

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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## Weekend of December 21-22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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 now turn to the Sacraments at the Service of Communion, as they are called in the Catechism. This title assures us that these two Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders are really about a person's service to others. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults states on page 263, "The recipients of these Sacraments grow in holiness through their service to others."

These Sacraments focus on our leaving our vocation as single people to be married or to enter into the priesthood. These three different vocations, or calls from God, all have to do with how we live out our discipleship. Single life calls us to dedicate our lives to loving and serving all our brothers and sisters. Marriage calls us to still love our brothers and sisters, but to also enter into a deeper commitment of love and service towards and with one special person, namely our spouse. Holy orders calls a man to still love and serve all our brothers and sisters, but now we also enter into a more official role of public service in the name of Christ.

The Sacraments of Service therefore strengthen us and give us the grace to be better at loving the people around us. These sacraments seek to make us more like God as we spend our lives loving and serving our brothers and sisters around us. We will begin our overview of these Sacraments by looking first at The Sacrament of Holy Orders in more detail.

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

## **Merry Christmas!**

The Redemptorist Community here in Tucson extends to each one of you our wishes for a very Blessed and Merry Christmas! May our loving Savior bless each one of you throughout the coming year! Take time to really enjoy this season. It offers joy and hope to us all!! Merry Christmas!



## **Christmas Carols**

The 4 pm Christmas Eve mass will begin with singing Christmas Carols at 3:15 pm in the church, led by our choir. Come early for some favorite carols and to get a good parking place!

## **Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles**

We will not meet, on Monday,  
December 23. May you all have a Very Merry Christmas :)



## **The Birth of Jesus (St. Alphonsus Liguori)**

*“Consider that the birth of Jesus Christ, caused universal joy in the whole world. Jesus was the Redeemer who had been desired and awaited for so many years. He was called ‘the desire of the nations’ and ‘the desire of the eternal hills.’ Today, we behold Him, born in a little cave! Let us consider, that this day, the angel also announces to us the same great joy announced to the shepherds. “Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, for a saviour has been born.”*

*What great rejoicing there is in a country when the firstborn son of a king is born. But surely, there should be even greater rejoicing when we see the Son of God born! We were lost and he came to save us. He is the shepherd who has come to save His sheep from death. He is the lamb of God, who has come to sacrifice Himself, to become our deliverer, our life, or light and even our food in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*Saint Maximus says that for this reason, among many others, Jesus chose to be laid in the manger, where the animals are fed, to make us understand that He has become human and also our food. “In the manger, where the food of animals is placed, He allowed Himself to be laid, demonstrating that His own body would be the eternal food of humankind.”*

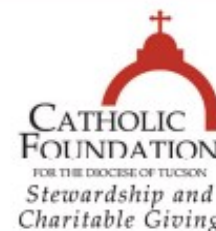
*Besides this, He is born every day in the Sacrament of the Altar, the Altar is the crib and we go to the Altar to be fed and nourished. Some might desire to hold the Infant Jesus in their arms as the prophet Simeon did but faith teaches us, that when we receive Holy Communion, we too, hold the same Jesus, who was in the manger in Bethlehem, not in our arms alone but in our hearts.*

*My beloved Jesus, if I do not love You, who are my Lord and God, whom shall I love?”*

### **Scripture**

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth;  
we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John 1:14)*

# Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson



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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

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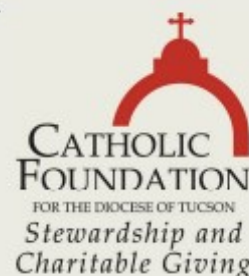
- **Make a gift of \$10,000 or more** using cash or securities.
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### Gift Annuity Rates for One-Life\*

| 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 Fergue           | 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  |
| Bob Box               | Margaret Zeches    |
| Hayden Spencer        | June and Stan Wood |
| Walter McCulloch      | L. Cindy Otte      |
| Linda Whitten         | Sue Cobble         |
| Marty Lopez           | Robert Keogh       |
|                       | Carol Bruzzi       |

**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)  
Carol Burba (9/24)  
Peter Castillo (2/24)  
Pat Celentano (12/24)  
Larry Cobble (5/24)  
Robert (Bob) Dorr (7/24)  
Joe Fernando (2/24)  
Tony Iavagnilio (1/24)  
Mary Johnson (1/24)  
Gabby Juteau (10/24)  
Edward Kenyon (1/24)  
Mary Sloan (7/24)  
Elaine Tolentino (8/24)  
Patricia Wayne (10/24)

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

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

### **Friday, December 20**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Yolande Juteau (d)

### **Saturday, December 21**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\*Lorrain Stewart (d)

### **Sunday, December 22**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\*Bob & Angie Breister  
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*Victims of Coronavirus Recovery & Healing

### **Monday, December 23**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea  
\*\*Caron Soltis Healing

### **Tuesday, December 24**

#### **Christmas Eve**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Lidia G. Hernandez (d)  
**3:15 p.m. Christmas Caroling**  
4:00 p.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*Lidia G. Hernandez (d)  
4:05 p.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus –Overflow  
Petroglyph

### **Wednesday, December 25**

#### **Merry Christmas**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Mauricio G. Hernandez (d)  
10:00 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Dolon Family

### **Thursday, December 26**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*James Orth (d)

### **Friday, December 27**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus  
\*\*Jane Orth

### **Saturday, December 28**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Special Intentions Healing for Spiritual,  
Physical

### **Sunday, December 29**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*Catalina Rivera (d)  
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*Lloyd J. McCrory (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.

Thank you for your generosity. ~*Marge Mauzer*

### **Grief**

#### **Grief Support**

Losing a loved one is painful.  
You do not have to do it alone.

If you want to join support group, or talk to someone about your loss, call  
Dr. June Wood, PhD LICSW-Emeritus, Mn.  
(520) 419.5962

### **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.

### December 2024 Bookstore Hours

| SU | MO | TU | WE | TH | FR | SA |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 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 | 31 |    |    |    |    |

## DECEMBER



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

Monday-Thursday-Friday  
10 am-2 pm

Tuesdays 11 am-2 pm

Saturdays in December 11 am-1 pm

Closed Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS AVAILABLE

# Merry Christmas

## Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weekend Collections : December 9-16, 2024 \$5955.00

**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  
Poinsettia's  
Honor & Remember  
The Following Loved Ones*



Taraba Family  
Joan Crose & Michael Crose  
Cleo Moore  
Lewandowski & Popiel Families  
Annette Thompson  
The Goulet Family  
William Metzger  
The Murrieta Family  
Schaefer & Gates Families  
Joan, Danny & Jimmy Jones  
Julia Ingalls  
Marian & Clem Vayda  
Geri Vayda  
Roxanne (Helen) Dilts  
Helen Nelson  
Lisa Weagle  
Kyle Vayda  
Mr & Mrs Walter Ingalls  
Catalina Rivera  
Ryan Hanley  
Gabriel & Eva Bruno Family  
KJ Gift Family  
Wienand Family  
Mlynarski Family  
Mary & Joe Ostowski

Carter & Gallagher Families  
Carroll & Neely Families  
Jim Moore  
Betty Pate  
Shummon Family  
Thomas & Claire Judy  
Constance Fournier  
Bill Case  
Anne & Jack Ramsey  
Robert & Janice Francis  
Ernest Zebrowski  
Mary & Tony Donofrio  
David Donofrio  
David Spears  
Horacio & Lupe Clark & Sons  
Ivan & Lavina Kramer  
Bob Kramer  
Glen Kramer  
Komar & Rice Families  
Jack Lehmkuhl  
Dennis Terrill & Family  
Our Lady of the Desert Families  
Rapecis Family  
Donlon Family  
Abatecola Family







*"HO, HO, HO!", see you all next year!"  
Mr. and Mrs. Clause.*



# Dear Padre,

## Where does the Hail Mary prayer come from?

The Hail Mary owes its origin to the rosary. The traditional story of the rosary was that Mary herself appeared to St. Dominic in the twelfth century and gave him the rosary with the promise that if he spread devotion to the rosary, his religious order would flourish. In the twelfth century, religious orders recited together the 150 psalms as a way to mark the hours of the day and the days of the week. In order to pray the psalms, though, people had to know how to read. People who didn't know how to read wanted to share in the practice, so the rosary, or praying on beads, began as a parallel prayer practice. It was a way that illiterate people could remember the Lord and his Mother throughout the day.

The first rosaries consisted of a string of 150 beads, and, much as we do now, a person would pass over each bead after saying a prayer, usually the Our Father. Later, people added the Archangel Gabriel's greeting—"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee"—and later still, Elizabeth's prayer we hear in today's Gospel—"Blessed art thou among women." Finally this prayer was added in the sixteenth century: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." ●



*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

| Monday                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                      | Friday                                                                                    | Saturday                                                                        | Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| December 23<br><i>Advent Weekday</i><br>Mal 3:1-4,<br>23-24<br>Lk 1:57-66 | December 24<br><i>Advent Weekday</i><br>2 Sm 7:1-5,<br>8b-12, 14a, 16<br>Lk 1:67-79 | December 25<br><i>Nativity of the<br/>Lord (Christmas)</i><br>Is 52:7-10<br>Heb 1:1-6<br>Jn 1:1-18 or<br>1:1-5, 9-14 | December 26<br><i>St. Stephen,<br/>First Martyr</i><br>Acts 6:8-10;<br>7:54-59<br>Mt 10:17-22 | December 27<br><i>St. John, Apostle<br/>and Evangelist</i><br>1 Jn 1:1-4<br>Jn 20:1a, 2-8 | December 28<br><i>Holy Innocents,<br/>Martyrs</i><br>1 Jn 1:5-2:2<br>Mt 2:13-18 | December 29<br><i>Holy Family<br/>of Jesus, Mary<br/>and Joseph</i><br>Sir 3:2-6, 12-14<br>or 1 Sm 1:20-22,<br>24-28<br>Col 3:12-21 or<br>3:12-17 or<br>1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24<br>Lk 2:41-52 |

### 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*.



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Do I move forward with hope...? We can also ask for...the grace of a healthy sense of humor: it does so much good.... The first act of charity we can do for our neighbors is to offer them a serene and smiling face. It is bringing the joy of Jesus to them, as Mary did with Elizabeth.*

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 19, 2021