Our Lady of the Desert Church

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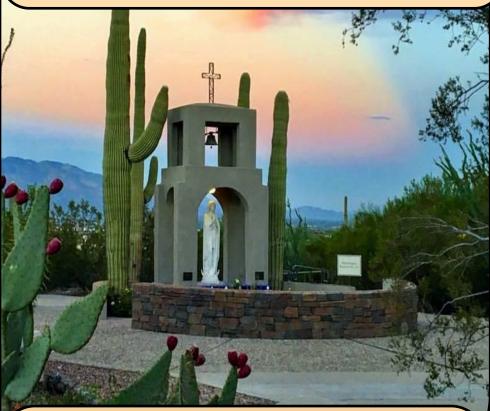
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Weekend of April 12-13
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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

When God calls us, we cannot respond to His love by our own powers. We need the virtue of hope. As the Catechism says, "Hope is the confident expectation of divine blessing and the beatific vision of God; it is also the fear of offending God's love and of incurring punishment." (CCC # 2090). If we do not have this sense of confidence of God's love for us, we would have no reason nor ability to follow him. We cannot put him first without also having hope.

There are a couple of ways identified by the Catechism in which we sin against the first commandment by sinning against hope. First, the catechism speaks about the sin of despair. "By despair, man ceases to hope for his personal salvation from God, for help of attaining it or for the forgiveness of his sins. Despair is contrary to God's forgiveness, to his justice—for the Lord is faithful to his promises—and to his mercy" (CCC # 2091). Putting God first means believing what he told us and trusting him to do it. Failure to believe, or despair, causes us not to put God first.

The Catechism also speaks for the sin of presumption. Presumption works two ways. "Either man presumes upon his own capacities, (hoping to be able to save himself without help from on high), or he presumes upon God's almighty power or his mercy, (hoping to attain his forgiveness without conversion and glory without merit)" (CCC # 2092). The first commandment calls us to realize that while all mercy and salvation is from God, without our acceptance and repentance God cannot and will not force his mercy upon us.

~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.

Death of Parishioner

Robert "Bob" Eugene Box (87) passed away peacefully on March 30, 2025. Please remember him in your prayers. A memorial Mass for Bob is planned for Fall 2025.

<u>A BIG THANK YOU -</u> to all for making our shoe drive a great success. Over 200 pair of NEW and gently used shoes were received by Sister Jose's Women's Center.



Redemptorist Renewal Center ANNUAL EASTER Brunch 11:30 a.m.

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

Available in the Office

Last day to buy Tickets is Monday April 14, 2025.

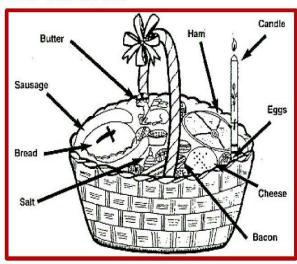
It's Easter Basket Blessing Time!

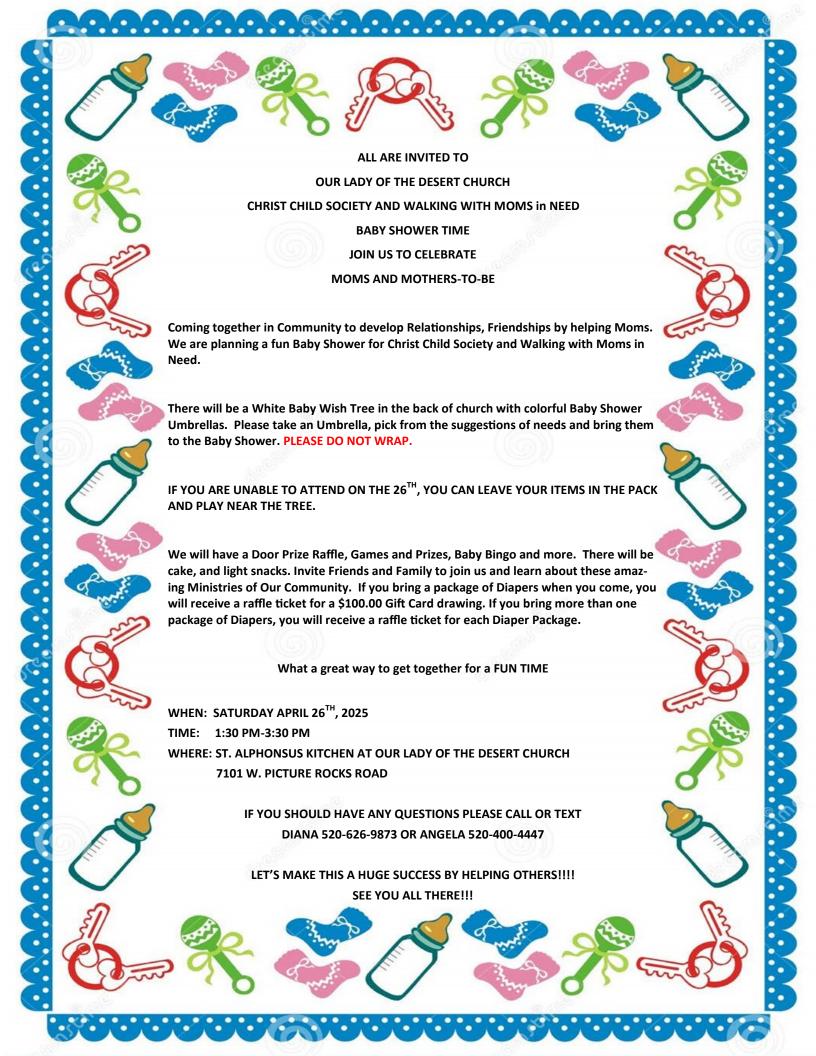
Once again, we are performing the Eastern European Tradition of Blessing Easter Baskets. On Holy Saturday, April 19th, at 10:00 AM in the Our Lady of the Desert Church, Fr. Brian will perform the Easter Basket Blessing.

Bring your Easter Basket containing your traditional foods and items.

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







Holy Week is fast approaching. On Monday of Holy Week it has been our custom in the Diocese of Tucson to celebrate the Chrism Mass at which I bless and consecrate the oils that will be used through the year in all of our parishes when children are baptized, people are confirmed, the sick are anointed, a priest is ordained. It is also the occasion when all of our priests renew their commitment as priests in service to the people of the Diocese and our deacons, religious and all the laity join in prayer for our priests.

Our theme this year for the Chrism Mass is Heroic Messengers of Hope. That is who we are as Catholics in a very troubled and divided world. When we gather as Catholics at the table of the Lord we are renewed and refreshed to go out and proclaim Christ's message of hope. I want to invite you to join us for the Chrism Mass on Monday, April 14 beginning at 2:00 pm in St. Augustine Cathedral. If you have never attended, please consider coming to the celebration. It is a marvelous celebration of our oneness as the People of God.



Chrism Mass

Monday, April 14 2 p.m. Saint Augustine Cathedral

YOU HAVE UNTIL APRIL 15TH TO MAKE 2024 TAX CREDIT CONTRIBUTION

Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) for the Diocese of Tucson is helping students attend Catholic schools regardless of their race, religion, national origin, and economic status, etc. Take advantage of the Arizona Tax Credit Program by directing your tax dollars to CTSO and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your Arizona taxes. Brochures are available in the vestibule or visit www.ctso-tucson.org for online giving. Make your contribution by April 15, 2025, for the 2024 tax year. Our Parish Family (Our Lady of the Desert Church) Referral Plan ID #1699 – This ID# assures that your tax credit contribution through CTSO will be designated for distribution towards our parish family members that apply for Catholic School Tuition Assistance.



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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.

COPPER STATE HOSPICE presents

"A WOMAN'S HEART"

A RETREAT DAY FOR WOMEN
ANTICIPATING OR EXPERIENCING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE



-Art by Mary Southard, CSJ

This retreat will explore a woman's strengths and gifts during the challenges of loss/grief

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025 (lunch is included)

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (please arrive no later than 9:45 a.m.) Place: Redemptorist Renewal Center. 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road

Fee: No cost to Copper State Hospice families

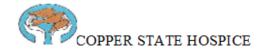
\$45 cost for all others

The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 23rd TO REGISTER:

- Email Donna-Marie Terranova (dterranova@copperstatehospice.com) with your interest in attending, prior to the registration deadline, as there will be a form to complete. After reviewing your registration form, and a conversation with Donna-Marie, you will receive an email confirmation if your registration is accepted, along with further information about the retreat day.
- Registration is limited to the first twenty people.

About the Facilitator

Donna-Marie Terranova is a Chaplain and the Bereavement Coordinator at Copper State Hospice. She is a Pastoral Counselor and Spiritual Director with master's degrees in Marriage, Family & Child Counseling, as well as Pastoral Theology.





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 April 2025

Erin Neely Miguel Quijada Tim McDonald Chuck Peterson Linda Peterson Michael Dunlap Joan Forgue Terry Bahill Rachel Flint **Bob** Garcia Fr. Jeff King-Healing Jack Friedman Winnie Levoch Sonali Fernando Hayden Spencer Walter McCulloch Linda Whitten Marty Lopez

Carol Bruzzi

Fr. Pat Grile

Charles Lohr

Bill Liscum Grace Carroll Jerry Linton Aubrey Scarborough Joanna Crawford Lee Morrison Iim Whitten Ashleigh McIntosh **Emily Hernandez JC** Martinez David Donofrio **Bob Dionne** Merle Margelofsky Anita Fearday, ASC June and Stan Wood L. Cindy Otte Sue Cobble Robert Keogh George Sheehan Mike Ortiz

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS

Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Melissa Bandelt (5/24)
Olive 'Punken' Berry (4/24)
Bob Box (3/25)
Carol Burba (9/24)
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)
Gabby Juteau (10/24)
Marilyn Mallberg (2/25)

Elaine Tolentino (8/24)
Patricia Wayne (10/24)
Margaret Zeches (2/25)

Mary Sloan (7/24)

Deacon Scott Pickett (3/25)

**Mass Intentions/Presiders

Friday, April 11

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea **Mary Gausepohls (d)

Saturday, April 12

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Brian Johnson **Malissa Martinez (d)

Palm Sunday, April 13

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson **Martha Williams - Healing 10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer **Valeriano Sumalpong (d)

Monday, April 14

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea **Bob & Angie Breister

Tuesday, April 15

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly **Ted Golenbiewski (d)

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**James Orth (d)

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer **Jayan Pier Selvaraj (d)

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 p.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson **Soltis Family - Healing

Holy Saturday, April 19

7:00 p.m. livestreamed–Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Patricia Conley (d)

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer **Fr. Tom Fransiscus C.Ss.R. (d) 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly **Denny Mallory (d)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interfaith Community Service Food Bank

Please help our local community by donating today. We collected 32lbs so far for the month of April. The bin is located in the veranda near the Dining room.

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 not have class this Monday April 14th. Our next class on April 21st will be in the Agave room 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
(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.

Adoration –First Friday of Every Month From 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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.



OPEN SAME HOURS

AS THE OFFICE

Sunday...8 AM — 3 PM

Monday—Saturday... 8 am — 4 pm

This weeks Flower were donated by

The Women's Acts Group

In Memory of

Mary Mallberg

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 31-April 7, 2025 ~ \$11,150.00

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/

If Only...

Making peace with our regrets to heal the past



May 3, 2025

9:00AM-3:00PM

\$55 Includes lunch

Redemptorist Renewal

Center

7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd. Tucson, AZ

> Call 520-744-3400 for reservations.

If only I hadn't been blind to love...
If only I hadn't left that job... If only
I'd taken time to pray... If only I'd
known you really needed to talk...
If only I had trusted you... If only I
had trusted myself...

Regrets haunt us from time to time. They appear as ghosts from the past and they have the power to emotionally devastate us for days.

We want to return to the past and relive it so as to change the outcome. But we cannot. We feel trapped and remorseful. And we don't know how to heal these wounds.

Before we can release past regrets, we have to truly face them-- the sorrow, sense of loss, the guilt and shame. We need to build a new relationship with them.

Learn to revision your mistakes and to take your power back from your past.



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 psychlogical 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.S.R. Retreat Director



Dear Padre,

I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the

paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. •

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

Monday

April 14 Monday of Holy Week Is 42:1–7 Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday

April 15 Tuesday of Holy Week Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

April 16 *Wednesday of Holy Week* Is 50:4–9a Mt 26:14–25

ThursdayApril 17

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the
Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

Friday

April 18
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

April 19
Holy Saturday
(Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or
1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2,
9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Lk 24:1–12

Sunday

April 20
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9

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