

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of August 17-18 Twentieth 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

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Kelly Mooney

Bob Jones

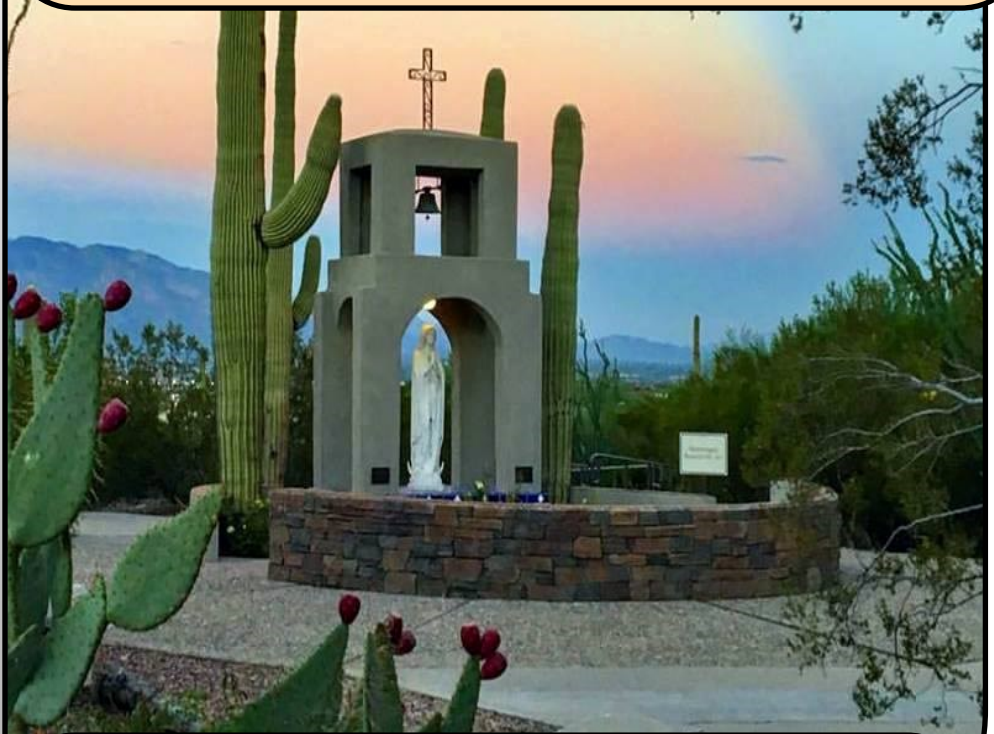
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Together we are the body of Christ, living and active today.

Our Lady of the Desert



Jesus gave us the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist during the last supper. This is a very important thing to keep in mind. The last supper was actually the celebration of a Jewish high feast, the Passover. The Passover was central to the Jewish self-understanding. Passover was a celebration of God choosing the Jewish people to be His own people. It was the feast in which they celebrated their relationship with God. God chose them and saved them from slavery in Egypt. In the Passover event, the people are all instructed to sacrifice one lamb per family. They are to eat its roasted flesh. They are to smear its blood on the doorposts of their dwellings. That evening, as the angel of death passes through Egypt, striking the first born of every family dead, the blood marks where the Israelites are. Seeing the blood, the angel passes over their dwellings and does not bring death to their first-borns. While the Egyptians suffer, the Israelites do not. This seems to scare the Egyptians so much, that Pharaoh finally let's the Israelites leave Egypt. They are released from slavery. God has fought for them. Every time the Jewish people celebrated this event, it was not just a remembrance for them. Rather, they actually saw this celebration as a way of entering into the timelessness of God. They were right there in Egypt, as it were, being chosen and set free by God. Passover was not just a recalling of what happened to their ancestors in the past, it was also a making present of God's loving choice of them today! More on this and its connection to the Eucharist next week.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

Just a reminder that our new Bible Study will begin this Monday, August 19th for all those who have pre-registered.

We will meet in The Petroglyph Room at 10:00 A.M.



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 | Ashleigh McIntosh |

**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 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)

Monday, August 19

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus
** Wheaton Franciscan Sisters Jubilee -
Sr. Mary Lou & Rose Mary 66yrs

Tuesday, August 20

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea
**Janice Francis -98th Birthday

Wednesday, August 21

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly
**Axel Henry Donard Figge (d)

Thursday, August 22

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson
**Mary Gausepohls (d)

Friday, August 23

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Wheaton Franciscan Sisters Jubilee All

Saturday, August 24

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Peter Connolly
** John Phillips (d)

Sunday, August 25

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson
**The Zeches Family
10:00 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Wheaton Franciscan Sisters Jubilee -
Srs. Dawn, Bea, Sheila 60yrs

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.

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.

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 (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport (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, 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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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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 Grace Bandelt

In Loving Memory of

William & Melissa Bandelt

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 : August 5-12, 2024 - \$5,581.00

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/>

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.

REDEMPTORIST RENEWAL CENTER SPIRITUALITY SERIES:

WISDOM: Spirituality in Balance

September 7, 2024

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Fr. Steve Rehrauer, C.Ss.R. – Retreat Director

All human persons are unique. We are both physical and spiritual, a part of the limited material world, yet capable of transcending it to experience the infinite loving presence of God. We are individuals yet we are relational beings who gather with others in search of communion, fellowship, family, and love. These many sides of our nature, the physical and spiritual, the individual and the relational, make us human. An authentic Christian spirituality recognizes the importance of each of them and inspires us to reverence the way in which we are wonderfully made in God's image.



The Book of Proverbs tells us that Wisdom has built herself a home set up with seven columns. Wisdom is identified with the Holy Spirit. Guided by the Wisdom of the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, each of us in our own way becomes the house that Wisdom builds for herself. Join us as we reflect on the seven Gifts of the Spirit which when lived in a balanced way transform us into true temples of the Holy Spirit.

\$45 per person - Includes Lunch and Materials



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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 17th, & Sunday, August 18th, 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.

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,

Are naked statues, like Michelangelo's David, really appropriate for public viewing?

It is helpful to consider if the artwork depicts the body to heighten transcendence, or to objectify the body to satisfy basic instincts. Art is admittedly subjective, and the interpretation of nudity in true art is in the eye of the beholder. Nudity can evoke feelings of shame for some; for others, the nude body in art can be an aesthetic experience of illuminated grace in humanity, and ultimately in the glory of our Maker for all his gifts—including the gift of Christ's resurrection that restored us to the original image and likeness intended by our Creator.

Since ancient times, the nude human form was a common subject in art. The intention is to draw the viewer to a better appreciation of the human body's natural beauty. However, nudity is often associated with sexuality, and for some, sexuality is equated with sin.

In his series of addresses about the theology of the body, St. John Paul II expounded on original nakedness that was referred to in Scripture: "Man tries to cover the real origin of fear with the shame of his own nakedness" (Genesis 3:10). "In the state of original innocence nakedness did not express a lack. Rather, it represented full acceptance of the body..." (*Real Significance of Original Nakedness*, 1980).

So to answer the question, assuming the purpose of the artist is to inspire, and the atmosphere in which the statue is viewed is conducive to such inspiration, yes, such a public display is appropriate. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



MORTA PONS MORETA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 19 Weekday Ez 24:15–23 Mt 19:16–22	August 20 St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 28:1–10 Mt 19:23–30	August 21 St. Pius X, Pope Ez 34:1–11 Mt 20:1–16	August 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 36:23–28 Mt 22:1–14	August 23 Weekday Ez 37:1–14 Mt 22:34–40	August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle Rv 21:9b–14 Jn 1:45–51	August 25 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b Eph 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32 Jn 6:60–69



FABIO LOTTI / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Around the altar we find what spiritually feeds us and quenches our thirst today and for eternity.... The Eucharist shapes us so that we live not only for ourselves but for the Lord and for our brothers and sisters. Life's happiness and eternity depend on our ability to render fruitful the evangelical love we receive in the Eucharist.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 19, 2018