

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of March 30-31

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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



March 31st Col 3:1-4

Happy Easter! Paul appeals to the people to remember who they are. Their Baptism changed them. They lived now in Christ. He calls them to keep their minds on heaven, not on the things of this earth. We have died with Christ to this world. He promises that one day Christ will return and raise us up to new life and glory. We simply need to remain faithful.

April 1st Acts 2:14, 22-33

Peter today speaks of Jesus's death and resurrection. Using a quote from Psalm 16 in which David writes about a figure who will die and yet live, Peter points out that David could not have been speaking about himself. After all, David died and his grave was in their midst even at Peter's time. Therefore, what was written in Ps 16 is a prophecy about the Redeemer, Jesus. Peter thus shows that the resurrection was always part of God's plan.

April 2nd Acts 2:36-41

Peter declares that Jesus is both Lord (God) and Christ (The Anointed One of God, i.e. the Messiah). He calls upon the people of his day to repent of their sins and be Baptized. In Baptism they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit will lead them to life. We too need to hear Peter's recommendation today. The Spirit gives us the power to turn from sin and find Life with God. We need only allow the Spirit to live in and through us!

April 3rd Acts 3:1-10

Peter and John perform a miracle today. The power of Jesus working through them allows them to heal a man who was lame. Through Jesus, this man received a new life. So too, Peter proclaims that Jesus will raise the people from death to life. The power of Jesus has begun a new age of wholeness and life for us!

April 4th Acts 3:11-26

Peter explains to the people that it was in the name and power of Jesus that the lame man was healed. He announces that the time of restoration has come. He calls people to repent of sin and turn to God. God will in turn pour out the Spirit of his Son, the Messiah, on the people. New and restored life is a gift God intends for all people. Through living a life of faith, we open ourselves to this gift.

April 5th Acts 4:1-12

The Religious Authorities are angered because Peter and John are proclaiming that Jesus is alive. So, the two are arrested and questioned. Fearlessly, Peter tells the officials that the man Jesus, whom they had killed, was now risen by the power of God. It is by his power that Peter and John have healed the lame man. Peter proclaims that Jesus is the only name through which we can be saved. He calls the officials to repentance.

April 6th Acts 4:13-21

The officials know that Peter's words are backed up by the miracle that was worked. All the people have seen this event. Peter and John are warned to never again speak in the name of Jesus. Peter tells them they cannot stop speaking of the things they have witnessed in Jesus. Because of their fear of the people, the officials release them. Once again, we see God protecting those He has chosen.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



Happy Easter

On behalf of the entire Redemptorist Community and the staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center, I wish each of you a very Happy and Blessed Easter. Today we celebrate not only the resurrection of Jesus, but our own participation in that new life because of our Baptism. It was at that time that all of us received the life of the Resurrected Jesus into our hearts and lives. We celebrate not only Jesus' new life, but our own! In this Easter Season, the church focusses not only on the appearances of the Resurrected One, but also on our living as a new creation because of the saving Baptism we received! We celebrate new life and rebirth for all of us because God loved us so much that he sent His Son! Happy Easter!!



OPEN: After all weekend Masses

Open: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mondays

Tuesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

CLOSED on Wednesdays



**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.

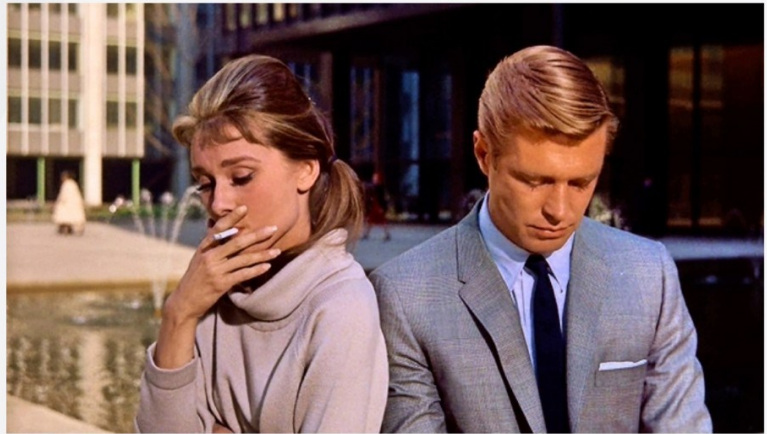
ACTS helps reignite our faith by meeting us where we are in our spiritual journey. The retreat provides an opportunity for a personal, as well as communal encounter with God, and promotes Christ centered discipleship.

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.

Running Away

from God and Happiness



April 6, 2024

9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

\$55 per person
includes lunch and handouts

Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.
Retreat Director

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

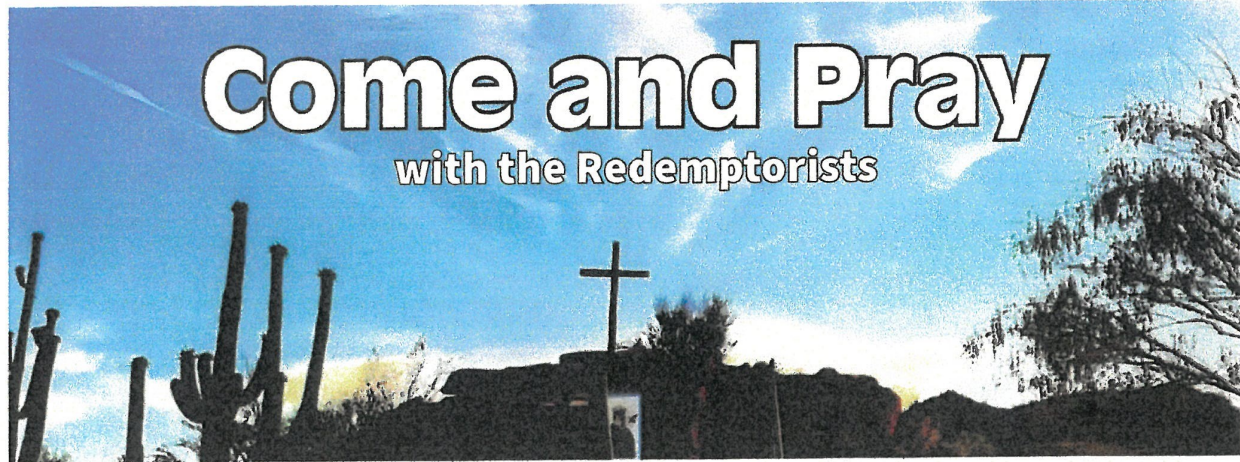
Call 520-744-3400
for reservations

Sometimes we look back over our lives and wonder why we never experienced the love or fulfillment we dreamed about when we were children.

At times, we witnessed everything seemingly falling into place by the grace of God, but then something happened and the dreams never became reality.

What or who got in the way? Is it possible to still move in the direction of fulfilling our life-long dreams?

Yes. It's possible. Once we realize what we've done wrong and partnership with God we can recover our dreams and experience them to the fullest.



Redemptorist Discernment Retreat for Young Men

All single men from 18-40 years old are invited to "Come and Pray" as they learn about the Redemptorist way of life.

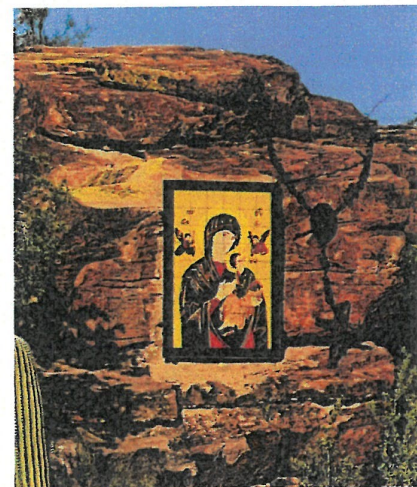
This weekend is for individuals who want to take a deeper, more serious look into religious life. If you are so interested, join us at the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, Arizona, to explore a vocation to the priesthood or to brotherhood. We will gather for two days of prayer, sharing and discernment.

The Come and Pray weekend will begin Friday evening with dinner and finish Sunday with lunch. We are offering two weekends. You can attend on the weekend of May 24-26 or May 31-June 2.

For more information, contact Redemptorist Vocation Director Fr. Chuong Cao, C.Ss.R. at (228) 223-6413 or (206) 470-9749.

To register for Come and Pray, call 520-744-3400. Or you can send an email to PIM1@Redemptorists-Denver.org or chuongcssr@yahoo.com. Once you contact us, we will send you more information about Come and Pray as well as the form you will need to complete your registration for the gathering. Space is limited.

The cost is \$250 for two days with room and board.



May 24-26 or
May 31-June 2



Please remember in your prayers



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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](tel:520.744.3400)

The Scripture Prayer group that meets on Tuesday evenings prays for those on the sick list.

**Our Sick List
March/April 2024**

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| Lydia Miranda | Erin Neely |
| 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 |
| Winnie Levoch | Bob Carroll |

**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 29-Good Friday

3:00 p.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

**Lydia Miranda - Healing

Saturday, March 30- Holy Saturday

7:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**Romelia Valencia (d)

Easter

Sunday, March 31

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**Lydia Miranda - Healing

10:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Denny Mallory (d)

10:35 a.m. (Petroglyph)- Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Denny Mallory (d)

Monday, April 1

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**Fr. Rich Boever, C.Ss.R. (d)

Tuesday, April 2

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

**Mary Thompson (d)

Wednesday, April 3

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Redemptorist Community

Thursday, April 4

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

**Joseph T. Marten (d)

Friday, April 5

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

**Dan Sullivan (d)

Saturday, April 6

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Peter Connolly

**Diahn & Jack Lehmkuhl - 54th Anniversary

Sunday, April 7

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Mary Johnson (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Josie Earheart - Healing

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interfaith Community Service Food Bank

Please help our local community by donating today. The bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore. We have collected 122 lbs. of food for the month of December 2023, 131 lbs. of food for the month of January 2024, and 137 lbs. for the month of March 2024.

Thank you for your generosity. ~*Marge Mauzer*

Upcoming-Grief Share Support Group

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

Please register at the front desk 520.744.3400 if you are interested. the workbooks are \$20.00.

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.



Easter Lilies

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weekend Collection March 18-25, 2024 \$.5,10300

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 Easter Lilies

Honor & Remember the Following Loved Ones

Joan Crose, Michael Crose & Cleo Moore
Annette Thompson
Robert & Janice Francis
Harold & Anne Ramsey
Carroll & Neely Families
Patrick & John Martin
Joan, Jimmy & Danny Jones
Parents of Al & Marie Van Huis
Ed Thelen
Gallagher & Carter Families
Schaefer & Gates Families
John Zimmerman
William Metzger
Rosario & Adolfo Cordova
Gerardo Garcia
Denny Mallory
Pierrette (Petra) Juteau
Jack Lehmkuhl
Dick Herdegen
Popiel & Lewandowski Families
Duffner & Jones Families
Joseph Taraba
Tom Camp
The Families of Chillie & Sam Shummon
Mario Celentano
Carole Wexler
Joe Fernando
Reilly & Riley Families
Catalina Rivera

Abatecola Family
Ostrowski Family
Donlon Family
Rapecis Family
Murray Family
Tosoni Family
Andrews Family
Silvia Family
Murrieta Family
Miranda Family



NAMES NOT LISTED WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

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,

**Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from?
What about the Easter egg?**

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, “All life comes from an egg.” A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg “that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord.”

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7
<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Octave of Easter</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	<i>(Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i> Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout the world.

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