

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 31-September 1 Twenty-Second 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 saw last week that the Eucharist was the new Passover. At the center of the Passover, was the sacrifice of the lamb. At the new Passover, we receive the fruits of the sacrifice of the Lamb of God on the Cross. Let me just flesh out a little about this notion of sacrifice.

Sacrifices were at the heart of the Jewish liturgical life. Sacrifices were offered up to God in order to change one's relationship to God in some way. Often, this change was the forgiveness of sins. Somehow, the life of the victim offered in sacrifice involved the people. It had a spiritual effect on them. This sacrificial effect was shown oftentimes by the eating of the flesh of the sacrificed offering. The flesh entering them as food brought them renewal and forgiveness. Often, the people were also sprinkled with the blood of the sacrificed lamb. As the blood was sprinkled, it reminded them that the death of that lamb was for them.

So it is with the Eucharist. We eat the body and now, in an even more profound activity, we actually drink the blood of Jesus. This celebration of the Eucharist symbolizes, and also brings about a deepening and renewal of the grace of salvation that Jesus won for us on the cross. His sacrifice of himself was for our salvation! When we receive the Eucharist, that salvation is renewed within us once again, and we are reminded of how much Jesus loves us: so much that he was willing to die for us!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

We will meet in the Petroglyph room on Monday, September 2.

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
September 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 Forgue	Jim Whitten
Terry Bahill	Ashleigh McIntosh
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	Rosie Treinen
Linda Whitten	

**OUR LADY OF THE
DESERT**

DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Melissa Bandelt (5/24)
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 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

Monday, September 2

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**William Zeches (d)

Tuesday, September 3

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

**James Orth

Wednesday, September 4

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**Redemptorist Community

Thursday, September 5

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

**Hal Spencer (d)

Friday, September 6

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

**Rita West - Healing

Saturday, September 7

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

**Pedro Rosales & Family - Healing

Sunday, September 8

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**Bob & Edie Rohr (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Anne M. Ramsey (d)

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 support of

The Men's ACTS Retreat

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 19-26, 2024 - \$6,180.00

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/>

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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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.

First Friday Adoration Come let us adore Him!

SEPTEMBER 6, 2024, 5-8 pm

At the altar of Our Lady of the Desert Church

The monstrance will be placed on the altar at 5 pm and ends at 8 pm. Please contact the office@desertrenewal.org

Please join us in adoration of the Christ! Please spare 30-60 mins of your time or any amount you wish to adore our Lord Jesus. This is such a blessing for us to actually spend time with our Lord and Savior.



In union with Christ's passion, we offer up as sacrifice upon the fleshy altars of our hearts all that we lack. In return we receive from on high the fullness of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist, and we see the Word become flesh in our own lives.

Brief Encounter



**When God brings
two people
together to
transform their
lives**

People who didn't receive the attention and affection they needed as children often grow up to be overly independent or codependent. They don't develop a good self-image and sometimes don't know who they really are inside.

They became self-alienated in their childhoods and then never thought to look inside to learn who they really are. Instead, they looked outside of themselves and chose to become whomever others told them they should be.

Some were forced into the role of good boy or good girl. Others learned to act-out to be noticed. Either way they grew up into adulthood not knowing who they really are and too afraid to go inside and discover their real nature.

Many adults in this situation have few friends because they don't know who they are and even if they have some idea, they are too afraid to expose themselves and be rejected.

There are times when God comes to the rescue, however, placing two people on the same path just long enough for them to both learn from each other, open up and learn it's ok to be their natural selves.

This retreat will study a brief encounter, just one day, in which two women transform each other's lives helping them to uncover the lost person inside.

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



Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Retreat Director

September 21, 2024

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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Catholic Bishops of Arizona on Arizona proposition #139

As Catholic Bishops of Arizona we want to express our strong opposition to Proposition 139.

If passed, this initiative threatens to enshrine a constitutional right to virtually unrestricted abortion in Arizona. What makes a constitutional amendment especially grave is that our own Arizona legislators could lose the ability to regulate abortion in any meaningful way, leaving us with the potential for what would likely become nearly unrestricted abortion.

Arizona law currently allows for abortions up until 15 weeks of pregnancy. Proposition 139, however, would go far beyond even this current law.

The proposed amendment, among other things, would likely remove most safeguards for girls and women that are currently in place at abortion clinics, permit a minor to obtain an abortion without parental involvement or permission, and allow for painful late-term abortions of viable pre-born children.

While this ballot measure claims to be moderate in nature, its vague language would make Arizona one of the most extreme states in terms of abortion. We believe that even many of those who support abortion in limited instances would find this proposed constitutional amendment extreme and misleading.

Arizonans deserve far better than the measures being proposed in this initiative which is why we strongly oppose Proposition 139.

Most Rev. John P. Dolan Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger

Bishop of Phoenix Bishop of Tucson

Most Rev. Eduardo Nevares. Most Rev. James S. Wall

Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix Bishop of Gallup

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,

Do Christians need to follow the Ten Commandments, or are they the “Old Law”?

There is nothing arbitrary or old-fashioned about the commandments of God. The Ten Commandments, given to us by the Author of the World, are found in Exodus 20:2–17. They are: (1) I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me. (2) You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain. (3) Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day. (4) Honor your father and your mother. (5) You shall not kill. (6) You shall not commit adultery. (7) You shall not steal. (8) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (9) You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. (10) You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

The first three Commandments were meant to guide us in our relationship with God; the remaining seven Commandments pertain to our relationships with others. Jesus gives us a new motivation for keeping the Commandments—the motivation of love. He gives a double commandment: love of God and love of neighbor (Mark 12:28–34). Saint Paul tells us these new commands fulfill those of the Old Law (Romans 13:8–10); and John writes that keeping the Commandments simply out of fear of punishment is not enough: love must be the driving force (1 John 4:18). ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6	September 7	September 8
<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Cor 2:1–5 Lk 4:16–30	1 Cor 2:10b–16 Lk 4:31–37	1 Cor 3:1–9 Lk 4:38–44	1 Cor 3:18–23 Lk 5:1–11	1 Cor 4:1–5 Lk 5:33–39	1 Cor 4:6b–15 Lk 6:1–5	Is 35:4–7a Jas 2:1–5 Mk 7:31–37



GIULIO NAPOLITANO / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We spend time assigning blame; but spending time blaming others is wasting time. We become angry, bitter, and keep God away from our heart.... One cannot be truly religious while complaining: complaining poisons, it leads you to anger, to resentment and to sadness...which closes the door to God. Let us ask the Lord today to free us from blaming others....

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 29, 2021