

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of March 2-3

Third 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.

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March 3rd Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul writes to the Romans about the amazing fact of Jesus dying on the cross for us. Paul is amazed, because, as he points out, it is with great difficulty that someone might be willing to give their life for a just person. Yet, Jesus was willing to die for sinners. It is through this love for sinners, and through our faith in Jesus that we have the promise of eternal life! If Jesus was willing to die for us sinners, how much more willing he must be to grant us mercy as we make our journey of repentance this Lent!

March 4th 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

We have today the story of Naaman, the commander of the armies of the king of Aram. Naaman is struck with the disease of leprosy. He seeks healing. A Jewish slave girl tells him he should go to Israel, to the prophet in Samaria, and he will be healed. However, Naaman presupposes a display of magical works, but is only told by the prophet to wash in the Jordan River. In anger he starts to return to his own land. One of his servants, however, convinces him to simply wash as told. He does so and is healed. God's way is not flashy. Nor do we need to go through strenuous processes to be healed of sin. We simply need to confess humbly to God and ask pardon.

March 5th Dn 3:25, 34-43

Today we read of the prayer of Azariah from the furnace. He acknowledges that the Jews are without so many things that they have relied on throughout their history to turn back to God. They have no temple, no sacrifice, no prophet, or leader. Yet, Azariah proclaims that all that is really needed is a contrite and humble heart. The same is true for us. If we humbly admit our sins and strived to repent, God will always forgive! We simply need to go to him in humility.

March 6th Dt 4:1, 5-9

Moses, today, presents the laws and decrees of the Lord to his people. By following these laws, the people will find happiness and peace in their lives. God loves us and gives us the laws, not as a trial or test, but as a way of living that will lead to goodness in our lives. As we celebrate Lent, we are asked to examine how well we have followed these laws. We are asked to reflect on the unrest and unhappiness that our breaking of these laws has caused in our life. God has told us how to achieve happiness. We just need to dare to follow the way he has shown us!

March 7th Jer 7:23-28

God speaks to the prophet Isaiah today. He laments the fact that he has asked his people to follow a way of life that will lead to their happiness and fulfillment, but they have stubbornly refused to follow him. It is also true for us today, I think, that we often think our way is better than God's way. Though we may wander from him, God is always ready to take us back. After all, God wants our happiness!

March 8th Hos 14:2-10

God sent Hosea to prophesy to the people. God points out that by refusing to follow his laws which lead to happiness, the people have followed their own wills and ended up in misery. He now calls them to come back home to him. He loves them and longs to put them back on the path that leads to happiness.



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March 9th Hos 6:1-6

Once again God calls his people to trust him and to repent of their sins. He promises that if they do repent, he will reach out and save them. His love will be like rain bringing life to our hearts just as it does to the earth. God does not desire sacrifice from us. He simply asks that we love and trust him, and that we love one another.

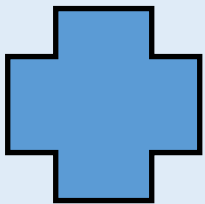
~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

The Scrutinies

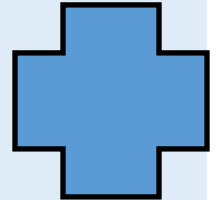


Starting today and going for the next two Sundays, we will have our RCIA Elect and Candidates present at the 10:00 Mass. We will celebrate the Scrutinies with them. The Scrutinies are little prayer services designed to help them to look at where repentance is needed in their lives. We also call upon God to protect them from sin and evil, and to draw them closer to Himself. Of course, as we all overhear these prayers, they also remind

us of our own need for continuing repentance. May these Scrutinies lead us all closer to God and His Love!



Stations on the Cross Will be held in the Our Lady of the Desert Church



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.

A participant remarked: "I thought it might be depressing, but honestly, it felt good to know that I am not alone. " Please register at the front desk if you are interested the workbooks are \$20.00.

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

*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.

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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.



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."

Hoshea 2:16

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, March 1

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

****Ronnie Holosz (d)**

Saturday, March 2

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

****Joan Jones (d)**

Sunday, March 3

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

****Joe Taraba (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Mary Johnson (d)**

Monday, March 4

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Donaldson

****Patrica Obernauf (d)**

Tuesday, March 5

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

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

Wednesday, March 6

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Redemptorist Community**

Thursday, March 7

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

****Mary Johnson (d)**

Friday, March 8

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

****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)**

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 Honor and Memory of
The Harrison and Taraba Families**

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 19-26, 2024 \$ 5,402.00

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/>

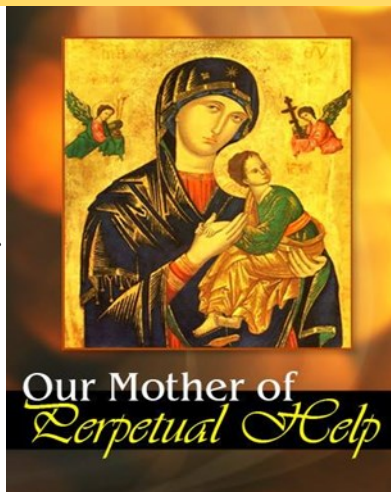
Bookstore



The Bookstore will be closed for
the first week of March.

Hours for the rest of March will
be posted in next weekends
bulletin .

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,

My thoughts are my worst enemy. Sometimes they turn to lust and anger. When I recognize what I am thinking, I pray to Jesus and Mary, but I still struggle. What else can I do?

When angry and lustful thoughts enter our consciousness, we should say a prayer and turn our mind to something else. Such thoughts become sins only when we deliberately encourage them or when we make plans to commit the sin. The thoughts themselves are temptations, not sins.

Continue to put your trust in Jesus and Mary, and try to focus on what is good and peaceful. You might also consider what you are letting into your thoughts or imagination: What are you watching on TV or the internet? What music are you listening to? What are you reading? Are those helping to shape your thoughts and imagination in a new direction, or are they contributing to the problem?

A good thing to turn your attention to is God's word in Scripture. You might want to memorize all or part of the following New Testament verse: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). Peacefully reflect on these words when troubled by temptation. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Dn 3:25, 34-43	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Jer 7:23-28	Hos 14:2-10	Hos 6:1-6	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Lk 4:24-30	Mt 18:21-35	Mt 5:17-19	Lk 11:14-23	Mk 12:28-34	Lk 18:9-14	Eph 2:4-10
						Jn 3:14-21



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Father sent [his Son] to cleanse the temple: not only the Temple of stone, but above all the temple of our heart. Jesus could not tolerate his Father's house becoming a marketplace (see John 2:16); neither does he want our hearts to be places of turmoil, disorder, and confusion.

HOMILY, IRAQ, MARCH 7, 2021