

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 28-29

Twenty-sixth 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



As I mentioned back in the introduction to the Sacraments, Sacraments are signs of God's love which actually cause us to receive the love being shown to us. So, it is important to look at the signs of The Sacrament of the Eucharist before we move on. The main sign of the Eucharist is the bread and wine. But, the fulness of the symbol lies not in the bread and wine as they sit on the altar, but rather the bread and wine as they are given away and shared.

As we eat the body of Christ and drink his blood, we are actually fed by Jesus' own life. His resurrection life enters once again into our lives and cleanses us from sin and strengthens us to love others. This Divine food reawakens and strengthens in us the life of resurrection we received Baptism. As we become one with Jesus through taking his body and blood into ourselves, we also become more deeply united to all those who share the body and blood of Jesus with us. The Eucharist shows us what the Church is supposed to be: a community of people united to Christ and also to one another in life-giving love.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

We will meet at 10am on September 30, in the Ironwood across from the pool building #10.

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

September 29 is Priesthood Sunday.

**Please pray for our priests and for the gift of more vocations
to the priesthood!**

Prayer for Priests

LORD JESUS CHRIST, eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own Heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN ~ Pope Benedict XVI

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

By St. Therese of the Child Jesus

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission
fields.
for Your tempted priests;
for Your lonely and desolate priests;
for Your young priests;
for Your dying priests;
for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.
But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priests who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and
who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.
O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

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/October 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 | Bob Box |
| 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 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)

Monday, September 30

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly

** Jeremiah - Special Intention

Tuesday, October 1

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

**Santiago Tupas (d)

Wednesday, October 2

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

**Chuck Wilcox (d)

Thursday, October 3

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

**Debbie Curalito (d)

Friday, October 4

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

**Frances Weber (d)

First Friday Adoration-5pm-8pm

Saturday, October 5

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

**Special Intentions- Healing for Spiritual,
Physical and Emotional

Sunday, October 6

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

**Erin Zeches (d)

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

**Ken & Margaret McNealy Healing

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. For the month of September we have collected 80 lbs of food.

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:

October



Bookstore hours—call office

Open: 1/2 HR After all weekend Masses

Open: M-T-Th-F

10 am-2 pm

Saturday 12th & 26th 11:00am-1:00pm

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

SPECIAL

CHRISTMAS GIFTS AVAILABLE

This weeks Flower were donated

In Memory of

Joe Fernando

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 - \$ 4,430.00

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.**



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates
Invites YOU to learn the story of the first and only approved Marian
apparition site in the USA

The mysterious woman in white said to Adele Brise, "Gather the children in
this wild country and teach them what they need to know for their salvation."

When: Thursday, October 17th, 2024

Where: The St. Alphonsus Kitchen

Time: 5 - 6 PM

Martha Valukas, Ambassador for the
National Shrine of Our Lady of
Champion, will be the Associates'
guest speaker.

Come and learn about this special
apparition here in the United States!

Also available via Zoom. Please contact
John Davenport (john@davenport.net) for
the Zoom link.



Let's pray the rosary, Arizona!

Arizona Rosary Celebration is a
state-wide event with gatherings in multiple cities.

Join thousands of Catholics across the state to pray and
give public witness to the faith. Bring your family. Invite
your friends.

The main celebrations are in Phoenix and Tucson, and
additional activities are held in Flagstaff, Bullhead City,
Winslow, Yuma.

October 26-27, 2024, join us for the
49th Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration.

SATURDAY IN TUCSON

10am - 12:15pm Saturday, October 26
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8650 N. Shannon Rd. Tucson, AZ 85742

SUNDAY IN PHOENIX

2pm - 4:15pm Sunday, October 27
Phoenix Convention Center, South Building
33 S. 3rd St., Phoenix AZ 85004
Doors open at noon for adoration, confession, exhibits

Dear Padre,

After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?

“The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus’ warning not to despise “little ones” because “their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we’ll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. “This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” (CCC 1024). Even though “this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description” (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●



ZWIEBACKESSER / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6
<i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Jb 1:6–22 Lk 9:46–50	Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 Lk 9:51–56	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 Mt 18:1–5, 10	Jb 19:21–27 Lk 10:1–12	Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Lk 10:13–16	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Lk 10:17–24	Gn 2:18–24 Heb 2:9–11 Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



YARA NARDI / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church... Because the devil, who is the divider—this is what the word “devil” means, the one who divides—always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people... The Holy Spirit does not want closure; he wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021