

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

## Weekend of December 7-8 Second Sunday of Advent

### Redemptorist Community

#### Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

#### Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Stephen Rehauer, 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



The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults contains a section about the effects of this Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The hoped for effect is that, if it be the will of God, the anointed person might be physically healed. Indeed, many people who are in serious risk because of illness do receive such a physical healing. Through this sacrament the healing power of Christ is brought into their lives.

However, not everyone who is anointed receives physical healing. For whatever reason, such a healing does not seem to be God's will for them. However, even if there is no physical healing granted, most people will experience a spiritual healing. Through this sacrament, God's love is brought to them. Whereas they may be afraid and feel like they are under a dark cloud because of their sickness, after the anointing they experience the fact that they are not alone in their suffering. God is there with them. His loving presence can bring peace and hope into their hearts. These people receive the grace of the Holy Spirit to better bear the difficulties of their illness.

The Catechism also says that this sacrament gives the sick person "union with the passion of Christ." By uniting ourselves more closely with the sufferings of Christ, we receive the grace of sharing in His saving work. In this way, our suffering, joined to the cross of Christ, "contributes to building up the People of God."

Finally, this sacrament can prepare us for our final journey when we depart from this world. The grace and power received from this sacrament strengthens us to bear our final struggles before we go to the Father's house. This wonderful Sacrament of Healing can bring much peace to both the one who is anointed and to the sick one's family.

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

***Reminder Christmas Gifts of Love : Bring all wrapped gifts to the weekend Masses no later than the weekend of, December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15th!! Please call Angela if you cannot deliver by the deadline. 520.400.4447***

***Thank you :)***

## **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 9.

## **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 9th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are asked to attend mass on that day. This feast is a special one for us in America, as Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of our country. We will have two masses that day: 7:30 and 10:00 A.M.



## **Our Lady of the Desert Christmas Poinsettia**

We are now selling poinsettia's for the Holiday season. Envelopes for donations will be available at the entrance of the Church and in the office.



## **Advent Penance Service**

We will hold our annual Advent Penance Service on Saturday, December 21st at 10:00 A.M. A short prayer service will begin in the Church at that time. Confessions will be celebrated in the office building, to allow for privacy. This is a wonderful sacrament to help us prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas.



# 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.



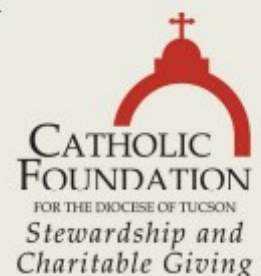
- **Make a gift of \$10,000 or more** using cash or securities.
- **Receive fixed payments for life** - for yourself or a loved one age 60 or older.
- **Enjoy tax benefits**, including an income tax deduction for a portion of your gift if you itemize, and part of each annuity payment is tax-free through 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  |
| Bob Box               | Margaret Zeches    |
| 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)  
Carol Burba (9/24)  
Peter Castillo (2/24)  
Pat Celentano (12/24)  
Larry Cobble (5/24)  
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 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. Ivan Levytsky &  
Fr. Bohdan Geleta

### **Sunday, December 8**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Pedro & Maria Diaz  
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\*Gerardo Garcia (d)

### **Monday, December 9**

#### **Immaculate Conception**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*Bob & Angie Breister  
10:00 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Redemptorist Community

### **Tuesday, December 10**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\*Bonifacio A Hernandez (d)

### **Wednesday, December 11**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus  
\*\*Margaret McDonald (d)

### **Thursday, December 12**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Schneider & Shea Families

### **Friday, December 13**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea  
\*\*Betty Carroll (d)

### **Saturday, December 14**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*Pedro Rosales & Family Healing

### **Sunday, December 15**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*Fran & Monica Roach  
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*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.

Thank you for your generosity. ~*Marge Mauzer*

### **Grief Share Support Group**

Grief Support

Losing a loved on 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, LICSW  
(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

**This weeks Flower were donated**

**By Mom, Dad, and Cruz**

**In Celebration of**

**Camilo Murrieta's 4th Birthday**

**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 25-December 2, 2024 - \$ 15,357.00

**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/>

Celebración de  
**Nuestra Señora  
de Guadalupe**  
Picture Rocks

**Jueves 12 de  
Diciembre 2024**

6:30 AM Las Mananitas y El Rosario

7:00 AM Oracion Comunitaria

7:30 AM Misa

8 AM Convivencia

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**Jueves**

**Ocho de la mañana.**

**unase a nosotros para disfrutar  
de un chocolate caliente  
y pan dulce Mexicano**

**En la sala de Petroglyph**

**Despues de la misa a alas 7:30 AM**

**December 12, 2024**

**6:30 am Las Mananitas and Rosary**

**Join us for Hot Chocolate  
and Mexican Sweet Bread  
in the Petroglyph Room  
after the 7:30 AM Mass**

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## 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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Call 520-744-3400 for reservations



# 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



# Dear Padre,

## *If Christmas is on December 25, why is the Immaculate Conception on December 8, rather than sometime in March?*

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived in her mother's womb. Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin and his conception by Mary is referred to as the Incarnation of Christ. Mary's Immaculate Conception is often confused for Christ's Incarnation.

In the Church's liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated on December 8; her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25 on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord; his birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on December 25.

Mary's Immaculate Conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854: "The doctrine that maintains that the Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception, by a unique grace and privilege granted to her by Almighty God, in consideration of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of mankind, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful" (*Ineffabilis Deus*). In fact, eight years before, in 1846, the bishops of the United States had already adopted the Immaculate Conception as the patronal feast for Catholics in this country.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BY PHILIPP VEIT (1830) RENATA SEDMAROVA / SHUTTERSTOCK

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

| <b>Monday</b>                                                                                                            | <b>Tuesday</b>                                                    | <b>Wednesday</b>                                                   | <b>Thursday</b>                                                                                                          | <b>Friday</b>                                                                   | <b>Saturday</b>                                                                                                     | <b>Sunday</b>                                                                            |
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| December 9<br><i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i><br>Gn 3:9–15, 20<br>Eph 1:3–6, 11–12<br>Lk 1:26–38 | December 10<br><i>Advent Weekday</i><br>Is 40:1–11<br>Mt 18:12–14 | December 11<br><i>Advent Weekday</i><br>Is 40:25–31<br>Mt 11:28–30 | December 12<br><i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i><br>Zec 2:14–17<br>or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab<br>Lk 1:26–38 or<br>Lk 1:39–47 | December 13<br><i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i><br>Is 48:17–19<br>Mt 11:16–19 | December 14<br><i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i><br>Sir 48:1–4, 9–11<br>Mt 17:9a, 10–13 | December 15<br><i>Third Sunday of Advent</i><br>Zep 3:14–18a<br>Phil 4:4–7<br>Lk 3:10–18 |



YARA NARDI / CNS

### **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

*By calling us to conversion, John urges us to go “beyond” where we presently are; to go beyond what our instincts tell us.... Let us ask for the grace to believe that with God things really do change, that he will banish our fears, heal our wounds.... Let us ask for the grace of hope....*

**HOMILY, ATHENS, DECEMBER 5, 2021**