

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

7101 West Picture Rocks Road, Tucson, AZ 85743  
Phone: 520-744-3400 Email: [office@desertrenewal.org](mailto:office@desertrenewal.org)  
Website: [www.desertrenewal.org](http://www.desertrenewal.org)

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

## 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*

~~~~~

### Choir

Charles Lohr, Music Director

### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

### Liturgical Ministers/ Compliance Officer

Kelly Mooney

Bob Jones

### Bulletin Editor

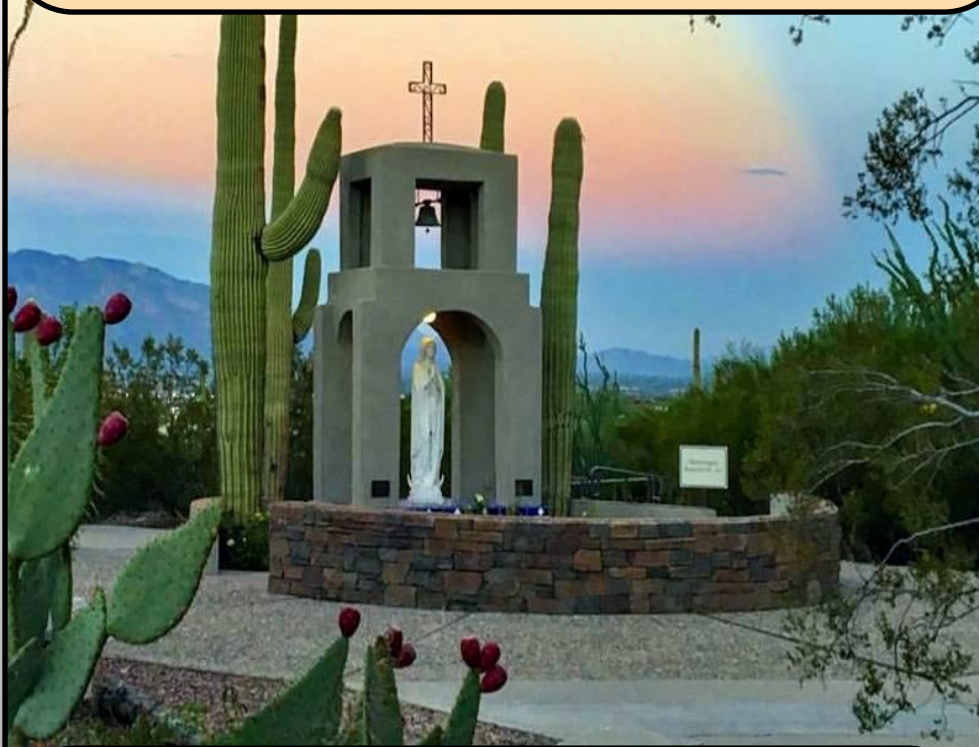
Alexis Murrieta

### Knights of Columbus

David VanderLinde

*Grand Knight*

## Weekend of August 2-3 Eighteenth 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 4<sup>th</sup> commandment calls children to honor their parents. As the Catechism states, “Respect for parents derives from gratitude toward those who, by the gift of life, their love and their work, have brought their children into the world and enabled them to grow in stature, wisdom, and grace” (CCC # 2215). This concept of gratitude is also found in the scriptures. In the Book of Sirach we read: “With your whole heart honor your father; your mother’s birth pangs do not forget. Remember, of these parents you were born; what can you give them for all they gave you?” (Sir 7:27-28)

The respect of a son or daughter for their parents is shown through a spirit of docility and obedience (CCC # 2216). The Book of Proverbs says it this way: “Observe, my son, your father’s command, and do not reject your mother’s teaching... When you lie down they will watch over you, when you wake, they will share your concerns; wherever you turn, they will guide you. (Prov 6:20-22) Later, Proverbs says, “A wise son loves correction, but the scoffer heeds no rebuke. (Prov 13:1) The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment insists that children have this kind of attitude towards their parents. Children must always respect their parents and obey them out of gratitude for their love.

The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment also calls children to respect their parents when the children grow up! As the catechism says, “The fourth commandment reminds grown children of their responsibilities toward their parents. As much as they can, they must give them material and moral support in old age and in times of illness, loneliness, or distress.” (CCC # 2218)

~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:



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



www.CatholicPrayerCards.org 1-800-244-2780 Email: orders@CatholicPrayerCards.org Card #905

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





*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

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 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       | June and Stan Wood       |
| Hayden Spencer        | John Smithhisler         |
| Walter McCulloch      | Sue Cobble               |
| Linda Whitten         | Robert Keogh             |
| Marty Lopez           | Virginia (Ginny) Wuebold |
| Carol Bruzzi          | Mike Ortiz               |
| Fr. Pat Grile         | Linda Lowman             |
| Ray Obral             | Erin Neely               |
| 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)  
 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, 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)**

### **Monday, August 4**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

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

### **Tuesday, August 5**

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

**\*\*Margaret Zeches (d)**

### **Wednesday, August 6**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Donald Wagstaff (d)**

### **Thursday, August 7**

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

**\*\*Amelia Pompa (d)**

### **Friday, August 8**

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

**\*\*Mildred McNeil (d)**

### **Saturday, August 9**

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

**\*\*Leonard Gentile (d)**

### **Sunday, August 10**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

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

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Cindy & Phil Hoffman - Healing & Recovery**

## **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 are donated by  
John Rivera  
In Loving Memory of  
Catalina Rivera**

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 21-28 Collection Total : \$3,157.00

**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/>



# 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*

**7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd  
Tuscon, AZ 85743**

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



# Dear Padre,

*Sometimes after Mass, I go to the late service at a “Bible church” with the rest of my family. Once a month, this church serves communion, but they make it clear that it is only as a memory of Jesus and the Last Supper, and that Jesus is not present at communion. Is it OK to receive this communion?*



The Catholic understanding of Holy Communion includes not only the understanding of Communion as the Body and Blood of Christ, but it includes something more. Communion is a statement of belief and a statement of belonging. When Catholics participate in the sacrament, they are identifying with divinity as well as with the community of believers who are joined together in “one mind and in one spirit.” It is an act of unity, a real “communion.” Even though the Bible church clearly teaches a different theology of communion, it would seem to me that, for a Catholic, the fullest meaning and understanding of Communion is important and worth witnessing to. For this reason, I would refrain from participating in communion at the Bible church. Do so quietly and respectfully, because what is being celebrated is important; it just does not have the full meaning that you understand is necessary. ●

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

| Monday                   | Tuesday                         | Wednesday                   | Thursday    | Friday              | Saturday    | Sunday                             |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| August 4                 | August 5                        | August 6                    | August 7    | August 8            | August 9    | August 10                          |
| St. John Vianney, Priest | Weekday                         | Transfiguration of the Lord | Weekday     | St. Dominic, Priest | Weekday     | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Nm 11:4b-15              | Nm 12:1-13                      | Dn 7:9-10, 13-14            | Nm 20:1-13  | Dt 4:32-40          | Dt 6:4-13   | Wis 18:6-9                         |
| Mt 14:13-21              | Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 | 2 Pt 1:16-19                | Mt 16:13-23 | Mt 16:24-28         | Mt 17:14-20 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12   |
|                          |                                 | Lk 9:28b-36                 |             |                     |             | Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40         |



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger!... Be careful! Love...is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.*

**ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 4, 2019**