

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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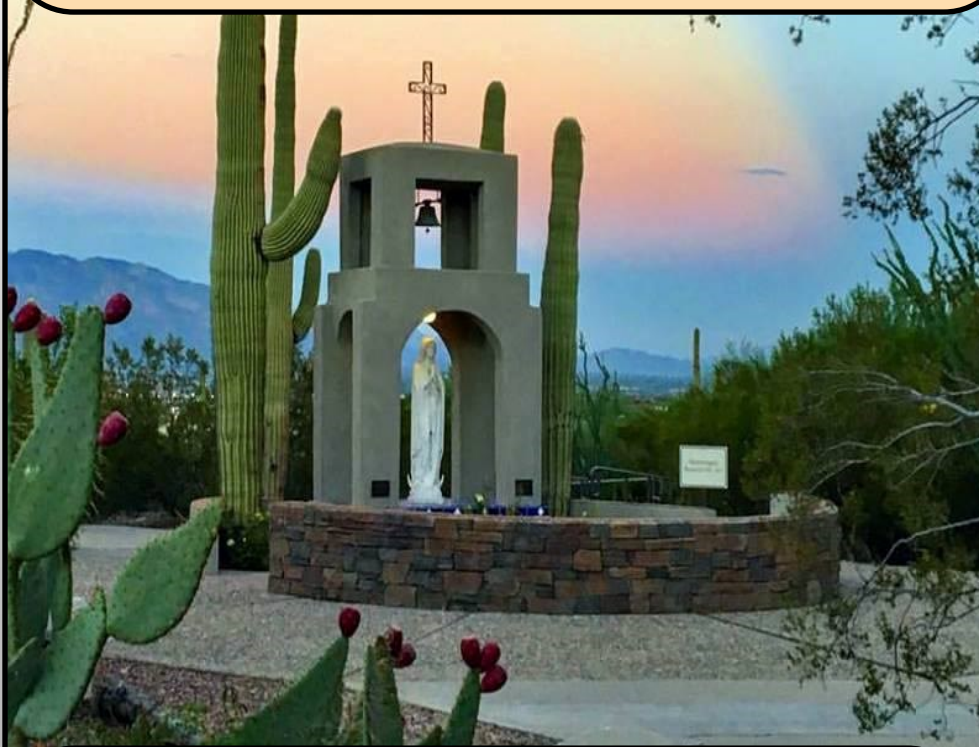
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## Weekend of August 16-17 Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**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 fifth commandment is “You shall not kill” (Ex 20:13). If you were to reframe this commandment in a positive statement, it could be “You will respect all human life.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that human life is sacred (CCC # 2258). The same article says that from its very beginning, “it (life) involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator... God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning to its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being.”

This concept of only God being the Lord of life can be seen throughout the scriptures. In Genesis, we read how Cain kills his brother Able. God calls out to Cain, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hands” (Gen 4: 10-11). Later in Genesis we read, “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image” (Gen 9: 6). Wherever death is caused unjustly in scripture, we are reminded that life is sacred. God calls us to respect human life as His domain.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

## Choir

OLOD is looking for choir members for the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. No experience is required but would be a plus. Current or new compliance would be needed for this ministry. If you love to sing, this is the ministry for you! Please contact Charles at [charles.lohr@comcast.net](mailto:charles.lohr@comcast.net)



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 August 2025**

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Miguel Quijada        | Jerry Linton             |
| Tim McDonald          | Aubrey Scarborough       |
| Chuck Peterson        | Joanna Crawford          |
| Linda Peterson        | Lee Morrison             |
| Michael Dunlap        | Erin Neely               |
| Charles Lohr          | 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       | June and Stan Wood       |
| Hayden Spencer        | John Smithhisler         |
| Walter McCulloch      | Robert Keogh             |
| Marty Lopez           | Virginia (Ginny) Wuebold |
| Carol Bruzzi          | Mike Ortiz               |
| Fr. Pat Grile         | Linda Lowman             |
| Ray Obral             |                          |
| Bettie Hunchis        |                          |

### **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)  
 Josie Earhart (5/25)  
 Fr. Tom Fransiscus C.Ss.R. (2/25)  
 Gabby Juteau (10/24)  
 Marilyn Mallberg (2/25)  
 Sebastian Quijada (8/25)  
 George Sheehan (5/25)  
 Deacon Scott Pickett (3/25)  
 Elaine Tolentino (8/24)  
 Patricia Wayne (10/24)  
 Jim Whitten (7/25)  
 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, August 15**

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

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

### **Saturday, August 16**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Carmina Gentile 97th Birthday**

### **Sunday, August 17**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Charles Robert Rohr (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*George Sheehan (d)**

### **Monday, August 18**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Peter & M.L. Grant - Happy Birthdays**

### **Tuesday, August 19**

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

**\*\*Patricia Bonoski - Healing**

### **Wednesday, August 20**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Janice Francis (d) - Birthday 99yrs**

### **Thursday, August 21**

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

**\*\*Axel Henry Donald Figge (d)**

### **Friday, August 22**

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

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

### **Saturday, August 23**

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

**\*\*Ruth Reed - Miller (d)**

### **Sunday, August 24**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Daniel Arico (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*William Bandelt (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

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/>

# 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 weeks Flowers were donated  
In Thanksgiving and Gratitude to  
The Redemptorist Priests**

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 28-August 4 Collection Total : \$13,804.00

**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/>



## Right to Life Month

Every October, the Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month. We reflect on the gift of *every* human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. We invite you to use this prayer during this week, as a way of beginning to reflect on the great gift of life that God has given us.

### A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,  
at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you guided  
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son  
in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.  
May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
God's most precious gift of life.  
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
to the service and defense of human life  
—especially where it is  
vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace  
to do the will of God in all things.

Amen.

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# The Prophets

*Messengers of God's Mercy*

SARAH CHRISTMYER and THOMAS SMITH



## New Bible Study

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>.



# Brief Encounter



**When God brings  
two people  
together to  
transform their  
lives**

People who didn't receive the attention and affection they needed as children often grow up to be overly independent or codependent. They don't develop a good self-image and sometimes don't know who they really are inside.

They became self-alienated in their childhoods and then never thought to look inside to learn who they really are. Instead, they looked outside of themselves and chose to become whomever others told them they should be.

Some were forced into the role of good boy or good girl. Others learned to act-out to be noticed. Either way they grew up into adulthood not knowing who they really are and too afraid to go inside and discover their real nature.

Many adults in this situation have few friends because they don't know who they are and even if they have some idea, they are too afraid to expose themselves and be rejected.

There are times when God comes to the rescue, however, placing two people on the same path just long enough for them to both learn from each other, open up and learn it's ok to be their natural selves.

This retreat will study a brief encounter, just one day, in which two women transform each other's lives helping them to uncover the lost person inside.

**\$55 per person  
includes lunch and materials**



*Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.*

Retreat Director

**August 23, 2025**

*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

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**Call 520-744-3400  
for reservations**



# Emotional Healing

## Reclaiming Our Self-Worth

Self-worth is the value you place on yourself, which can be influenced by your experiences, societal expectations, and how you perceive your abilities and qualities. It reflects your self-esteem and can affect your overall mental health and well-being.

### *Positive Psychology*

Countless people struggle with having good self-worth. Generally, self-worth is something we are inherently born with. But some of us were deprived of developing a positive sense of self-worth because we grew up in dysfunctional household where one or both of our caregivers were suffering from poor self-worth.

As a result, they passed on their negative feelings about themselves, teaching us to see ourselves in a similar way to how they saw themselves.

Low self-worth in adulthood keeps us from feeling worthy of love, can interfere with our studies or job performance and has a tremendous negative impact on our personal relationships. We can't expect others are going to love us if we aren't willing to accept and love ourselves.

Self-worth, self-esteem, self-acceptance and self-love are all interconnected. Come learn to take your power back from the childhood trauma that told you that you weren't worthy of love or success.



*Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.*  
Retreat Director

September 6, 2025  
9:00AM- 3:00PM  
\$55 per person

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# Dear Padre,

## Is “co-redemptrix” a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her “unique holiness”...‘from the first instant of her conception’ comes wholly from Christ: she is ‘redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son’ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title “co-redemptrix” would “obscure” the origin that “everything comes through Christ,” as written in Ephesians and Colossians. “Mary, too, is everything she is through Him,” stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that “co-redemptrix” is a departure “from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings.”

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble “disciple” best represents Mary’s faithfulness to “her Son, the only Redeemer.” “She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son,” explained the pontiff. “She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple.”

Pope Francis reiterated the Church’s position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, “Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.” Incidentally, “Mother of God” (Greek: *Theotokos*, “God-bearer”) is Mary’s oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

| Monday      | Tuesday      | Wednesday     | Thursday         | Friday         | Saturday        | Sunday        |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| August 18   | August 19    | August 20     | August 21        | August 22      | August 23       | August 24     |
| Weekday     | Weekday      | St. Bernard,  | St. Pius X, Pope | The Queenship  | Weekday         | Twenty-first  |
| Jgs 2:11–19 | Jgs 6:11–24a | Abbot and     | Jgs 11:29–39a    | of the Blessed | Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; | Sunday in     |
| Mt 19:16–22 | Mt 19:23–30  | Doctor of the | Mt 22:1–14       | Virgin Mary    | 4:13–17         | Ordinary Time |
|             |              | Church        |                  | Ru 1:1, 3–6,   | Mt 23:1–12      | Is 66:18–21   |
|             |              | Jgs 9:6–15    |                  | 14b–16, 22     |                 | Heb 12:5–7,   |
|             |              | Mt 20:1–16    |                  | Mt 22:34–40    |                 | 11–13         |
|             |              |               |                  |                |                 | Lk 13:22–30   |



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.*

**ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 14, 2022**