

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of February 15-16 Sixth 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

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#### Bulletin Editor

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#### Knights of Columbus

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*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



In the Sacrament of Marriage, the Church sees a man and a woman entering into a covenant with each other. As one of the blessings for the Marriage Rite says, “Father, you have made the union of husband and wife so holy a mystery that it symbolizes the marriage of Christ and His Church.” This covenant is an unconditional and unending family union between the spouses.

The Church teaches that this covenant relationship of marriage has a special purpose in God’s plan. As the Catechism states, “The matrimonial Covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole life, is by its very nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring” (CCC1601). So, marriage is seen as a gift from God that strives to bring happiness and goodness into the lives of the spouses. In sharing love and dedicating themselves to unconditionally and fully love their spouse, the couple can become a very deep image of God’s own love for us. The openness to procreation is always a part of marriage as well. If we love as God loves, we should be willing to engage in a love will produce new life.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

## **Fr Thomas Fransiscus, C.Ss.R**

We are sorry to inform you that Fr Tom Fransiscus passed away on Thursday, February 13th. Tom was on vacation up in Reno, when he began to feel ill. He was taken into the hospital there for some minor surgery. Following surgery, he went into cardiac arrest and died. Please remember him in your prayers. Tom had a wonderful life of priesthood in which he ministered to people through Diocesan Tribunals. He also worked with Spanish-speaking immigrants here in the States. A memorial Mass will be held for him on Saturday, February 22 at 11:00 in the Church. All are welcomed!

## **Bible Study**

There is still time to sign up for the Bible Study: Jesus, The Way, the Truth, and the Life. These classes will be held on Monday mornings at 10:00, starting on March 3rd. Cost will be \$35.00 per person. Register by calling or dropping by the office. Registration deadline is Sunday, February 16th.



*Please remember in your prayers*



**OUR SICK**

*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  
February 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 | David Donofrio     |
| Jack Friedman         | Bob Dionne         |
| Winnie Levoch         | Merle Margelofsky  |
| Bob Box               | Sonali Fernando    |
| 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         |
| Charles Lohr          | Scott Pickett      |

**OUR LADY OF THE  
DESERT**

**DECEASED MEMBERS**  
*Last 12 Months*

**(Month/Year)**

- Melissa Bandelt (5/24)
- 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)
- Fr. Tom Fransiscus C.Ss.R. (2/25)
- Joe Fernando (2/24)
- Gabby Juteau (10/24)
- Mary Sloan (7/24)
- Elaine Tolentino (8/24)
- Patricia Wayne (10/24)
- Margaret Zeches (2/25)

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



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

### **Friday, February 14**

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

\*\*Malissa Martinez (d)

### **Saturday, February 15**

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

\*\*Will Starman (d)

### **Sunday, February 16**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Virgina Zamarano (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Ken & Margaret McNealy - Healing

### **Monday, February 17**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Robert McNeil (d)

### **Tuesday, February 18**

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

\*\*Mary Gausepohls (d)

### **Wednesday, February 19**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

\*\*Pat Celentano Jr. (d)

### **Thursday, February 20**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Redemptorist Community

### **Friday, February 21**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

\*\*Jane Orth

### **Saturday, February 22**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed–

Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*Winfield & Barbara Baker

### **Sunday, February 23**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Edward Thom (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*David Ratay (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.**

### February 2025 Bookstore Hours

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| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |    |



Open: 1/2 hour after all w/e Masses  
Monday-Thursday-Friday  
10 am-2 pm  
Tuesdays 11 am - 2 pm  
Saturdays 11 am - 1 pm  
Closed Feb 1<sup>st</sup>  
**CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**

**This weeks Flower were donated**

**In Loving Memory of**

**Fr. Tomas Jose Fransiscus  
C.Ss.R.**

**Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert**

Weekend Collections : February 3,-10 2025 ~ \$4,44600

**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>.





The KoC parish council #15704 has established 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 latest 'Family of the Month' awardees:

### John and Diana Davenport

The Davenport's are long time O.L.D parishioners, regularly attending the 4 pm mass. John and Diana are very active helping out at RRC, handling Audio/Visual presentations of mass, and dedicated service at the 'Desert House of Prayer', and in the community, as volunteers at a local charity, Casa Maria.



***In a world where it is increasingly hard to find real love, we need to remember that God gifts us with the Scriptures— His centuries-old love letter to each and every one of us.***

**OUR LADY OF THE DESERT CIRCLE OF REDEMPTORIST ASSOCIATES invites you to join **Camille Sensale**—nurse, artist, teacher, and retreat director, for an evening of prayerful reflection called **"Jesus on Love"****

***to open our hearts to see God's love for us in Scripture, and to show us how to share the love He has for us with everyone.***

**When: Thursday, February 20, 2025 from 5-6:00pm**

**Where: St. Alphonsus Kitchen and via Zoom\*.**

\*Please contact Diana Davenport ([diana@davenport.net](mailto:diana@davenport.net)) for the Zoom link.

## Annual Catholic Appeal

Yes, we are back to the beginning of another Annual Catholic Appeal. This special fundraising effort is very important to allow the Diocesan Ministries to continue to be active in all the parishes of the Diocese. All the Diocesan Offices exist to support the Pastors of our Churches in providing ministry to their people. I encourage you all to be as supportive of this Campaign as you can be.

Many of our parishioners here at Our Lady of the Desert seem not to understand the relationship between the Diocese and the Redemptorists. We are working with the permission of the Diocesan Bishop. As such, we are under his authority. This is especially true of Our Lady of the Desert. Without the Bishop's permission, Our Lady of the Desert could not be in existence. And, since he has allowed us to exist, we are bound by all Diocesan policies. Being part of this ACA is part of those policies. All of you, as members of a Conventual Parish in this Diocese have access to the ministries of the Diocese of Tucson. So, this appeal directly affects us!

Because of our status as a Conventual Parish, we are treated differently when a goal is assigned to us. Our goal is much lower than if we were a regular parish. This ACA is a way of us showing our gratefulness to the Diocese of Tucson. So, once again, I ask you to please be generous in your support of this year's ACA.

Sincerely,

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

## Shoes needed

Sister Jose's Womens Center is a nonprofit organization in Tucson, that exists to aid and transform the lives of women who are unhoused. These women spend a lot of time walking around Tucson to stay warm and safe. We are collecting "**gently used women's walking shoes**" as a first step in making them more comfortable and letting them know that someone cares and that they are not alone.

I have put a box in back of the Church where you can drop off shoes in February and March. If you need more info or need shoes to be picked up, please call Colleen @320.444.6152.



COPPER STATE HOSPICE  
presents  
“LIFE AFTER LOSS...  
A RETREAT DAY FOR THE BEREAVED”

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-this retreat day will offer an educational focus to those experiencing the loss of a loved one-

Topics will include:

- Loss History
- Normal Grief Process
- Anger & Depression
- Guilt and Forgiveness
- Letting Go & Saying Goodbye
- Taking Care of Oneself & New Beginnings

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025 (lunch is included)

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (please arrive no later than 9:45 a.m.)

Place: Redemptorist Renewal Center, 7101 W. Picture Rocks Road, Tucson

Fee: \$45.00

How to register:

- The registration deadline is Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Email Donna-Marie Terranova (dterranova@copperstatehospice.com) with your interest in attending, prior to the registration deadline, as there will be a form to complete. After reviewing your registration form, and a conversation with Donna-Marie, you will receive an email confirmation if your registration is accepted, along with further information about the retreat day.
- Registration is limited to the first twenty people.

### **About the Facilitator**

Donna-Marie Terranova is a Chaplain and the Bereavement Coordinator at Copper State Hospice. She is a Pastoral Counselor and Spiritual Director with master's degrees in Marriage, Family & Child Counseling, as well as Pastoral Theology.



COPPER STATE HOSPICE





# The Root of Addiction

*How Addiction Begins. How Serenity Begins*

Although there is no cure for addiction, it can be managed. Taming the addictive personality requires living 12 Step spirituality, relying on a Higher Power and the determination to take back control of your life.

The addictive personality develops in childhood for most people. And it's fueled by the belief that we are "not good enough" to be loved-- by our family, God or anyone else.

As a result, we develop a fear of abandonment that quickly sabotages all of our relationships because we are so preoccupied with feeling inferior to those people we come to love. We then overthink everything when friends and partners don't make time for us. They may not return a text and it never occurs to us that they are simply busy. Instead we internalize it and decide we are not worth their time or love.

We then worry that they will terminate the friendship or love relationship and leave us. And so we become clingy and eventually smother them with our neediness.

Once we have driven them away, we need a means of emotionally medicating away our pain, so we turn to alcohol, drugs, shopping, gambling or any number of other addictive behaviors.

This retreat will study the root causes of our addictive personalities, and solutions for replacing our feelings of worthlessness with feelings of self-respect.

This retreat begins with dinner on Friday night at 6:00 pm and ends with lunch on Sunday at Noon.

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

*Retreat Director*



**February 28-March 2**

**\$200 for commuter**

**\$350 for a room**

**both include meals**



*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

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**Tucson, AZ 85743**

**Call 520-744-3400**

**for reservations**



# Dear Padre,

*I have always been an “every Sunday” Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn’t feel that special. I believe that it’s the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels “routine.” Sometimes I’m even distracted while receiving. Help?*

Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28–36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don’t always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don’t feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other’s company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don’t already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. ●

**The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org**



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## 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*.



STUDIO ROMANTIC / SHUTTERSTOCK

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Jesus says [his people] are blessed because they are poor. In what sense? In the sense that Jesus’ disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life.*

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

#### Monday

February 17

Weekday

Gn 4:1–15, 25

Mk 8:11–13

#### Tuesday

February 18

Weekday

Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10

Mk 8:14–21

#### Wednesday

February 19

Weekday

Gn 8:6–13, 20–22

Mk 8:22–26

#### Thursday

February 20

Weekday

Gn 9:1–13

Mk 8:27–33

#### Friday

February 21

Weekday

Gn 11:1–9

Mk 8:34–9:1

#### Saturday

February 22

*The Chair of Saint*

*Peter the Apostle*

1 Pt 5:1–4

Mt 16:13–19

#### Sunday

February 23

*Seventh Sunday*

*in Ordinary Time*

1 Sm 26:2, 7–9,

12–13, 22–23

1 Cor 15:45–49

Lk 6:27–38