

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of May 18-19

Pentecost

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

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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



May 19th 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

As we celebrate Pentecost today, Paul writes to the Corinthians about the Spirit of Jesus. Paul points out that it is because we all share in this gift of the Spirit through Baptism, that we all contain in our bodies the same life, namely the life of Jesus. We are his body, for a body is nothing more than a container of life! Through our lives, the life of Jesus is truly present and active in the world. We may have different gifts and talents, but through all of them, Jesus is made present.

May 20th Gn 3:9-15, 20

In today's reading, we see the effects of sin in the world. Adam and Eve used to walk and talk with God in the cool of the afternoon. Now, however, when He comes to be with them, they fear him and hide. Sin has separated them from God. God calls out to Adam to explain what they had done. Adam, who used to be one with Eve in everything, now puts the whole blame on her for the sin. So, sin has separated person from person. All unity is lost. Finally, God asks Eve to explain. She points her finger at the serpent, who represents the world of nature. So, a gulf between humans and the rest of natural beings is created. This separation on all three levels happens each time we sin.

May 21st Jas 4:1-10

James warns us about our passions today. He points out that it is due to our own selfish desires that evil enters our lives. When we concentrate on getting our own will, it usually leads to the separation of sin. James calls upon us to overcome our own selfish wants in life. We need to work for what God wants, not what we want. If we do so, God will give us the strength needed to obtain unity and peace with each other, because, after all, that is God's will.

May 22nd Jas 4:13-17

James today speaks about presumption. He points out that presumption is useless. Things can and will change. Our plans will most probably not go according to our wants. So, James encourages us to live for what God wants. We should not presuppose our lives will go as we want them. Rather, we should always plan to follow God's ways.

May 23rd Jas 5:1-6

James speaks today to people who have lived selfish lives. He points out that when we live selfishly, only thinking of what we want, we end up hurting others in some way. The Lord will hear the cries of those we hurt. Their pains will cry out to Him for justice. He will be swift to answer. We will have to pay for our sins against others.

May 24th Jas 5:9-12

James writes today about several ways our sins will hurt us. He points out that when we judge others, we ourselves will be judged. James advises us to always persevere in doing what is right, to not give up on our efforts to be good loving people, no matter how hard it is. Finally, James says we need to always mean what we say. Any lies in speech will catch up to us.

May 25th Jas 5:13-20

For James, prayer is key. He calls upon us to pray for ourselves and for others. Pray that God will bless and bring good things to both ourselves and others. Pray for healing for the sick. God always wills goodness for his people. If we pray for this goodness, we will be quick to answer.



~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

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On April 28th, 2024, the Knights of Columbus of the Father Anthony Rey Assembly No. 3617 of the Fourth Degree, stand ready to perform a Flag Retirement Ceremony. The Our Lady of the Desert Church Parishioners, have been depositing worn and/or damaged United States of America Flags in boxes at the back of the Church for Flag Retirement.



Sir Knight Steven Spain and his son, Steven Jr., are ready to ring the Ceremonial Ships Bell as the Ceremony starts.

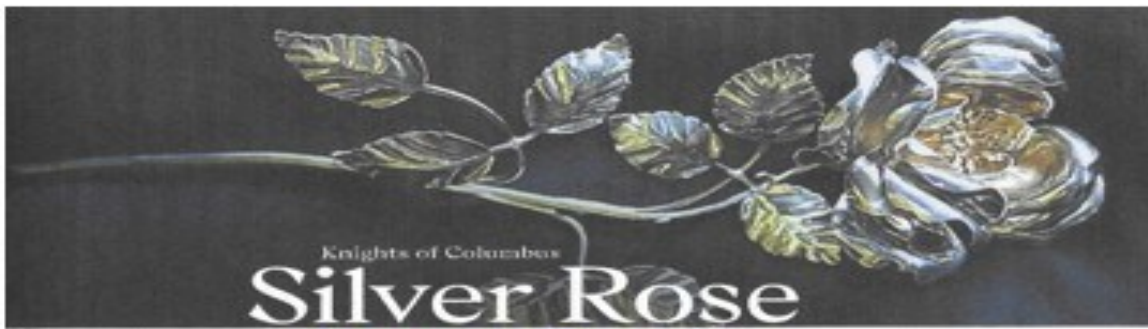


Photo descriptions, counterclockwise from the upper right; Honor Guard escorting the Ceremonial Flag to the cutting table; Next preparing the Ceremonial Flag for retirement; Next retiring the Ceremonial Flag pieces; & finally Fr. Peter Connolly giving the ceremony his final Blessing.

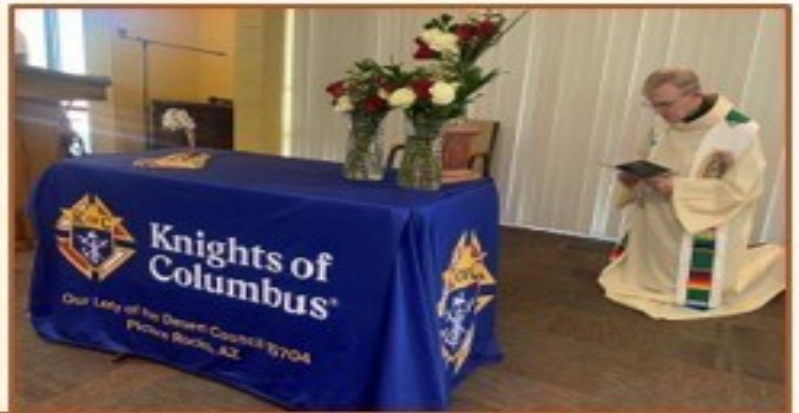
All the photos were taken by SK Michael Horner.



Flag Retirement Personnel: Ray Obral, David Vander Linde, Phil Treinen, Bob Murrieta, Jesus Murrieta, Michael Murrieta, Mark Antonioiotti, Michael Horner, Robert Roll, Gilbert Laranaga, William Barrett III, Frank Herran, & Fr. Peter Connolly



**at the Redemptorist Renewal Center,
in the Petroglyph Room on
June 7th, 2024 @ 11:00 AM.**



Since 1960, eight *Silver Roses* have traveled along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Every stop the *Silver Rose* makes throughout this pilgrimage is a "Rosary-Centered" occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of 'Our Lady of Guadalupe.'

The *Silver Rose* that you see in these photos is one of those eight Silver Roses that traveled on that pilgrimage last year. We were chosen again to have a *Silver Rose* in our possession and be a "Rosary-Centered" event.

Your participation in the *Silver Rose* pilgrimage, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn, the Americas, and the Knights of Columbus.

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program. Today, eight roses travel routes throughout North American and the pilgrimage is a rosary centered occasion to pray for the respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation and the advancement of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition. The Silver Rose service will take place in the Petroglyph Room at 11:00AM on Friday, June 7, 2024.

From Sarah Deurloo, TAP School Social Worker:

“What a gift! What a precious gift! Please share my deep and heart-felt gratitude on behalf of our babies and students. Your Walking With Moms gifts have made a HUGE difference in their lives and for us as we support them. We have used every drop of the Lyft money to get tired and overwhelmed mamas to school. We will celebrate 2 different sets of graduates with their families. We have been able to boost their winter holiday through gift cards. New mamas were given layettes! We can give a Mother’s Day gift/treat from the leftover items from the Mother’s Fair. And now we can gift them an end-of-year bag that will shower them with a little extra over summer. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!”

Lost without Love

Living with Fear of Abandonment

"Ultimately, childhood emotional neglect teaches you not to only abandon your emotions but also to abandon yourself."

Psychology Today

Human relationships are difficult and messy for many reasons. One of those reasons is fear of abandonment. Many people grow up in families where one or both parents are emotionally unavailable.

Emotionally unavailable parents are unable to model emotional intelligence and meet the emotional needs of their children. As a result, the emotional development of those children is stunted.

Worse yet is the fact that when a parent isn't able to respond affectionately to the joys or sorrows of their children, those children begin to believe that their feelings and needs don't count.

When children are continually met with emotional coldness, they also develop the belief that they are somehow unacceptable to their parents and they then develop a fear of abandonment. If a parent never has the ability to express love through words and actions, the child feels unloveable and unwanted.

Feeling unworthy of love, the child then abandons him or her self. This then effects every relationship that they will ever experience throughout their lives. No matter how much love another person may express for them, the emotionally abandoned person is unable to accept it for fear of eventually being left behind.

Awareness is the key. This retreat will provide awareness into this relationship problem and offer freedom from the self-sabotage that fear of abandonment causes.



Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Retreat Director

June 8, 2024

9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

\$55 per person

includes lunch and handouts

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**Call 520-744-3400
for reservations.**



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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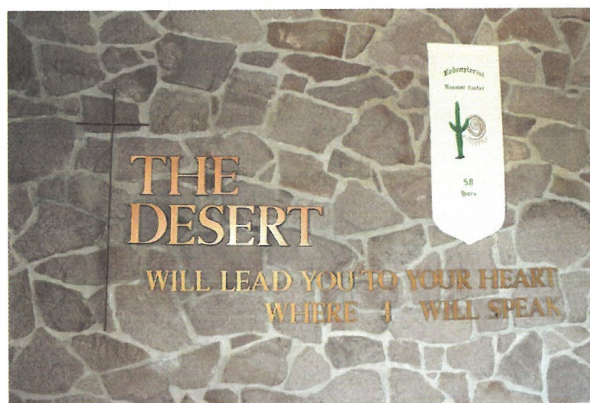
Saturday May 25, 2024

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.



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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

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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 | JC Martinez |
| Fr. Jeff King-Healing | Kurt Cummings |
| David Donofrio | Elaine Tolentino |
| Winnie Levoch | Sally Falzone |
| Merle Margelofsky | Pat Celentano |

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

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)
Larry Cobble (5/24)
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 17

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

**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)

Monday, May 20

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

**Everette De Rouse (d)

Tuesday, May 21

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

**Bob & Angie Breister

Wednesday, May 22

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

**Mary Johnson (d)

Thursday, May 23

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

**Johanna & Sam Hurley - Healing

Friday, May 24

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

**Judi Rowley (d)

Saturday, May 25

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Fr. Rich Boever, C.Ss.R.

Sunday, May 26

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

**Isabel Hernandez - Happy Birthday

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**Robert Liscum (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*

Grief Share Support Group

A new series of GriefShare will be offered April 7-June 23 from 2:00-4:00p.m. in the conference room in the front office. 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 on the 4th Thursday, 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.



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Bookstore hours

OPEN: After all weekend Masses

Open: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mondays

Tuesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

CLOSED on Wednesdays

This weeks Flower were donated to

The ACTS Retreat

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 May 6-13, 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,

Is it a sin to use God's name in profanity?

Profanity is obscene, vulgar language that may or may not include God's name. People may thoughtlessly ask God to condemn a person or a thing in their profanity, but if questioned, admit that they did not mean it literally. They say their angry words were not intended to deliberately ask God to harm someone and deliberate intent is one requirement for what constitutes a sin. God who knows our hearts can determine if our misuse of his name is a form of venting, but the Second Commandment warns us that taking the Lord's name in vain does not please him, even if no harm to another is intended. The danger in constantly and carelessly using God's holy name profanely is that over time we can easily become desensitized to the practice, creating an irreverent attitude toward God that is offensive and may lead others into sin.

Recall that when we pray, "Hallowed be thy name" in the Lord's Prayer—the prayer Jesus taught his disciples—we ask God to enable us to give him the reverence that is due; it comes first before we ask anything for ourselves—a sure sign of our respect for God.

Because God's name is holy, we mustn't abuse it. Despite the erosion of inhibitions against poor word choices in our time, consider this prayerful petition from the last verse of Psalm 19: "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable, / the thoughts of my heart before you, / LORD, my rock and my redeemer." ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / 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
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
<i>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>
Jas 3:9–15, 20 or Acts 1:12–14 Jn 19:25–34	Jas 4:1–10 Mk 9:30–37	Jas 4:13–17 Mk 9:38–40	Jas 5:1–6 Mk 9:41–50	Jas 5:9–12 Mk 10:1–12	Jas 5:13–20 Mk 10:13–16	Dt 4:32–34, 39–40 Rom 8:14–17 Mt 28:16–20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is how the word of God describes the working of the Spirit: first he rests on each and then brings all of them together in fellowship....In other words, the same Spirit creates diversity and unity, and in this way forms a new, diverse and unified people: the universal Church.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 4, 2017