

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 23-24

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

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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



As we saw last week, Jesus had a particular attraction to the sick. To them he brought love and healing. The Church continues this same practice today. Within our families, we imitate Christ by caring for one another in times of illness. Parents often spend countless hours caring for their sick children. Spouses show extraordinary virtue by taking care of spouses who may be suffering from Alzheimer's or other diseases. It is important for us that these loved ones never feel alone.

In a more public way, Religious Orders and Congregations have established hospitals to take care of the physical and spiritual needs of the sick. Church sponsored hospice care is another avenue through which the Church ministers to the sick. There have also been people throughout the ages who have been given the special charism of healing. As the Catechism states, "The Holy Spirit gives to some a special charism of healing, so as to manifest the power of grace of the risen Lord" (CCC1508).

The Church oversees shrines such as Lourdes to bring physical or spiritual healing to the people. The Church also requires healing miracles as part of the canonization process to have a person declared a saint. The Church above all, makes present the Healing will of Christ through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This practice goes way back to the time just after the Ascension of Jesus. As we read in The Letter of St. James, "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the Presbyters of the Church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of Faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven" (Jas 5:14-15). Care of the sick has always been the endeavor of the Church.

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

## Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

We will meet at 10am in the Agave room building # 7 on Monday, November 25.

## Thanksgiving Day

We remind you that this coming Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving Day! Mass will be at 10:30 that morning. All are invited to come and offer thanks to God for all His Blessings on our families and world.

## Fr. Mike McAndrew

Next 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.



**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)

**Tickets are non-refundable and the cut off time for buying tickets in Sunday 11/24/24.**

Tickets are available for purchase in the office.

***Thank You and Happy Thanksgiving***



*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           | Robert Keogh       |

**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 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)

### **Monday, November 25**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\*Schneider & Shea Families

### **Tuesday, November 26**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*Fran and Monica Roach

### **Wednesday, November 27**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*Ambrose & Rich Alday (d)

### **Thursday, November 28**

#### **Happy Thanksgiving**

10:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Denny Mallory (d)

### **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)

## **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](mailto: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](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.**

## NOVEMBER



### November 2024 Bookstore Hours

| SU | MO | TU | WE | TH | FR | SA |
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| 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |
| 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  
For All Parishioners and Their Family's**

# Happy Thanksgiving

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 : November 11-18, 2024 - \$ 3,720.00

**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/>



## GriefShare meeting

### “Surviving the Holidays.”

This has to be the most difficult time for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one transition into the Holiday Season.

Our meeting will be on **Sunday, November 24th at 2:00 p.m-4:00 p.m.**  
**In the front office conference room**

We hope to bring comfort and hope to those who are grieving.

The meeting will be held as a support group with a DVD that will be shown during the meeting. The DVD is done in a seminar fashion with suggestions from experts in the areas of grief and loss. After the DVD, we will have time to share our thoughts and feelings.



## 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

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 **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. . .**



**Pasta Dinner • 11/14/24 • 4 PM mass**



Italian meat balls with penne, salads and garlic bread prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus of Council 15704 of 'Our Lady of the Desert'.

**Pancake & sausage breakfast • 11/15/24 • 7:30 and 10 AM mass**



**A BIG thank you to all our parishioners who once again supported our charitable works!**

# Dear Padre,

**When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, “Thank you, Jesus. Amen.” Is this OK or should I just stick to “Amen”?**

“Amen” is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt “Amen” is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It’s also a statement of belief, roughly translated as “truly,” “most assuredly,” or “so be it” to what has been said.

For example, when we conclude the Creed with “Amen,” it repeats and confirms the first words “I believe.” “To believe is to say ‘Amen’ to God’s words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the ‘Amen’ of infinite love and perfect faithfulness” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1064). “Jesus Christ is...the definitive ‘Amen’ of the Father’s love for us. He takes up and completes our ‘Amen’ to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God” (CCC 1065).

Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God’s people. Each individual communicant’s “Amen” is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than “Amen” may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful “Amen!” ●

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



ALDIN KAMBER / SHUTTERSTOCK

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



RICCARDO DE LUCA / UPDATE

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad.... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.***

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

#### Monday

November 25  
Weekday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5  
Lk 21:1-4

#### Tuesday

November 26  
Weekday

Rv 14:14-19  
Lk 21:5-11

#### Wednesday

November 27  
Weekday

Rv 15:1-4  
Lk 21:12-19

#### Thursday

November 28  
Weekday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;  
19:1-3, 9a  
Lk 21:20-28

*Thanksgiving Day (US)*

Sir 50:22-24  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Lk 17:11-19

#### Friday

November 29  
Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2  
Lk 21:29-33

#### Saturday

November 30  
*St. Andrew, Apostle*

Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

#### Sunday

December 1  
*First Sunday of Advent*

Jer 33:14-16  
1 Thes 3:12-4:2  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36