

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of January 18-19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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 title “deacon” comes from the Greek word diakonia meaning service. The deacon is responsible to the bishop and to his pastor in carrying out acts of service within the community. Deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders from the hand of the bishop. However, they are ordained not to the ministerial priesthood, but to the ministry of service. Just as Jesus came to serve and not to be served, so the deacon works in service to the needs of the Church and of the bishop and pastor. In the Latin Church, deacons serve by baptizing the faithful, reading the Gospel at liturgies, preaching the Word of God, witnessing marriages, and in leading funeral services outside of mass. The deacon is also dedicated to other charitable endeavors within the church community.

Deacons are strengthened for their ministry through the imposition of hands that has come down from the apostles. The grace of the sacrament helps them to enter into their ministry and be fruitful servants of Christ and the Church.

All priests are ordained deacons before they are ordained priests. Therefore, priests also share in the service duties of the Church. Those deacons who go on to be ordained priests are called transitional deacons. There does exist in the Latin Church, however, a permanent diaconate. A permanent deacon may be married or unmarried.

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

## Collection to help fire victims

Next weekend, we will be taking up a special collection to assist the victims of the fire in California. Envelopes are present today at the Church entrances. The monies will be distributed through Catholic Charities. If you use a check, please make it check out to: “Diocese of Tucson.” Envelopes may be put into the offertory basket along with your usual offerings. Please be sure that it is in a specially marked envelope!

### *Funeral Announcements:*

*On January 23, 2025 Funeral Mass for Pat Celentano will be in the Our Lady of the Desert Church at 11:00 with the Rosary at 10:30 a.m.*

*On January 24, 2025 Funeral Mass for Patricia Conley in the Our Lady of the Desert Church at 11:00 a.m.*



*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

*The Scripture Prayer group that meets on Tuesday evenings prays for those on the sick list.*

**Our Sick List  
January 2025**

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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      | Sue Cobble         |
| Linda Whitten         | Robert Keogh       |
| Marty Lopez           | George Sheehan     |
| Carol Bruzzi          | Mike Ortiz         |
| Fr. Pat Grile         |                    |
| Sonali Fernando       |                    |

**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, January 17**

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

\*\*Margaret Forah (d)

### **Saturday, January 18**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*JoAnn Hohmann (d)

### **Sunday, January 19**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*Helen & Ray Millen (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*Maria D. Arellano (d)

### **Monday, January 20**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*James Orth (d)

### **Tuesday, January 21**

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

\*\*R. Edward Foran (d)

### **Wednesday, January 22**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Fran & Monica Roach

### **Thursday, January 23**

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

\*\*Jane Orth

### **Friday, January 24**

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

\*\*Ginny Below (d)

### **Saturday, January 25**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed–

Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*Peace in Ukraine & Fr. Iva Levystky & Fr.  
Bondan Geleta

### **Sunday, January 26**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Rosario Cordova (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Carol Burba (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 January we collected 64 lbs. of food.

Thank you for your generosity. ~*Marge Mauzer*

### **Grief**

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.**

### January 2025 Bookstore Hours

| SU | MO | TU | WE | TH | FR | SA |
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| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |

## JANUARY



Open: 1/2 hr after all w/e Masses  
Monday-Thursday-Friday  
10 am-2 pm  
Tuesdays 11 am – 2 pm  
Saturdays 11 am – 1 pm  
Closed Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>  
**CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**

**This weeks Flower were donated  
to Celebrate the Birthday's of  
Bob & Alexis Murrieta  
Happy 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 : January 6-13, 2025 ~ \$5,016.00

**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/>

## Safe Environment



Our Lady of the Desert Church, along with The Diocese of Tucson under the leadership of Bishop Weisenburger remains committed to protecting our community against all forms of abuse and responding appropriately.

The mission of the Diocese of Tucson "Safe Environment Program" is to ensure the safety of children, young people and vulnerable who have been entrusted to our care in our parishes, schools, religious education classes, and other programs.

To find out more about the Diocese's Call to Protect, please click here: <https://diocesetucson.org/our-call-to-protect/>

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service with Bishop Weisenburger**

**Join us for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity as we come together in faith and fellowship! This year, the statewide prayer service will be hosted by Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger right here at the Redemptorist Renewal Center.**

**When:** Thursday, January 23, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Where:** 7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd., Tucson, AZ 85743

**We warmly invite all to unite in prayer for the cause of Christian unity. Come be part of this meaningful gathering as we celebrate our shared faith and commitment to healing divisions in the body of Christ.**



Our parish KofC #15704 council is kicking off a 'Family of the Month' program; the intent is to promote and support the development of strong and vibrant families. Each month, the council 'Family of the Month' committee selects a parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, the council will select one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international 'Family of the Year'.

Please join us in congratulating our inaugural 'Family of the Month' - the Murrieta's, Jesus, Alexis, children Cruz and Camilo. The Murrieta's have been married for 14 years and regularly attend the 10 AM mass. Alexis works in the church Administration Office and is the parish newsletter editor. Jesus is a Sir Knight of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree with our local Knights council and helps maintain the church grounds.



## Family of the Month

Awarded to the family of

Jesus and Alexis Murrieta

who has served as an inspiration to our parish, community and council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life

Dave VanderLinde

Grand Knight

15704

Council Number

01/19/2025

Date



Faith in Action

Family



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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**'Our Lady of the Desert' Council #15704 'KNIGHTS NEWS'**



### Baby-Bottle-Drive (BBD) for the Reachout Women's Center



Thank you for your participating in the BBD, between **January 4**, and **January 26!**

Many needy mothers will be grateful for your generosity and your prayerful support. Thank you! **Do you need an empty bottle?** You'll find it on the tables near the exits of the church.

**Returning the bottles:** Please bring them back, at the latest, at the weekend of January 25-26, and insert them in the big white wooden deposit box at the main entry. All the bottles with their content will be blessed by the priest. If you forgot to bring them back at the mentioned weekend, please bring them to the RRC's office. Thank you!

**For checks: make them out to: 'Knights of Columbus 15704'.**



## **Mission of The Family**

Men and women, young and old, strengthen and grow in your faith for your families with five short videos produced by the *Knights of Columbus* called the “Mission of The Family”. The videos can be found on the *Knights of Columbus* website for free! Here is the link and QR Code to find “The Mission of The Family” videos: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> The five videos are less than 14 minutes in length. You can also find the original “Into The Breach” video series by rolling down on this webpage and under CATEGORIES click on “Into The Breach”. This series is also free of charge and is sure to help you grow in your faith.

## **Celebrating 2025 Marriage Anniversaries**

Bishop Edward Weisenburger will celebrate the Mass for Marriage Anniversaries for 2025 on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 2:30 PM at St. Augustine Cathedral.

If you have any questions, contact Ofelia James [ojames@diocesetucson.org](mailto:ojames@diocesetucson.org)

**PLEASE REGISTER BY: Friday, February 7, 2025**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://forms.office.com/r/KmvdLX6Kbi>**



# SHAME AND CODEPENDENCY



**Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.**

Retreat Director

**February 22, 2025**

9:AM-3:00 PM

\$55

includes lunch and handouts



Shame is the most devastating and deadly of all feelings. It can literally devour a person from within because shame is all about “I am inherently bad or defective” and there’s no way I can change who I am.

Shame is different from guilt. Guilt is solely about behavior and we can always change our behavior. We can take responsibility for it, make amends and learn new healthier patterns of behavior.

But shame is about who we are. It’s about the color of our skin, or our gender, or our sexual orientation, or our physical body or our mental abilities. It’s about the things we cannot change and must learn to accept and love.

Internalized shame leads to depression and addictive patterns of behavior as it destroys a person’s self-love, self-esteem and self-worth.

This retreat will focus on identifying areas of shame in our lives, facing them and taking our power back from them.

**Redemptorist Renewal Center**

7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd

Call 520-744-3400

for reservations



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### Contemplative Intensive Retreats with Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, CSsR

February 7-9, 2025   April 14-17, 2025   October 10-12, 2025

*Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God is within and among us. To truly follow Christ from the depths of our lives we must seek “within” through quiet prayerful meditation and listen to his Spirit speaking there. Following Jesus Christ is not only a matter of doing; it is a way of being.*

*The intensive retreat is an opportunity for those new to contemplative prayer to begin a regular practice of Christian meditation. For those already practicing contemplative prayer, it affords an opportunity to deepen their practice and renew their commitment to this powerful prayer form. The retreat includes instruction and intensive practice of the form of meditation known as ‘Christian mindfulness’, or ‘Centering Prayer.’ We will learn the importance of body posture in prayer, of emptying the mind of, and concentration techniques to attain a state of openness to the voice of God’s Spirit speaking to our spirits and teaching us to pray. In clearing the ground of our lives through Christian contemplation, the seed of God’s Kingdom sown there can flourish and produce a hundred-fold.*



*For more information or to make reservation, call 520.744-3400 or write*

[office@desertrenewal.org](mailto:office@desertrenewal.org)

[www.desertrenewal.org](http://www.desertrenewal.org)

# Forgiveness

and the Power to Heal

Forgiveness sets us free from betrayal, anger and resentment. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus. It allows us to take back our personal power from those who have hurt us and it provides us with inner-peace.

Jesus Christ redeemed us through His great love and forgiveness. Forgiveness is central to His Great Commandment of Love: Love your God, love your neighbor, love yourself— even your enemy— as “I have loved you.” Yet, many of us reject this teaching. We refuse to forgive those who have abused and hurt us and we even refuse to forgive ourselves for our own mistakes.

When we are trapped inside unforgiving hearts, we are out of right-relationship with God, ourselves and others. And clearly, we can't expect God or others to forgive us for our failings if we remain unwilling to forgive.

Redemption begins in our hearts. It requires love, forgiveness and reconciliation. If you are suffering from an unforgiving heart, this retreat is for you. It will help you set your heart free from the pain of the past.



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Renewal Center*

7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85743

**February 8, 2025**

call 744-3400 to register



**9:00 AM– 3:00 PM**

\$55 per person, includes lunch and handouts

*Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.S.S.R.,* **Retreat Director**

# SPECIAL COLLECTION



PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO THE

**DIOCESE OF TUCSON**

& Annotate that it is for the

**CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF FUND**



**HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!**



It is that time, once again, to ask all the Catholic Men, 18 years of age or older, and their Families who attend the Our Lady of the Desert Church, to join the Knights of Columbus!


**We need you and you need US!!**

The Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704 will hold a Membership Drive on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, after the 4 PM Mass and on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 7:30 and the 10 AM Masses. There will be Knights outside the church where they will answer any questions you may have about the Knights of Columbus.

Also, you can call me, Ray Obral, at 520-403-5003, if you want to talk about being a Knight of Columbus! Help us help our Local Charities!

## Knights of Columbus Council #15704 CTSO Tuition Assistance Program

The time of year is upon us to remind our parish members to take advantage of the State of Arizona's Tuition Tax Credit. The State Allows taxpayers to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on their 2024 state taxes while providing much-needed funding for deserving students enrolled in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Tucson and other private schools within Arizona. Arizona's CATHOLIC TUITION SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (CTSO) commitment to Catholic education could not be fulfilled without your support. CTSO uses these tax credit funds to help children in receiving a Catholic education by assisting with their tuition expenses.




Please use our CTSO Donation Form when submitting your donation. The form should already indicate our Parish Family Referral Plan ID# 1699. This ID# assures that your tax credit contributions through CTSO will be designated for distribution towards our parish family members that apply for Tuition Assistance using our CTSO Scholarship Application Forms.

If you have or know of a student from our Parish or a student that is being sponsored by a Parish Member that will begin attending a Catholic School in 2025, please make sure they get a copy of the CTSO Scholarship Application Form that needs to be completed and returned to the Parish Office. The Parish Office will forward the application to the Knights of Columbus CTSO Committee Council #15704 for processing by the end of May 2025. So please don't delay in submitting your CTSO Scholarship Application Form.

CTSO Donation Form and a return envelope are available at the back of the church between now and the end of tax season.

CTSO Application Forms for 2025 School Year will be available at the parish office.

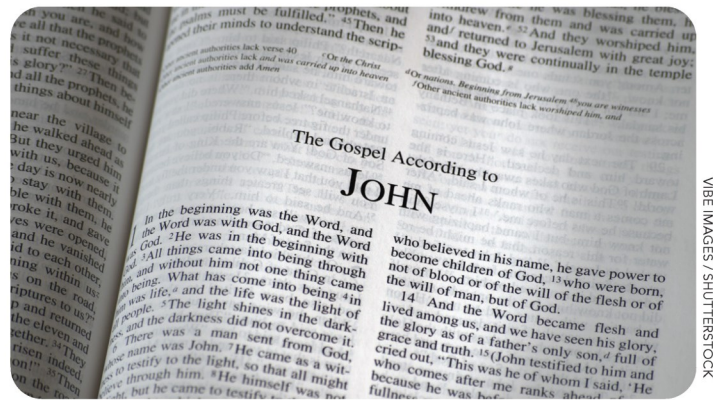


# Dear Padre,

*Is there a year of John? I know we're now in the year of Luke, next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be the year of Mark. Then the cycle starts over with Luke. Why doesn't John have a year?*

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, collectively known as the synoptic gospels, are narrative gospels. Together, they tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. Although in some ways they might be understood synoptically, "the same," each narrative is unique in its emphasis. The Church desires that we hear these narratives and be nourished through the proclamation of the early memories of the Christian community.

John's Gospel, on the other hand, is not primarily a narrative, but is best understood as theological. As such, it is highly dependent on the use of symbolic representations to make the point it intends. For example, "I am the light of the world."



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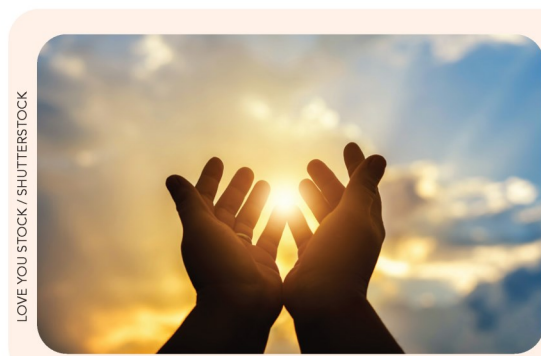
Whoever follows me...will have the light of life" (John 8:12). The interplay between light and darkness illustrates the point. John's Gospel is intended to be experienced and engaged in as "bigger than life," proposing and celebrating Christian themes that are life-giving and inviting. Therefore, we hear John's Gospel when the Church celebrates the mystery of the saving life and resurrection of Jesus. For this reason, the Gospel of John is proclaimed on Good Friday, during the Easter season, and on other major feasts. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

## 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*.

| Monday                                            | Tuesday                                                                    | Wednesday                                                                                                           | Thursday                                           | Friday                                                                                                   | Saturday                                                                                                    | Sunday                                                                                                                                  |
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| January 20<br>Weekday<br>Heb 5:1-10<br>Mk 2:18-22 | January 21<br>St. Agnes, Virgin<br>and Martyr<br>Heb 6:10-20<br>Mk 2:23-28 | January 22<br>Day of Prayer<br>for the Legal<br>Protection of<br>Unborn Children<br>Heb 7:1-3,<br>15-17<br>Mk 3:1-6 | January 23<br>Weekday<br>Heb 7:25-8:6<br>Mk 3:7-12 | January 24<br>St. Francis de<br>Sales, Bishop<br>and Doctor of<br>the Church<br>Heb 8:6-13<br>Mk 3:13-19 | January 25<br>The Conversion<br>of St. Paul<br>the Apostle<br>Acts 22:3-16 or<br>Acts 9:1-22<br>Mk 16:15-18 | January 26<br>Third Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time<br>Neh 8:2-4a,<br>5-6, 8-10<br>1 Cor 12:12-30<br>or 12:12-14, 27<br>Lk 1:1-4;<br>4:14-21 |



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*I suggest an exercise.... Let us think about that difficult moment in which God let me experience his love.... And let us ask ourselves: with which discrete and loving signs did he let me feel his tenderness? When did I feel the Lord nearer? When did I feel his tenderness and his compassion?*

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 16, 2022