

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 16-17

Thirty-third 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



We turn now to the Second of the Sacraments of Healing, namely, The Anointing of the Sick. As we read the gospels, one thing stands out very clearly. Many people who were suffering found healing in Jesus. In story after story, the sick and handicapped come to Jesus begging to be made well. This points out something important about illness. Illness leads us to feel less than human. It saps our strength and our ability to find happiness in life. It leaves us feeling all alone. There is something inherently wrong with being sick in our experience. It is to people in this kind of turmoil, that Jesus reached out with healing and power. His words to them and his touch brought a new sense of life to the sick ones.

Jesus continues today to understand people who suffer and feel alone. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, he continues to reach out to them with love to bring wellness back into their lives. This is who Jesus is! He is the one who came “so that they might have life and have it more abundantly (Jn 10: 10). Jesus was all about helping others live life to the fullest. When sin, sickness, selfishness, or anything else got in the way of someone being the best that they could be, Jesus reached out. In this wonderful sacrament, he continues to do that today. He wants us to know that he is very near in times when we are less than we can be. His love will make us whole!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

We will meet at 10am on November 18, in the Agave room in Building #7.



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**

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 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

Monday, November 18

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

**Jane Orth

Tuesday, November 19

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

**Moiria Breen (d)

Wednesday, November 20

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

**Mary Gausepohls (d)

Thursday, November 21

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

**Anna M. Hernandez - Birthday

Friday, November 22

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

**Bob & Angie Breister

Saturday, November 23

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

**Phyllis Spence, OSB (d)

Sunday, November 24

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

**Victims of Coronavirus (Recovery & Wellness)

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

**Robert & Mildred McNeil (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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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

Your Loving Mom

For

**Mark Abatecola
Happy Birthday**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weekend Collections : November 4-11, 2024 - \$ 8,444.00

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/>

Our Lady of the Desert

in conjunction with...



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY
OF TUCSON
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. . .

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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Dear Padre,

I am confused by Genesis 6:6: “The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved.” How can a perfect being regret something he created in his own image?



Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture. A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend.

The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, “God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.” ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23	November 24
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Weekday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5 Lk 18:35–43	Rv 3:1–6, 14–22 Lk 19:1–10	Rv 4:1–11 Lk 19:11–28	Rv 5:1–10 Lk 19:41–44	Rv 10:8–11 Lk 19:45–48	Rv 11:4–12 Lk 20:27–40	Dn 7:13–14 Rv 1:5–8 Jn 18:33b–37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful...who is not rude...this is a person who builds Heaven on earth... What they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 14, 2021