

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 8-9 Fifth 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



As we read the scriptures, we see people entering into marriage with each other. However, initially, it seems that quite a few men marry more than one wife. As time goes on, God's plan is further revealed. The prophets, especially Ezechiel and Amos begin to inform people that God intends only one wife for a husband, and one husband for a wife. Amos is called by God to marry a prostitute. When his wife is unfaithful, God still calls Amos to be faithful to her. An unconditional and permanent gift of himself to his wife was called for.

God, in his message to the prophets further compares the relationship between husband and wife to His relationship with His people. Just as God is always faithful, so we must be faithful. God's love for his people continues even when sin is committed by His people. Their unfaithfulness does not cause God to become unfaithful in return. Rather, His love for the sinner remains strong.

Jesus is quite insistent with this idea. When asked by the scribes if divorce was ever permissible, Jesus answers, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mt 9: 4-6).

St. Paul continues to build on this teaching of Jesus. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul has this to say: "A wife should not separate from her husband and a husband should not divorce his wife" (1Cor 7: 10-11). Paul also continues to compare marriage with God's relationship to His people. In The Letter to the Ephesians, Paul writes, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church" (Eph 5: 31-32). Such permanence of marriage, and marriage as an unconditional gift of self has been taught by Christ and the Church from the beginning, because in marriage, we image God's own love and gift of Himself to His Church.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

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

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
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 | Kurt Cummings |
| David Donofrio | Jack Friedman |
| 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 | |

**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)
- 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 7

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea
**Jane Orth

Saturday, February 8

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Joseph Fernando (d)

Sunday, February 9

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly
**Jerimiah P. & Jeremiah J. Donovan (d)
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson
**Elaine Tolentino (d)

Monday, February 10

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly
**Mary Gausepohls (d)

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson
**Fr. Ed Vella - Happy Birthday

Thursday, February 13

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea
**Denny Mallory (d)

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

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 (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport (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, 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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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 1st
CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

This weeks Flower were donated

By Ellen Fernando

In Loving Memory of

Joe Fernando

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 27-February 3, 2025 ~ \$8,988.00

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>.





KNIGHTS NEWS



Dear Our Lady of the Desert Parishioners and Supporters:

We would like to recognize each and every one of you for your ongoing support of the Knights of Columbus. Through your generosity, we have once again been able to support many different organizations, who in turn helped hundreds and hundreds of people in need. Since July 1, 2024, we have made the following charitable contributions based on your donations:

Four Redemptorist Seminarians each received \$500, total \$2,000, Arizona Rosary Celebration \$200. And, the following organizations received \$500 each: Via Christi Society, Christ Child Society, Courtney's Courage, Casa Maria Catholic Worker, St. Vincent de Paul, Gospel Rescue Mission, GAP, Diaper Bank of Southern AZ and ICS, total \$4,500.

Women's Reachout Center received \$2,000, Hands of Hope received \$1,000, and Sister Jose Women's Center also received \$1,000. These total another \$4,000.

In January, we conducted a Baby Bottle Drive with proceeds going to Women's Reachout Center. On, Tuesday, February 4, again, based on your donations, we presented checks to Women's Reachout in the amount of \$5,000.00! Pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, peer counseling and material needs are all addressed at Reachout. Your support saves lives!

On behalf of our entire Council, our heartfelt THANK YOU!



God Bless You, GK Dave VanderLinde

Catholic Foundation's Catholic End-of-Life Planning

- The Catholic Foundation will be offering two seminars on end-of-life planning from a Catholic perspective. These seminars include discussions about illness, death, and dying, and how to ensure final wishes are followed through the preparation of a will.

These seminars are presented by Robert Way. Mr. Way is a partner at Mesch, Clark and Rothschild in Tucson and practices in the firm's estate planning and estate litigation sections. Robert began his education at Boston University – Tanglewood Institute of Music, then onto the University of San Diego (Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy), and finally Thomas Jefferson School of Law, in San Diego, California, where he received his Juris Doctor degree in 2001. Mr. Way's practice focuses on estate planning, probate and trust administration, guardianship and conservatorship, elder law, corporate representation, and probate and end-of-life litigation. Also, his work includes Catholic estate planning, where he advises both individuals and clergy on the interaction and integration of canon law and civil law in one's estate plan. Robert is licensed in both Arizona and the District of Columbia.

February 12th 9 a.m.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church:
505 N. La Canada Drive, Green Valley, AZ 85614
(520) 625-4536

February 13th 10 a.m.

St. Mark's Catholic Church:
2727 W. Tangerine Road, Oro Vally, AZ 85742
(520) 469-7835

To register for one of the seminars please contact Elizabeth Bollinger at the Catholic Foundation (520) 955-2109.

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 26th
- 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



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7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd

Tucson, AZ 85743

Call 520-744-3400

for reservations

Dear Padre,

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●



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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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	February 11 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13	February 12 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	February 13 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	February 14 <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i> Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	February 15 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



ANTOINE Y. MEKARY / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done." Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 6, 2022