

# 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 25-26  
Third 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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### 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



Holy Orders, like all sacraments, involves an efficacious sign. It is now time to look at the main signs of this sacrament.

The Laying of Hands is the chief sign of this sacrament. Again, the laying of hands signifies a gift of the Holy Spirit being passed from one person to another. It is a symbol of authority and empowerment. In this sacrament, a bishop, who shares in the full priesthood of Christ by his sharing in the Spirit of Christ, lays hand upon the head of the one being ordained. This symbol shows that the person being ordained has been chosen by Christ to share in His priesthood. Through the laying of hands, the power and authority of the Holy Spirit actually does come down on the one being ordained. This gift configures a man in a new way to Christ.

Along with this laying of hands, there is also a prayer that is said out loud. This prayer is a “consecratory prayer asking God for the outpouring of The Holy Spirit and His gifts proper to the ministry to which the candidate is being ordained” (CCC #1573). This prayer, in other words, speaks to the specific duty involved in each ministry role. Through this prayer, God reaches out with the gifts of the Spirit that the ordained person will need for ministry. So, through the laying of hands and the consecratory prayer, the man being ordained is granted a share in the priesthood of Christ, according to the order he is entering (Deacon, Priest, Bishop).

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

## Collection to help fire Victims

This 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 out to : Diocese of Tucson.” Envelopes may be put into the offertory basket along with your usual offering. Please be sure that it is in a specially marked envelope!

## 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>





*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**

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 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       |
| Carol Bruzzi          | George Sheehan     |
| Fr. Pat Grile         | Mike Ortiz         |
| 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)  
Patricia Conley (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 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. Ivan Levytsky &

Fr. Bohdan Geleta

### **Sunday, January 26**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Rosario Cordova (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Carol Burba (d)

### **Monday, January 27**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

\*\*Carol Burba (d)

### **Tuesday, January 28**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*Fr. Rich Boever C.Ss.R. (d)

### **Wednesday, January 29**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Mary Gausepohls (d)

### **Thursday, January 30**

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

\*\*Fran & Monica Roach

### **Friday, January 31**

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

\*\*Spiritual Gift for Healing

### **Saturday, February 1**

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

\*\*Bob Box - Healing

### **Sunday, February 2**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*Robert McFeeters - (Birthday) (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

\*\*John & Harriet Lewandowski (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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| 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 |    |

## 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**

**In Memory of**

**Pat Celentano**

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 13-20, 2025 ~ \$3,203.00

**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/>



**Report Abuse** If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse  
Contact law enforcement (911), call the Victim  
Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson (520-623-0344)  
or visit <https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>.





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



**... ends this weekend!**

**Thank you for your having participated in the 2025 BBD!**

Many needy mothers will be grateful for your generosity. Thank you!

If you forgot to bring them back, please bring them to the RRC's office.

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



**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!

### 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.







## REDEMPTORIST RENEWAL CENTER

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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*

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# 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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**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**



# Dear Padre,

***At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?***

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website—usccb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.



HOT CHEESE MEDIA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual—some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master—not the other way around. ●

***The Redemptorists / 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**

January 27  
*Weekday*  
Heb 9:15,  
24–28  
Mk 3:22–30

### **Tuesday**

January 28  
*St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
Heb 10:1–10  
Mk 3:31–35

### **Wednesday**

January 29  
*Weekday*  
Heb 10:11–18  
Mk 4:1–20

### **Thursday**

January 30  
*Weekday*  
Heb 10:19–25  
Mk 4:21–25

### **Friday**

January 31  
*St. John Bosco, Priest*  
Heb 10:32–39  
Mk 4:26–34

### **Saturday**

February 1  
*Weekday*  
Heb 11:1–2,  
8–19  
Mk 4:35–41

### **Sunday**

February 2  
*The Presentation of the Lord*  
Mal 3:1–4  
Heb 2:14–18  
Lk 2:22–40 or  
2:22–32



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***[Jesus] has descended to the streets of our world in order to encounter our wounded humanity, to caress faces furrowed by suffering, to bind up broken hearts, and to set us free from chains that imprison the soul. In this way, he shows us the worship most pleasing to God: caring for our neighbor.***

**HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 23, 2022**