

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of March 29-30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Stephen Huy Vu, C.Ss.R.

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.

# Our Lady of the Desert



The Catechism notes that our moral life has its source in faith in God who reveals his love for us. St Paul echoes this when he writes, “Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name...” (Rom 1: 5). Paul further states that “ignorance of God” is the basis of all moral deviations. Our duty is to believe in God and bear witness to him through the way we live. If we fail to know God correctly, we will certainly fail to live as he asks us to live.

The first commandment, therefore, requires us to nourish and protect our faith with prudence and vigilance. We are called to seek always to grow in our Faith. We are asked to reject and oppose anything that is opposed to our faith. Our response to God’s revelation of his love for us must always be a faith-based response. We should seek to do what this loving God wants us to do.

The first commandment points out that sinning against our faith knowledge is wrong. The catechism points to several ways this is true. First, it refers to “voluntary doubt.” This doubt disregards or refuses to hold as true what God has revealed and the Church has proposed to us for belief. “Involuntary doubt” is another path to sin that the catechism highlights. Involuntary doubt refers to a hesitation in believing, or a difficulty in overcoming objections we have with the faith (CCC # 2088). In both cases, our doubt leads us away from trusting in the truthfulness of the God who loves us so much.

The catechism also refers to four other ways we can sin against faith. “Incredulity” is the rejection of revealed truth, or a willful refusal to accept it. “Heresy” is the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth that our faith calls us to believe. “Apostasy” is the total rejection of the Christian faith. “Schism” is the refusal of submission to the Roman Pontiff or refusal of communion with the members of the Church (CCC # 2089). Our proper response to God must always be found in faith!

*~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.*

*Stations of the Cross will be offered every Friday of Lent in the Our Lady of the Desert Church at 11:30 a.m.*

## **Lenten Preparation for Easter**

One of the ways the Church recommends for us to prepare for the celebration of Easter, is by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession. There are a series of Penance services happening throughout our Vicariate. You are more than welcomed to attend any of them you wish

Tuesday, April 8th: St. Thomas the Apostle 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 9th: St. Odilia 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 10th: St. Christopher 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 1st: Santa Catalina 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12th: Our Lady of the Desert 11:00 a.m.







Redemptorist  
Renewal Center  
ANNUAL EASTER

Brunch

April 20th  
Immediately following Mass  
Parishners - \$40.00  
Children under 12 - \$30.00  
Non-Parishners - \$60.00

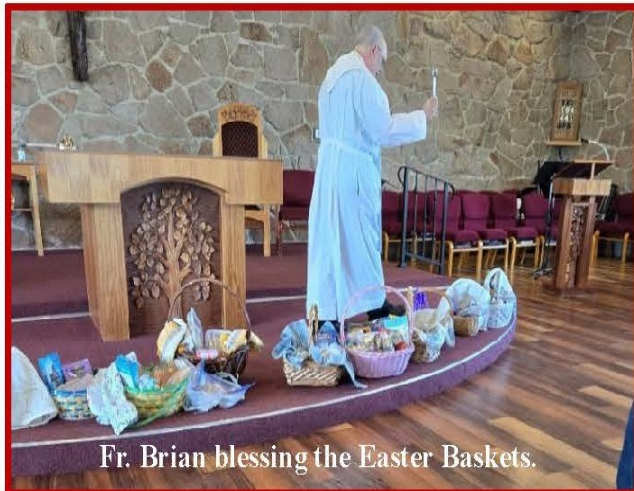
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# It's Easter Basket Blessing Time!

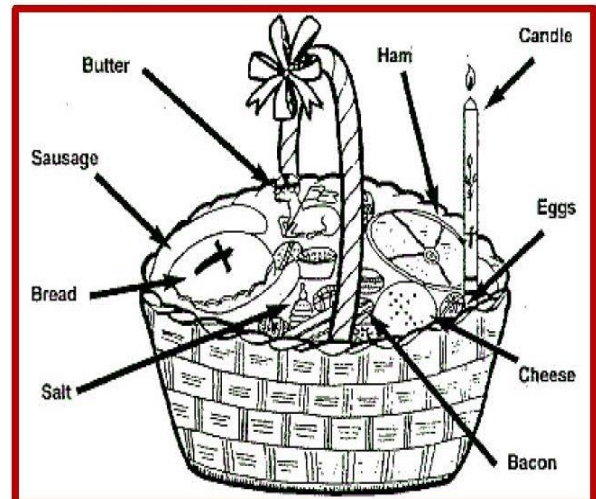
Once again, we are performing the Eastern European Tradition of Blessing Easter Baskets. On Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM in the Our Lady of the Desert Church, Fr. Brian will perform the Easter Basket Blessing.

Bring your Easter Basket containing your traditional foods and items.

For additional information call Ray Obral at 520-403-5003.



Fr. Brian blessing the Easter Baskets.





An icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be the centerpiece of a special Sacred Heart Holy Hour at **Our Lady of the Desert Church at 5PM on Friday, April 4, 2025**. The holy hour, flowing from the jubilee for the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Dec. 27, 2023 – Jun. 27, 2025) and inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us), is sponsored by Knights of Columbus (Our Lady of the Desert Council 15704). During the holy hour, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome, will be displayed. This reproduction of the original image bears the blessing of Pope Francis and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world as part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly has said that as Knights bring these icons across the world to their parishes, he

hopes “they will invite their families — and all families — to consecrate their homes and themselves to the Sacred Heart.” He further said that “In the heart of Christ, we see the heart of the Father. And we ask Our Lord to help us make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us.” The Sacred Heart Holy Hour will include readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart, and time for silent prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer service will lead all present to grow in their love of God and devotion to his Most Sacred Heart. Please Spread the Word, everyone is welcome.



**Purchase Easter Lillies**

**In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_**

**Envelopes are in the back of the Church**

**Make checks out to OLOD**



## Safe Environment



Our Lady of the Desert Church, along with The Diocese of Tucson under the leadership of Bishop Weisenburger remains committed to protecting our community against all forms of abuse and responding appropriately.

The mission of the Diocese of Tucson "Safe Environment Program" is to ensure the safety of children, young people and vulnerable who have been entrusted to our care in our parishes, schools, religious education classes, and other programs.

To find out more about the Diocese's Call to Protect, please click here: <https://diocesetucson.org/our-call-to-protect/>



**Report Abuse** If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse  
Contact law enforcement (911), call the Victim  
Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson (520-623-0344)  
or visit <https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>.

### CTSO Announcement—Our Lady of the Desert Church

Reminder to take advantage of the State of Arizona's Tuition Tax Credit. The State allows taxpayers to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on their 2024 state taxes while providing much-needed funding for deserving students enrolled in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Tucson and other private schools within Arizona.

Please use our CTSO Donation Form, when submitting your donation. The form is located at the back of the church and should already indicate our **Parish Family Referral Plan ID #1699**.

This ID# assures that your tax credit contributions through CTSO will be designated for distribution towards our parish family members that apply for Tuition Assistance.

*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 2025**

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| Erin Neely            | Bill Liscum        |
| Miguel Quijada        | Grace Carroll      |
| Tim McDonald          | Jerry Linton       |
| Chuck Peterson        | Aubrey Scarborough |
| Linda Peterson        | Joanna Crawford    |
| Michael Dunlap        | Lee Morrison       |
| Joan Forgue           | Jim Whitten        |
| Terry Bahill          | Ashleigh McIntosh  |
| Rachel Flint          | Emily Hernandez    |
| Bob Garcia            | JC Martinez        |
| Fr. Jeff King-Healing | David Donofrio     |
| Jack Friedman         | Bob Dionne         |
| Winnie Levoch         | Merle Margelofsky  |
| Bob Box               | Sonali Fernando    |
| Hayden Spencer        | June and Stan Wood |
| Walter McCulloch      | L. Cindy Otte      |
| Linda Whitten         | Sue Cobble         |
| Marty Lopez           | Robert Keogh       |
| Carol Bruzzi          | George Sheehan     |
| Fr. Pat Grile         | Mike Ortiz         |
| Charles Lohr          | Anita Fearday, ASC |

**OUR LADY OF THE  
DESERT**

**DECEASED MEMBERS**  
*Last 12 Months*

**(Month/Year)**

- Melissa Bandelt (5/24)
- Bill Berry (3/24)
- Olive 'Punken' Berry (4/24)
- Carol Burba (9/24)
- Peter Castillo (2/24)
- Pat Celentano (12/24)
- Patricia Conley (12/24)
- Larry Cobble (5/24)
- Catherine Connolly (2/25)
- Robert (Bob) Dorr (7/24)
- Fr. Tom Fransiscus C.Ss.R. (2/25)
- Joe Fernando (2/24)
- Gabby Juteau (10/24)
- Marilyn Mallberg (2/25)
- Mary Sloan (7/24)
- Deacon Scott Pickett (3/25)
- Elaine Tolentino (8/24)
- Patricia Wayne (10/24)
- Margaret Zeches (2/25)

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

## **\*\*Mass Intentions/Presiders**

### **Friday, March 28**

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

\*\*Fr. Charlie Wehrley C.Ss.R. - Birthday

### **Saturday, March 29**

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

\*\*Eric Hilton (d)

### **Sunday, March 30**

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

\*\*Edda Jean Leffelman (d)

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Maria D Arellano (d)

### **Monday, March 31**

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

\*\*Mary Gausepohls (d)

### **Tuesday, April 1**

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

\*\*Anna Hernandez - Special Intentions

### **Wednesday, April 2**

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

\*\*Patricia Conley (d)

### **Thursday, April 3**

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

\*\*John Strickenberger (d)

### **Friday, April 4**

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

\*\*James Orth (d)

### **Saturday, April 5**

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

\*\*Art Ehramjain (d)

### **Sunday, April 6**

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

\*\*Karen Hall - Healing

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

\*\*Joanne F. Hogan (d)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Interfaith Community Service Food Bank**

Please help our local community by donating today. We collected 67bs so far for the month of March. The bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore.

Thank you for your generosity. ~*Marge Mauzer*

### **Grief**

Losing a loved one is painful.

You do not have to do it alone.

If you want to join support group, or talk to someone about your loss, call

Dr. June Wood, PhD LICSW-Emeritus, Mn.  
(520)419.5962

### **Bible Study Update**

The new Bible Study, "Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life" will begin on Monday, **March 31st meeting will be in the Agave room** located in Building # 7.

### **Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates**

Please join us at one of our monthly meetings on the 3rd 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](mailto:diana@davenport.net) (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport ([john@davenport.net](mailto: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](mailto:john@davenport.net), or call 440.478.1203.

### **Adoration -First Friday of Every Month**

For Adoration updates please visit our website <https://desertrenewal.org/our-lady-of-the-desert-church/>



# 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.



**March**

March 2025

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**BOOKSTORE  
NEW LOCATION  
OFFICE**

HOURS ARE THE SAME AS THE OFFICE  
MONDAY-SATURDAY 8 AM-4 PM  
SUNDAY 8 AM-3 PM

**This weeks Flower were donated by**

**Kelly & John Mooney**

**In Loving Memory of**

**Joan Crose**

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 Collections : March 17-24, 2025 ~ \$5,022.00

**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:

<https://desertrenewal.org/fees-and-rates/>



# Soul-Centered

Through Music as Prayer & Emotional Therapy



Music is the voice of God. This retreat will focus on using music as prayer as well as adding musical accompaniment to guided meditation practices.

In particular, we will focus on opening to the Holy Spirit and allowing God to take us to places within our hearts, souls and minds as we are experiencing musical pieces.

The primary focus will be on identifying feelings that the Spirit brings alive inside of you through the music. Guided meditations, set to music, will focus on enhancing self-love and self-esteem.

This retreat will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM. It will include lunch. The cost is \$55.

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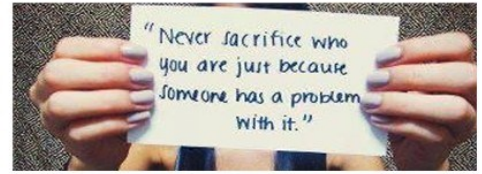
Retreat Director

**April 5, 2025**

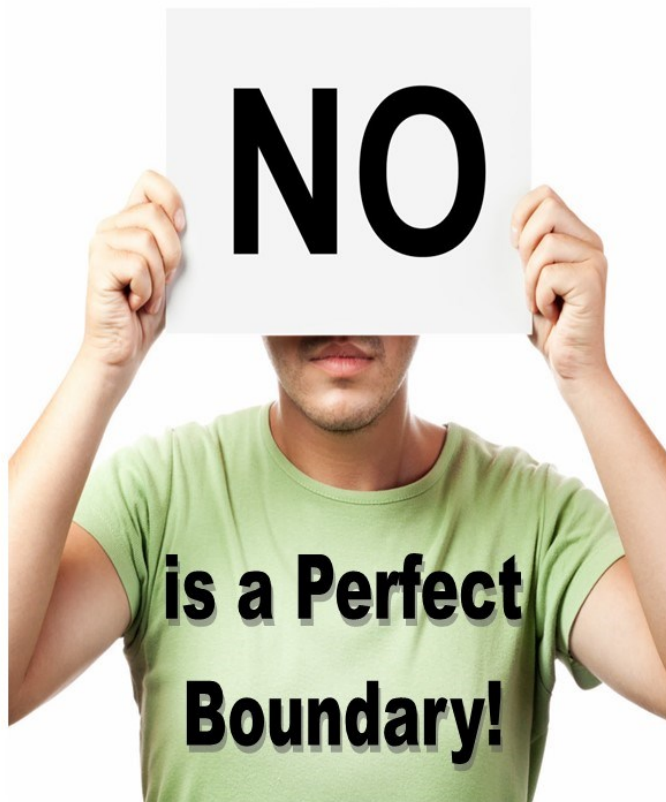
**Call 520-744-3400  
For reservations.**



# Boundaries



## Building Boundaries for Better Relationships



People who have no boundaries are often victimized and frustrated because they are constantly giving their personal power away to others. They do what everyone else wants to do; they wear what they think other people want them to wear; and they take the blame for everything, even when they aren't at fault, without defending themselves.

As a result, boundary-less people end up feeling abused, angry and resentful. And as is well documented, resentment feeds addictive behaviors.

Boundaries are lines we draw between ourselves and others. They mark our independence and yet allow us to be interdependent with others. Boundaries define who we are and they tell the world that we are as equally important as everyone else is.

Boundaries also define our views on behavior. They establish what behaviors we are willing to accept from others and what behaviors we are not willing to accept. Boundaries allow for respectful confrontation. In this way, boundaries protect everyone from being abused and victimized.

If you are struggling to establish important boundaries, this retreat is for you. It will help you to regain respect for yourself as you learn to own your personal power by learning to set proper boundaries with family, friends, coworkers and others.

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April 12, 2025

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For Reservations**



# The Good News According to **Disney** A Spiritual Journey

The Gospel According to Disney will examine spiritual and life-changing truths found in the Disney movies **Moana** and **The Lion King**. Many of these spiritual truths are found in Scripture and contain psychological and emotional value for those of us who are faced with real life problems daily.

As adults today, we need to regain our childhood sense of wonderment that was lost along the way of growing into adults. We have lost the innocence and amazement that we once marvelled at in the simple beauty and wonder of life.

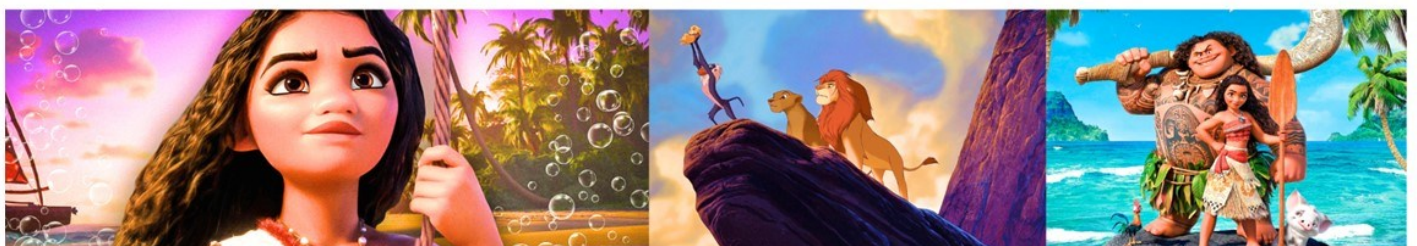
Come regain your lost sense of play and open your eyes to the importance of loving relationships with ourselves and others.

**May 10, 2025**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



**\$55 per person**  
includes lunch

FR. CHARLIE WEHRLEY, C.Ss.R.  
Retreat Director





# Dear Padre,

*Is it OK if I receive holy Communion more than once a day?  
Part of my routine is to go to early morning Mass in my parish,  
even on days I know I'm going to another Mass, like a wedding  
or funeral, or sometimes another Mass for that day.*

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that by the very nature of what the Eucharist intends and celebrates, those who participate in the great mystery of our faith should “receive the Lord’s Body” (1388). In other words, reception of holy Communion is strongly recommended and is understood as the ordinary practice for all who participate in the Mass. Proper preparation and disposition are presumed as both necessary and important.

In response to a specific “dubium” or question about this practice and expectation, in 1984 the Pontifical Commission on the Code of Canon Law issued an authentic interpretation of the Church’s understanding of this practice. It mandated that “the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist only a second time on the same day” (CCC, 1388, footnote 222). This directive is intended to establish the general norm and practice for the reception of holy Communion. Your practice, as a result of this norm, is directly representative of the understanding of the Church. ●



SHUTTERSTOCK

*Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

| Monday                | Tuesday               | Wednesday             | Thursday              | Friday                | Saturday              | Sunday                      |
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| March 31              | April 1               | April 2               | April 3               | April 4               | April 5               | April 6                     |
| <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> |
| Is 65:17–21           | Ez 47:1–9, 12         | Is 49:8–15            | Ex 32:7–14            | Wis 2:1a, 12–22       | Jer 11:18–20          | Is 43:16–21                 |
| Jn 4:43–54            | Jn 5:1–16             | Jn 5:17–30            | Jn 5:31–47            | Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30   | Jn 7:40–53            | Phil 3:8–14                 |
|                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       | Jn 8:1–11                   |



THE PRODIGAL SON, PETER PAUL RUBENS / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*There was a pop theatre production...about the prodigal son.... [The son writes a letter]: “Father, I have repented, I want to come back home.... If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window.” And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!*

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 27, 2022