

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 9-10

Thirty-second 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

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



Penance or Confession is a Sacrament. The definition of sacrament we have been using is that a sacrament is an efficacious sign of God's love. The central sign of this sacrament is an aural sign, a sign involving the sense of hearing. As we hear the priest, who stands in the place of Christ, speak the words of absolution, we believe that God actually reaches out to the sinner to forgive sins. The words are not just empty words. God fulfills them! This can be a truly powerful experience.

I once was hearing the confession of a man in Detroit. He said he was in his 80s. As soon as he entered the confessional, he broke into tears. He told me that he had committed a sin back when he was 13 years old. He just could not believe that God could ever forgive such a serious sin. Even though he had prayed to God saying he was sorry every single day of his life, he still felt overcome by his sin. He said to me, "I just can't bear it anymore!" I invited him to tell me about it, and he did. As I said the words of absolution over him, he again burst into tears. I asked what was wrong, why he was crying. I will never forget his response, "For the first time in my life, I feel free!" Here was a man who just could not believe God could love him enough to forgive him. By hearing me speaking in God's name, all that changed. In HEARING he found peace. Such is the power of an efficacious sign!

Next week, we will begin to look at the second Sacrament of Healing, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

We will meet at 10am on November 11, in the Petroglyph room in Building #10.



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.



Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates

Invites You to

A Beautiful Advent Reflection

by

Camille Sensale,

a nurse who has taught
meditation, spiritual direction,
and yoga for many years.

“Mary is the Soul of Advent”

**At this time of year, we are pregnant as Mary
was pregnant, and carry the Christ within.**

When: Thursday, November 21, 2024 from 5-6:00pm

Where: St. Alphonsus Kitchen and via Zoom*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*Please contact John Davenport (john@davenport.net) for the Zoom link.

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
November 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 | |

**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 8

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

**Rita West - Healing

Saturday, November 9

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

**Leonardo Gentile

Sunday, November 10

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**Bob & Edie Rohr (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**All the Souls of Purgatory (d)

Monday, November 11

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

**Special Intentions Healing for Spiritual,
Physical & Emotional

Tuesday, November 12

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

**Jose Reyneil Sumiguin (d)

Wednesday, November 13

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Br. Mike Rhodes - Birthday

Thursday, November 14

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

**Bob & Chris Francis - 54th Wedding
Anniversary

Friday, November 15

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

**Adolfo Cordova (d)

Saturday, November 16

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

**Bernard Carroll (d)

Sunday, November 17

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Frank Avilla (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**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 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 Jwls1@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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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

John Rivera

In Loving Memory of

Catalina Rivera

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 28-November 4, 2024 - \$ 8,153.00

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/>

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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**2024 Annual Memorial Mass and Ceremony
performed on November 2nd by the Our Lady of
the Desert Council No. 15704**



Council Chaplain, Father Peter Connolly, celebrated the 2024 Annual Memorial Mass. Afterwards we performed a Memorial Ceremony where we acknowledged 19 deceased members of our Council. They are memorialized on our Memorial Plaque normally affixed on the back wall of the Church but can be seen here leaning up against the Candle Table.



Everyone at the Memorial Ceremony expressed how humble and unforgettable it was.



**50th Annual Arizona Rosary
Celebration**

October 18th, 2024 in Tucson,

Here are four Knights and their Wives from the Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704 preparing to march into the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.



Inside the SEAS Church, Colorful Arizona Indian dancers are marching in and in front of Bishop Weisenburger.



*Our Lady of Guadalupe
Pray for us.*

Come one! COME ALL!!!!!

You, your Families, and Friends are invited to have a delicious and hearty Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 16th, after the 4:00 PM Mass in the St. Alphonsus Kitchen.

Also, enjoy a *Wake-up* Pancake Breakfast Sunday morning, November 17th, after the 7:30 and 10:00 AM Masses! Come to the St. Alphonsus Kitchen, sit down and have a delicious plate of delicious pancakes for FREE!!!

This is the Knights of Columbus way of saying THANK YOU!! for all you, the Parishioners, have given to us, so that we could help charities!!

Thank you! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!!!



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. . .





On Saturday, October 19, 2024, three members of the Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704 were exemplified into the Father Anthony Rey, Fourth Degree Assembly No. 3617.


Congratulations to the three new Sir Knights!

New Sir Knight Joseph Wienand, New Sir Knight John Cammarano, and New Sir Knight Steven Guimond.

The persons in the photo above, from left to right, are SK Joseph Wienand, SK John Cammarano, Arizona State Deputy SK Tom Kato, SK Raymond Obral, SK David Vander Linde, and SK Steven Guimond.



LAST CALL! LAST CALL!! If you want to purchase your Jim Click Raffle Tickets you only have this weekend, November 9th & 10th, and next, WHICH IS THE LAST WEEKEND, November 16th & 17th!! The Knights will be outside of the Church after the Saturday and Sunday Masses, both weekends only!



I just love to help out Tucsonans' and their Charities!

- ✚ The Grand Prize Vehicle is a brand-new Jeep Wrangler Rubicon 4xe Plug-in Hybrid!
- ✚ The Second Prize is two round-trip, first-class plane tickets to anywhere in the world (some restrictions apply)
- ✚ The Third Prize is \$5,000 in cash!





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 8th

- 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,

TV's "The Chosen" portrays St. Peter as married. What does the Catholic Church say about this?

Scripture gives evidence about earliest Church practice when it says bishops, presbyters (priests), and deacons should be "married only once" (see 1 Timothy 3:2, 12). That means some of them must have been married! Still, the discipline of celibacy for the sake of the kingdom was encouraged from apostolic times as a way to follow the example of Christ. In the 300s, decrees concerning celibacy of the clergy indicate it was becoming the norm.

Peter is the most frequently mentioned disciple of Jesus in all four Gospels. This Galilean fisherman—introduced to Jesus by his brother, Andrew (see John 1:40–42)—became a spokesman and figure of central importance among the other Apostles.

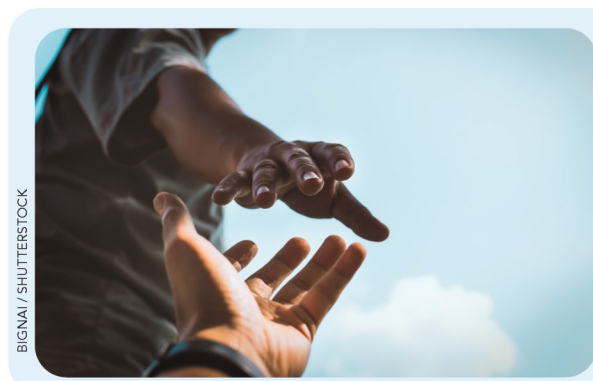
Of the Twelve, some, like Peter, were married. His wife was from Capernaum and their family household may have included his in-laws. According to Scripture, "Jesus entered the house of Peter and saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand, the fever left her, and she rose and waited on him" (Matthew 8:14–15; see also Mark 1:30–31 and Luke 4:38–39). Moreover, Jesus—who may never have owned a home of his own—made the house of Peter his headquarters when he ministered in Capernaum (see Matthew 4:12–13). This house of Peter and his family was venerated by early Christians. Today, the Church of St. Peter's House sits over the original dwelling. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 11	November 12	November 13	November 14	November 15	November 16	November 17
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop	St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ti 1:1–9 Lk 17:1–6	Ti 2:1–8, 11–14 Lk 17:7–10	Ti 3:1–7 Lk 17:11–19	Phlm 7–20 Lk 17:20–25	2 Jn 4–9 Lk 17:26–37	3 Jn 5–8 Lk 18:1–8	Dn 12:1–3 Heb 10:11–14, 18 Mk 13:24–32



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves, it will help us: do we want to be appreciated and gratified by what we say and what we do, or rather to be of service to God and neighbor, especially the weakest? Let us watch out for falsehood of the heart, for hypocrisy which is a dangerous illness of the soul!

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 7, 2021