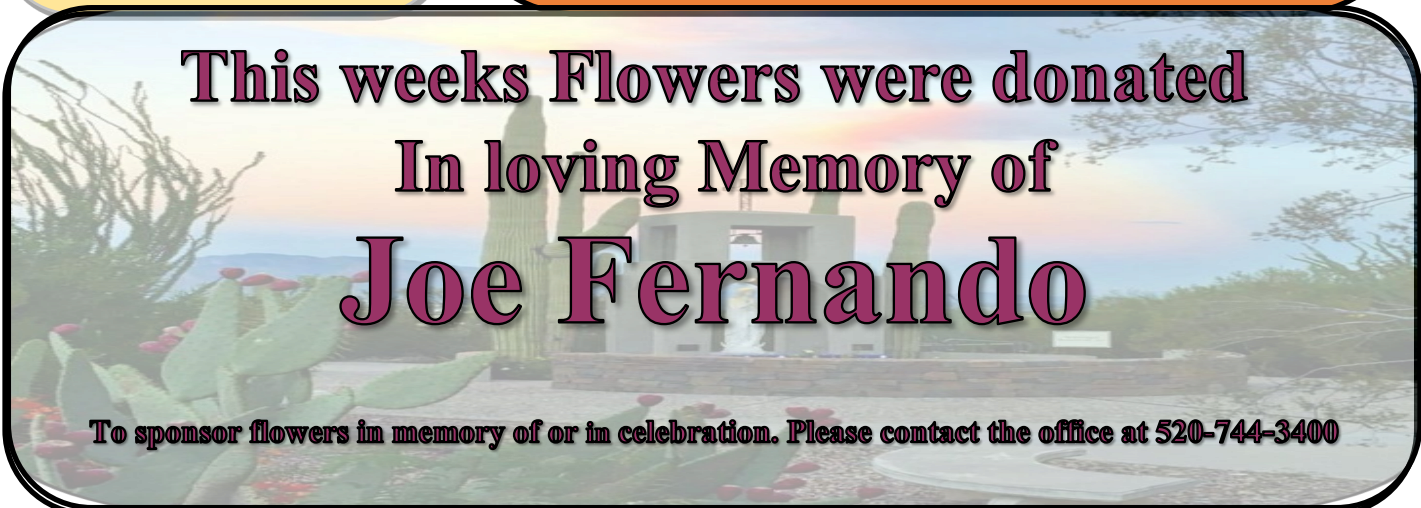
Redemptorist Renewal Center office hours are as follows:

Monday - Saturday:

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**This weeks Flowers were donated
In loving Memory of
Joe Fernando**

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 February 26-March 4, 2024 \$ 9,525.00

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 for March will be posted
On the Bookstore window
and in next weekends bulletin.

Bookstore will be
Open after Weekend 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 Church's eyes, what constitutes pornography? Art museums have statues of nude men and women, some of which are quite explicit. Is the only difference the respectability of the venue?

The “respectability” of the location or publisher doesn’t matter. A product is pornographic if it was created to sexually arouse users of the product regardless of the venue. Michelangelo’s intention in carving his famous statue of David was not to arouse the people who look at it, so the Church does not call it pornography.

Pornography has existed for centuries, but it didn’t arrive in our homes uninvited until recently. People with internet access are regularly confronted by pornographic images and literature, and many find it a very powerful temptation. In response, the US bishops issued a helpful document, which is available online at usccb.org: *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*.

From this document: “Using and/or producing pornography is a sin against chastity and against human dignity.... The sin of pornography needs the Lord’s forgiveness and should be confessed in the sacrament of penance. Pornography objectifies people and brings hurt and pain. It is an illusory substitute for real relationships and intimacy, which in the end bring true joy. Many good people struggle with the sin of pornography and [strive] to cultivate chastity. You are not alone. Jesus is with you, the Church offers you love and support. Trust in the Lord’s mercy and his power to free and heal you.” ●



MICHELANGELO'S DAVID / SHUTTERSTOCK

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

If God is the God of life...

then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his Name.

If God is the God of peace...

then it is wrong for us to wage war in his Name.

If God is the God of love...

then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters.

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR, IRAQ, MARCH 7, 2021



MONDAY

March 11
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17–21
Jn 4:43–54

TUESDAY

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Ez 47:1–9, 12
Jn 5:1–16

WEDNESDAY

March 13
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8–15
Jn 5:17–30

THURSDAY

March 14
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7–14
Jn 5:31–47

FRIDAY

March 15
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12–22
Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

SATURDAY

March 16
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18–20
Jn 7:40–53

SUNDAY

March 17
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31–34
Heb 5:7–9
Jn 12:20–33

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