

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of November 30-December 1

First Sunday of Advent

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

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



Let us now turn to the question of who this sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is meant for.

The Sacrament of the anointing of the Sick is a gift God has given to the Church whereby grace and healing can be given to a sick one. Many people wrongly believe that this sacrament is only for one who is dying. However, the Sacrament is actually for anyone who has a serious illness. As #1514 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.”

One of the other much confused ideas about this sacrament comes from that statement about old age. We must always remember that growing old is a natural part of life. Old age is not a “sickness.” Therefore, to preserve the original intent of this sacrament, old age is not enough of a reason to be anointed. However, if a person finds themselves feeling very weakened by their elderly state, they may be anointed.

Children can also receive this sacrament if they are seriously ill. However, the Church asks that only children who have reached the age of reason be anointed, because this sacrament is meant to comfort the sick person. If a child is too young, the anointing will not bring comfort to them, because they will not understand what is happening. In fact, it might just frighten them.

The sacrament exists to bring the light of Christ’s love into the darkness that can be experienced by a person who is seriously ill. Next week, we will look at the effects that this sacrament can have for one who is sick.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Petroglyph room building #10, on Monday,
December 2.

Fr. Mike McAndrew

This weekend, Fr Mike McAndrew, a Redemptorist, will be preaching at all our masses. Fr. Mike has spent the majority of his priesthood working with migrants and migrant workers throughout the country. He has recently written a book on his experiences. He will be sharing with us about migration and will also have copies of his book available should anyone wish to buy one. Please welcome Fr Mike with open arms to Our Lady of the Desert.



Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson



The Catholic Foundation is dedicated to inspiring and stewarding Catholic generosity in the Diocese of Tucson. The organization's core values are Faith, Stewardship, Integrity, Inspiration, Transformation & Discipleship.

The Catholic Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization governed by an independent governing board and is the official fundraising entity for the Diocese of Tucson, including its parishes, schools, ministries and social service entities in Southern Arizona. They have provided philanthropic support for Catholic organizations in the area for more than 40 years, offering planned giving assistance and guidance through legacy gifts such as endowments, stock, annuities and bequests. The Catholic Foundation serves as a community foundation and a trusted charitable giving expert that partners with generous individuals, families and organizations to raise the quality of life in our Catholic community and beyond. They also foster a culture of collaboration, inspire action, and generate impactful outcomes that align with their mission. To learn more contact Elizabeth Bollinger, Executive Director directly at (520) 838-2506.



QUICK FACTS

Phone: (520) 838-2504
Website: cathfnd.org
Year Established: 1981

Budget:
\$6,569,000

Impact: 2024 Diocesan Grants: \$605,840. Healthcare Grants: \$406,000. Scholarships: \$24,000.

Annual Fundraiser:
The Cornerstone Gala, Friday, Sept. 12, 2025

Secure income for yourself and your Catholic church, school, ministry or the **Catholic Foundation**.

Charitable Gift Annuity

A gift annuity with the Catholic Foundation offers you fixed payments for life, and a way to support the Church.



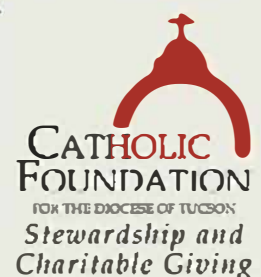
- Make a gift of \$10,000 or more using cash or securities.
- Receive fixed payments for life - for yourself or a loved one age 60 or older.
- Enjoy tax benefits, including an income tax deduction for a portion of your gift if you itemize, and part of each annuity payment is tax-free through life expectancy.
- Designate remaining funds to support your parish, school, ministry, or the Catholic Foundation.

Gift Annuity Rates for One-Life*

Age	60	65	70	75	80	85	90+
Rate	5.2%	5.7%	6.3%	7.0%	8.1%	9.1%	10.1%

*Effective January 1, 2024. Rates are subject to change.

To receive a free, no-obligation illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Elizabeth Bollinger at 520.955.2109 or ebollinger@diocesetucson.org



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
December 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 | Merle Margelofsky |
| Pat Celentano | Bob Box |
| Hayden Spencer | June and Stan Wood |
| Walter McCulloch | L. Cindy Otte |
| Linda Whitten | Sue Cobble |
| Marty Lopez | Robert Keogh |
| Margaret Zeches | |

**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)
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, November 29

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

**Edward Zemla (d)

Saturday, November 30

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

**Anthony Capar (d)

Sunday, December 1

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Bill & Dianne Nelson

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Delores Vojtko (d)

Monday, December 2

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**James Orth (d)

Tuesday, December 3

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

**Joan Joans (d)

Wednesday, December 4

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**Bob Box - Healing

Thursday, December 5

10:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly

**Jane Orth

Friday, December 6

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

**Babie Daquiz Birthday

Saturday, December 7

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

**Peace in Ukraine & Fr. Iva Levystky & Fr.
Bondan Geleta

Sunday, December 8

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**Pedro & Maria Diaz

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**Gerardo Garcia (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. For the month of October we have collected 25 lbs of food.

Thank you for your generosity. ~*Marge Mauzer*

Grief Share Support Group

All past and new members of the **GriefShare** are invited to a **Surviving the Holidays** Session on November 24- from 2-4 in the Front Office Conference Room. It is a time to meet former members and share experience strength and hope. Light refreshments served. For more information contact, June or Stan Wood at 520.219.2919. or at Jwsl1@earthlink.net.

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.

NOVEMBER



November 2024 Bookstore Hours

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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Open: 1/2 hr after all w/e Masses

Monday-Thursday-Friday

10 am-2 pm

Tuesdays 11 am-2 pm

Saturdays in November 11 am-1 pm

Closed Nov 26th-30th **CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS AVAILABLE

This weeks Flower were donated

By The Family

In loving memory of

**John & Harriet Lewandowski's
Anniversary**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weekend Collections : November 18-25, 2024 - \$ 4,386.00

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/>

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DECEMBER



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Monday - Thursday - Friday
10 am - 2 pm
Tuesdays 11 am - 2 pm
Saturdays in December 11 am - 1 pm
Closed Dec 24th, 25th, 26th, 28th, 31st
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS
CHRISTMAS GIFTS AVAILABLE

Wishing you all a very Happy Thanksgiving weekend!

The office is closed Thursday & Friday November 28-29, 2024

We will reopen on Saturday, November 30, 2024 8 am

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
REMEMBERING THE GOODNESS OF GOD



REDEMPTORIST RENEWAL CENTER SPIRITUALITY SERIES:

LIVING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – PART 2: “FEAR OF THE LORD” “PIETY” “FORTITUDE”

December 14, 2024

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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



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 knowing the truth alone is not enough. We also need to be “Doers of the Word”. Though endowed by our creator with “freedom of choice”, 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. Our freedom to act justly and rightly is often limited and conditioned by the structures of sin that surround us, and by situations of life and its demands. Knowing is one thing; doing is another. Our best intentions often go unrealized.

Our faith teaches that Divine Grace, given to us by the Holy Spirit of God, sanctifies and heals the weakness of our shared human nature. In this second of a two-part series, we consider the 3 supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit that act upon our human will to free us from the power sin has over our ability to choose and act. The gifts of “Fear of the Lord,” “Piety,” and “Fortitude,” re-order our desires, wants, and resolve to seek the good. They also give us the “spiritual energy”, the strength of will we require to choose and carry out actions that lead us to find our own good in God. 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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Self-Forgiveness

The Life-Restoring Cleanse for Your Soul



Forgiveness of others is difficult for the average person. But self-forgiveness is almost impossible for countless others.

Everyone makes mistakes. Some of us are able to learn from those mistakes and brush them off. We release feelings of failure, shame and guilt. Others, however, are not able to overcome the devastation they feel when they make mistakes.

These people most often suffer from perfectionism, which has haunted them with the belief that if they make a mistake of any sort it's fatal. They are afraid their value in the eyes of others will be greatly diminished and they will no longer be respected or even considered worth-while persons.

And these are the individuals who suffer the most with the concept of self-forgiveness. They simply don't know where to begin to set themselves free from the great disgrace they feel over proving through any error that they are not perfect.

If you are trapped in the fear that any mistake you make may be fatal to your reputation or self-worth or even your ability to be loved by others-- including God-- this retreat will help you realize that every mistake, every sin, is forgiveable. God forgives when we ask, many people forgive us when we ask. We are the ones who must learn to forgive ourselves just as God and others forgive us.



Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Retreat Director

December 7, 2024

9:00 AM-3:00PM

\$55 includes lunch

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Our Lady of the Desert

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CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY
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WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

presents
**Christmas Gifts
of Love**

Pick an Angel or Ornament & Give the Gift of LOVE!

Do you want to make the holidays brighter for children and babies? Adopt a child or an infant for the holiday! You will be giving gifts of LOVE. Choose one Angel or Ornament based on your Christmas budget. We will provide you with clothing sizes and gift suggestions for the child named on the Ornament. Each Angel taken from the Christmas tree will support a newborn infant. Your kindness and generosity for a child will create wonderful memories. Look for the Christmas tree **Saturday, November 23rd** and start picking Angels and Ornaments! **Please Gift Wrap** your presents and put the Angel or Ornament taped securely on the gift. If you need two or more gift tags, please feel free to duplicate the Angel or Ornament to be put on the gift. If you should choose to purchase a gift card please put in a small box or envelope with the Angel or Ornament tag taped securely on them. Bring all wrapped gifts to the **weekend Masses** no later than the weekend of December **14th and 15th** For more information or any questions contact:

Angela Schneider at
520-400-4447 or email
aschneid24@hotmail.com





Let's have a Party!

LET'S HAVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

All parishioners of the Our Lady of the Desert Church,

on Sunday, December 1st, after the 10:00 AM Mass, at St. Alphonsus Kitchen, the Knights of Columbus invite you to have cake, ice cream, and refreshments. Let's meet new people and maybe, just maybe, we will have a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!!

The Knights will have camera equipment and a Photographer to take your photo and print paper to give you your very own photo before you leave!

Here a few photos from last year's Christmas Party.



The Our Lady of the Desert Knights of Columbus want to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! Vivat Jesus, May Jesus Live. . .

Dear Padre,

I've been Catholic all my life, but I don't understand Advent. It's too much like Lent and seems an odd way to prepare for the birth of a baby.

In a society that is primarily secular, one skill of the believing Christian is the ability to balance competing realities. From a secular perspective, Christmas is part of the period identified as the “holidays,” beginning with Thanksgiving until New Year’s Day, when it abruptly ends and stores begin advertising Valentine’s Day.

For Christians, Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the great promise fulfilled after centuries of waiting and expectation. The creative energy of the Father is displayed in wonder and awe as the angels sing and people of good faith gather to celebrate. We join our ancestors in anticipation of this event through the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation.

The Christian holy day is a singular day, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord—Christmas—but the Church continues the celebration of God’s life and love through the days that follow, culminating in the Baptism of the Lord, the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus.

We are invited to hold the secular and the liturgical experiences in an integrated balance. We can celebrate the secular holidays and we can enter the liturgical season that helps us contemplate something much grander and more spectacular. ●



KIPGODI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday

December 2
Advent Weekday
Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

December 3
St. Francis
Xavier, Priest
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

December 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop and
Doctor of the
Church
Is 30:19-21,
23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1,
5a, 6-8

Sunday

December 8
Second Sunday
of Advent
Bar 5:1-9
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6



STEFANO DAL POLOZZO / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Vigilance means this: not to allow our hearts to become lazy or our spiritual life to soften into mediocrity. Be careful because we can become “sleepy Christians”—and we know there are many Christians who are asleep, who are anesthetized by spiritual worldliness....

This is a sad life going forward this way since there is no happiness.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 28, 2021