

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of May 4-5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

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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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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 5th 1 Jn 4:7-10

John points out today what real love is. Often, we think it is when we have feelings of affection for someone. However, John says that true love is this: God has sent his Son to die so that we might have life through him. Any love we practice is done in and through this true love.

May 6th Acts 16:11-15

In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see that the early Church is growing and changing. We see Christians and Greeks (pagans) actually meeting together. We also see male and female gather. All the divisions from the past seem to be overcome. The resurrection of Jesus has united the Church as one.

May 7th Acts 16:22-34

Paul and his mission companion, Silas, are arrested and thrown into prison. In spite of this, they continue to sing songs of praise to God. Their faith is not shaken by the suffering they must endure. Later that night, God frees them from their shackles through an earthquake that sets them free. Yet, even now Paul and Silas do not leave, for they know the jailer, shamed because of his failure to guard them, will attempt to kill himself if he finds them missing. Instead, their continued presence in an unlocked cell wins a new convert for the Church.

May 8th Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Paul preaches today in the famous Areopagus in Athens. When the people hear him speak about the resurrection, most of them mock him and refuse to listen any further. However, there are several influential people who do become followers of Jesus. Paul gives an example of how we must keep bearing witness to Jesus even when others seem to reject our message. As Jesus said in the gospel (parable of the sower), we just need to sow the word and let God do the rest.

May 9th Acts 18:1-8

Paul leaves Athens and goes to Corinth. The Jewish people living there oppose his teaching about Jesus. So, now Paul announces that he will begin to go preach to the gentiles. Right away, we see that Paul's teaching attracts Gentile converts into the Church.

May 10th Acts 18:9-18

Paul's hard work continues. He stays in Corinth for a year and a half. When a new Roman over-seer is named to the area, the Jewish citizens of Corinth have Paul arrested and taken before that over-seer, accusing Paul of subverting the people. Gallio could care less about Jewish religious matters, so he refuses to deal with Paul. Eventually, Paul once again takes off down the road to preach elsewhere.

May 11th Acts 18:23-28

Today we meet Apollos. He is a believer who comes preaching about Jesus. Two of Paul's disciples give Apollos a little information about the faith that he seemed unfamiliar with. Apollos goes on to be a very effective preacher of the good news. Jesus is continuing to call workers into the vineyard of the Church. New life flourishes when we all work together!



~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Co-Redemptorist Association

This 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



# 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*

**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.

# Come and Pray

May 24 - 26 or May 31 - June 2



## **Come to the Desert Where God Will Speak to Your Heart.**

Open your heart to see how God is calling you to live your faith. Does the spirituality of Jesus the Redeemer speak to your desire to follow Him? Join us in Tucson Arizona to explore this question at the Redemptorist Renewal Center for a 2 day gathering for prayer and faith sharing.

We begin Friday evening with supper and will finish Sunday at noon with Lunch.



Redemptorist Renewal Center  
7101 W Picture Rocks Road  
Tucson, AZ 85743-9645  
Web: <https://desertrenewal.org>  
Phone: 520-744-3400

To Register for the event, Call: 832-217-6782 or email: [PIM1@Redemptorists-Denver.org](mailto:PIM1@Redemptorists-Denver.org).

Once you contact us, we will send you more information about Come and Pray, and a form that you will need to fill out to register for the event either of the 2 weekends.

Space is limited.

Cost for event is \$250 for 2 days with room and board.





## Chasing and Conquering Illusions

St. Paul observed that “Here we see partially, as through a glass darkly.” As beings who exist in a material world of limitations, our knowledge and experience, especially our knowledge of God, is partial and subject to distortion. We easily fool ourselves and can chase after illusionary half-truths that hold out a false promise of meaning. Healthy Christians spiritual practice helps us “lighten the glass” in a way which can free us from the three major sources of illusion and delusion in life: our biological human nature, our cultural environment, our self.

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

**Saturday May 25, 2024**

**9:30 am – 1 pm (lunch included) \$45**

**Call 520.744.3400 to reserve a spot**



# MAY



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

**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)  
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 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)

### **Monday, May 6**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Patrick John Martin (d)

### **Tuesday, May 7**

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

\*\*Fr. Thomas Fransiscus - Happy Birthday

### **Wednesday, May 8**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\* Redemptorist Community

### **Thursday, May 9**

#### **Ascension of the Lord**

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

\*\*The Our Lady of the Desert Parishioners

### **Friday, May 10**

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

\*\*Special Intentions Healing for Spiritual,  
Physical & Emotional

### **Saturday, May 11**

#### **Ascension of the Lord**

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

\*\*Jack Lehmkuhl (d)

### **Sunday, May 12**

#### **Ascension of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Elena Abatecola (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Steve Rehrauer

\*\*Fernando Oliveira Botelho (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**

Starting at 6:00 p.m. Please come join us. Please be aware that on Wednesday May 8, The Rosary will be held in the Zendo room in Building #5.

### **Monthly Rosary Prayer**

Please come and join us on the second Wednesday of every month. On Wednesday May 8th at 9:00 a.m. The Rosary will be held in the Zendo room Building #5.

### **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**

**In Loving Memory of  
Joe Fernando**

**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 22-27, 2024      \$ 5,887.00

**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



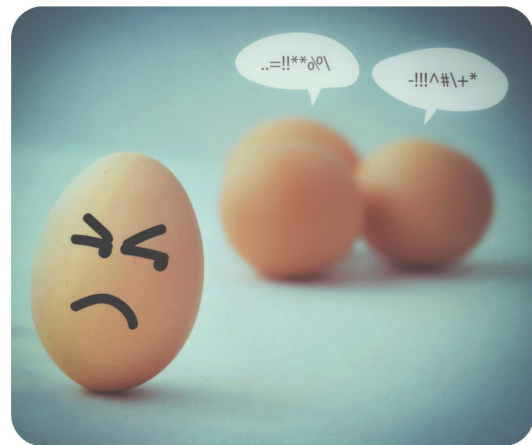
# Dear Padre,

**Please clarify for me what the Church considers as “gossip.”  
Is it that bad?**

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk about one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It is neither good nor bad. But it is a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear a person down.

Gossip is sinful when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are “detraction” and “calumny.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that detraction is “without objectively valid reason, disclosing another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them.” Calumny occurs when a person, “by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words I am saying help others or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the commandment of Jesus we hear in today’s Gospel: “This is my commandment: love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). ●

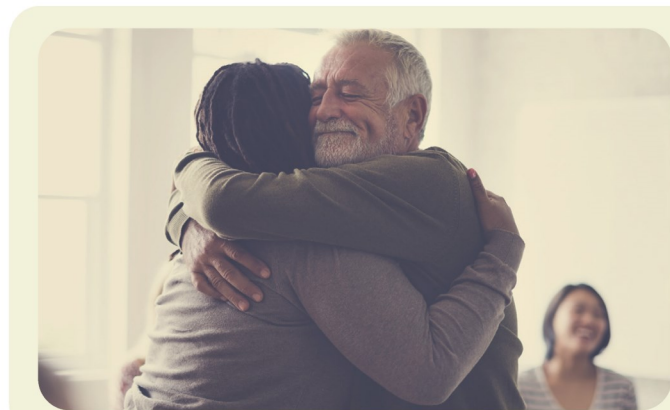


**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

| MONDAY                | TUESDAY               | WEDNESDAY             | THURSDAY              | FRIDAY                | SATURDAY              | SUNDAY                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| May 6                 | May 7                 | May 8                 | May 9                 | May 10                | May 11                | May 12                       |
| <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Easter Weekday</i> | <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> |
| Acts 16:11–15         | Acts 16:22–34         | Acts 17:15,           | Acts 18:1–8           | Acts 18:9–18          | Acts 18:23–28         | Acts 1:1–11                  |
| Jn 15:26–16:4a        | Jn 16:5–11            | 22–18:1               | Jn 16:16–20           | Jn 16:20–23           | Jn 16:23b–28          | Eph 1:17–23 or               |
|                       |                       | Jn 16:12–15           |                       |                       |                       | Eph 4:1–13 or                |
|                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       | 4:1–7, 11–13                 |
|                       |                       |                       |                       |                       |                       | Mk 16:15–20                  |



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be; as they are, gratuitously....Not controlling, serving them. Opening our heart to others, this is love, to be trusting, giving ourselves to others.**

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 9, 2021