

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of September 21-22

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Redemptorist Community

Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

Associates

Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

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



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



The Eucharist has been described as a going away gift that Jesus gave to his Apostles and through them, to the Church. After all, Jesus knew that the Last Supper would be the final time he would see his disciples before he would die. I'm sure he wanted to give them something so that they would always remember him.

Most of us, when we give a going away present some type gift as a kind of a symbol of our relationship with them. However, with Jesus, a symbol would not do. He gives us his very self! As the bread is broken and given to others, and as the wine is consumed, it presents a perfect memory of who Jesus is. His whole life was spent for others. He gave himself away every time he happened upon someone in the gospels. One of my favorite stories is when Jesus and the Apostles are exhausted after spending a long day teaching and healing. They are worn out and want to do nothing but rest. Yet, when their boat comes to shore, Jesus sees a crowd of people who need him. Right away, he forgets his own tiredness and begins to minister to them. That's who Jesus was, one who gave himself away in service for others.

In the Eucharist, we are continually reminded of who Jesus was because we see him once again give himself away under the forms of bread and wine. As we remember this, we also need to remember that Jesus wanted us to follow his example. After he washed his Disciples' feet, he called on them to wash one another's feet. He, the teacher, had shown them how to live! The Eucharist, therefore, reminds us of who Jesus is and also of who we need to be if we are really his followers. Plus, the Eucharist does not only show us how we should live, but as we receive the very body and blood of Christ into our hearts and lives, we actually are given the strength we need to live as Jesus did. The Eucharist is a perfect going away gift!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

We will meet at 10am on September 23, in the Agave room building #7.

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.



Pilgrimage Opportunity with Bishop Kicanas & Deacon Ed Sheffer
Greece & Turkey - The Footsteps of St. Paul

A Religious Pilgrimage of a Lifetime ...

April 30 – May 11, 2025

Come join Bishop Gerald Kicanas & Deacon Ed Sheffer and explore the crucial impact St Paul had on our faith. You will discover firsthand the sacred sites of Christianity. You will experience some of the world's richest displays of architecture – from magnificent basilicas and cathedrals to beautiful spiritual monasteries ... and art – from murals of Bible scenes to inspired depictions of the symbols and events of our faith that we hold most dear. You will encounter first-hand the places where Saint Paul addressed many of his letters. You will also visit beautiful cities and islands. This pilgrimage is filled with spectacular settings in Greece & Turkey, from ancient ruins, to towering cliffs, to a relaxing cruise and sandy beaches on the Greek isles. This will not only be a very special spiritual journey, but also a chance to take in the distinctive cultures and traditions of both Greece and Turkey. This Footsteps of Paul pilgrimage has it all. You will be awed, as you immerse yourself into the mythical landscapes and encounter an array of archaeological treasures, colors, flavors, culinary delights, and traditions. Incredible memories of people and places awaits. You will be telling friends and family for the rest of your life about this adventure.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions! 520-577-8780 X111

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**

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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 | 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 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)**

Monday, September 23

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Mary Gausepohls (d)**

Tuesday, September 24

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

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

Wednesday, September 25

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Hurbert & Madeline Dompke (d)**

Thursday, September 26

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

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

Friday, September 27

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

****Jeremiah - Special Intention**

Saturday, September 28

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

****Brother Dennis Lee & Fr. Tom Donaldson
C.Ss.R. Birthdays**

Sunday, September 29

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Peace In Ukraine - Fr. Ivan Levytskyi & Fr. Bohdan Geleta C.Ss.R.**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

****Denny Mallory (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.

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 –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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29	30					

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

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Ken Wander

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 : September 9-16, 2024 - \$ 10,222.00

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/>



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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for reservations



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,

What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling?

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on one's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction. In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it. Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development, but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (CCC 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: 'Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect'" (CCC 2013). ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently: they are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Do you want to be first? Serve.... [Service] has a precise and concrete meaning in the Gospel. To serve is not a courteous expression: it means to act like Jesus.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Monday

September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 3:27-34
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 24
Weekday
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 25
Weekday
Prv 30:5-9
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 26
Weekday
Eccl 1:2-11
Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 27
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Eccl 3:1-11
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 28
Weekday
Eccl 11:9-12:8
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 29
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25-29
Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48