

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of October 26-27

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary

### Redemptorist Community

#### Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

#### Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

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Rev. Charlie Wehrley, 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

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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 have looked at the idea of conversion as central to the Sacrament of Penance. Now, the catechism turns to look at the motive for conversion, namely, Contrition. Contrition is another word for sorrow and regret. When we sin, it hopefully produces contrition within us. We realize that our sins have separated us from God and from our brothers and sisters. The Church recognizes two types of contrition. The first is a sorrow for sin based on the fact that we fear the punishment that might come from sin. This is called imperfect contrition. Imperfect contrition can help us to see a need to reconcile with God and with the Church. Therefore, it can lead us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation to receive the forgiveness we need. Perfect contrition is when we regret our sin simply because we know it is wrong and that it has offended God. It is not based on fear, but on love. This perfect contrition brings with it the forgiveness of both mortal and venial sin, even before celebrating Penance, if we have the intention of confessing later. In either case, it is God's grace which leads us to contrition and then on to conversion.

Once contrition is felt, we are moved to confess our sins to a priest. The priest represents God and his loving forgiveness in our lives. In confessing to another person, we face our failings in a fuller and more honest way. It helps us to take responsibility for our sins. Confession also affords a chance for the priest to make recommendations on how we can grow spiritually.

All mortal sins must be brought to the Sacrament of Penance for their forgiveness. Since these mortal sins are more serious and completely cut off our relationship to God, the Church asks us to confess to a priest in order to remind ourselves how serious these sins are. (Mortal sins are actions that are seriously wrong, we know fully well that they are seriously wrong, and we decide freely to do them anyway.) For venial sins, which harm our relationship to God, but do not cut it off, we do not necessarily need to confess them to a priest, but doing so anyway could be helpful. God, in his love and mercy, will always forgive our venial sins whenever we turn to him in sorrow.

*~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.*

## Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

**We will meet at 10am on October 28, in the Zendo room Building #5 at the end of the hallway.**

### \_HELP

We Retired Priests are looking for a used or "retired" Golf Cart. Our group of Redemptorist Retired priests are needing a golf cart to help us move from place to place....yes, there is some difficulty walking in the desert.

If you have a retired golf cart that you are not using, please think of donating your golf cart to us and we will give your cart a beautiful "After Life" here in the desert.

We are an "official" tax exempt 501c corporation" and we can give you a tax letter.

If you can help us, contact me:

Fr. Paul Coury

720 272 2221 pauljohncoury@aol.com

Please also remember that the RRC is also looking for golf carts!!





## Upcoming Funeral Announcements

We will have a funeral Mass for Carol Burba on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Our Lady of the Desert Church.

## The Turkey is in the Oven!

Thanksgiving Day Mass is on Thursday, November 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day Brunch will follow Mass (around 11:30 a.m.)

Tickets are \$55.00 (parishioners) \$60.00 dollars (non-parishioners) and \$30.00 (kids under 12) available in the office.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Catholic Charities USA, the official disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States, is currently providing emergency support and assistance to its Diocesan Catholic Charities member agencies throughout the regions that are being impacted by Hurricane Milton.

Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations to provide humanitarian relief to those in need through the good work of Catholic Charities, which is the official domestic disaster relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States.

"Less than two weeks after Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Milton is making landfall in Florida as a major storm," says Catholic Charities. "Local Catholic Charities Agencies are ready to deploy and provide life-sustaining assistance after the storm passes. 100% of donations go to helping those affected by this disaster, providing critical relief — including shelter, food and other humanitarian aid — to those most in need.

Thank you for sending hope."

Please consider a donation to help those most impacted by this natural disaster. I also ask for your prayers for the victims of the disaster, rescue workers, and all those who are suffering because of Hurricane Milton.

May God bless you abundantly,  
Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger



# SUPPORT

## Hurricane Milton

### Relief

Donate here:  
<https://bit.ly/4eA9Pip>  
or scan the QR code



# Called to Serve Moms in Need



Our Blessed Mother models a profound witness to love and life in the Gospel account of the Visitation. Luke's Gospel tells us that, when Mary learns that her cousin Elizabeth is pregnant, she travels to the hill country "*in haste*" (Lk 1:39). Despite being unexpectedly pregnant herself, Mary responds to this news with urgency.

She embarks on a long and perhaps difficult journey to be with her cousin during her time of need, bearing Christ to her as He lay quietly hidden in Mary's womb. And, although Jesus is veiled from view, when Mary first arrives John the Baptist leaps for joy in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing the presence of Christ (Lk 1:44). Mary, with Jesus, spends the next three months at Elizabeth's side.

The witness of our Blessed Mother invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child.

Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.<sup>1</sup> How can we, like the Blessed Mother, lovingly support mothers in welcoming and caring for God's gift of life?

Throughout the whole of Scripture, Mary's words are few. Yet, in her sacred encounter with Elizabeth, a powerful declaration pours from her lips. Mary proclaims to all generations that the Lord *lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and remembers his promise of mercy from age to age* (Lk 1:46-56). In both word and deed, Mary speaks a

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My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Luke 1:46-47

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message of *hope*—not only to Elizabeth, but also to every mother in need and to each of us.

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence.

Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.

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<sup>1</sup> Lori, Most Reverend William E. 2022. Homily for the Opening Mass of the 2022 National Prayer Vigil for Life. Delivered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. January 20, 2022. <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/archbishop-william-e-lori-opening-mass-2022-national-prayer-vigil-life>.



*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  
October 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	Merle Margelofsky
Pat Celentano	Bob Box
Hayden Spencer	June Wood
Walter McCulloch	L. Cindy Otte
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)  
Bernie Burba (11/23)  
Carol Burba (9/24)  
Peter Castillo (2/24)  
Larry Cobble (5/24)  
Joe Fernando (2/24)  
Theresa Fitzpatrick (10/23)  
Dave Forgue (10/23)  
Tony Iavagnilio (1/24)  
Joan Jones (11/23)  
Mary Johnson (1/24)  
Gabby Juteau (10/24)  
Pierrette (Petra) Juteau (11/23)  
Edward Kenyon (1/24)  
Scott Milligan (11/23)  
Linda Obenauf (11/23)  
Mary Sloan (7/24)  
Phyllis Spence, OSB (11/23)  
Dan Sullivan (11/23)  
Elaine Tolentino (8/24)  
Patricia Wayne (10/24)

*"The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak."*

## **\*\*Mass Intentions/Presiders**

### **Friday, October 25**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea  
\*\*Fran & Monica Roach

### **Saturday, October 26**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*Peace in the Ukraine & Fr. Ivan Levytskyi  
C.Ss.R.& Fr. Bohdon Geleta C.Ss.R.

### **Sunday, October 27**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\*Rosie Vassallo Birthday  
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*Felicidad Tupas (d)

### **Monday, October 28**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\* Tina Abatecola - Birthday

### **Tuesday, October 29**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Fran & Monica Roach

### **Wednesday, October 30**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*Ninette Rabins (d)

### **Thursday, October 31**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus  
\*\*Denny Mallory (d)  
4:00 p.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

### **Friday, November 1**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea  
\*\*Harold J. Ramsey (d)

### **Saturday, November 2**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Jack Lehmkuhl (d)

### **Sunday, November 3**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*George Horton, Sr. (d)  
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*Pedro Rosales & Family 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](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:**

## October



Bookstore hours—call office

Open: 1/2 HR After all week-end 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 Loving Memory of**

# Carol Burba

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 : October 14-21, 2024 - \$ 6,704.00

**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/>



# First Friday Adoration

## Come let us adore Him!

**NOVEMBER 1, 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](mailto: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.**



**REDEMPTORIST RENEWAL CENTER SPIRITUALITY SERIES:**

**LIVING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – PART 1:**

**“KNOWLEDGE” “UNDERSTANDING” “COUNSEL”**

**November 9, 2024**

**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Fr. Steve Rehrauer, C.Ss.R. – Retreat Director



Catholic Scholastic Theology observes that human persons image God by way of the powers of the rational soul - principally reason and will. By proper use of the ability to reason we come to know the truth and know God as its source. Knowledge of the truth informs and guides our willful choices to love God and neighbor; to live the truth in word and deed. But reason and will are fallible. As finite limited human beings that form part of a world influenced by sin, we are prone to make mistakes. Our grasp of what is right and good is partial and often confused. As St Paul points out, even when we know the good and desire to do it, for some mysterious reason we find ourselves doing the opposite. More commonly we simply cannot find the energy or “will power” to do it. We are influenced in our thought processes and choices by the structures of sin that surround us, by the many voices proclaiming an “alternative truth” to that of the Gospel, and by situations of life and its demands that can limit our freedom to choose and carry out our choices. Our best intentions often go unrealized.

Our faith teaches that Divine Grace, given to us by the Holy Spirit of God, sanctifies and heals these weaknesses of our shared human nature. In this first of a two-part series, we will reflect together about the 3 supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit that act upon human reason. The gifts of knowledge, understanding, and counsel direct, inform, correct, and purify the ways in which we reason and discern what is true and false, right and wrong. These 3 gifts, together with the further 3 gifts that act upon the will equip us to follow Christ faithfully as a people who are authentically strong, loving, and wise.

**\$45 per person - Includes  
Lunch and Materials**

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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.**





COPPER STATE

HOSPICE



## "HOW WILL I GET THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS"

Because holidays lived in the absence of someone dear can be very difficult times... with customary routines ended, never to be repeated in quite the same way, Copper State Hospice is offering this retreat day for those who are grieving the loss of their loved ones.

You are invited to join us at the Redemptorist Renewal Center, a special retreat center in the Tucson community for more than 55 years.

**Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024 — Lunch is Included**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (please arrive no later than 9:45 a.m.)**

**Place: Redemptorist Renewal Center, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road, Tucson**

**Cost: \$45.00**

**How to register:** Please register early as the registration deadline is Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

- Must be at least 21 years old to attend
- Email Donna-Marie Terranova (dterranova@copperstatehospice.com) or call her mobile number (619) 840-2960 with names of attendees and contact information. Make sure you receive a reply confirmation that your reservation has been accepted. Further information about the retreat day will be sent upon your reservation.

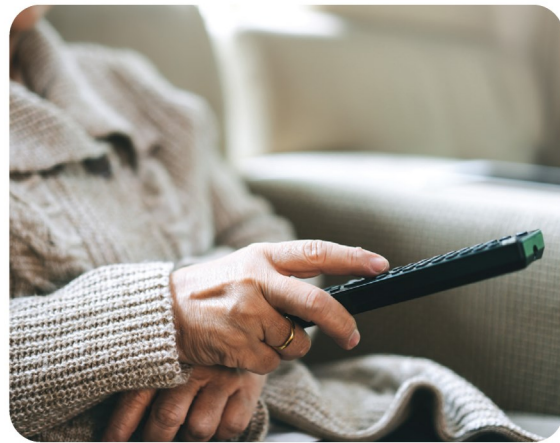
**About the Facilitator:** Donna-Marie Terranova is the Bereavement Coordinator, and one of the Chaplains, at Copper State Hospice. She is a trained Pastoral Counselor and Spiritual Director with master's degrees in both Marriage, Family & Child Counseling and Pastoral Theology.

# Dear Padre,

***I am an eighty-year-old with painful knee replacements. Am I allowed to remain seated during Mass? Also, at what age am I free to watch a televised Mass at home instead of going to Mass?***

Your health condition permits you to remain seated while others in the congregation kneel or stand. Of primary importance is your valued presence, and your full, active participation with fellow members of your Catholic faith community. At Mass, “the faithful form a holy people...so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him...” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 95).

However, if someone is incapable of attending Mass, then the obligation is abrogated, regardless of age. The Church allows a televised Mass primarily for people who are homebound, in hospitals, nursing homes, and prisons. “The televised Mass is never a substitute for the Church’s pastoral care for the sick in the form of visits by parish ministers who share the Scriptures and bring Communion, nor is it ever a substitute for the Sunday Mass celebrated within a parish faith community each week” (*Guidelines for Televising the Liturgy*, USCCB, 2014). If you are unable to be present at Mass, you have an opportunity to identify with a worshiping community, hear the word of God, be moved to expressions of praise and thanksgiving, and unite with Christ in spiritual communion. ●



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**Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
October 28	October 29	October 30	October 31	November 1	November 2	November 3
<i>Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	<i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Eph 2:19–22 Lk 6:12–16	Eph 5:21–33 Lk 13:18–21	Eph 6:1–9 Lk 13:22–30	Eph 6:10–20 Lk 13:31–35	Rv 7:2–4, 9–14 1 Jn 3:1–3 Mt 5:1–12a	Wis 3:1–9 Rom 6:3–9 Jn 6:37–40	Dt 6:2–6 Heb 7:23–28 Mk 12:28b–34



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Jesus hears [Bartimaeus’] plea. When he goes to him... he takes time to listen. This is the first step in helping the journey of faith: listening. It is the apostolate of the ear.... For Jesus, the cry of those pleading for help is not a nuisance but a challenge. How important it is for us to listen to life!***

**HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 28, 2018**