

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 24-25

Twenty-first 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.

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Rev. Peter Connolly, C.Ss.R.

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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

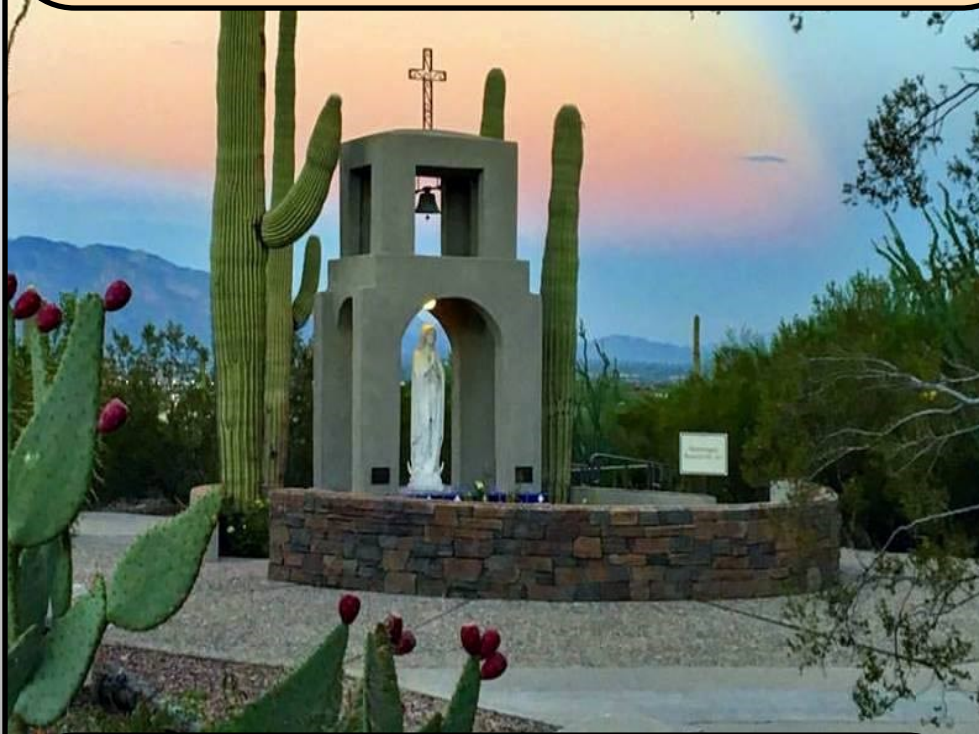
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Our Lady of the Desert



We continue to explore the Last Supper as a Passover meal. Jesus and his disciples are celebrating the love of God for them and His choice of them as his people. However, Jesus departs from the ordinary Passover ritual. He takes bread and says, "This is my body." He takes the cup and says, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." This change in ritual must have confused the Disciples. Eventually, they realize what Jesus was saying. By referring to the bread and wine as his body and blood, Jesus was actually setting up a new memorial for them based on Passover. The next day, Jesus would offer his life on the cross to save them from sin. The Eucharist was the "fruit" of the crucifixion. Just as the Israelites ate the flesh of the Passover Lamb and spread its blood on their doorposts, now Jesus was telling them to eat his body which will be sacrificed for them and to drink the blood which will be poured out for them. Jesus wants them and us to understand that the crucifixion was for us. The eating of the sacrificed flesh and drinking of the blood poured out shows this. The early Church always saw the Eucharist, therefore, as the New Passover. Since it is a memorial, the Church teaches that when we celebrate mass and receive the Eucharist, we are right there at the foot of the cross, receiving the grace of salvation which flows from Jesus' crucifixion! As we celebrate the Eucharist, we are united even more deeply with Jesus as he shares his resurrection life with us. In the Eucharist, God chooses us, and we celebrate God's choosing us and freeing us from slavery to sin and death!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

We will meet in the Zendo room in Building #5 on Monday, August 26.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Our Lady of the Desert-will once again be offering the RCIA program in the Fall. This is a program for adults who wish to join the Catholic Church. Interested parties should call Fr. Brian Johnson 520.744.3400 X 7112.



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**

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 Fergue	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 Fergue (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 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

Monday, August 26

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Joanne Hogan (d)

Tuesday, August 27

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

**Wheaton Franciscan Sisters Jubilee-
Sr. Alana 40yrs

Wednesday, August 28

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**Christopher Fontanella (d)

Thursday, August 29

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

**Charles Robert Rohr (d)

Friday, August 30

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

**Irene Capar (d)

Saturday, August 31

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**Hal Spencer (d)

Sunday, September 1

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**Ken & Margaret McNealy - Healing

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R. -
Happy Birthday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interfaith Community Service Food Bank

Please help our local community by donating today. We have collected a total of 91 lbs. for the month of July. 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 3rd 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.



Bookstore hours

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Open: 1/2 HR After all
weekend Masses
Open: M-T-Th-F
10 am-2 pm
Saturday 11:30am-1:30pm
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS
SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS GIFTS AVAILABLE

This weeks Flower were donated

In Celebration of

Bernie & Judy Chuinard
58th Wedding Anniversary

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 12-19, 2024 - \$4,003.00

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/>

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,

A friend claims that various saints have appeared to her. Is this something that really happens?

Your friend might be experiencing what are called “private” revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way.

Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at *Medjugorje*. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about private revelations: “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history” (CCC 67).

It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God. ●



PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY MARY, MEDJUGORJE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA. DIEGO FLORE / SHUTTERSTOCK

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1
Weekday	<i>St. Monica</i>	<i>St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>	Weekday	Weekday	<i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12 Mt 23:13–22	2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17 Mt 23:23–26	2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18 Mt 23:27–32	1 Cor 1:1–9 Mk 6:17–29	1 Cor 1:17–25 Mt 25:1–13	1 Cor 1:26–31 Mt 25:14–30	Dt 4:1–2, 6–8 Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27 Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23



STEVE LOVEGROVE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord asks the disciples the decisive question: “But who do you— you!—say that I am?” Who am I for you, now? Jesus does not want to be a key figure from the past; He wants to be an important person for you today, for me today.... Jesus wants to be the God who is close to us!

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 27, 2023