

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

## Weekend of May 10-11 Fourth Sunday of Easter

### 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.

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



In its treatment of the first commandment, the catechism next turns to look at the sin of Atheism. Atheists deny the very existence of God. Some of them totally reject the idea of the spiritual. They believe that material is all there is. These types of secular humanists would see life as depending wholly and completely upon people. They do not need, nor have the help of God, in living their lives. To refuse to believe in God and to offer love to Him obviously offends against the first commandment.

The catechism also talks about another sin associated with atheism. They point out that believers who are lazy or inconsistent in their living of their faith, can give bad example that leads others to doubt God's existence. When we find ourselves living in such a way that God becomes secondary in our lives, we violate the first commandment.

The catechism also speaks of Agnosticism. Agnostics say they are unsure if God exists, so they live their lives as if He didn't exist. Obviously, this kind of attitude does not give God the honor He deserves, and is therefore a violation of the first commandment.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



## HABEMUS PAPAM

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost - now Pope Leo XIV - has been elected as the 267th Bishop of Rome. Born in Chicago, Pope Leo XIV is the first Augustinian and second Roman Pontiff from the Americas, after Pope Francis. We pray for God's blessings upon his papacy.





Please join the knight's visiting one of the numerous charities we support

## **Gospel Rescue Mission**

**'From Homeless to Wholeness'**

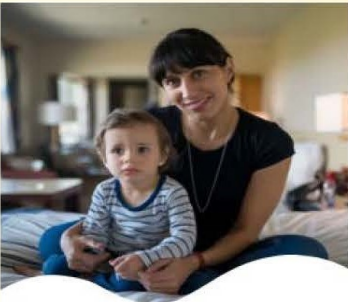
**Thursday, May 22, 2025 | We leave at 9:45 AM**

**Departure from RRC. Carpooling on parking near the office.**

The guided visit takes 1 hour. On the way back, we'll have lunch together at the famous Barrio brewery.

We'll be back at RRC before 2 PM. **Interested? If yes, please sign up on the sheet laying on the glass table at the entry of the O.L.D. chapel.** We're looking forward to having you with us!

Any questions? Call up Mike Horner (520) 975-4188



### *Shelter*

Guests receive a warm welcome along with nutritious meals and shelter, while our advocates assess their needs and help develop personalized plans for stability and a fresh start.



### *Recovery*

Our faith-based recovery program assists guests in overcoming barriers to addiction, providing essential community support while acknowledging each person's unique journey.



### *Workforce*

Stable employment is essential for moving from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Our advocates help guests develop tailored plans to overcome barriers and join the workforce.



### *Housing*

We help guests achieve self-sufficiency through permanent housing by providing needs assessments, financial planning, and connections to housing providers and rent assistance.



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





# *The* **Codependent Crazyies**

Codependency is a fear-based addictive attraction to another person. Someone suffering from codependency feels "lesser than" other people. They believe they aren't "good enough" and become dependent on another person to be responsible for all of their happiness. So, they choose someone to provide their happiness for them and make that person into their false Higher Power.

This chosen person is then expected to always be available to make the codependent feel loveable. When their false Higher Power isn't available, the codependent feels anxious, worthless and fears abandonment.

In their desperation for love and acceptance, the codependent increasingly takes the other person hostage and eventually smothers the life out of them. In most cases, this causes the false Higher Power to abandon the needy codependent person.

If you are suffering from a codependency or are in recovery but have relapsed, this retreat will provide you with information to move forward toward a healthier state of mind, self-acceptance and self-love.



**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

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

**\$55 per person**

**includes lunch and handouts**



**Redemptorist Renewal Center**

**7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd, Tucson**

**Call 520-744-3400 for reservations**

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

**Retreat Director**

*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 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	Virginia (Ginny) Wuebold
Fr. Pat Grile	Mike Ortiz
Charles Lohr	

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

**DECEASED MEMBERS**  
*Last 12 Months*

**(Month/Year)**

Melissa Bandelt (5/24)  
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)  
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 9**

7:30.m. - Fr. Jim Shea

**\*\*Janice Francis (d)**

### **Saturday, May 10**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Karen Conley (d)**

### **Sunday, May 11**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Denny Mallory (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

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

### **Monday, May 12**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Noni Horton (d)**

### **Tuesday, May 13**

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

**\*\*Fr. Richard Boever, C.Ss.R.**

### **Wednesday, May 14**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Deceased Redemptorist**

### **Thursday, May 15**

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

**\*\*Bonifacio A. Hernandez (d)**

### **Friday, May 16**

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

**\*\*Marilyn Taraba (d)**

### **Saturday, May 17**

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

**\*\*Josephine Sliwa (d)**

### **Sunday, May 18**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Georg Horton, Sr. (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Bob & Angie Breister**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Please help our local community by donating today. We collected 80lbs 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 Monday, May 12, 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 (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

OPEN SAME HOURS

AS THE OFFICE

Sunday...8 AM — 3 PM

Monday—Saturday... 8 am — 4 pm

**This weeks Flowers were donated by  
Bob & Chris Francis  
In Loving Memory of  
Janice Francis**

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

Weekend Collections : April 28-May 5, 2025 ~ \$4,235.00

**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,

***When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?***

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: “The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone’s death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person’s suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. ●



PEAKSTOCK / SHUTTERSTOCK

**Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 11:1–18	Acts 11:19–26	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26	Acts 13:13–25	Acts 13:26–33	Acts 13:44–52	Acts 14:21–27
Jn 10:1–10	Jn 10:22–30	Jn 15:9–17	Jn 13:16–20	Jn 14:1–6	Jn 14:7–14	Rv 21:1–5a
						Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



NANCY BAUER / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***What do those who follow Christ do?... They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.***

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 8, 2022**