

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

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## Weekend of June 21-22 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



**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 now turn to the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment. The Book of Exodus states: “Remember the sabbath day—keep it holy.” (Ex 20: 8) The traditional way of stating this commandment is Keep holy the Lord’s Day. The Sabbath was a very important day in Jewish life. In the story of creation from Genesis, it says that God worked for 6 days in creating the world, but then rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day from all his work (see Ex 20: 11). When Israel refrained from work on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, the Sabbath, they were imitating God. Moreover, the Sabbath was seen as a gift from God. God realized that human beings cannot just tirelessly work. They needed to rest as well. This prohibition against Sabbath work was God’s way of codifying this fact. It was a constant reminder to the rich and the overseers of workers, that those workers too needed a break. They too were exempt from work on the Sabbath. The sabbath was therefore seen as a way of honoring human nature in all people, even in the slaves and other little ones.

This day of rest was seen as something necessary for the welfare of people. It respected them as human beings, not just workers.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

## OCIA

Once again, this year, we will be offering OCIA Classes (formerly RCIA) for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic. The OCIA will involve both classes, as well as Liturgical Celebrations for the candidates. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church, please have them call Fr Brian at the office number.

## Pope Leo’s Message to the United States

Pope Leo, on the feast of the Most Holy Trinity spoke a message of warmth and peace to the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago. To hear this special message, you can go here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zv\\_HODaWU7c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zv_HODaWU7c)



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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*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 June 2025**

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Bill Liscum           | Virginia (Ginny) Wuebold |
| Miguel Quijada        | Jerry Linton             |
| Tim McDonald          | Aubrey Scarborough       |
| Chuck Peterson        | Joanna Crawford          |
| Linda Peterson        | Lee Morrison             |
| Michael Dunlap        | Charles Lohr             |
| Jim Whitten           | Ashleigh McIntosh        |
| Terry Bahill          | Emily Hernandez          |
| Rachel Flint          | JC Martinez              |
| Bob Garcia            | David Donofrio           |
| Fr. Jeff King-Healing | Gayle Dorr               |
| Jack Friedman         | Merle Margelofsky        |
| Winnie Levoch         | Anita Fearday, ASC       |
| Sonali Fernando       | Stan Wood                |
| Hayden Spencer        | Mike Ortiz               |
| Walter McCulloch      | Marty Lopez              |
| Linda Whitten         | June Wood                |
| Robert Keogh          |                          |
| 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 Dionne (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, June 20**

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

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

### **Saturday, June 21**

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

**\*\*Berta Wagstaff - Happy Birthday**

### **Sunday, June 22**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Fr. Tom Fransiscus (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

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

### **Monday, June 23**

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

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

### **Tuesday, June 24**

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

**\*\*Jo Jorgensen - Healing**

### **Wednesday, June 25**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Daniel B. Garcia (d)**

### **Thursday, June 26**

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

**\*\*Joe Fernando (d)**

### **Friday, June 27**

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

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

### **Saturday, June 28**

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

**\*\*Deacon Scott Pickett (d)**

### **Sunday, June 29**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Bob Box (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Bertha Ortega (d)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Please help our local community by donating today. We collected 26 Lbs. so far for the month of June. 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

June Wood,  
(520) 419.5962

### **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/>

**No Adoration for the month of July  
( July 4, 2025)**

# 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 are donated  
In Memory of  
Bob Dionne**

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 : June 9-16, 2025 ~ \$7,901.00

**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,

***Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?***

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the ‘body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real’” (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●



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**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

## Monday

June 23

Weekday

Gn 12:1–9

Mt 7:1–5

## Tuesday

June 24

*The Nativity of  
St. John the Baptist*

Is 49:1–6

Acts 13:22–26

Lk 1:57–66, 80

## Wednesday

June 25

Weekday

Gn 15:1–12,  
17–18

Mt 7:15–20

## Thursday

June 26

Weekday

Gn 16:1–12, 15–  
16 or 16:6b–12,  
15–16

Mt 7:21–29

## Friday

June 27

*The Most Sacred  
Heart of Jesus*

Ez 34:11–16

Rom 5:5b–11

Lk 15:3–7

## Saturday

June 28

Weekday

Gn 18:1–15

Mt 8:5–17

## Sunday

June 29

*Sts. Peter and  
Paul, Apostles*

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8,  
17–18

Mt 16:13–19

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.



PAUL HARING / CNS

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022**