

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 3-4 Third 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



As we continue to think about the first commandment, the catechism next turns to what it refers to as “irreligion.” It specifically mentions 3 ways we can enter into irreligious actions:

Tempting God is the first way mentioned. The catechism states, “Tempting God consists in putting his goodness and almighty power to the test by word or deed” (CCC # 2119). The catechism continues, “The challenge contained in such tempting of God wounds the respect and trust we owe our creator and Lord. It always harbors doubt about his love, his providence, and his power” (CCC # 2119). Thus, saying things like, “I will only believe you are with me if I see 10 Volkswagen bugs in the next minute,” show a lack of trust in God, and therefore violate this first commandment.

The catechism next deals with sacrilege. Sacrilege is defined as “profaning or treating unworthily the sacraments and other liturgical actions, as well as persons, things or places consecrated to God” (CCC # 2120). All these types of things that are dedicated to God must be treated with respect and honor if the first commandment is to be obeyed.

The final type of irreligion is simony. Simony is defined as “the buying or selling of spiritual things.” God’s love and grace are given freely. In simony, we try to take possession of these things through our own power. The catechism puts it this way, “It is impossible to appropriate to oneself spiritual goods and behave toward them as their owner or master, for they have their source in God. One can receive them only from him, without payment” (CCC # 2121). All grace comes as a free gift from God, not as something we earn or buy.

~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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### Co-Redemptorist Association

Today we welcome Fr Aaron Meszaros who will speak to us about the Co-Redemptorist Association.

Thank you for your generosity toward the Co-Redemptorists. If you did not have a chance to fill out a pledge card or donate, you can hand your envelope to any Redemptorist here, bring it next week or drop it off at the parish office, or affix a stamp on the envelope and mail it directly. Your contribution and support is greatly appreciated. And please continue to support us in prayer by praying for our Redemptorist seminarians.



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

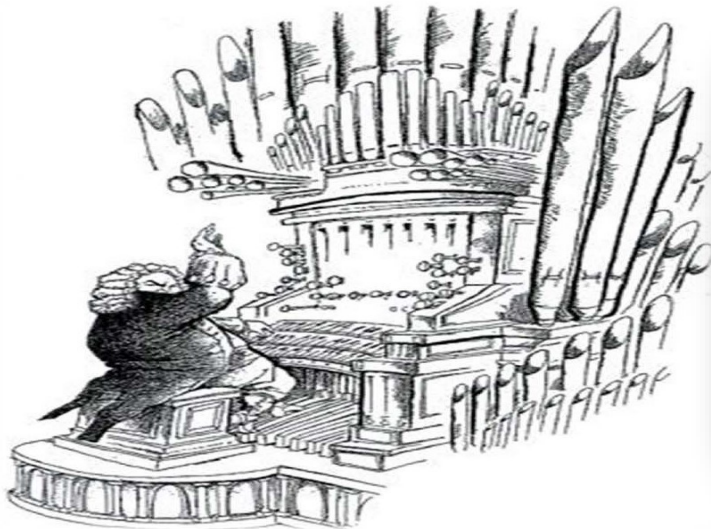


*Thank you!*

## St. Andrew's Concert Series

*Presents*

***Jeffery Campbell, Organist***



***Bach and Company***

*Music of J.S. Bach, Vierne, Whitlock and Susato*

**Friday, May 16, 2025 at 7:00PM**

**St. Andrew the Apostle Church  
800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635**

*For more information please call (520) 226-5574*

*There is no charge to attend this concert. A freewill offering will be accepted.*



**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 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             | 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, May 2**

7:30.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)**

### **Monday, May 5**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Patrick John Martin (d)**

### **Tuesday, May 6**

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

**\*\*Redemptorist Community**

Fr. Tom F. (d) & Fr. Mike McAndrew –Happy Birthday

### **Wednesday, May 7**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Jose Reyneil Sumiguin (d)**

### **Thursday, May 8**

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

**\*\*Lucy Smerlinski (d)**

### **Friday, May 9**

7:30 a.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)**

## **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 5 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 Staff of The Redemptorist  
Renewal Center**

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 21-28, 2025 ~ \$3,306.00

**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/>

**THANK YOU**  
**OUR LADY OF THE DESERT COMMUNITY**  
**YOU DID IT AGAIN!!!!**

**WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE  
OUR LADY OF THE DESERT BABY SHOWER  
THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY AND  
WALKING WITH MOMS' CHARITIES  
WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT MANY CHILDREN AND  
MOMS WITH ALL THE AMAZING GENEROUS GIFTS FROM YOU  
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR  
THANK YOU WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS.**





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.

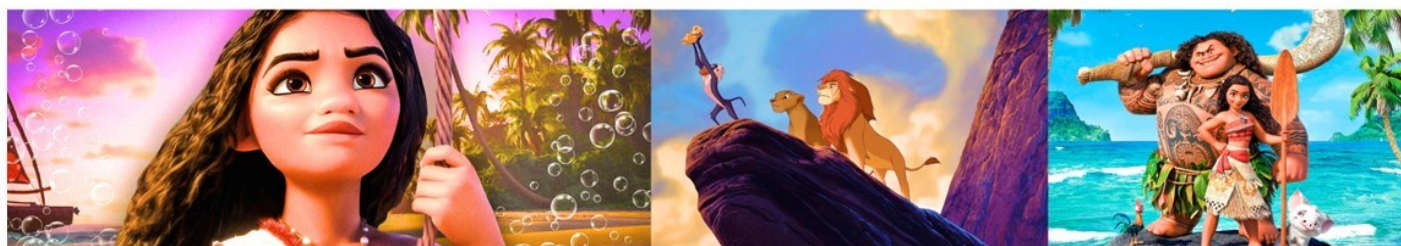
Come regain your lost sense of play and open your eyes to the importance of loving relationships with ourselves and others.

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



**\$55 per person**  
includes lunch

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



# Dear Padre,

*I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?*

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection. It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.” ●

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

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

| Monday         | Tuesday        | Wednesday      | Thursday       | Friday         | Saturday       | Sunday                  |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| May 5          | May 6          | May 7          | May 8          | May 9          | May 10         | May 11                  |
| Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Easter Weekday | Fourth Sunday of Easter |
| Acts 6:8–15    | Acts 7:51–8:1a | Acts 8:1b–8    | Acts 8:26–40   | Acts 9:1–20    | Acts 9:31–42   | Acts 13:14, 43–52       |
| Jn 6:22–29     | Jn 6:30–35     | Jn 6:35–40     | Jn 6:44–51     | Jn 6:52–59     | Jn 6:60–69     | Rv 7:9, 14b–17          |
|                |                |                |                |                |                | Jn 10:27–30             |



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.*

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022