

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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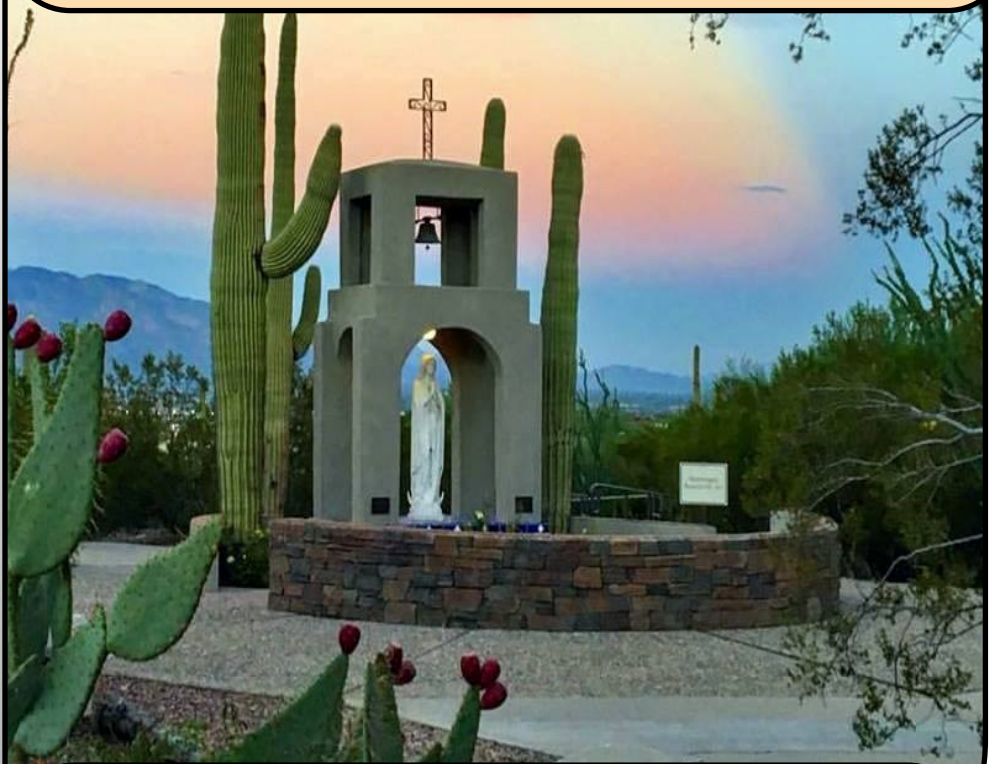
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## Weekend of June 28-29 Sts. Peter and Paul Apostles



**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



Last week we looked at the idea of the Sabbath Rest.

This day of rest was not meant to be idle time, however. God was understood as spending the 7<sup>th</sup> day in contemplation of the beauty of creation, particularly the beauty of the human beings. Thus, it was a time of reflection and appreciation of the good things that were just created.

The sabbath observance is meant to be the same for us. We do not simply rest and refrain from work, rather we are invited to enter into a greater type of work, that of contemplation and prayer. It is a time for us to take a really good look at all the blessings the Lord has given us. It is a chance to truly appreciate creation and God's love which underlies it. It is a time when we remember that life is about more than just work and money. The sabbath is a time for us to remember how much God loves us, and how much we need to open ourselves to that gift of love (grace) and work at entering more deeply into our relationship with God. As we saw with the first commandment, God is a loving God who is deserving of our worship and prayer. We are called to enter more fully into this act of thanksgiving and worship than we are able to do on work days.

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

### **Monday, June 30**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

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

### **Tuesday, July 1**

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

**\*\*Anna Hernandez - Special Intention**

### **Wednesday, July 2**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Marisela Jimenez - Healing**

### **Thursday, July 3**

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

**\*\*Redemptorist Community**

**\*\*Fr. Bill Adams - Birthday**

### **Friday, July 4**

#### **Independence Day**

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

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

### **Saturday, July 5**

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

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

### **Sunday, July 6**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*John Micena (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*John Lewandowski (d) -Birthday  
Remembrance**

## **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

Dr. June Wood, PhD LICSW-Emeritus,Mn.  
(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/>

**There will no be a Adoration Scheduled  
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

During the Weeks'

June 29-July 13, 2025

The Giftshop/ Bookstore

Will be closed.

**This weeks Flowers are donated  
for  
The Restorative Time for Our  
Staff 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 : June 16-23, 2025 ~ will be posted to the Bulletin

**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 Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?***

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with free will. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus. ●

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



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## 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

***What can I do for the Church? Not complaining about the Church, but committing myself to the Church. Participating with passion and humility.... That is what a synodal Church means: everyone has a part to play, no individual in the place of others or above others. There are no first- or second-class Christians; everyone has been called.***

**HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 29, 2022**

#### Monday

June 30  
Weekday  
Gn 18:16–33  
Mt 8:18–22

#### Tuesday

July 1  
Weekday  
Gn 19:15–29  
Mt 8:23–27

#### Wednesday

July 2  
Weekday  
Gn 21:5, 8–20a  
Mt 8:28–34

#### Thursday

July 3  
St. Thomas, Apostle  
Eph 2:19–22  
Jn 20:24–29

#### Friday

July 4  
Weekday  
Gn 23:1–4, 19;  
24:1–8, 62–67  
Mt 9:9–13

#### Saturday

July 5  
Weekday  
Gn 27:1–5, 15–29  
Mt 9:14–17

#### Sunday

July 6  
Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 66:10–14c  
Gal 6:14–18  
Lk 10:1–12, 17–20  
or 10:1–9