

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of May 31– June 1 Ascension of the Lord

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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



We have seen that the Second Commandment calls for the respect of God and his name. The catechism follows up this teaching by beginning to speak about some ways in which God's name is not honored. First, it states that any abuse of God's name is forbidden. However, the same thing goes for Jesus, Mary, or one of the other saints. They too must be honored and respected. (See CCC #2146).

The catechism also points out that promises made to others in God's name "engage the Divine honor fidelity, truthfulness, and authority. They must be respected in justice" (CCC 3 2147). So, saying things like, "I swear to God" or "with God as my judge" require and demand truthfulness. To intentionally lie while speaking in God's name is in violation of this commandment. In an interesting note, the catechism says that to be unfaithful to such promises is a misuse of God's name (as he is always the truthful one), and in some way makes God out to be a liar. (See CCC 2147).

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



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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# CODEPENDENT CROZIES



Codependents don't make friends, they take hostages. An out of control codependent will make another person into their false Higher Power much in the same way an alcoholic makes a liquor bottle into their false Higher Power. Once a codependent takes a particular person hostage, they ply them with people-pleasing, caretaking and every other form of manipulation in the hopes that the hostage will then like and need them. The ultimate hope of the codependent is that their new false Higher Power will make them happy in every way possible. Rarely does this work. The relationship falls apart and the codependent goes looking for a new victim.



There are different levels of codependency. Not all codependent people are as off the scale as described above. Most everyone uses some form of manipulative behavior to try and get another person to do what they want. The purpose of employing control techniques is to ensure our own happiness. I doubt that there's anyone reading this flier who hasn't tried their best at times to make someone else please them.

Whether you are a hardcore codependent, a recovering codependent or someone with control issues, this retreat will make you more aware of the manipulative patterns of behavior that you may be engaging in and the damage that your behavior causes relationships that are important to you. Only you can be responsible for your own happiness. Come learn how to be.

**June 7, 2025**

**\$55**

Includes lunch and handouts

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

*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

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### **To all Parishioners of Our Lady of the Desert:**

We finally have the confirmed list of winners of the State of Arizona Knights of Columbus raffle. Thanks for your patience, winners have to be verified before we are allowed to release the list. So, here are the winners and the Council that sold the winning ticket:

| <b>Name</b>                    |                  | <b>Sold by Council</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1st Prize (\$10,000)           | Dan Ketcherside  | 13497                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize (\$7000) | Joe Purpora      | 11809                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize (\$5000) | Leobardo Avila   | 14804                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Prize (\$3000) | Sisto Sandoval   | 6442                   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Prize (\$2000) | Leonardo Roman   | 17502                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Prize (\$1000) | Jay Delariva     | 12345                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Prize (\$500)  | Rolando Regalado | 14357                  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Prize (\$500)  | Sally Wagoner    | 3855                   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Prize (\$500)  | Margaret Hinski  | 12164                  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Prize (\$500) | Dan Hughes       | 10441                  |

Again, thanks for your continued support of Our Lady of the Desert Council 15704, and all of our Knights. Fifty percent of our ticket sales will be returned directly to Our Lady of the Desert Church. We will present that check at our weekend Masses as soon as its received.

Thank you and God Bless You,

GK Dave VanderLinde

### **CTSO**

It is time to submit your CTSO Application & supporting documents to the Knights of Columbus Council 15704. The application for financial assistance is for our registered Parishioner's children, a relative or someone you want to sponsor.

All applications should be submitted before the end of May.



## **Gospel Rescue Mission**

### **Feedback ... and thanks to our parishioners**

Our Lady of the Desert, Knights of Columbus Council 15704, and a number of parishioners, toured Gospel Rescue Mission on May 22. This 90-minute tour of their campus at 4550 S. Palo Verde Rd., was an absolutely amazing experience. None of those in attendance had any idea about the scope of services that are provided to the Tucson area by GRM (Gospel Rescue Mission). GRM was established in 1953 by Ray Chastian and his legacy lives on thru the transformational services that are provided yet today to those in need. These services include food, shelter, addiction recovery, workforce development and much, much more. All services are provided with their core values of love, grace and dignity. One of their slogans, sums up their mission, FROM HOMELESS TO WHOLENESS!

You can make a difference by through in-kind donations of household items, new underwear, socks, new or gently used clothing as well as furniture-and much more. You can also make a difference by volunteering your time and talents! If you would like more information, feel free to contact GRM at 520-540-1701, or visit [www.GRMTucson.com](http://www.GRMTucson.com).

The Knights of Columbus will certainly consider making another visit to GRM in 2026 if you are interested in learning more. This mission is just one of many 501 c3 charities that the Knights of Columbus supports with the proceeds from our Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle Ticket sales. These tickets will go on sale at our Parish in early September. However, if you wish to purchase tickets early, please call Dave VanderLinde at (616) 292-0539.

Thanks again for your support of the Knights of Columbus!

God Bless You,

GK Dave VanderLinde



*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 May/June 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             |
| Jim Whitten           | Charles Lohr             |
| Terry Bahill          | Ashleigh McIntosh        |
| Rachel Flint          | Emily Hernandez          |
| Bob Garcia            | JC Martinez              |
| Fr. Jeff King-Healing | David Donofrio           |
| Jack Friedman         | Gayle Dorr               |
| 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          | Virginia (Ginny) Wuebold |
| Fr. Pat Grile         | Mike Ortiz               |
| Ray Obral             |                          |

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

#### **DECEASED MEMBERS**

*Last 12 Months*

**(Month/Year)**

Bob Box (3/25)  
 Carol Burba (9/24)  
 Pat Celentano (12/24)  
 Patricia Conley (12/24)  
 Catherine Connolly (2/25)  
 Bob Dione (5/25)  
 Robert (Bob) Dorr (7/24)  
 Josie Earhart (5/25)  
 Fr. Tom Fransiscus C.Ss.R. (2/25)  
 Gabby Juteau (10/24)  
 Marilyn Mallberg (2/25)  
 George Sheehan (5/25)  
 Mary Sloan (7/24)  
 Deacon Scott Pickett (3/25)  
 Elaine Tolentino (8/24)  
 Patricia Wayne (10/24)  
 Margaret Zeches (2/25)



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

Hoshea 2:16



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

### **Friday, May 30**

7:30.m. - Fr. Jim Shea

**\*\*Frank Avila (d)**

### **Saturday, May 31**

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

**\*\*Maria D. Arellano (d)**

### **Sunday, June 1**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Fr. Tom Fransiscus C.Ss.R. (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Fr. Tom Fransiscus C.Ss.R. (d)**

### **Monday, June 2**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

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

### **Tuesday, June 3**

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

**\*\*Maryellen Reidy (d)**

### **Wednesday, June 4**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Redemptorist Community**

**\*\*Fr. Gary Ziuraitis C.Ss.R, Birthday**

### **Thursday, June 5**

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

**\*\*5 fire Victims Mrs. Sandra Hendricks & 4 children (d)**

### **Friday, June 6**

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

**\*\*David Oberle (d)**

### **Saturday, June 7**

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

**\*\*Bill Martley (d)**

### **Sunday, June 8**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Mark Doughty**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Pete Castillo (d)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Please help our local community by donating today. We collected 113 Lbs. so far for the month of May. 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 Bible Study, “Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life” will meet on Monday, June 2, in the **Petroglyph room building # 10.**

### **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 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

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AS THE OFFICE

Sunday...8 AM — 3 PM

Monday—Saturday... 8 am — 4 pm

This weeks Flowers are donated  
In Memory of Bonnie Albert's  
Brother

**Bob Kramer**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weekend Collections : May 19-26, 2025 ~ \$9,769.00

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/>



# Dear Padre,

## What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles?

Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles “because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 156).

Christ’s multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and “they invite belief in him” (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus’ miracles “also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth...” (“Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” 5).

Today, God still manifests his presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church’s credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful.

To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the pope formally deems it to be “supernatural” for pastoral value. (Search “Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena” at [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va).) ●



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CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives?... Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!***

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 29, 2022

#### Monday

June 2  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 19:1–8  
Jn 16:29–33

#### Tuesday

June 3  
St. Charles Lwanga and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Acts 20:17–27  
Jn 17:1–11a

#### Wednesday

June 4  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:28–38  
Jn 17:11b–19

#### Thursday

June 5  
St. Boniface, Bishop  
and Martyr  
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11  
Jn 17:20–26

#### Friday

June 6  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 25:13b–21  
Jn 21:15–19

#### Saturday

June 7  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31  
Jn 21:20–25

#### Sunday

June 8  
Pentecost  
Acts 2:1–11  
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13  
or Rom 8:8–17  
Jn 20:19–23 or  
Jn 14:15–16, 23b–26