

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of May 17-18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Redemptorist Community

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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



In closing out our discussion of the first commandment, I would like to refer to another line that occurs in connection with the first commandment in The Book of Exodus: “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them (Ex 20: 4-5). This part of the commandment hints at the “otherness,” or the “transcendence” of God. The catechism uses a quote from The Book of Deuteronomy that speaks of this: “Because you saw no form at all on the day the LORD spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire, be strictly on your guard not to act corruptly by fashioning an idol for yourselves.” (Deut. 4:15-16)

Many people of other faiths like to level the charge of “worshipping idols” on Catholics. They say that our usages of holy pictures, statues, and other such materials violate this injunction. However, the catechism has this to say: By becoming incarnate, the Son of God introduced a new “economy” of images (CCC # 2131).

When we Catholics make use of images, we do not believe that a particular statue or picture **is** God. Rather, we use these images as a way of focusing our attention on God, or a saint. It is rather like a photograph of a family member or friend. Certainly, we do not think that the photo **is** our loved one. Yet, we often see people using the photos as a way of aiding them in their thinking about that beloved person.

Therefore, the usage of images of Jesus, Mary and the saints does not violate this injunction from Deuteronomy. Images simply help us to focus our attention and thoughts.

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

## 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





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

## **Gospel Rescue Mission**

**'From Homeless to Wholeness'**

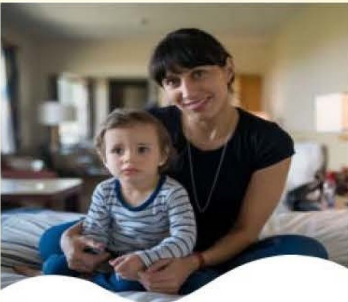
**Thursday, May 22, 2025 | We leave at 9:45 AM**

**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





# 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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Call 520-744-3400

for reservations

*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          | Ray Obral                |
| Gayle Dorr            |                          |

### 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)  
 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 16**

7:30.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**

### **Monday, May 19**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Melissa Bandelt (d)**

### **Tuesday, May 20**

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

**\*\*Robert (d) & Janice Francis (d)**

### **Wednesday, May 21**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R. (d)**

### **Thursday, May 22**

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

**\*\*Mary Handley - Healing**

### **Friday, May 23**

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

**\*\*Spiritual Gift of Healing**

### **Saturday, May 24**

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

**\*\*Walter Sophie Kozuch (d)**

### **Sunday, May 25**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen

**\*\*Michael Crose (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Denny Mallory (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 new Bible Study, “Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life” will meet on Monday, June 2, 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 Honor of The Volunteers at RRC

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 : May 5-12, 2025 ~ \$5,174.00

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,

***I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?***

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you." ●



**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / Dear Padre.org**

## **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*.



### **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world.... He told us what it means to be a Christian: "Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples.***

**HOMILY, ROME, MAY 15, 2022**

#### **Monday**

May 19  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:5–18  
Jn 14:21–26

#### **Tuesday**

May 20  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 14:19–28  
Jn 14:27–31a

#### **Wednesday**

May 21  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:1–6  
Jn 15:1–8

#### **Thursday**

May 22  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:7–21  
Jn 15:9–11

#### **Friday**

May 23  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 15:22–31  
Jn 15:12–17

#### **Saturday**

May 24  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 16:1–10  
Jn 15:18–21

#### **Sunday**

May 25  
*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 15:1–2, 22–29  
Rv 21:10–14, 22–23  
Jn 14:23–29