

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of September 14-15

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary

### Redemptorist Community

#### Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

#### Director of Renewal Center

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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



When we speak of the Eucharist, we believe, of course, that the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Jesus. This is a change that we call transubstantiation (changing of the substance). Let's look at this idea.

First, we are dealing with a philosophy that says that all things contain two properties: what they are and how they appear. Substance refers to what something is. How it appears is called an Accident. For example, consider water. It is a union of 2 hydrogen atoms and 1 oxygen atom. That is its substance. However, it can be liquid, ice, or steam. Each of these is called an accident because water can look like all of them. So, we can see that what something looks like does not really have anything to do with what it is. Another example is a cup. The cup can be white, yellow, red or green. It can be an 8 ounce or a 10 ounce cup. Neither the color nor size have anything to do with making a cup a cup! These things are totally accidental to what the cup is.

Now, we are very used to seeing the accidents change and still the substance does not, for example, ice melts to a liquid or a house is painted a new color. However, in the Eucharist, the exact opposite happens. The accidents of the bread and wine remain the same, but the substance, i.e. what it is, changes. So, it still looks and tastes like bread, and looks and tastes like wine, but the species in fact are no longer bread and wine. (Remember, we have already shown that what things look like have nothing to do with what they are!)

How does this change happen? Well, during every mass the priest will put his hands over the bread and wine and pray that God will send His Holy Spirit upon them that they may become the body and blood of Christ. God does send the Spirit, and His love and power on the bread and wine, along with the words of consecration that Jesus called his Church to repeat, changes the bread into Jesus' body and the wine into His blood. Jesus is truly present in the form of bread and wine. So, when we consume the sacred species in Communion, we are actually eating the body of Jesus and drinking his blood, completing the sacrifice of Calvary (as we saw earlier). Thus, the accidents have stayed the same while the substance has changed.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

## Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

We will meet on September 16, in the Zendo room at the end of the indoor hallway of building #5.

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.

## Respect Life Novena

September is a month dedicated to pro-life issues. We encourage you to pray especially for an end to abortions. One way to do this is to pray the Respect Life Novena.

This novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

The novena can be accessed by using the following link: <https://www.usccb.org/respect-life-novena>



*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	
Walter McCulloch	
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, September 13**

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

\*\*Robert Lynch - Healing

### **Saturday, September 14**

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

\*\* Lidia G Hernandez (d)

### **Sunday, September 15**

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

\*\*The Grant & Mowry Families Healing

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

\*\*The Milligan Family - Prayers

### **Monday, September 16**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Huy Vu

\*\*Stephen Adams (d)

### **Tuesday, September 17**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Huy Vu

\*\*Julio - Special Intention, Conversion & Safety

### **Wednesday, September 18**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Huy Vu

\*\*David Lutz (d)

### **Thursday, September 19**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Huy Vu

\*\*Fr. Ricardo Elford (d)

### **Friday, September 20**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Huy Vu

\*\*Julio - Special Intention, Conversion & Safety

### **Saturday, September 21**

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

\*\*Anna M. Hernandez - Special Intention

### **Sunday, September 22**

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

\*\*James Evans (d)

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Marion Hurley (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. 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 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](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 -First Friday of Every Month**

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  
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10 am-2 pm  
Saturday 11:30am-1:30pm  
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CHRISTMAS GIFTS AVAILABLE

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**Jesus Murrieta's Birthday**

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 26-September 2, 2024 - \$4,566.00

**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/>

## **Arizona Bishops Speak on Proposition 314**

As Catholic Bishops of Arizona, we express our frustration about the current situation at the US-Mexico border. The lack of a federal solution to challenges faced by both vulnerable asylum seekers and American communities is sorely needed and long overdue.

The states and local communities along the border shoulder much of the challenges created by the federal government's neglect. Its failure to address increased migration in a pragmatic and humane way has led to an ineffective response at the border and an unacceptable number of migrant deaths.

We do not question the good intentions of those seeking to address these challenges. Nonetheless, we believe that Proposition 314 will have unanticipated consequences, and that it is not the right solution.

Although proponents argue that Proposition 314 is about border security, the reality is that its passage will create real fear within Arizona communities that will have harmful consequences. In particular, by having state and local law enforcement responsible for enforcing what should be the role of federal immigration authorities, many crime victims and witnesses will be afraid to go to law enforcement and report crimes. As a result, dangerous criminals will not be apprehended, and public safety will be threatened.

Additionally, immigration by its nature is a national issue and the regulation of immigration extends beyond the purview of individual states, points consistently affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court. Rather than holding the federal government accountable, Proposition 314 will only create further disorder and confusion, placing unworkable and unrealistic expectations on state judicial officers and law enforcement personnel.

The federal government needs to do a much better job of managing our national border and providing comprehensive immigration reform. Proposition 314, however, is unlikely to survive legal challenges and is not the right solution to these problems.

Most Rev. John P. Dolan, Bishop of Phoenix  
Most Rev. Eduardo Nevares, Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix,  
Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson  
Most Rev. James S. Wall, Bishop of Gallup

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## **Arizona Catholic Bishops Statement Opposing 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, Bishop of Phoenix  
Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson  
Most Rev. James S. Wall, Bishop of Gallup  
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# 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**

*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

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**Call 520-744-3400  
for reservations**





The Gospel According to Disney will examine spiritual and life-changing truths found in Disney movies. Many of these spiritual truths are found in Scripture and they contain psychological and emotional value for those of us who are faced with real life problems daily.

As adults today, we need to regain our childhood sense of wonderment that was lost along the way of growing into adults. We have lost the innocence and amazement that we once marvelled at in the simple beauty and wonder of life.

Come regain your lost sense of play as you open your eyes to the true meaning of loving relationships with ourselves and others.



*FR. CHARLIE WEHRLEY, C.S.S.R.*  
**Retreat Director**

**October 12, 2024**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**\$55**

**includes lunch and handouts**



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# Soul-Centered

## Music as Prayer & Emotional Therapy



This is a follow up to my original Soul-Centered retreat— a **Sacred Edition** which will focus on Classical composers.

Music is the voice of God. This retreat will focus on opening to the Holy Spirit and allowing God to take us to places within our hearts, souls and minds as we are experiencing musical pieces by Mozart, Rachmaninov, Karl Jenkins, John Rutter and Vivaldi.

The primary focus will be on identifying feelings that the Spirit brings alive inside of you through the music. Guided meditations, set to music, will focus on enhancing self-love.

**9:00 Am– 3:00 PM**

**\$55 includes lunch**

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*Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C. Ss. R.*  
**Retreat Director**

**November 2, 2024**

**Call 520-744-3400  
For reservations.**



# Dear Padre,

*Why does OCIA take so long? I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?*

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults and the new name for RCIA) was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ, or who has never participated in a church community. OCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, learn to pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites; some parts of the process are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year. Talk to your priest about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you. ●



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**Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" ...Today too, the Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: "Who am I—in fact—for you?" ... This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response.*

**HOMILY, BUDAPEST, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

### Monday

September 16  
*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*  
1 Cor 11:17–26, 33  
Lk 7:1–10

### Tuesday

September 17  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a  
Lk 7:11–17

### Wednesday

September 18  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 12:31–13:13  
Lk 7:31–35

### Thursday

September 19  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 15:1–11  
Lk 7:36–50

### Friday

September 20  
*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*  
1 Cor 15:12–20  
Lk 8:1–3

### Saturday

September 21  
*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13  
Mt 9:9–13

### Sunday

September 22  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Wis 2:12, 17–20  
Jas 3:16–4:3  
Mk 9:30–37