

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of April 26-27 Second Sunday of Easter

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

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Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Peter Connolly, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Stephen Huy Vu, C.Ss.R.

Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish

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**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 catechism next turns its explanations to the idea of *Idolatry*. Obviously, idolatry violates the first commandment (you shall have no other God besides me). While most of us do not believe in more than one God, there is always the danger of holding something else as being greater or more important than God. God calls us to hold him as the most important thing in our lives. The catechism states, “Man commits idolatry whenever he honors and reveres a creature in place of God, whether this be gods or demons, ... power, pleasure, race, ancestors, the state, money, etc.” (CCC # 2113). God must always be the greatest good, the greatest desire in our lives. It seems to me that in our country today, many people treat democracy as being more important than God. So many people seem to think that if the government or the voting people say something is ok, then it is ok, no matter what God teaches! Morality is God’s domain, not the domain of democracy or the state.

Closely tied to this, the catechism also points out that *divination* of any kind breaks the first commandment. Divination shows a lack of trust in God in connection with the future. Rather than simply trusting that God loves us and will be there with us as we live into the future, many people have an irrational fear of the future. The catechism states it this way, “Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretations of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe God alone” (CCC # 2116).

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us into  
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure  
expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread the joy and peace  
of our Redeemer throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. Amen



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### Pope Francis

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Born to Life</i>               | December 17, 1936 |
| <i>Ordained a Priest</i>          | December 13, 1969 |
| <i>Archbishop of Buenos Aires</i> | February 28, 1998 |
| <i>Cardinal of the Church</i>     | February 21, 2001 |
| <i>Elected Pope</i>               | March 13, 2013    |
| <i>Born to Eternal Life</i>       | April 21, 2025    |

O God, immortal shepherd of souls,  
 look on your people's prayers  
 and grant that your servant, **Pope Francis**,  
 who presided over your Church in charity,  
 may, with the flock entrusted to his care,  
 receive from your mercy  
 the reward of a faithful steward.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,  
 forever and ever. Amen.

*-Roman Missal Third Edition*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let  
 perpetual light shine upon him.  
 May he rest in peace. Amen*

### Co-Redemptorists Sunday!

Next weekend, we will welcome Fr. Aaron Meszaros, who will share how we can support Redemptorist seminarians as members of the Co-Redemptorist Association. For those who are already Co-Redemptorists, we thank you for your generosity. For more information or to give online please visit [www.coredemptorists.org](http://www.coredemptorists.org) or scan the QR code below.



To support our Redemptorist seminarians,  
 visit [www.CoRedemptorists.org](http://www.CoRedemptorists.org)



*Thank you!*



**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>.



*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 April 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    | David Donofrio     |
| Jack Friedman            | Bob Dionne         |
| Winnie Levoch            | Merle Margelofsky  |
| Sonali Fernando          | Anita Fearday, ASC |
| 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             |                    |
| Virginia (Ginny) Wuebold |                    |

### **OUR LADY OF THE DESERT**

**DECEASED MEMBERS**  
*Last 12 Months*

**(Month/Year)**

Melissa Bandelt (5/24)  
Olive 'Punken' Berry (4/24)  
Bob Box (3/25)  
Carol Burba (9/24)  
Pat Celentano (12/24)  
Patricia Conley (12/24)  
Larry Cobble (5/24)  
Catherine Connolly (2/25)  
Robert (Bob) Dorr (7/24)  
Fr. Tom Fransiscus C.Ss.R.  
(2/25)  
Gabby Juteau (10/24)  
Marilyn Mallberg (2/25)  
Mary Sloan (7/24)  
Deacon Scott Pickett (3/25)  
Elaine Tolentino (8/24)  
Patricia Wayne (10/24)  
Margaret Zeches (2/25)

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

Hoshea 2:16

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

### **Friday, April 25**

7:30.m. - Fr. Jim Shea

**\*\*Spiritual Gift For Healing (d)**

### **Saturday, April 26**

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

**\*\*Ted Golenbiewski (d)**

### **Sunday, April 27**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Carol Burba (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Mary Ann & Samuel Adams (d)**

### **Monday, April 28**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*James Orth (d)**

### **Tuesday, April 29**

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

**\*\*Mary Gausepohls (d)**

### **Wednesday, April 30**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Pat Celentano (d)**

### **Thursday, May 1**

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

**\*\*Isabel Hernandez - Happy Birthday**

### **Friday, May 2**

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

**\*\*Pat Celentano (d)**

### **Saturday, May 3**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed-Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Raymond & Elenor Conley (d)**

### **Sunday, May 4**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Necita Velasco (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Margaret Zeches (d)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Interfaith Community Service Food Bank**

Please help our local community by donating today. We collected 32lbs so far for the month of April. The bin is located in the veranda near the Dining room.

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

### **Bible Study Update**

The new Bible Study, “Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life” will meet on April 27th in the Agave room building # 7.

### **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 From 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

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.**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Gifts & Books

OPEN SAME HOURS

AS THE OFFICE

Sunday...8 AM — 3 PM

Monday—Saturday... 8 am — 4 pm

**This weeks Flowers were Donated  
In Loving Memory of  
Bob Box**

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 : April 14-21, 2025 ~ \$9,536.00

**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:

<https://desertrenewal.org/fees-and-rates/>

# *Our Lady of the Desert Easter Lilies*

## *Honor & Remember the Following Loved Ones*

Joan Crose, Michael Crose & Cleo Moore

Schaefer & Gates Families

Denny Mallory

Catalina Rivera

Parents of Al & Marie Van Huis

Annette Thompson

Jack Lehmkuhl

Carroll & Neely Families

Joan, Jimmy & Danny Jones

Gallagher & Carter Families

Robert & Janice Francis

Harold & Anne Ramsey

Philomena & Michael White

Virgil Roeder

Bob Garcia Family

Joe & Marilyn

Thomas Smith

Bill Malia

Mr. & Mrs. William Malia

Mr. & Mrs. John Serafin

Popiel & Lewandowski Families

The Murrieta's for Abundance & Gratitude

William Bandelt

Melissa Bandelt

Ryan Hanley

David Spears

Terrill Family

Bruno Family

Vanderlinde Family

David Oberle

Patrick Martin

Ed Mauzer

Anthony & Mary Donofrio

Rice & Komar Families

Lavin & Ivan Kramer

Bob Kramer

Glen Kramer

DeLorise Meeker

William Stelma

Miki Abatecola

Betty Floyd

Mike Donoho

Tony Hunig

Joseph Fernando

Flossie & Ralph Jiron

Phillip Jiron

Richard Portwood

Margie & Jim Joseph

Del & Dot Wygant

Yarsevich Family

Noll Family

Krenicky Family

Semancik Family

Leonardo Gentile





# If Only...

**Making peace with our regrets to heal the past**

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

**May 3, 2025**

**9:00AM-3:00PM**

**\$55  
Includes lunch**

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for reservations.**

*If only I hadn't been blind to love...  
If only I hadn't left that job... If only  
I'd taken time to pray... If only I'd  
known you really needed to talk...  
If only I had trusted you... If only I  
had trusted myself...*

**Regrets haunt us from time to time.  
They appear as ghosts from the  
past and they have the power to  
emotionally devastate us for days.**

**We want to return to the past and  
relive it so as to change the  
outcome. But we cannot. We feel  
trapped and remorseful. And we  
don't know how to heal these  
wounds.**

**Before we can release past regrets,  
we have to truly face them-- the  
sorrow, sense of loss, the guilt and  
shame. We need to build a new  
relationship with them.**

**Learn to revision your mistakes and  
to take your power back from your  
past.**





The Gospel According to Disney will examine spiritual and life-changing truths found in the Disney movies **Moana** and **The Lion King**. Many of these spiritual truths are found in Scripture and contain psychological and emotional value for those of us who are faced with real life problems daily.

As adults today, we need to regain our childhood sense of wonderment that was lost along the way of growing into adults. We have lost the innocence and amazement that we once marvelled at in the simple beauty and wonder of life.

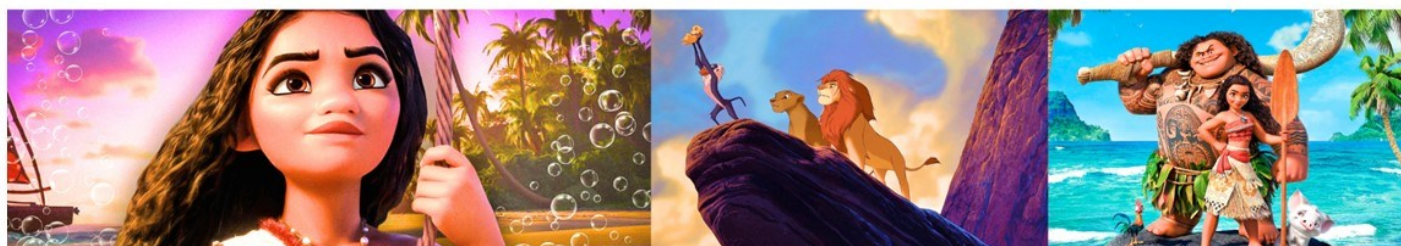
Come regain your lost sense of play and open your eyes to the importance of loving relationships with ourselves and others.

**May 10, 2025**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



**\$55 per person**  
includes lunch

FR. CHARLIE WEHRLEY, C.Ss.R.  
Retreat Director





# Dear Padre,

***How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?***

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practices of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)**

| Monday         | Tuesday                                                 | Wednesday      | Thursday       | Friday                                          | Saturday                        | Sunday                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| April 28       | April 29                                                | April 30       | May 1          | May 2                                           | May 3                           | May 4                  |
| Easter Weekday | St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | Sts. Philip and James, Apostles | Third Sunday of Easter |
| Acts 4:23–31   | Acts 4:32–37                                            | Acts 5:17–26   | Acts 5:27–33   | Acts 5:34–42                                    | 1 Cor 15:1–8                    | Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41   |
| Jn 3:1–8       | Jn 3:7b–15                                              | Jn 3:16–21     | Jn 3:31–36     | Jn 6:1–15                                       | Jn 14:6–14                      | Rv 5:11–14             |
|                |                                                         |                |                |                                                 |                                 | Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14  |



ANNETNAVI / PEXELS

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?***

**HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 24, 2022**