

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Saturday 4 pm livestreamed Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/c/OurLadyoftheDesertChurch/playlists>

Weekend of April 27-28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Redemptorist Community

Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

Associates

Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

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Rev. Peter Connolly, C.Ss.R.

Padre Tomas Jose Fransiscus,  
C.Ss.R. JCL

*Diocese of Tucson Tribunal. Judge*

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

*Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish*

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Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

Liturgical Ministers/ Compliance Officer

Kelly Mooney

Bob Jones

Bulletin Editor

Alexis Murrieta

Knights of Columbus

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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



April 28th 1 Jn 3:18-24

John writes today that we have been given a commandment by God: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. John insists that such love is not a matter of words, but of putting those words into action. If we truly do deeds of love, we know we are obeying God's commands.

April 29th Acts 14:5-18

Paul and Barnabas are forced to leave Iconium because of another persecution against them. They arrive in Lystra and preach to the people there. Paul notices a crippled man and sees that he has faith. Paul heals him. As a result, these Gentiles believe Paul and Barnabas to be gods. Paul and Barnabas try to correct them but have no luck in doing so.

April 30th Acts 14:19-28

Once again, persecution catches up to Paul and he is stoned. So, Paul and Barnabas once again leave for a new town. They win many converts there. They return to all the cities they had visited and put presbyters in charge of each community and encouraged the people to continue in the faith. Even the fact that they were persecuted in these cities could not keep them away. Finally, they end up back in Antioch where they first started their mission. The Church there rejoices to hear of the success they had.

May 1st Acts 15:1-6

Paul and Barnabas run into a familiar problem today. Some Christians are of the opinion that Gentiles must become Jews and be circumcised before they can be Christians. Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem to consult the Apostles about this question. We see here that the Church throughout the world viewed the Apostles as the true authority, just as we view the bishops today.

May 2nd Acts 15:7-21

Peter speaks today at the gathering of the Jerusalem Church. He points out that God has called Gentiles to the Church and has shared the gift of the Holy Spirit with them. If God treats them this way, why should the Church put up obstacles? James agrees and sends word back to the Gentiles that they need not be circumcised. However, they should obey some of the basic Jewish laws. God's Church is declared as being for all people, Jew, and Gentile alike!

May 3rd 1 Cor 15:1-8

Paul writes the Corinthians about the death and resurrection of Jesus. He tells them that if they hold fast to what he told them in Faith, they are assured of salvation. The apostles, and Paul himself, are eyewitnesses for us of the truth of the resurrection. We can trust that what they have told us is real.

May 4th Acts 16:1-10

Paul now teams up with Timothy to continue his missionary trips. They are presented as being directed where to go by the Holy Spirit. Paul in a dream receives a call to go to Macedonia, a town in Europe. This is the first entrance of Christianity into Europe. It will spread there as it had in the Middle East. God's message continues to spread across the face of the earth!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



Co-Redemptorist Association

Next weekend, we will have Fr. Dominic Bao Tran, C.Ss.R. speaking at all our masses. Fr Tran will be speaking on behalf of the Co-Redemptorist Association, a group of people who help the Redemptorists train young men for the Redemptorist priesthood and Brotherhood by their prayers and financial support. Father Tran will be inviting you to join in this association aimed at the preparation of future Redemptorists.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships

We thank you the parishioners of Our Lady of the Desert Church for shifting \$32,000 last year from the State of Arizona general fund to CTSO to support our children who are in catholic schools. If you are a registered member of Our Lady of the Desert Church and are a parent, grandparent, or another sponsor of a child who attends a catholic school in the Diocese of Tucson, then you may nominate them for one of our scholarships. We are now accepting applications. Forms are available at the back of the Church, at the church office, and from Terry Bahill, at 520 742-5469 or terry@sie.arizona.edu. The deadline for receipt of these applications is May 1, 2024. This scholarship fund is administered by the Knights of Columbus Council 15704 of Our Lady of the Desert Church.

Liguorian Article

The Article that was published in the March-April 2024 Liguorian about the stained glass windows in the back of the church, will be available on our website if you missed it. Also a laminated copy is hanging on the back wall in the church.

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### **National Eucharistic Congress**

Join more than 80,000 Catholics throughout the country who will be attending the National Eucharistic Congress, July 18-21, 2024, in Indianapolis, Indiana!

Our Catholic Church throughout the country has been observing a three-year time of study, prayer, and action to increase our knowledge, love, and life as a Eucharistic community. The concluding event is the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024. The program includes times of celebrations of Mass, prayer, workshops, and activities for all who attend. Various speakers, musicians, and animators will make the this a time of excitement and encouragement for all who attend. Scheduling, speakers, and registration information can be found at [www.eucharisticcongress.org/register](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register) For questions and additional information, contact the registration team at the following email [NECRegistration@eucharisticcongress.org](mailto:NECRegistration@eucharisticcongress.org).

ALL ARE WELCOME

# First Friday Adoration

## Come let us adore Him!

**MAY 4, 2024, 5-9 pm**

**At the altar of Our Lady of the Desert Church**

**The monstrance will be placed on the altar at 5 pm and ends at 9 pm. Please contact the office@desertrenewal.org**

**Please join us in adoration of the Christ! Please spare 30-60 mins of your time or any amount you wish to adore our Lord Jesus. This is such a blessing for us to actually spend time with our Lord and Savior.**



**In union with Christ's passion, we offer up as sacrifice upon the fleshy altars of our hearts all that we lack. In return we receive from on high the fullness of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist, and we see the Word become flesh in our own lives.**



## **Seeing God in the Ordinary: Cultivating an attitude of Contemplation**

A vibrant spiritual life of deep prayer requires the cultivation of a contemplative attitude. Such an attitude requires that we learn to listen, to be open and observant, recognizing the presence and activity of God everywhere and in even the smallest of ordinary experiences. As we learn to allow God's word and presence to affect our interior reactions to even the most mundane of daily events we gain a sense of wonder, an ability to experience life as both mystery and gift, and always as a moment of Divine grace.

*Presented by Fr. Stephen T. Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.  
Redemptorist Renewal Center  
7101 W Picture Rocks Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85743*

*Saturday May 4, 2024*

9:30 am – 1 pm (lunch included) \$45

Call 520.744.3400 to reserve a spot

# If Only...

Making peace with our regrets to heal the past

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

**May 11, 2024**

*9:00 AM- 3:00 PM*

**\$ 55 per person**  
Includes lunch

*Redemptorist Renewal*  
*Center*

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Tucson, AZ

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

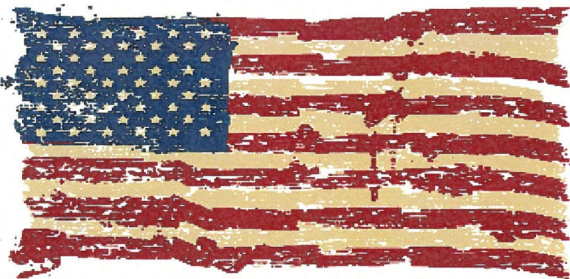
If only I hadn't been blind to love...  
If only I hadn't left that job... If only  
I'd taken time to pray... If only I'd  
known you really needed to talk...  
If only I had trusted you... If only I  
had trusted myself...

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.



Knights of Columbus  
**F O U R T H**  
**D E G R E E**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

We have been collecting worn and/or torn American Flags in a box sitting in the back of the church. There are enough flags to hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony similar to the one we performed one year ago. So, on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, after the 10 AM Mass, the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Father Anthony Rey Assembly No. 3617, will perform an informative Flag Retirement Ceremony. Chairs will be set up between the Church and Mary's Garden for anyone who wants to watch the Ceremony. The Ceremony will explain the history of the American Flag and the steps of the Retirement Ceremony.

We will begin the Ceremony by lowering a 'ceremonial' American Flag flying on the flagpole in front of the Office. It will be replaced with a new American Flag. Then we will retire the ceremonial flag. The rest of the stockpiled American Flags will be retired in a similar fashion.

Please invite your relatives and friends to watch this Flag Retirement Ceremony. If you have questions contact Sir Knight Ray Obral, 520-403-5003.



**APRIL**  
**2024**



Bookstore Hours

**OPEN:** After all weekend Masses

Open: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Mondays**

**Tuesdays**

**Thursdays**

**Fridays**

**CLOSED on Wednesdays**



*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  
April 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            | Larry Cobble       |
| Fr. Jeff King-Healing | Kurt Cummings      |
| David Donofrio        | Elaine Tolentino   |
| Winnie Levoch         | Sally Falzone      |
| Merle Margelofsky     |                    |

**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)  
Art Davenport (4/23)  
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)  
Larry Waller (4/23)  
Dorie Zimmerman (9/23)

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



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

### **Friday, April 26**

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

\*\*Mary Johnson (d)

### **Saturday, April 27**

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

\*\*Carol Van Schaick (d)

### **Sunday, April 28**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Joe Fernando (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Joseph Malatesta - Healing

### **Monday, April 29**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

\*\*Geraldine Kolar (d)

### **Tuesday, April 30**

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

\*\*Luis Perez (d)

### **Wednesday, May 1**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\* Jim Pafaff (d)

### **Thursday, May 2**

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

\*\*Anna Bushman (d)

### **Friday, May 3**

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

\*\*Diana Ricalde (d)

### **Saturday, May 4**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Dominic Tran

\*\*Mary Johnson (d)

### **Sunday, May 5**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Dominic Tran

\*\*Bill Hohmann (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Denny Mallory (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*

### **Upcoming-Grief Share Support Group**

A new series of GriefShare will be offered beginning April 7th from 2-4 in the conference room. 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 (3rd Thursday of the month, 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.

# 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.**



**This weeks Flower were donated by  
John & Kelly 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 Collection April 15-22, 2024      \$ 5,614.00

**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,

**Several months ago my son died in a tragic car accident. Life, work, family, and even religion seem so meaningless now. How can I find my way back?**

You have suffered a great loss. When you are able, you can choose to live in a way that will respect both your son's memory and your own ongoing life. Here are a few gentle steps that might help.

- Expect to feel numb at first. This is nature's way of helping you deal with your loss. Keep following the normal patterns of your life and, eventually, meaning will return.
- Allow your friends to help. "Sorrows shared are sorrows lessened."
- If you are sad, let the tears come! Even Jesus cried at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:32–35).
- If you are angry, look for a healthy release. Focus the energy of your anger into productive work, even if it's just doing dishes or yard work.
- Use your experience to help others. While helping others, the Lord often reveals to us the meaning of our own losses.
- Don't be afraid to seek professional help. A therapist has the expertise to help you talk about your loss and cope with your grief.
- Pray for yourself, for your son, for all whose lives he touched, for all those who are grieving.
- After you have done everything you can, leave your loss in God's hands. The Lord will do for you what you cannot do for yourself. ●



ELINA SAZONOVA / PEXELS

## The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

| MONDAY                                                                                                    | TUESDAY                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                  | THURSDAY                                                                                      | FRIDAY                                                                        | SATURDAY                                                      | SUNDAY                                                                                             |
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| April 29<br><i>St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i><br>Acts 14:5–18<br>Jn 14:21–26 | April 30<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 14:19–28<br>Jn 14:27–31a | May 1<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 15:1–6<br>Jn 15:1–8 | May 2<br><i>St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i><br>Acts 15:7–21<br>Jn 15:9–11 | May 3<br><i>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</i><br>1 Cor 15:1–8<br>Jn 14:6–14 | May 4<br><i>Easter Weekday</i><br>Acts 16:1–10<br>Jn 15:18–21 | May 5<br><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i><br>Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48<br>1 Jn 4:7–10<br>Jn 15:9–17 |



RICCARDO DE LUCA / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Jesus needs us, like the vine with the branches. Perhaps to say this may seem bold to us, and so let us ask ourselves: in what sense does Jesus need us? He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians.**

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 2, 2021