

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of April 5-6 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Peter Connolly, C.Ss.R.

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

Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish

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#### Knights of Columbus

David VanderLinde

*Grand Knight*



**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.*

## 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.

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



**Purchase Easter Lillies**

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

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

**Make checks out to OLOD**







Redemptorist  
Renewal Center  
ANNUAL EASTER

Brunch

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

Available in the Office

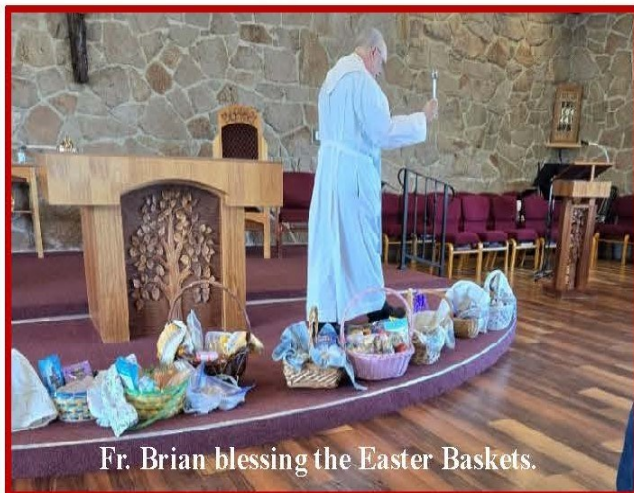
Last day to buy Tickets is Monday April 14, 2025.

# It's Easter Basket Blessing Time!

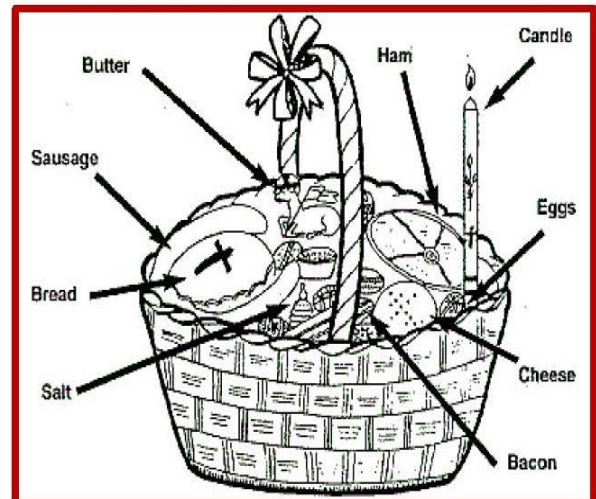
Once again, we are performing the Eastern European Tradition of Blessing Easter Baskets. On Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM in the Our Lady of the Desert Church, Fr. Brian will perform the Easter Basket Blessing.

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.







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 26<sup>TH</sup>, 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 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

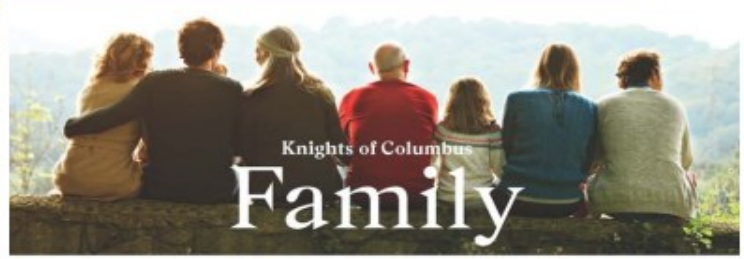
TIME: 1:30 PM-3:30 PM

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!!!





## Family of the Month

Awarded to the family of

Spencer and Pat McAllister

who has served as an inspiration to our parish, community and council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life

Dave VanderLinde

Grand Knight

15704

Council Number

04/06/2025

Date



Faith in Action

Family

Our parish KofC #15704 council is kicking off a 'Family of the Month' program; the intent is to promote and support the development of strong and vibrant families. Each month, the council 'Family of the Month' committee selects a parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, the council will select one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international 'Family of the Year'.

**Please join us in congratulating our 'Family of the Month' The-McAllisters Spencer and Pat.**

**Spencer** has been a knight for 24 years. He was a Faithful Navigator at SEAS and is a 4<sup>th</sup> degree knight. Because of being over 91 years old, Spencer had to stop flying small planes, and he misses that. **Pat** worked for 13 years in the St. Vincent de Paul Society ([svdptucson.org](http://svdptucson.org)) and for 4 years with the Meals on Wheels ([mobilemealssoaz.org](http://mobilemealssoaz.org)). **Spencer & Pat** have been married for 48 years and have over 35 grandchildren and great grandchildren. The beautiful couple have been parishioners in O.L.D. for 20 years.

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

## 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>.

### 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](http://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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Support Organization Give the Gift of Quality Education...

[www.ctso-tucson.org](http://www.ctso-tucson.org)



## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### 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.



COPPER STATE HOSPICE

*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  
April 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  |
| Sonali Fernando       | Anita Fearday, ASC |
| 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          |                    |

**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 Wayne (10/24)
- Margaret Zeches (2/25)

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



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

### **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)

### **Monday, April 7**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Jane Orth

### **Tuesday, April 8**

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

\*\*Redemptorist Community

### **Wednesday, April 9**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

\*\*Janice Francis (d)

### **Thursday, April 10**

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

\*\*Pat Celentano (d)

### **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)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Please help our local community by donating today. We collected 67lbs so far for the month of March. 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 begin on Monday, **April 7th**, 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 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.**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Gifts & Books

OPEN SAME HOURS

AS THE OFFICE

Sunday..8 AM — 3 PM

Monday—Saturday.. 8 am — 4 pm

**This weeks Flower were donated by**  
**In Celebration of**  
**Phil & Rosie Treinen 66th**  
**Wedding Anniversary**

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 24-31, 2025 ~ \$3,636.00

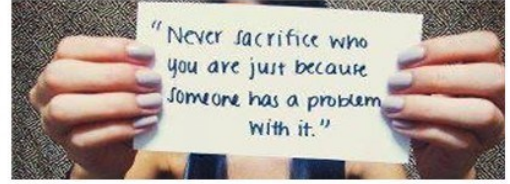
**If you have requested additional envelopes, they will be available the following week in the box on the table by the side door in church.**

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:

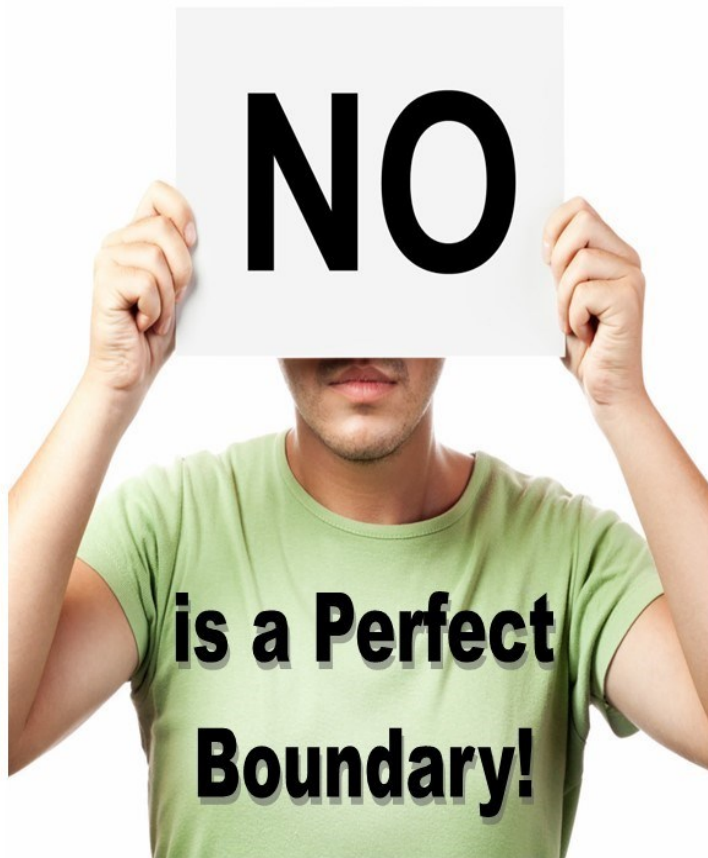
<https://desertrenewal.org/fees-and-rates/>



# 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.

*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85743

Rev. Charlie Wehrley,  
Retreat Director

April 12, 2025

9 am - 3 pm

Call 520-744-3400  
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.

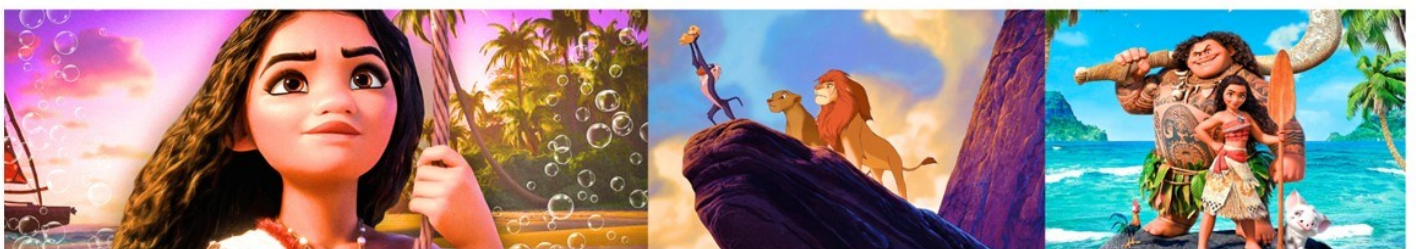
Come regain your lost sense of play and open your eyes to the importance of loving relationships with ourselves and others.

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



**\$55 per person**  
includes lunch

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



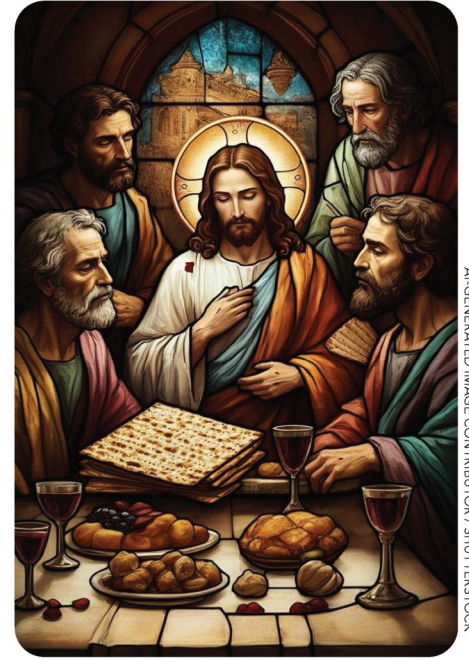


# Dear Padre,

**A friend of mine told me he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. What does that word mean?**

The word *triduum* is a Latin word meaning “three days.” In this context, it refers to the paschal Triduum: the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, when we celebrate Christianity’s most sacred events—the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord’s Supper ends in stillness as the tabernacle is emptied, and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence. Good Friday is a day of somber quiet as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by a spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new Light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. These are the Christian high holy days. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***We can always run the risk of...having [Jesus’] name on our lips but denying him by the way that we live.... How, then, can we prove whether or not we are true disciples of the Master? We do so by the way we regard our neighbor and the way we regard ourselves.***



FAUXELS / PEXELS

HOMILY, MALTA, APRIL 3, 2022

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

### Monday

April 7  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30,  
33–62 or 13:41c–62  
Jn 8:12–20

### Tuesday

April 8  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Nm 21:4–9  
Jn 8:21–30

### Wednesday

April 9  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95  
Jn 8:31–42

### Thursday

April 10  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Gn 17:3–9  
Jn 8:51–59

### Friday

April 11  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 20:10–13  
Jn 10:31–42

### Saturday

April 12  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 37:21–28  
Jn 11:45–56

### Sunday

April 13  
*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*  
Lk 19:28–40  
Is 50:4–7  
Phil 2:6–11  
Lk 22:14–23:56 or  
23:1–49