

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of September 20-21 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

Director of Renewal Center

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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

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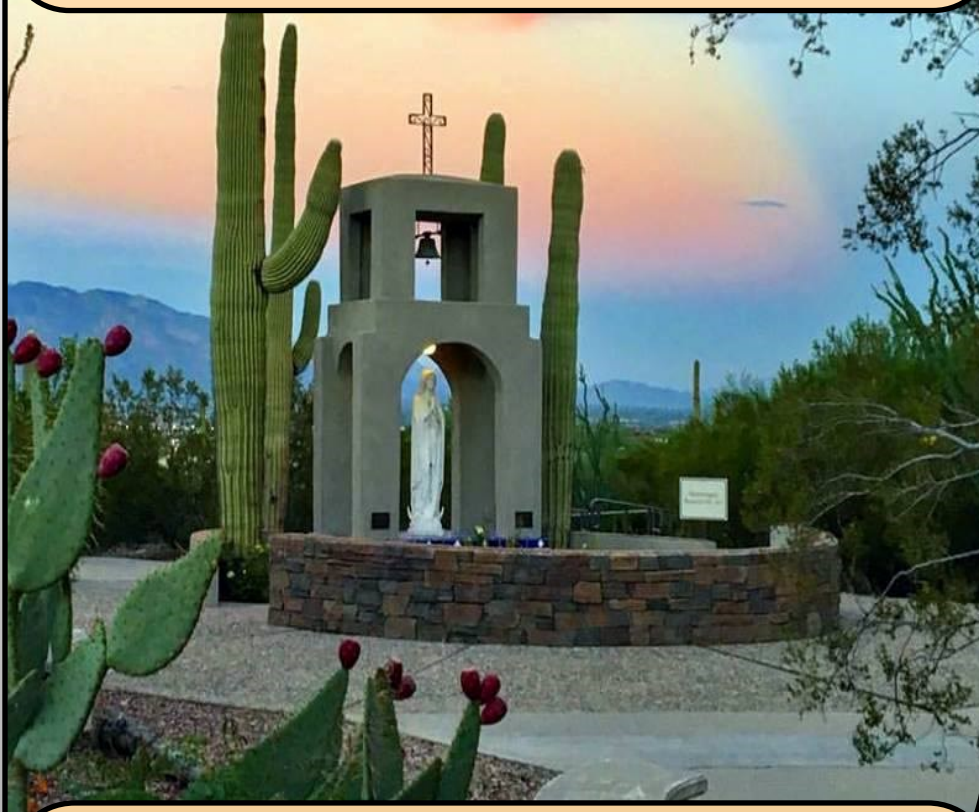
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Together we are the body of Christ, living and active today.

Our Lady of the Desert



The final aspect I would like to look at under this umbrella of the fifth commandment is anger. Jesus, when speaking about the 5th commandment had this to say, “You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ will be liable to fiery Gehenna” (Mt 5:21-22). In Jesus’s teaching, anger is therefore an offense against this commandment.

The catechism further explains this. The catechism states, “If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill, or seriously wound a neighbor, it is gravely against charity” (CCC # 2302). The feeling of anger is not itself sinful (it is a normal and useful human emotion), but when anger becomes so big that we hurt another because of it, or even merely plan to hurt them, it becomes wrongful. The catechism warns that anger frequently leads to hatred. “Deliberate hatred is contrary to charity” (CCC #2303). Anger towards another can lead us to deliberately desire the harm of another. We are reminded of Jesus’s saying, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you” (Mt 5:43-44).

The fifth commandment proclaims to us that we must have a healthy and loving respect for life.

~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

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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Food Donation

Our Food drop off area has changed to the front office. If you have any food donations please bring them into 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 :)



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	Judy Vanderlinde
Bernie Chuinard	

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 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 Andresen**

Monday, September 22

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

****Steve Adams (d)**

Tuesday, September 23

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

****Harold Ramsey (d)**

Wednesday, September 24

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Br. Dennis Lee - Happy Birthday**

Thursday, September 25

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

****Nancy Donahue (d)**

Friday, September 26

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

****Spiritual Gift of Healing**

Saturday, September 27

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

****Carol Burba (d)**

Sunday, September 28

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Fr. Tom Donaldson - Happy Birthday**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****C.T. Brown (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 (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport (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, 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 In Memory of Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Desert

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 September 8-15, 2025 Collection Total : \$7,170.00

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/>

Win one of:

Two First-Class Tickets



2025 Kia Carnival



\$5,000 Cash



100% of purchase price benefits our Knights.

The annual Millions for Tucson Raffle is on and our Knights of Columbus are selling tickets outside church.

We'd like one of the prizes to go to someone from Our Lady of the Desert this year.

It could be you!

We're selling tickets through October.
Get yours this weekend!

Thank you for supporting KofC!

Tickets

\$25 EACH OR
5 FOR \$100

Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of the Desert
Council 15704



The
Jim Click
Millions for Tucson
Raffle

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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7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85743

Call 520-744-3400
for reservations

Sunday, September 21, 2025
Family Booklet participation with the Arizona Rosary Celebration

Families are encouraged to help their children learn more about the Rosary and our Blessed Mother, Mary by using the Family Booklet found on the ARC website, www.AzRosary.net. This year's theme is "Our Lady of Guadalupe." Parents can print the Family Booklet and have their children look through the booklet and complete some of the pages. All families and their children are invited to join the people of the Diocese of Tucson to pray the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, participate in the Blessing Procession, enjoy music, and listen to the words of our guest speaker, Father Emanuel Franco-Gomez, O. Carm, a priest with the Diocese of Tucson, known for his extensive study and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. For more information, contact OLOD Representatives Bob and Carmen Murrieta, 520-237-1127, or visit the website: www.AzRosary.net.



*Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Pray for Us*

Arizona Rosary Celebration

50 Years

*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 | www.AzRosary.net



Guest Speaker
**Fr. Emanuel
Franco Gomez**

FREE ADMISSION

**Domingo, 21 de septiembre
de 2025**
**Participación con el Folleto
Familiar
en la Celebración del Rosario de
Arizona**

Se anima a las familias a ayudar a sus hijos a aprender más sobre el rosario y nuestra Santísima Madre, María, utilizando el Folleto Familiar que se encuentra en el sitio web de ARC, www.AzRosary.net. El tema de este año es "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe". Los padres pueden imprimir el Folleto Familiar e invitar a sus hijos que lo lean y completen algunas de las páginas. Todas las familias y sus hijos están invitados a unirse al pueblo de la Diócesis de Tucson para rezar el Santo Rosario ante el Santísimo, participar en la

Procesión de Bendición, disfrutar de la música y escuchar la plática de nuestro orador invitado, el padre Emanuel Franco-Gómez, O. Carm, sacerdote de la Diócesis de Tucson, conocido por su extenso estudio y devoción a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Bob y Carmen Murrieta, 520-237-1127, o visite el sitio web: www.AzRosary.net.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF PHOENIX



Let's Pray the Rosary, Arizona!

Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

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



JOHN MC ELROY

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 LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth's resources and marginalizes the poorest.

HOMILY, ROME,
MAY 18, 2025



JULIA-M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday

September 22

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 23

St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,
14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 24

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 25

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 26

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31