

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of May 11-12

The Ascension 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.

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May 12th Eph 1:17-23

As we celebrate Jesus's Ascension into heaven, Paul writes to the Ephesians about the important information God has revealed to the Church through the death, resurrection, and ascension. God's love for Jesus is what prompted Him to work out these great events. Paul also sees the Church as the body of Christ. We, all together, contain the fullness of the presence of Jesus in the world, because he lives in us through Baptism. Thus, Paul assures us that resurrection will be our future as well since we are one with Christ!

May 13th Acts 19:1-8

Paul is in Corinth. He asks the people whether they have received the Holy Spirit yet. When they reply that they have not even heard of such a Being, Paul baptizes them in the name of Jesus. The Spirit immediately comes upon them, and they receive the gifts of the Spirit. It is the participation in the life of the Spirit that is important for us too. We know we are one with Jesus when we see his Spirit active within us. The clearest way to see this is in kindness to others because the Spirit always seeks unity.

May 14th Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Today's reading from Acts presents us with the story of finding a replacement for Judas among the 12 Apostles. Peter appeals to two sayings from the psalms showing that Judas's office as one of the 12 must be filled. The Holy Spirit is understood to be guiding the Apostles in this endeavor. Matthias is chosen to be one of the 12. This preserves the Church as the new Israel because the Church is built upon 12 Apostles just as Israel was built upon the 12 tribes. Even with Judas's betrayal and abandonment of his office, God's will for salvation is not overcome!

May 15th Acts 20:28-38

In today's reading from The Acts of the Apostles, we have a tender scene. Paul is preparing to leave the Church in Ephesus, and they know they will never see him again. Paul encourages them to remain faithful to what he has taught them. He also shares a quote from Jesus that appears nowhere else in the scriptures. Jesus says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Paul thus encourages the Ephesians and us to imitate the example of Jesus who gave his life for us.

May 16th Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Paul is brought before the Jewish leadership group today. Paul, being quite a clever person, uses the animosity between the Sadducees and the Pharisees against them, by saying he is being opposed only because he believes in the resurrection. The exchange between parties becomes so intense that Paul needs to be rescued. That night Jesus appears to Paul saying that he must bear witness in Rome as well. The Church continues to spread!

May 17th Acts 25:13b-21

Festus is a Roman official in charge of maintaining the peace. Paul was in Festus's prison, left there by Festus's predecessor. Festus wants to send Paul to Jerusalem to face trial. Paul instead uses his Roman citizenship to have his case appealed to Caesar instead. Paul acts in a way designed to follow the call Jesus gave him in yesterday's reading to bear witness in Rome.



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May 18th Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Paul has arrived in Rome. He is under house arrest with a guard watching over him. Right away, Paul invites the Jewish residents of Rome to come to his home. He then proceeds to declare the good news about Jesus to them. Through Paul's faithfulness, the Church will flourish in Rome.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Liguorian Article

The Article that was published in the March-April 2024 Liguorian about the stained glass windows in the back of the church, will be available on our website if you missed it. Also a laminated copy is hanging on the back wall in the church.



Matthew 18:20- " For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." -New American Bible

Our Blessed Mother, Mary- has appeared many times throughout the world, and has expressed a similar message... Pray the Rosary!

The photo is from our most recent recitation of the rosary at OLOD on Wednesday- May 8, 2024.

We pray the rosary the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00am. Following the rosary, we recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song. This group prayer opportunity lasts approximately 45 minutes.

We cordially invite ALL the members of OLOD to join us in experiencing this powerful prayer opportunity as a church family.

Please be sure to consult the bulletin for the exact time and location. Hope you'll join us.



The Our Lady of the Desert Circle of
Redemptorist Associates invites you to
A Via Matris Prayer Service:
Praying the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

When: Thursday, May 23rd at 5:00pm

Where: in the St. Alphonsus Kitchen and via Zoom

May has been one of “Mary’s months” for many centuries. In our desert, the saguaros are beginning to wear their beautiful white “May Crowns” in her honor. Please join us as we celebrate the courageous vocation of motherhood with this age-old devotion.

Please contact John Davenport (john@davenport.net)
If you would like a Zoom link to the service.



Chasing and Conquering Illusions

St. Paul observed that “Here we see partially, as through a glass darkly.” As beings who exist in a material world of limitations, our knowledge and experience, especially our knowledge of God, is partial and subject to distortion. We easily fool ourselves and can chase after illusionary half-truths that hold out a false promise of meaning. Healthy Christians spiritual practice helps us “lighten the glass” in a way which can free us from the three major sources of illusion and delusion in life: our biological human nature, our cultural environment, our self.

*Presented by Fr. Stephen T. Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.
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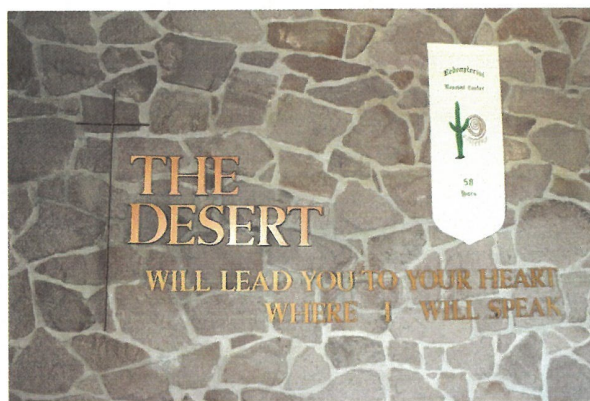
Saturday May 25, 2024

9:30 am – 1 pm (lunch included) \$45

Call 520.744.3400 to reserve a spot

Come and Pray

May 24 - 26 or May 31 - June 2



Come to the Desert Where God Will Speak to Your Heart.

Open your heart to see how God is calling you to live your faith. Does the spirituality of Jesus the Redeemer speak to your desire to follow Him? Join us in Tucson Arizona to explore this question at the Redemptorist Renewal Center for a 2 day gathering for prayer and faith sharing.

We begin Friday evening with supper and will finish Sunday at noon with Lunch.



Redemptorist Renewal Center

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Web: <https://desertrenewal.org>

Phone: 520-744-3400

To Register for the event, Call: 832-217-6782 or email: PIM1@Redemptorists-Denver.org.

Once you contact us, we will send you more information about Come and Pray, and a form that you will need to fill out to register for the event either of the 2 weekends.

Space is limited.

Cost for event is \$250 for 2 days with room and board.

If not staying over night, Please call to find out the pricing for meals.

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](tel:520.744.3400)

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

**Our Sick List
May 2024**

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	Sally Falzone
Merle Margelofsky	JC Martinez

**OUR LADY OF THE
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DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Fr. Rich Boever C.Ss.R. (1/24)
Bill Berry (3/24)
Olive 'Punken' Berry (4/24)
Carol Boerner (9/23)
Bernie Burba (11/23)
Peter Castillo (2/24)
Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R. (9/23)
Joe Fernando (2/24)
Theresa Fitzpatrick (10/23)
Dave Forgue (10/23)
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)
Mary Ann Monte
Scott Milligan (11/23)
Linda Obenauf (11/23)
Virgil Roeder (5/23)
Dan Sullivan (11/23)
Phyllis Spence, OSB (11/23)
Dorie Zimmerman (9/23)

"The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak."

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, May 10

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

****Special Intentions Healing for Spiritual,
Physical & Emotional**

Saturday, May 11

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

****Jack Lehmkuhl (d)**

Sunday, May 12

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Elena Abatecola (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Fernando Oliveira Botelho (d)**

Monday, May 13

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Bonifacio A. Hernandez (d)**

Tuesday, May 14

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly

****Jim & Mary Orr (d)**

Wednesday, May 15

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**** Fr. Gan Nguyen, C.Ss.R.**

Thursday, May 16

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

****The Abatecola Family**

Friday, May 17

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

****Benjamin Brookhart (d)**

Saturday, May 18

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

****Tina Mignone (d)**

Sunday, May 19

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Fr. Richardo Elford C.Ss.R. (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

****Thelma Gallagher (d)**

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 125 lbs. of food for the month of April 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

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 (For the Month of May the 4th Tuesday, 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

Starting at 6:00 p.m. Please come join us. Rosary will be in the Our Lady of the Desert Church.

Monthly Rosary Prayer

Please come and join us on the second Wednesday of every month. In the Our Lady of the Desert Church.

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.



OPEN: After all weekend Masses

Open: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mondays

Tuesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

CLOSED on Wednesdays

**This weeks Flower were donated by
Diane Lehmkuhl & Family
In Loving Memory of
Jack Lehmkuhl**

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 April 27-May 6, 2024 \$ 11,289.00

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/>

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,

What were the main changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council?

Saint Paul VI was Pope when the last of the Second Vatican documents was promulgated.

It has been sixty years since the Second Vatican Council and we are still learning from what Pope John Paul II called the “fundamental event in the contemporary Church” and “the constant reference point of every pastoral action.” Vatican II’s sixteen documents focus on a wide variety of topics, touching almost every conceivable aspect of Church and Christian life. Four of the documents bear the title of “Constitution” and contain the core formulations of the council’s teachings.

The most visible change might be in how we worship. But even more fundamental is the emphasis on the Church as the “people of God.” Baptism admits all to the same journey of faith, initiating each person with differing talents and abilities into the mission of the Church. Thus, the faithful must be “led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as ‘a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people’ (1 Peter 2:9; see 2:4–5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 14). The hierarchy continues, but it is to hear and serve God’s people; “servant leadership” is the way to exercise authority in the Church of Vatican II. ●



WIKICOMMONS

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Pentecost</i>
Acts 19:1–8 Jn 16:29–33	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26 Jn 15:9–17	Acts 20:28–38 Jn 17:11b–19	Acts 22:30; 23:6–11 Jn 17:20–26	Acts 25:13b–21 Jn 21:15–19	Acts 28:16–20, 30–31 Jn 21:20–25	Acts 2:1–11 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13 or Gal 5:16–25 Jn 20:19–23 or Jn 15:26–27; 16:12–15

Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective

Catholic Update explores contemporary issues through the lens of Catholic teaching and traditions. Print and digital subscriptions available. For more information, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus’ ascension into heaven...constitutes the end of the mission that the Son received from the Father and the beginning of the continuation of this mission on the part of the Church. From this moment...Christ’s presence in the world is mediated...by those who believe in him and proclaim him. This mission will last until the end of history.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 28, 2017



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