

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of July 26-27 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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Director of Renewal Center

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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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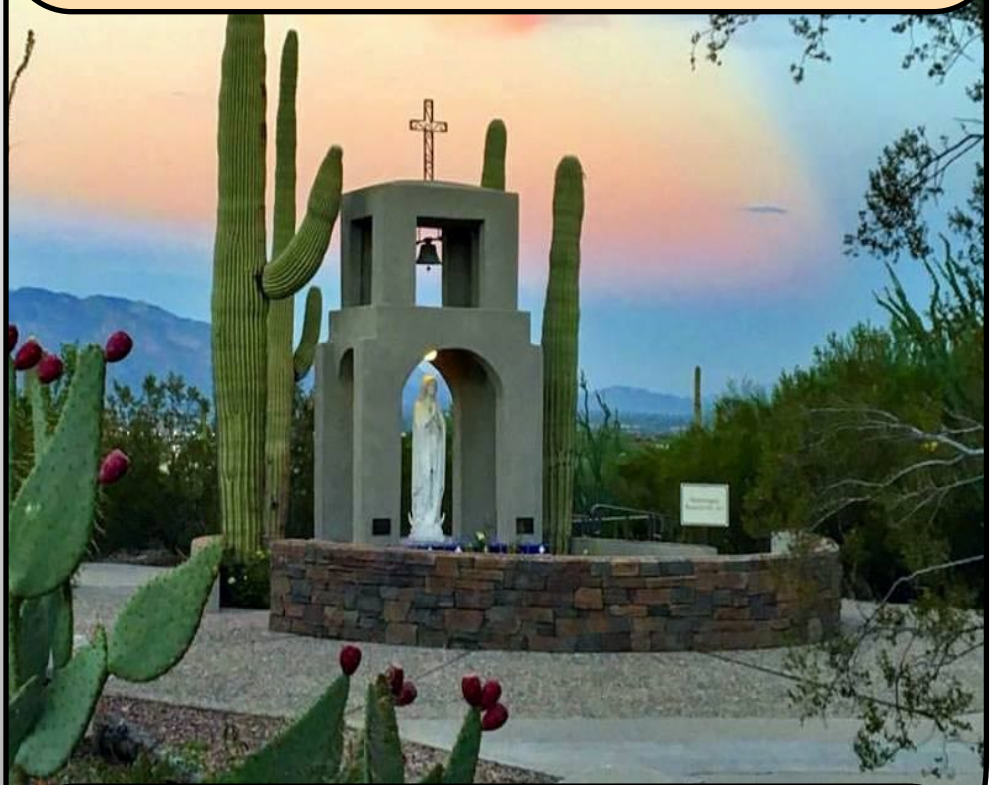
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Joe Weinand

*Deputy 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



The catechism points out that marriage and family are ordered to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education of children (CCC # 2201). The love of the spouses and begetting of children create among the members of a family personal relationships and primordial responsibilities (CCC # 2201). Certain respect and care for all the members of the family are called for.

The catechism points out that the family is the basis of society. In our families, we learn how to interact with one another and with others. The church has always, therefore, called for the respect of families and their protection by the state and civil authorities (CCC #2210). It is also in our families where we learn to take responsibility for the young, the old, the sick, the handicapped, and the poor (See CCC# 2208).

The fourth commandment is also understood by the catechism as illuminating other relationships in society. "In our brothers and sisters, we see the children of our parents; in our cousins, the descendants of our ancestors; in our fellow citizens, the children of our country; in the baptized; the children of our mother the Church; in every human person, a son or daughter of the One who wishes to be called "Our Father" (CCC # 2212).

The fourth commandment has much more to say than simply that children should respect their parents!

*~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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# First Friday Adoration Come let us adore Him!

**AUGUST 1, 2025, 5-8 pm**

**At the altar of Our Lady of the Desert Church**

**The monstrance will be placed on the altar at 5 pm and ends at 8 pm. Please call the office if you have any questions. 520.744.3400**

**Please join us in adoration of the Christ! Please spare 30-60 mins of your time or any amount you wish to adore our Lord Jesus. This is such a blessing for us to actually spend time with our Lord and Savior.**



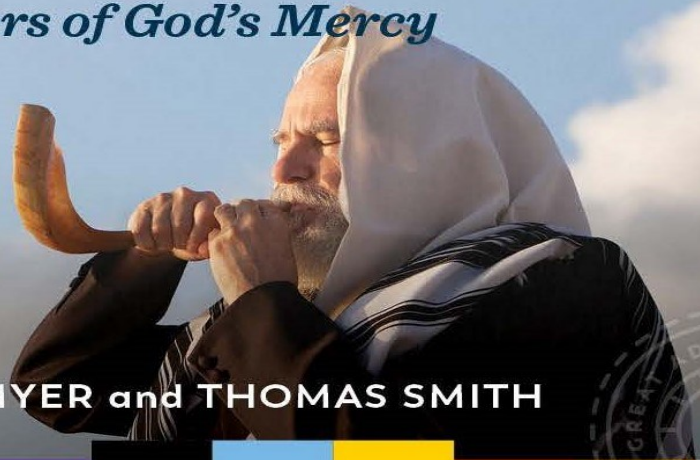
**In union with Christ's passion, we offer up as sacrifice upon the fleshy altars of our hearts all that we lack. In return we receive from on high the fullness of Christ's body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist, and we see the Word become flesh in our own lives.**



# The Prophets

*Messengers of God's Mercy*

SARAH CHRISTMYER and THOMAS SMITH



**New Bible Study Lead By Fr. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.**

**“The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy”** is a powerful Bible study that will draw you closer to Christ. The prophets afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom and show us how to share him with others.

Classes begin October 6 at 10:00 A.M. There will be a total of 10 weekly classes. The cost of materials for this study will be \$32.00. Please call the office to register by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Peanut Butter Party

*Spread the Love*

Help ICS collect 10,000 jars of peanut butter in July.

**Now Through  
August 1**

[icstucson.org/peanutbutter](http://icstucson.org/peanutbutter)





# HO HO HO

## Merry Christmas

*Calling All Knitters and Crocheters*

*Christ Child Society of Tucson's Santa and Elf Team*

*Visit Five Catholic Preschools with Stockings filled with many toys and*

*Topped off with handmade WINTER HATS*

*We are asking anyone who can knit or crochet to volunteer And make*



*some hats for our preschoolers for this Christmas.*

*Please let me know if you would like to join us and*

*"Challenge Poverty One Child at a Time" and make a difference in a child's life, this Christmas. Here is a picture of the hats we would like or make some similar –but remember they are for Preschool*

*Children.*

*Call Angela Schneider*

*NCCS Board Past President*

*520-400-4447*

## **\*\*Mass Intentions/Presiders**

### **Friday, July 25**

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

**\*\*Fr. Paul Coury - Happy Birthday**

### **Saturday, July 26**

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

**\*\*Tom Whittingham (d)**

### **Sunday, July 27**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

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

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Peggy Duquette (d)**

### **Monday, July 28**

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

**\*\*Rubi Aguilar (d)**

### **Tuesday, July 29**

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

**\*\*Michelle Lander (d)**

### **Wednesday, July 30**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Kevin Birdsong (d)**

### **Thursday, July 31**

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

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

### **Friday, August 1**

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

**\*\*Diane Davenport (d)**

### **Saturday, August 2**

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

**\*\*Mary Carter - Celebration**

### **Sunday, August 3**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Robert C. Francis (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Catalina Rivera (d)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Food Bank**

Please help our local community by donating today. 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/>



*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.*

*The Scripture Prayer group that meets on Tuesday evenings prays for those on the sick list.*

### Our Sick List July 2025

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

### 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."**

Hosga 2:16

# 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



Hours are:

MONDAY – SATURDAY: 8:00 am—4:00 pm

SUNDAY 8:00 am—3:00 pm

This week's flowers were donated by  
Jane Duquette Cummings  
In Loving Memory of  
Peggy Duquette

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

Week of July 14-21, 2025 Collection Total : \$ 4,493

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:

<http://desertrenewal.org/fees-and-rates/>



# Dear Padre,

**Who wrote the Lord's Prayer? I know the Lord's Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?**

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Two versions of that prayer appear in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The version used in the Church's liturgies is derived from Matthew 6:9–13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Lord's Prayer the "most perfect of prayers" (2774), teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order, or priority, we should desire them. It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer.

We pray the Our Father, bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism. The specific wording of our prayers is a work in progress. What we think of as the final wording is that which the Church has approved and makes the most sense for prayer as a community. What is most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer. ●

**Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR / DearPadre.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

**Herein lies the novelty of Christian prayer! It is a dialogue between people who love each other, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening and open to a commitment to solidarity. It is the dialogue of a Son with his Father, a dialogue between children and their Father. This is Christian prayer.**

ANGELUS, ROME,  
JULY 28, 2019



#### Monday

July 28

Weekday

Ex 32:15–24, 30–34

Mt 13:31–35

#### Tuesday

July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, and  
Lazarus

Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28

Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

#### Wednesday

July 30

Weekday

Ex 34:29–35

Mt 13:44–46

#### Thursday

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 40:16–21, 34–38

Mt 13:47–53

#### Friday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27,  
34b–37

Mt 13:54–58

#### Saturday

August 2

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8–17

Mt 14:1–12

#### Sunday

August 3

Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21–23

Col 3:1–5, 9–11

Lk 12:13–21