Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Redemptorist Community

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> **Deacon** Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

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Knights of Columbus David VanderLinde Grand Knight Weekend of April 19-20 Caster Sunday of the Resurrection 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.



The first commandment states that we shall have no God before our God. There are many ways that we can fail to fulfill this commandment. Perhaps a good place to start is with *superstition*. One way people fall into superstition has to do with simply going overboard in our beliefs. As the catechism states, superstition happens "when one attributes an importance in some way magical to certain practices otherwise lawful or necessary" (CCC # 2111).

Perhaps a good example of superstition in this sense can be found in some people's attitude towards religious medals and scapulars. While these objects are very valuable to us because they serve to remind us of God, or the power of the prayers of Mary or the other saints, sometimes people misunderstand them. Many people come to believe that it is in the wearing of these objects that they have salvation. They fear taking these objects off, because then they would be "unprotected." What really protects us is the love and mercy of God. Not the medal or scapular itself. These are not magical devices. They are simply reminders to us that God is with us always. When we allow these material things to be an end in themselves, then we sin against the first commandment, because we have made these objects more important than God. The same thing can happen with actions. We may be tempted to think the action itself is magical and protects us. The first commandment calls us always to remember that God alone is our salvation. Without him, we are lost, and nothing else has value.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

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.

Thank you

I wish to thank all Our Lady of the Desert Parishioners for your prayers, get well cards and delicious dinners as I recuperated from my illness and lack of mobility. It's been a hard road from not being able to get out of bed to resuming my music ministry. At this time I am singing with the 10:00 AM choir, but hope to again cantor the 7:30 AM in May. I missed this wonderful and giving community and look forward to once again celebrating liturgy with all. May our Dear Lord bless you all as we celebrate this Easter Season. PEACE.

Charles Lohr Music Director OLOD



Easter Reflections by St. Alphonsus

Let us rejoice at seeing in His risen glory our Saviour, our Father, the best Friend we possess. Let us rejoice, too, for our own sakes, because the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is for us a sure pledge of our own resurrection and of the glory we hope one day to have in Heaven in our soul and body.

Jesus Christ, then, rose from the dead with the glory of possessing all power in Heaven and on earth, not only as God, but as Man. All the angels and all men are therefore subject to Him. Let us rejoice in thus seeing in glory our Saviour, our Father, and the best Friend we possess.

O my Jesus, I beseech Thee by Thy Resurrection, make me rise glorious with Thee on the last day, to be always united with Thee in Heaven, to praise Thee and to love Thee for ever.

HAPPY EASTER FROM ALL THE REDEMPTORISTS!!



Preparing our seminarians to Witness the Gospel.



Fr Aaron Meszaros, C,Ss.R. will be with us on May 3-4 seeking our help with the educating of Redemptorist seminarians through the Co Redemptorist Program. ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR LADY OF THE DESERT CHURCH CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY AND WALKING WITH MOMS in NEED BABY SHOWER TIME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE MOMS AND MOTHERS-TO-BE

Coming together in Community to develop Relationships, Friendships by helping Moms. We are planning a fun Baby Shower for Christ Child Society and Walking with Moms in Need.

There will be a White Baby Wish Tree in the back of church with colorful Baby Shower Umbrellas. Please take an Umbrella, pick from the suggestions of needs and bring them to the Baby Shower. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THE 26TH, YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR ITEMS IN THE PACK AND PLAY NEAR THE TREE.

We will have a Door Prize Raffle, Games and Prizes, Baby Bingo and more. There will be cake, and light snacks. Invite Friends and Family to join us and learn about these amazing Ministries of Our Community. If you bring a package of Diapers when you come, you will receive a raffle ticket for a \$100.00 Gift Card drawing. If you bring more than one package of Diapers, you will receive a raffle ticket for each Diaper Package.

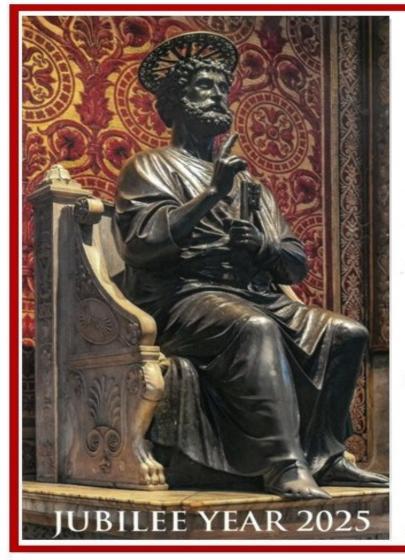
What a great way to get together for a FUN TIME

WHEN: SATURDAY APRIL 26TH, 2025
TIME: 1:30 PM-3:30 PM
WHERE: ST. ALPHONSUS KITCHEN AT OUR LADY OF THE DESERT CHURCH 7101 W. PICTURE ROCKS ROAD

> IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR TEXT DIANA 520-626-9873 OR ANGELA 520-400-4447

LET'S MAKE THIS A HUGE SUCCESS BY HELPING OTHERS!!!! SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!

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Father in heaven. may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



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Please join Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates



To share the JOY of our Risen Lord!



When: Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 5-6:00pm Where: St. Alphonsus Kitchen and via Zoom*

We will read and discuss excerpts from the papal encyclical, "Evangelii Gaudium: The Joy of the Gospel" ALL ARE WELCOME!

> St.Teresa of Avila: "From sour-faced saints deliver us, oh Lord!"

*Please contact Diana Davenport at <u>diana@davenport.net</u> for the Zoom link.

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

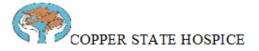
Fee: No cost to Copper State Hospice families \$45 cost for all others

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.



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. <u>520.744.3400</u> 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 **Jim 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) Mary Sloan (7/24) Deacon Scott Pickett (3/25) Elaine Tolentino (8/24) Patricia Wavne (10/24) Margaret Zeches (2/25)

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

**Mass Intentions/Presiders

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)

Easter Monday, April 21

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly **Dennis Terrill (d)

Tuesday, April 22 7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson **Jane Orth

Wednesday, April 23

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley **Deceased Redemptorist

Thursday, April 24

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer **Mary Gausepohls (d)

Friday, April 25

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea **Spiritual Gift For Healing (d)

Saturday, April 26 4:00 p.m. livestreamed–Fr. Brian Johnson **Ted Golenbiewski (d)

Sunday, April 27

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley **Carol Burba (d) 10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson **Mary Ann & Samuel Adams (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 meet on April 21st 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 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

Happy Easter

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/

Our Lady of the Desert Easter Lilies Honor & Remember the Following Loved Ones

Joan Crose, Michael Crose & Cleo Moore Schaefer & Gates Families Denny Mallory Catalina Rivera Parents of Al & Marie Van Huis Annette Thompson Jack Lehmkuhl Carroll & Neely Families Joan, Jimmy & Danny Jones Gallagher & Carter Families Robert & Janice Francis Harold & Anne Ramsey Philomena & Michael White Virgil Roeder Bob Garcia Family Joe & Marilyn Thomas Smith Bill Malia Mr & Mrs William Malia Mr & Mrs John Serafin Popiel & Lewandowski Families The Murrieta's for Abundance & Gratitude William Bandelt Melissa Bandelt Ryan Hanley David Spears Terrill Family Bruno Family Vanderlinde Family David Oberle Patrick Martin

Ed Mauzer Anthony & Mary Donofrio Rice & Komar Families Lavin & Ivan Kramer Bob Kramer Glen Kramer DeLorise Meeker william Stelma Miki Abatecola Betty Floyd Mike Donoho Tony Hunia Joseph Fernando Flossie & Ralph Jiron Phillip Jiron Richard Portwood Margie & Jim Joseph Del & Dot Wygant Yarsevich Family Noll Family Krenicky Family Semancik Family



NAMES NOT LISTED WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

Making peace with our regrets to heal the past

lf Only...

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

> May 3, 2025 9:00AM-3:00PM

\$55 Includes lunch

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> 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 Good News According to

A Spiritual Journey

SNEU

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





Dear Padre,

I was baptized as a baby, but I never really went to church. Lately, I've been attending Mass. Are there steps I should take before I receive Communion?

The first step is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). This is a wonderful opportunity to be officially welcomed back into full practice with the Church. After such a long absence, it is important to examine your conscience and celebrate the forgiveness of the Lord before you receive holy Communion.

I would also recommend that you "beef up" your understanding of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. You might do this by participating in your parish's process for the Christian Initiation of



A candidate and his sponsor sit for a photo after an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) class. LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

Adults (called OCIA or sometimes RCIA). The Liguori Publications program, Journey of Faith, is one resource used by many parish communities. Another possibility is to use some of the resources offered online, such as Bishop Robert Barron's *Word on Fire* website, which has a fine reputation.

I am happy you have responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you and answered the call to deepen your spiritual practice and journey. The Church needs you. The people of God welcome you. You are beloved among us, and your response in faith is a powerful witness, a reminder to those who may be tempted to take for granted the gift of faith. Thank you.

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday
Acts 2:14,	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1–10	Acts 3:11–26	Acts 4:1–12	Acts 4:13-21	of Easter /
22-33	Jn 20:11–18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1–14	Mk 16:9–15	Sunday of
Mt 28:8–15						Divine Mercy
						Acts 5:12–16
						Rv 1:9–11a,
Do you have a question for the Padre?						12–13, 17–19
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre .						Jn 20:19–31

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We welcome the Easter message: "Peace be with you!" Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!... Let there be a decision for peace.... Please, please, let us not get used to war!... May the leaders of nations hear people's plea for peace. URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE, ROME, APRIL 17, 2022

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