

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of May 25-26

## Most Holy Trinity

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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



May 26th Rom 8:14-17

Paul points out today that when we were Baptized, we received God's Spirit. The Spirit came to share God's very own life with us. Because of this sharing in life, we are claimed by God as being his adopted sons and daughters. As sons and daughters, we are heirs with Jesus to everlasting life. God is Love and Life and he shares those traits with his children, as long as we are faithful!

May 27th 1 Pt 1:3-9

Peter writes today of "a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." Our salvation is assured if we keep Faith. Peter suggests that this hope will be able to be our encouragement throughout all suffering and trials that may pop up in our life. We know that the victory is assured! Our Faith in God's love for us should keep us in peace.

May 28th 1 Pt 1:10-16

Peter writes that the prophets of the Old Testament prophesied about the suffering and death of Jesus which would save us from sin. The message of our salvation has been part of the tradition all along. Now, it is fulfilled in Jesus's death and resurrection. Therefore, knowing that we have been claimed and redeemed by God, Peter calls us to live life in a way that is in conformity with such good news. Peter quotes the scriptures: "Be Holy as I am Holy."

May 29th 1 Pt 1:18-25

Peter tells us that we have been rescued from our former sinful lives by the blood of Christ which is more precious than anything else on earth. We have been called to a life of loving service to God and neighbor. After all, we have been born anew through the Living Word of God, and that Word endures forever!

May 30th 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12

Peter says that just like newborn babies are fed on milk, so we, as born-again Christians, have been fed by the spiritual milk of God's love and mercy. Peter encourages us to allow the Spirit to use us as living stones in building up the kingdom of God in this world. We must allow the Spirit within us to move us beyond our sinful tendencies to holiness. Our example might just appeal to others and call them into the Church!

May 31st Zep 3:14-18a

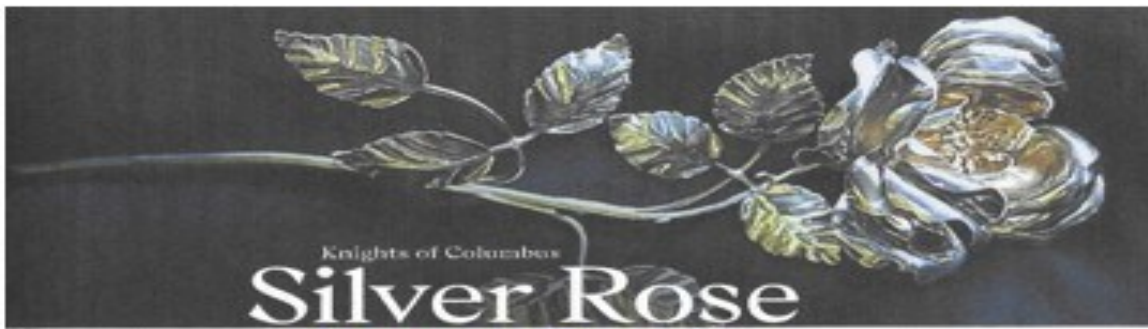
The prophet Zephaniah calls to the people of Israel (and to us today!) to rejoice. He points out that God loves his people and is present in their midst! They have no need to fear, because God is their strength. He closes today's verses by saying one of the most encouraging and joyful things to be found in Scripture, "He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love. He will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals." They and we are God's delight!

June 1st Jude 17, 20b-25

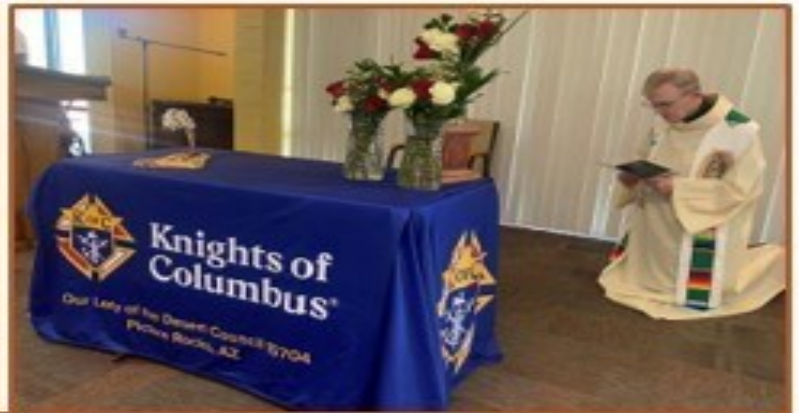
Jude calls the people to remember the words and works of Jesus which the Apostles proclaimed to them. He encourages us all to remain faithful and to keep ourselves in the love of God until Jesus returns in the Second Coming at the end of time. Until then, we must lift up one another in times of temptation, and allow Jesus to lift us up. In his grace is our strength!



~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



**at the Redemptorist Renewal Center,  
in the Petroglyph Room on  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 11:00 AM.**



Since 1960, eight *Silver Roses* have traveled along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Every stop the *Silver Rose* makes throughout this pilgrimage is a "Rosary-Centered" occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of 'Our Lady of Guadalupe.'

The *Silver Rose* that you see in these photos is one of those eight Silver Roses that traveled on that pilgrimage last year. We were chosen again to have a *Silver Rose* in our possession and be a "Rosary-Centered" event.

Your participation in the *Silver Rose* pilgrimage, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn, the Americas, and the Knights of Columbus.

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program. Today, eight roses travel routes throughout North American and the pilgrimage is a rosary centered occasion to pray for the respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation and the advancement of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition. The Silver Rose service will take place in the Petroglyph Room at 11:00AM on Friday, June 7, 2024.



“Lord send out your Spirit & renew the face of the earth”. Psalm 104:30

That was the theme of our women ACTS retreat, ending on Pentecost Sunday.

Under the sponsorship of St Kateri Tekakwitha’s parish, 32 women answered God’s call this year, with another 25 team members and under the guidance of our spiritual director, Father Jim Shea, CSsR.

ACTS Mission is to build strong relationship with Jesus in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the words of God and to go forth in discipleship within community, providing service with loving care, built in Faith.

We would like to express our thanks to Father Stephen and the retreat center staff for hosting the women and men retreat every year.

Our men’s retreat is coming this August. Please stay tuned.

## RECRUIT ONE MORE MAN FOR THEIR BENEFIT!

The Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704 will be holding a Recruitment Drive Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, before and after the 4:00 PM Mass and Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, before and after the 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses.

*The world needs more Knights! Faithful men who are united in charity, unity, and fraternity. These men and their families exhibit their fidelity to Christ, their sacrifice for the vulnerable, and their commitment to holiness. Every man and his Family that is recruited is one more that contributes to the mission of the Order founded by "Blessed Michael McGivney."*

Our focus needs to be on Jesus present in the Eucharist!



Let the Knights of Columbus help you focus on our Savior!



*There will be Knights outside the Church to answer your questions and to take your Name, Phone Number, E-Mail address, and Home Address. We will be in contact with you to schedule a Degree Meeting to bring you into our Council!* **If you have any questions, please call Ray Obral, 520-403-5003.**

# Please Donate Food & Supplies

The Food Service program of Casa Alias in Tucson needs donated food items and non-food items to feed hundreds of asylum seekers/guests three meals a day.

Shop at your favorite grocery store or buy bulk items through a membership club. Any quantity is appreciated. It can be a compassionate philanthropy project for an organization, club, place of worship or individual.

All items must be store bought. We cannot accept home-made food items.

**Drop Off** - Donations can be dropped off at the Casa Alias Welcome Center at: 2225 E Ajo Way, Tucson any day of the week between 7am to 7pm. (Follow the Casa Alias signs going right around to the rear of the complex).

**Ship Directly** - You can ship items directly from your favorite membership club such as Amazon, Sam's Club, Costco, or Walmart etc. Send to:

Casa Alias, Attn: Food Donation, 2225 East Ajo Way, Tucson, AZ 85713

**Or bring to 4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass - Our Lady of the Desert Church**

If you have any questions feel free to [Contact Joy](#).

We are very grateful for your support and care!

## Food Items

**Factory packaged in individual portions...**

**Baby Food in tubs** - fruit flavors only

**Chips** - bulk individual size ([Sam's Club](#), [Costco](#))

**Cookies** - bulk individual packs ([Sam's Club](#), [Costco](#))

**Crackers** - bulk individuals ([Sam's Club](#), [Costco](#))

**Muffins** - individually packaged ([Sam's Club](#), [Sam's Club](#))

**Mayonnaise Packets** - ([Sam's Club](#), [Amazon](#))

**Nuts** - bulk individually wrapped  
**Ramen Soup Cups**, Chicken/Beef, 2.25 oz - NOT spicy ([Sam's Club](#), [Amazon](#), [Walmart](#))

**Trail Mix** - any not spicy ([Sam's Club](#), [Amazon](#))

**Yogurt** - all flavors (individual size)  
**Fruits: Apples, Bananas, Oranges**

**Food Items in Large Pack Sizes...**

**Baby Formula** - Enfamil or Similac

**Coffee, ground** ([Sam's Club](#), [Costco](#), [Walmart](#))

**Coffee Creamer**

**Sugar**

## Non-Food Items

**Baby Bottles** 8 oz

**Bleach** in gallons

**Copy Paper** - 8.5 by 11 inches

**Foam Cups** 8 oz ([Amazon](#))

**Food Grade Disposable**

**Gloves Garbage Bags**  
black 55 gallon ([Amazon](#))

**Gift Cards** to Costco, Fry's, Safeway, or Walmart

**Kitchen Sponges Liquid**

**Dish Soap Paper Plates** - 9"+ ([Walmart](#), [Amazon](#),

[Sam's Club](#))

**Paper Towel** - rolls

**Pens**

**Plastic Forks** ([Sam's Club](#), [Amazon](#), [Family Dollar](#))

**Plastic Spoons** ([Sam's Club](#), [Amazon](#), [Family Dollar](#))

**Post-it Notes** 3 by 3 inches

**Tape** (wide and office size)

**Ziploc Sandwich Bags**  
([Dollar Tree](#), [Amazon](#))

Thank You for your Kindness!

# Lost without Love

## Living with Fear of Abandonment

**"Ultimately, childhood emotional neglect teaches you not to only abandon your emotions but also to abandon yourself."**

*Psychology Today*

*Human relationships are difficult and messy for many reasons. One of those reasons is fear of abandonment. Many people grow up in families where one or both parents are emotionally unavailable.*

*Emotionally unavailable parents are unable to model emotional intelligence and meet the emotional needs of their children. As a result, the emotional development of those children is stunted.*

*Worse yet is the fact that when a parent isn't able to respond affectionately to the joys or sorrows of their children, those children begin to believe that their feelings and needs don't count.*

*When children are continually met with emotional coldness, they also develop the belief that they are somehow unacceptable to their parents and they then develop a fear of abandonment. If a parent never has the ability to express love through words and actions, the child feels unloveable and unwanted.*

*Feeling unworthy of love, the child then abandons him or her self. This then effects every relationship that they will ever experience throughout their lives. No matter how much love another person may express for them, the emotionally abandoned person is unable to accept it for fear of eventually being left behind.*

*Awareness is the key. This retreat will provide awareness into this relationship problem and offer freedom from the self-sabotage that fear of abandonment causes.*



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

**June 8, 2024**  
**9:00 AM- 3:00 PM**

**\$55 per person**  
*includes lunch and handouts*

**Redemptorist Renewal Center**

**7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd**  
**Tucson, AZ 85743**

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

*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  
May/June 2024**

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	JC Martinez
Fr. Jeff King-Healing	Kurt Cummings
David Donofrio	Elaine Tolentino
Winnie Levoch	Sally Falzone
Merle Margelofsky	Pat Celentano

**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)  
Larry Cobble (5/24)  
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)  
Dorie Zimmerman (9/23)

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



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

### **Friday, May 24**

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

\*\*Judi Rowley (d)

### **Saturday, May 25**

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

\*\*Fr. Rich Boever, C.Ss.R.

### **Sunday, May 26**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Isabel Hernandez - Happy Birthday

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*Robert Liscum (d)

### **Monday, May 27**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

\*\*Denny Mallory (d)

### **Tuesday, May 28**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus

\*\*Stephen Adams (d) From your 5 Daughters  
with Love

### **Wednesday, May 29**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

\*\*Robert Morales (d)

### **Thursday, May 30**

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

\*\*Brittany Du Moulin

### **Friday, May 31**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

\*\*Maria D. Arellano

### **Saturday, June 1**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*John Calka (d)

### **Sunday, June 2**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

\*\*Pedro Rosales & Family Healing

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Sergio Garcia Jr.

## **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 162 lbs. of food for the month of May 2024.

Thank you for your generosity. ~*Marge Mauzer*

### **Grief Share Support Group**

A new series of GriefShare will be offered April 7-June 23 from 2:00-4:00p.m. in the conference room in the front office. 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 on the 4th 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.

# 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: After all weekend Masses

Open: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Mondays

Tuesdays

Thursdays

Fridays

**CLOSED on Wednesdays**

**This weeks Flower were donated by**

**Jackie & Bill**

**In Memory of**

**Robert Liscum**

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 May 13-20, 2024 \$ 4,971.00

**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,

*I hear people talking about finding their vocation. How do I know what my vocation is?*

Our Catholic understanding of vocation is “a call from God to a particular state in life,” by which is usually meant single, married, priest, or religious. When you hear people speaking about finding their vocation, it is possible that this is what they have in mind. On the other hand, it is also quite possible that they are referring simply to a particular occupation that they feel comfortable with and wish to pursue.

The root understanding of *vocation* is really the understanding of God’s call and our response. Vocation has not so much to do with what we do but is rather reflective of what we believe about our relationship with God. Vocation assumes that we believe that God is active in our own unique history, and is involved in our decision-making process; that God desires to manifest his will to us; and that God does in fact communicate with us in a very personal way.

If you are truly open to the will of God in your own life, if you are willing to listen to God’s call and make your decisions and choices based on this experience, preferably with the guidance of a confessor or spiritual director, you will discover the true happiness that a real vocation can bring. ●



A pilgrim takes time during a World Youth Day event to speak with a priest about vocations. MICHELLE BAUMAN / CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*“Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another” [2 Corinthians 13:11]. The Christian community, even with all its human limitations, can become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its kindness, of its beauty. But this—just as Paul himself testifies—necessarily passes through the experience of God’s mercy, of his forgiveness.*

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 11, 2017



### MONDAY

May 27

Weekday

1 Pt 1:3–9

Mk 10:17–27

### TUESDAY

May 28

Weekday

1 Pt 1:10–16

Mk 10:28–31

### WEDNESDAY

May 29

Weekday

1 Pt 1:18–25

Mk 10:32–45

### THURSDAY

May 30

Weekday

1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12

Mk 10:46–52

### FRIDAY

May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14–18a or

Rom 12:9–16

Lk 1:39–56

### SATURDAY

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Jude 17, 20b–25

Mk 11:27–33

### SUNDAY

June 2

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Ex 24:3–8

Heb 9:11–15

Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

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