

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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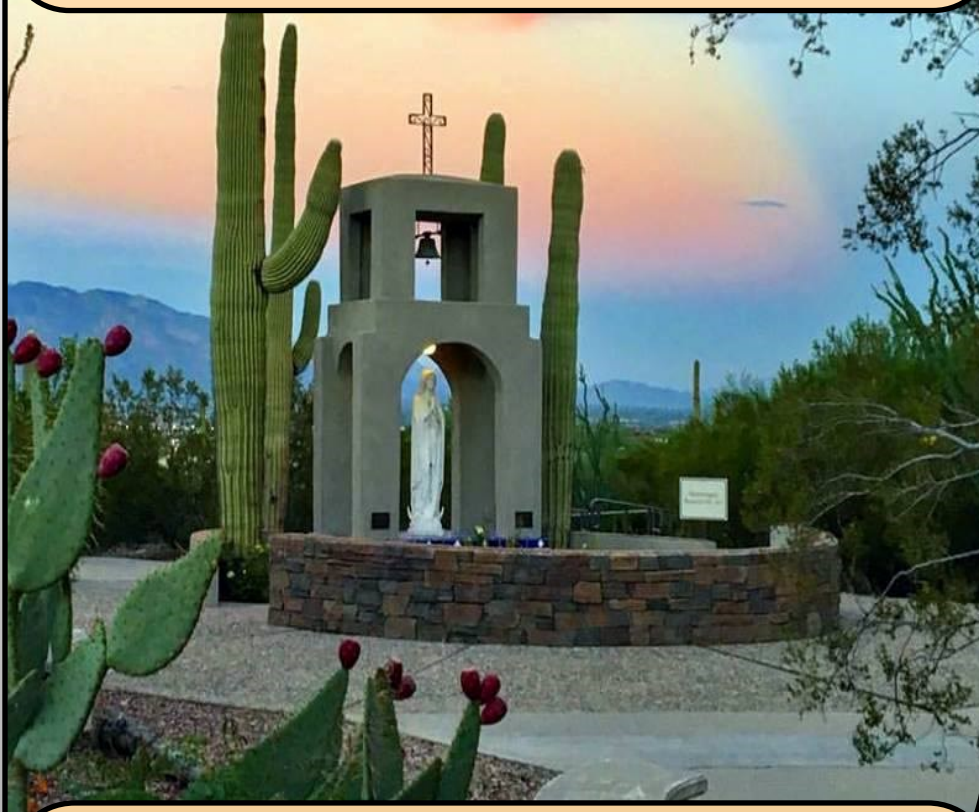
Steve Spain

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*Deputy Grand Knight*

## Weekend of September 13-14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross



**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 demands respect for other human beings. They are to be seen as holy and worthy of our constant respect. Failure to treat them with respect is therefore against this commandment. One such failure is highlighted by the Catechism, namely, the sin of causing scandal. The catechism states, “Scandal is an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil. The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor’s tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother (or sister) into spiritual death. Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into a grave offense” (CCC # 2284).

Scandal consists of offering a bad example to one whose faith is weak. Such example can inspire others to do what we do. Our example before others needs to be holy and upright. As Jesus himself said, “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a millstone fastened around his neck and to be thrown into the depths of the sea” (Mt 18: 6). To show bad example and lead another into sin, amounts to a devaluing of that other person’s dignity and well-being. It is therefore a violation of the fifth commands demand that we respect the life and well-being of others.

~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)

## 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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*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 September 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 | Margaret Beymer          |
| Gayle Dorr            | 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             | Brianna Krumweide        |
| Della Swarm           |                          |

### 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)  
 Bettie Hunchis (8/25)  
 Gabby Juteau (10/24)  
 Marilyn Mallberg (2/25)  
 Sebastian Quijada (8/25)  
 George Sheehan (5/25)  
 Deacon Scott Pickett (3/25)  
 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, September 12**

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

**\*\*Diane Kahle (d)**

### **Saturday, September 13**

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

**\*\*Lidia G. Hernandez (d)**

### **Sunday, September 14**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Mowry Family Health**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Josie Earheart (d)**

### **Monday, September 15**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Jean Andrews- Happy Birthday**

### **Tuesday, September 16**

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

**\*\*Ray Doty (d)**

### **Wednesday, September 17**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Church Mice**

### **Thursday, September 18**

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

**\*\*Wally Kozubal (d)**

### **Friday, September 19**

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

**\*\*Fr. Ricardo Elford (d)**

### **Saturday, September 20**

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

**\*\*Jack Curran, Sr. (d)**

### **Sunday, September 21**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*James Evans (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Joe Anderson (d)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Please help our local community by donating today.

**The bin is now located in the Front Office .**

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.**



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



# 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  
By Alexis Murrieta  
In Celebration of  
Jesus & Cruz Murrieta's Birthday**

## Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Week of August 25-September 1, 2025 Collection Total : \$5, 207.00

**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/>





# The Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle starts now.

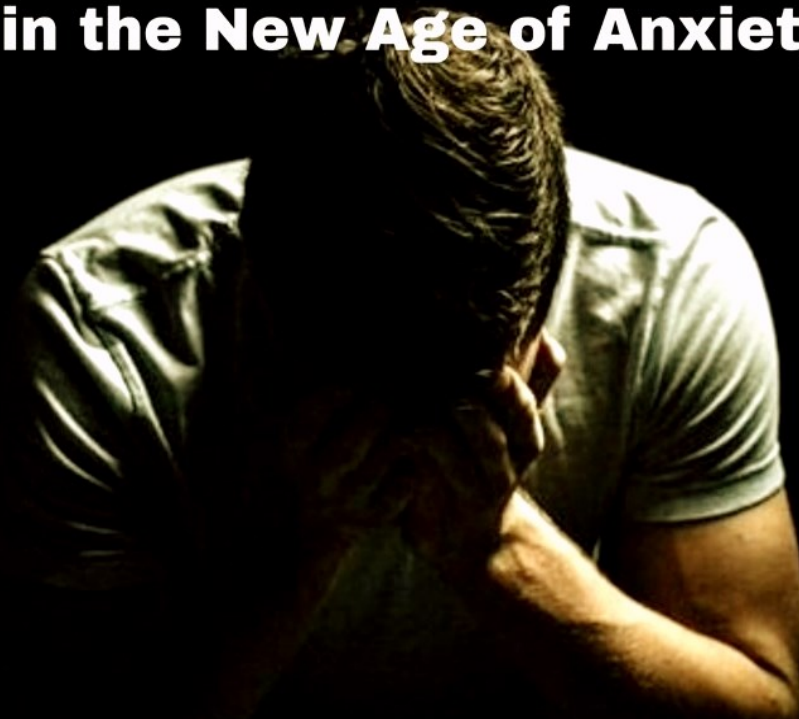
100% of sales benefits Knights of Columbus.  
Tickets are \$25 apiece or five for \$100.

See a Knight outside to buy your tickets today!



# **OVERTHINKING**

**in the New Age of Anxiety**



**Overthinking has become a daily nightmare for many people. And the average overthinker is generally creating problems in their minds that don't actually exist in reality.**

**We get stuck in the "what if this happens?" Or "I've really messed up things." Then we ruminate over these problems that we are creating for ourselves.**

**If you are an obsessive overthinker come learn to re-enter reality.**

**September 20, 2025**

**9:00 AM- 3:00 PM**

**\$55 per person**

***Includes lunch and Materials***

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

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



# Lost Without Love

## Living with Fear of Abandonment

**"Ultimately, childhood emotional neglect teaches you not only to abandon your emotions but also to abandon yourself."**

*Psychology Today*

Human relationships are difficult and messy for many reasons. One of those reasons is fear of abandonment. Many people grow up in families where one or both parents are emotionally unavailable.

Emotionally unavailable parents are unable to model emotional intelligence and meet the emotional needs of their children. As a result, the emotional development of those children is stunted.

Worse yet is the fact that when a parent isn't able to respond affectionately to the joys and sorrows of their children, those children begin to believe that their feelings and needs don't count.

When children are continually met with emotional coldness, they develop the belief that they are somehow unacceptable to their parents, feel like they have to earn love to be loved and develop a fear of abandonment if they aren't able to succeed at winning their parents approval.

Feeling unloveable, the child then abandons him or herself. As they grow older, the fear of being rejected haunts them and can destroy their relationships. No matter how much love and acceptance another person may offer them, the emotionally abandoned person is unable to believe it or accept it for fear of being left behind again.

Awareness is the key. This retreat will provide awareness into this problem and offer solutions to counter fear of abandonment.



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

**October 4, 2025**  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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

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Our Lady of the Desert Circle  
of Redemptorist Associates

Invites you to join us as

**Fr. Bill Adams, CSsR,**

a Charismatic Leader respected  
across the world, shares with us:

**“The Importance of Having a Deep, Personal  
Relationship with Christ: *What We Can Learn  
from the Charismatic Renewal*”**

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 5:00-  
6:00pm

**WHERE:** The Ocotillo Room (formerly Bookstore)  
and via Zoom\*



Has the **FIRE** died down on your  
spiritual journey? *Do you sometimes  
feel as if you're just going  
through the motions?*

**Come and let  
that **FIRE** roar  
again!**



\*Please contact Diana Davenport at  
[diana@davenport.net](mailto:diana@davenport.net) for the Zoom link.

Our Food Donation Area has changed to the front office.

If you have any food donations please bring them in to the bin located  
in the front office.

We are happy to donate these Items to the Food Bank. Your donations  
are greatly appreciated.

Thank You and God Bless :)



**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

All Altar Servers Are Invited to the Arizona Rosary Celebration Altar Servers from throughout the Diocese of Tucson are invited to attend the Arizona Rosary Celebration in Tucson on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.. This year, the Diocese of Tucson will hold the event at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ. Altar servers throughout the Diocese have an important role in this celebration, and they will be gifted with a Miraculous Medal that has been blessed by Pope Leo 14. After the Celebration, Parish and School group photos will be taken with Bishop Kicanas. For more information, contact OLOD Representatives Bob and Carmen Murrieta , 520-237-1127, or visit the website: [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net). New! Altar Servers may register online this year! Use this QR Code



**Domingo, 14 de septiembre de 2025**

Todos los monaguillos están invitados a la Celebración del Rosario de Arizona. Los monaguillos de toda la Diócesis de Tucson están invitados a asistir a la Celebración del Rosario de Arizona en Tucson el sábado 18 de octubre de 2025, de 10:00 a. m. a 12:15 p. m. Este año, la Diócesis de Tucson celebrará el evento en la Iglesia Católica St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ. Los monaguillos de toda la diócesis tienen un papel importante en esta celebración, y se les obsequiará con una Medalla Milagrosa que ha sido bendecida por el Papa León XIV. Después de la celebración,



*Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Pray for Us*

## Arizona Rosary Celebration



*Bring family, friends, and  
your heartfelt prayer petitions.*

**Saturday  
October 18, 2025  
10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
8650 N. Shannon Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85742

**Information**  
John McNulty (602) 568-7047  
[info@AzRosary.net](mailto:info@AzRosary.net) | [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net)



**Guest Speaker**  
**Fr. Emanuel  
Franco Gomez**

**FREE ADMISSION**



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF PHOENIX



**Let's Pray the Rosary, Arizona!**

ción, se tomarán fotos con el Obispo Kicanas en grupos escolares o parroquiales. Para más información, comuníquese con Bob y Carmen Murrieta, 520-237-1127, o visite el sitio web: [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net). ¡Nuevo! Los monaguillos pueden registrarse en línea este año! Use este código QR



# Dear Padre,

***A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?***

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life “as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus’ death was payment for our sins doesn’t mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. “It is love ‘to the end’ (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ’s sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus’ death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice “that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices,” when “the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself,” and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father “in reparation for our disobedience” (CCC 614). Christ “bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ’s death has meaning in eternal life’s triumph over sin. ●



NANCY WIECHEC / CNS

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

| Monday                                     | Tuesday                                                   | Wednesday                  | Thursday                   | Friday                   | Saturday                                                                                | Sunday                                              |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| September 15                               | September 16                                              | September 17               | September 18               | September 19             | September 20                                                                            | September 21                                        |
| <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>                 | <i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> | <i>Weekday</i>             | <i>Weekday</i>             | <i>Weekday</i>           | <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i> | <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>         |
| 1 Tm 2:1–8<br>Jn 19:25–27 or<br>Lk 2:33–35 | 1 Tm 3:1–13<br>Lk 7:11–17                                 | 1 Tm 3:14–16<br>Lk 7:31–35 | 1 Tm 4:12–16<br>Lk 7:36–50 | 1 Tm 6:2c–12<br>Lk 8:1–3 | 1 Tm 6:13–16<br>Lk 8:4–15                                                               | Am 8:4–7<br>1 Tm 2:1–8<br>Lk 16:1–13 or<br>16:10–13 |



STANISLAW TOKARSKI / SHUTTERSTOCK

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.***

**ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,  
ROME, MAY 10, 2025**