

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 6-7 Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

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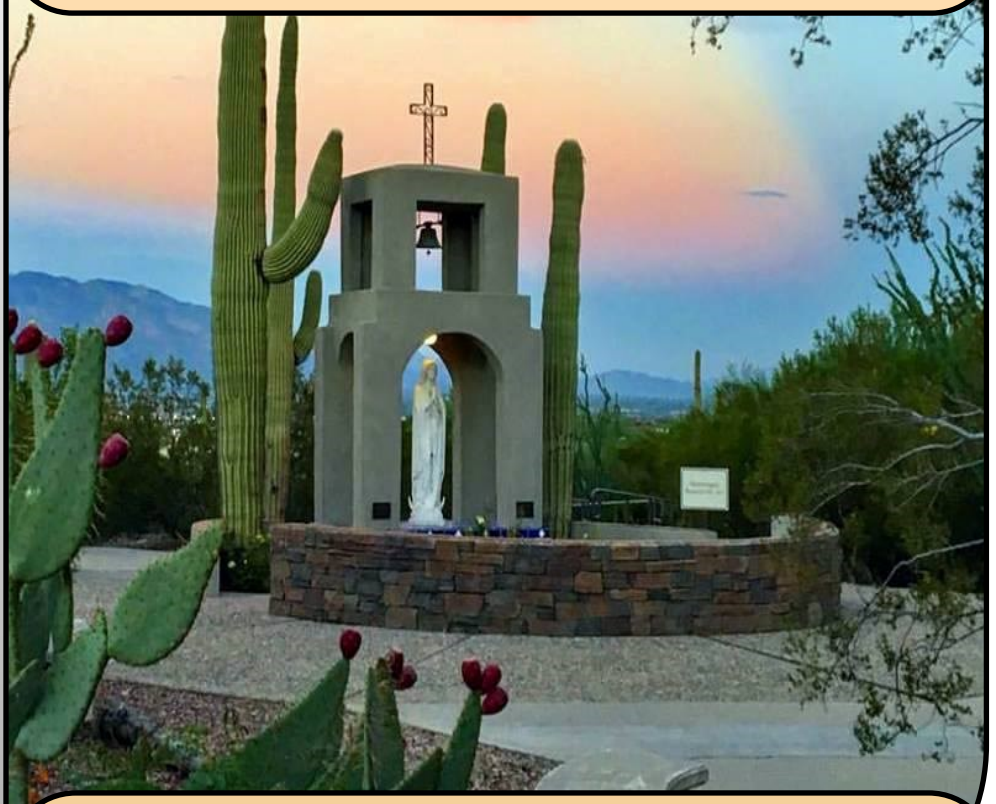
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

Our Lady of the Desert



The Catechism next turns to the subject of Euthanasia. When people are old or suffering terribly, many people seem to think that death would be better for that person. There is sentiment throughout the world that this is true. This idea was popularized by the so-called Right to Die Movement. However, the catechism points out that this thought is not really true. Respecting life means respecting life in all of its stages and situations. Human life must be held as a sacred gift from God. Suffering, while it is not a thing we like, does not destroy the intrinsic value of human life.

The catechism insists that, “Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible” (CCC # 2276). The catechism continues by saying, “Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of the handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable” (CCC # 2277). Finally, the catechism adds, “Thus an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and the respect due to the Living God, his creator” (CCC # 2277).

However, the catechism also notes that “Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is a refusal of “over-zealous” treatment (CCC # 2278). The catechism points out that the difference here is that “one does not will to cause death; one’s inability to impede it is merely accepted” (CCC # 2278). Still, the catechism reminds us that even when death is imminent, “the ordinary care owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted” (CCC # 2279). Even certain pain medications can be used, even though they may hasten death, “if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC # 2279). Palliative care would be an example of this. So, to intend the death of another, even with good motives, is against the 5th commandment. Human life must always be held as sacred.

~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



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 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	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	
Della Swarm	
Margaret Beymer	

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 5

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

****Thanksgiving for Church Mice – Prayers**

Saturday, September 6

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

****Pete Castillo (d)**

Sunday, September 7

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Rapecis Family Health**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

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

Monday, September 8

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Anne Ramsey (d)**

Tuesday, September 9

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

****Judy Bugel (d)**

Wednesday, September 10

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Fr. Peter Volker, C.Ss.R.**

Thursday, September 11

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

****Jamie Moog - Healing**

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)**

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.

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 for Our Church
Mice and Our Lady of the Desert
Parishioners**

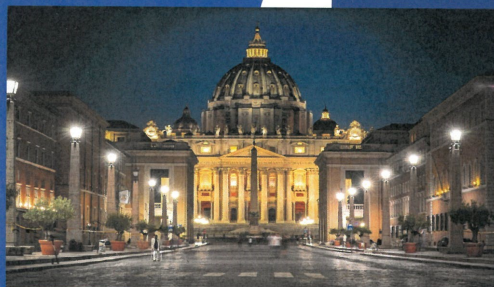
Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

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/>



Holy Year of the Lord, 2025! PILGRIMS OF HOPE! THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

Each Seminar counts toward your Level 1 Diocesan Certification

Gaudium et Spes – Joy and Hope

Presenter: Sr. Lois Paha

Diocese of Tucson

August 23, 2025

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish 1800 South Kolb Road Tucson, AZ.

8:30am Mass 9:30am – 12:00pm Seminar

Gaudium et Spes is the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World from the Second Vatican Council. The words *Gaudium et Spes* mean the joys and the hopes. The document is trying to remind Catholics that they can be open to the world, to dialogue with the world, because the joys, hopes and the sorrows of human beings are of their concern.

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Lumen Gentium – Light of Nations

Presenter: Father Stephen T. Rehauer, C.Ss.R.,

Director of the Redemptorist Renewal Center

September 13, 2025

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish 1800 South Kolb Road Tucson, AZ.

8:30am Mass 9:30am – 12:00pm Seminar

In eight chapters, we are told about the mystery of the Church. And the mystery of the Church came into being because God created us in His image and likeness and gathered us into Himself in the Old Testament through the gathering of the people. That was then given to us, again, in the person of Jesus Christ who gathered his disciples around the Kingdom of God – through His teaching and preaching.

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Sacrosanctum Concilium – The Sacred Council

Presenter: Fr. Jim Garcia, C.SS.R.

Redemptorist Renewal Center

November 8th, 2025

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish 1800 South Kolb Road Tucson, AZ.

8:30am Mass 9:30am – 12:00pm Seminar

Sacrosanctum Concilium is the Vatican II document on the liturgy, the public prayer of the Church. It was the first major document to be written at Vatican II in November 1963. In the first 20 paragraphs of this document you will see that the liturgy is always infused with hope. It is a prayer of the Trinity. It is the priestly prayer of Jesus Christ. And we are called to fully conscious and active participation whenever we whenever we gather for the liturgy.

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Dei Verbum – Word of God

Presenter: Fr. Thomas Picton, C.SS.R.

Redemptorist Renewal Center

November 15, 2025

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish 1800 South Kolb Road Tucson, AZ.

8:30am Mass 9:30am – 12:00pm Seminar

The Word of God is rooted in the Sacred Scriptures and Sacred Traditions of our Church. How can we grow in our personal relationship with God? How is His Grace revealed in our lives through His Word and the Sacred Traditions of our Church?

**Please Contact Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
for more information or to register:**

1800 S Kolb Road Tucson, AZ 85710

Telephone: (520) 747-1321 Fax (520) 790-3308

Email: omosparish@omosparish.org

Website: <https://www.omosparish.org/>

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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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**



Someone in Tucson will win.
Will it be you?

Starts September 13-14.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

'Our Lady of the Desert' Council #15704

Please join the Knights visiting one of the numerous charities we support

GAP Ministries

**'Standing in the GAP for those in need, bringing HELP to Children,
HEALING to Families, and HOPE to our Community'**



Faith Driven



Empowering



Compassionate



Collaborative



Adventurous



Thursday, September 18 | We leave at 9:30 AM

Departure from RRC. Carpooling on the parking near the office.

For self-drivers, the address is: **2025 W Highway Dr. Tucson, AZ 85705**

The guided visit takes about 1.5 hour. Driving time from RRC is about 15'

Interested? Please sign up. Sheet laying on the glass table at the entry of the O.L.D. chapel.

We're looking forward to having you with us!

Any questions? Call up Mike Horner (520) 975-4188

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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Sunday, September 7, 2025

Prayer is a key to the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration (ARC) to be held October 18, 2025. There are many suggestions of ways to pray for ARC's success on the website; www.AzRosary.net. Under the Prayer tab you will find the different prayers included with a Rosary. You will also find the "Prayer Intention" form that you can fill out and drop it in the prayer intention box located in the church. All intentions will be prayed for at the event – October 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and then taken to the sisters at Santa Rita Abbey in Sonoita, AZ, where they will be prayed for until next year's ARC. For more information contact Dave Chohon, 520-

539-5528 or
1945dwc@gmail.com.



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 | www.AzRosary.net



Guest Speaker
Fr. Emanuel
Franco Gomez

FREE ADMISSION



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
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Let's Pray the Rosary, Arizona!

Domingo, 7 de septiembre de 2025

La oración es clave para el éxito de la Celebración del Rosario de Arizona (CRA), que se celebrará el 18 de octubre de 2025. En la página web www.AzRosary.net hay muchas sugerencias sobre cómo rezar por el éxito de CRA. En la pestaña Oración encontrará las diferentes oraciones incluidas en un rosario. También encontrará el formulario "Intención de Oración", que puede completar y depositar en la caja de intención de oración situada en la iglesia. Se orará por todas las intenciones durante este evento - el 18 de octubre de 2025, de 10:00 a. m. a

12:15 p. m., y luego se llevarán a las hermanas de la Abadía de Santa Rita en Sonoita, Arizona, donde se rezará por ellas hasta la CRA del próximo año. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Dave Chohon, 520-539-5528 o 1945dwc@gmail.com

Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the "Order" rather than the "Rite" is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

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



NANCY WIEGHEC / CNS



ANNA NASS / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday

September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1–4a or

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or
1:18–23

Tuesday

September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 2:6–15

Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

September 10

Weekday

Col 3:1–11

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

September 11

Weekday

Col 3:12–17

Lk 6:27–38

Friday

September 12

Weekday

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14

Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

September 13

*St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

1 Tm 1:15–17

Lk 6:43–49

Sunday

September 14

*The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross*

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17