

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of August 10-11

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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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#### Choir

Charles Lohr, Music Director

#### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

#### Liturgical Ministers/ Compliance Officer

Kelly Mooney

Bob Jones

#### Bulletin Editor

Alexis Murrieta

#### 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



We have looked at the first two of the Sacraments of Initiation. We now turn to the third of these Sacraments, namely the Sacrament of Eucharist. As members of Christ's body, the church, Eucharist offers us the continual renewal and strengthening that we need to live the life of a Christian. We gather together as a family with God and our neighbor to celebrate the unity we share, and the life of Jesus that we share. The Eucharist is a multifaceted reality. We must view it from several different viewpoints to see all its various meanings. It is only when these various aspects of the Eucharist are understood and brought together that we can see the full meaning of this Sacrament. A story might show us what I am referring to. There is a story of a group of blind people living in the middle of a jungle. They hear from some passers-by that an elephant has moved into the jungle. These men have no idea what an elephant is, so they send representatives out to investigate. One blind man, who when he met the elephant put out his hands and touched an ear, comes back and tells the others that an elephant is like a fan. Another person touches the elephant's leg and reports back that an elephant is like a big strong pillar. Another touches the tail, and says that no, the elephant is like a rope. Other blind people touch other parts of the elephant and give entirely different descriptions of an elephant. Obviously, each of these blind folks were partly correct. There were parts of the elephant that did conform to their descriptions. However, none of them contained the whole truth of what an elephant is. To get at that, we need to put all the various aspects together to have any true idea of what an elephant is really like. The same holds true for the Eucharist. We need to look at it under various aspects to arrive at a fuller understanding of what it is. The Eucharist is extremely rich in its meaning!

*~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.*

## Feast of the Assumption

**Thursday, August 15 is the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a mass at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday and one at 7:30 A.M. Thursday to celebrate the Feast.**



*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  
August 2024**

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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           | Stan Wood          |
| June Wood             | Terry Bahill       |
| Rachel Flint          | Emily Hernandez    |
| Bob Garcia            | JC Martinez        |
| Fr. Jeff King-Healing | Kurt Cummings      |
| David Donofrio        | Jack Friedman      |
| Winnie Levoch         | Sally Falzone      |
| Merle Margelofsky     | Pat Celentano      |
| Hayden Spencer        | Mark Yowell        |
| Walter McCulloch      |                    |

**OUR LADY OF THE  
DESERT**

DECEASED MEMBERS  
*Last 12 Months*

**(Month/Year)**

- Melissa Bandelt (5/24)  
William Bandelt (8/23)  
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)  
Mary Ann Monte  
Scott Milligan (11/23)  
Linda Obenauf (11/23)  
Dan Sullivan (11/23)  
Phyllis Spence, OSB (11/23)  
Elaine Tolentino (8/24)  
Dorie Zimmerman (9/23)

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



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

### **Friday, August 9**

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

\*\*Br. Bruce Davidson' Birthday

### **Saturday, August 10**

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

\*\*60th Anniversary Peter & Caterina  
Lacalamita

### **Sunday, August 11**

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

\*\*Lucy Adams (d)

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*William(father) & Melissa(Daughter)Bandelt (d)

### **Monday, August 12**

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

\*\*Jane Orth

### **Tuesday, August 13**

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

\*\*Everette Leon DeRousse (d)

### **Wednesday, August 14**

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

\*\*Deceased Redemptorist

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

\*\*Pedro & Maria Diaz - Healing

### **Thursday, August 15**

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

\*\*Joanne Hogan (d)

### **Friday, August 16**

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

\*\*Peter Figueroa (d)

### **Saturday, August 17**

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

\*\* Pedro Rosales - Family Healing

### **Sunday, August 18**

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

\*\*Wheaton Franciscan Sisters Jubilee -  
Sr. Maureen 70yrs

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Joanne Hogan (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. For the month of June we collected 60 lbs. of food.

Thank you for your generosity. ~*Marge Mauzer*

### **Grief Share Support Group**

Grief share is a friendly group of caring people, who share the experience of the loss of a loved one. For more information contact, June or Stan Wood at 520.219.2919. or at [Jwls1@earthlink.net](mailto:Jwls1@earthlink.net).

### **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.

### **Adoration**

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.**



AUGUST

Summer  
Reading



Bookstore hours

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Open: 1/2 HR After all  
weekend Masses  
Open: M-T-Th-F  
10 am-2 pm  
Saturday 11 am-2 pm  
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

**This weeks Flower were donated  
By Catarina With Love  
In Celebration of  
Peter & Catarina Lacalamita-  
Happy 60th Anniversary**

**Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert**

Weekend Collections : July 29-August 5, 2024 - \$7,632.00

**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/>

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# YOU COULD WIN

One of three great prizes:

**NEW 2024  
JEEP WRANGLER RUBICON  
4xe PLUG-IN HYBRID,**

two round-trip, first-class airline tickets to anywhere in the world OR \$5,000 cash!



On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, & Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, the Our Lady of the Desert *Knights of Columbus* Council No. 15704 will have the actual 2024 Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 4xe parked in the Church parking lot for all to see and for you to start purchasing raffle tickets.

**The Jim Click Raffle Tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100!**

**Rachel's Vineyard (Tucson) - Are you a woman or man feeling regret, grief, or sadness following an abortion? Come and receive God's love and mercy for emotional and spiritual healing on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, September 13-15, 2024. Visit: [www. rachelsvineyardtucson.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org) or Call/Text 520-743-6777.**



O God, Hear My

# Cry for Help

Most people I know have difficulty asking for help. It makes no difference whether they need help with a project at work, or if they need help because their lives are falling apart, they hold it in and keep their pain all to themselves.

In public, these people wear a mask that says "life is good." But the mask actually hides the fact that life is anything but good for them. Over the years, they have become masters of exuding happiness to hide their misery.

They aren't always social because they need to isolate long enough to recharge their "fake happiness" batteries. Hiding the truth also makes their relationships more difficult. So, they tend to stay on the superficial level. Letting others get too close might lead to the other seeing flaws in their stealth armor.

All of this need to be outwardly strong while suffering from inner burdens eventually leads to spiritual, mental, emotional and physical burn-out. A person can only pretend for so long. At some point they are going to have to surrender their independence and perfectionism to God through a cry for help.

And eventually, they are going to have to share their cry for help with people in their lives that they know they can open-up to and trust to help them.

If you are wearing a mask to hide your inner-pain, now is the time to learn to remove it, cry for help and receive the relief that you need-- the relief that can only be attained through the assistance of God and others.



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

**August 24, 2024**

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Lunch 12-1p.m.)

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

Retreat Director

*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

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for reservations

Catholic Church Family and Friends  
You are invited to

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

# Men's ACTS Retreat

August 29—September 1, 2024



# FAITH

*Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.  
Otherwise, you are deceiving yourselves.*

ACTS is a four-day, three-night Catholic Retreat, led for men or women by parishioners serving to build a stronger Christian community in your parish. **ACTS** stands for **Adoration, Theology, Community and Service**.

**ACTS** helps reignite our faith by meeting us where we are in our spiritual journey. The retreat provides an opportunity for a personal, as well as communal encounter with God, and promotes Christ centered discipleship.

The retreat will be held **August 29-September 1, 2024**, at Redemptorist Renewal Center. We can only take a limited number of retreatants. If you are interested in attending this retreat or know someone who is, please contact Michael Steber (520) 245-5858, Arturo Carrillo (915) 309-7260, or Richard Neubauer (906) 250-3705 to register for this retreat.

God Bless you all and you families.



## 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 miss the use of incense. Is it forbidden or out of style?*

Incense is not out of style, nor is it forbidden. It is still burned to signify that Christ's sacrifice ascends to God as an odor of sweetness and as a sign of people's prayers rising to the throne of God. In the Book of Revelation, we read: "Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a gold censer. He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones, on the gold altar that was before the throne. The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:3-4).

Incense is a resinous substance obtained by cutting into the bark of a fir or pine tree. The original meaning of the Hebrew word for incense was "fragrant smoke." Ancient Jews burned incense as an act of worship in the tabernacle and temple. Scripture mentions incense often (Ephesians 5:2 and Philippians 4:18, for instance).

Today, incense is often used at the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at funerals, and during other special liturgical celebrations to highlight the festivity of a particular occasion. Celebrants may also use incense in any liturgy to bless the congregation, the altar, the book of the Gospels, and the gifts of bread and wine. ●

*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**

August 12

*Weekday*

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c

Mt 17:22-27

### **Tuesday**

August 13

*Weekday*

Ez 2:8-3:4

Mt 18:1-5, 10,  
12-14

### **Wednesday**

August 14

*St. Maximilian*

*Kolbe, Priest*

*and Martyr*

Ez 9:1-7;  
10:18-22

Mt 18:15-20

### **Thursday**

August 15

*Assumption of*

*the Blessed*

*Virgin Mary*

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-  
6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

### **Friday**

August 16

*Weekday*

Ez 16:1-15, 60,

63 or 16:59-63

Mt 19:3-12

### **Saturday**

August 17

*Weekday*

Ez 18:1-10, 13b,

30-32

Mt 19:13-15

### **Sunday**

August 18

*Twentieth Sunday*

*in Ordinary Time*

Prv 9:1-6

Eph 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*Without [Jesus], rather than living, we get by: because he alone nourishes the soul; he alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; he alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; he alone gives us the strength to love and, he alone gives us the strength to forgive.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 8, 2021