

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of October 18-19 The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Peter Connolly, C.Ss.R.

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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 speaks about Prostitution. The catechism states, “Prostitution does injury to the dignity of the person who engages in it, reducing the person to an instrument of sexual pleasure.” (CCC # 2355) Once again, prostitution violates the 6th commandment because it does not involve the mutual sharing of oneself with a spouse. It is only within such a union of love that sex is permitted according to the teachings of the Church. The one who engages in prostitution therefore “violates the Chastity to which his Baptism pledged him and defiles his body, the temple of the Holy Spirit.” (CCC #2355)

Next, the Catechism looks to Rape. Rape does injury to justice and charity. It “deeply ruins the respect, freedom, and physical and moral integrity to which every person has a right.” (CCC # 2356) Rape is always a very grave sin. The Catechism also includes incest and child abuse in this category. Again, we see that rape offends against the free sharing of partners in a committed relationship, and it additionally causes physical and psychological harm to the victim. It is a twofold failure against chastity and the human person..

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study with Fr. Brian Johnson, Monday October 20

This week we will meet at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. In the Agave room building # 7.

St. Gerard Majella

October 16th we celebrate the Feast of St Gerard Majella. St Gerard was a Redemptorist Brother during the time of St. Alphonsus. He was especially known as a holy man who through the grace of God, worked miracles in the lives of the people of his day. He is especially known as the Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers, because of miracles worked for pregnant mothers in his day. This year, we celebrate 300 years since Gerard’s birth. On the parish web page, you will find a special novena in his honor. We invite you to pray this novena daily as a way of asking for St Gerard’s intercession in your life.

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 October 2025

Miguel Quijada	Tim McDonald
Jerry Linton	Phil Keys
Chuck Peterson	Aubrey Scarborough
Linda Peterson	Joanna Crawford
Michael Dunlap	Lee Morrison
Charles Lohr	Kevin Linton
Terry Bahill	Ashleigh McIntosh
Rachel Flint	Emily Hernandez
Bob Garcia	JC Martinez
Fr. Jeff King-Healing	David Donofrio
Gayle Dorr	Margaret Beymer
Winnie Levoch	Merle Margelofsky
Sonali Fernando	Anita Fearday, ASC
Hayden Spencer	June and Stan Wood
Walter McCulloch	John Smithhisler
Marty Lopez	Robert Keogh
Carol Bruzzi	Virginia (Ginny) Wuebold
Fr. Pat Grile	Mike Ortiz
Ray Obral	Linda Lowman
Della Swarm	Brianna Krumweide
Bernie Chuinard	Judy Vanderlinde

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS

Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Bob Box (3/25)
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, October 17

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

****Andrews Family Health**

Saturday, October 18

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

****Antonio Belamide (d)**

Sunday, October 19

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

****Edward Thom (d)**

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson

****Mary Jervas (d)**

Monday, October 20

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

****Anne Ramsey (d)**

Tuesday, October 21

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

****Pete Castillo (d)**

Wednesday, October 22

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

****Diane Duplanty- Birthday**

Thursday, October 23

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

****Mary Jervas (d)**

Friday, October 24

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

****Tosoni Family - Health**

Saturday, October 25

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

****Bill & Velma Starman (d)**

Sunday, October 26

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

****Louise Thom (d)**

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly

****Dylan Danielson (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 . We have collected 111 lbs. For the month of September.

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.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

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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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
Cindy & Dave
In Honor of Robert & Cleda
McFeeters (d) 79th Wedding
Anniversary**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Week of October 6-13, 2025 Collection Total : \$7,232.00

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/>

Time's Almost Up

Two First-Class Tickets



2025 Kia Carnival



\$5,000 Cash



We're selling tickets this weekend and next weekend:
Get your tickets while you can!

Your donations stay with us. Not a penny goes to the raffle organization; our Council applies every dollar of ticket sales to causes and charities compatible with our Catholic faith.

So don't delay. If you have stubs to return, bring them in either weekend. If you haven't purchased a ticket yet, now's your chance, so don't delay any longer!

We'll be outside for every Mass through Sunday, October 19th.

Thank you for your generous support!

Tickets

\$25 each

OR

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The
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Our Sign
of Hope



There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made *children of God* and given the hope of eternal life with Him.

"The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope."¹ Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring."² Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today."³

Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5

hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death."⁴

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross."⁵

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death."⁶ Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope."⁷

¹ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

² *Ibid.*, 1.

³ Pope Leo XIV, Vatican News, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

⁴ Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 25.

⁵ *Ibid.*, 3.

⁶ *Ibid.*, 20.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 6.

Soul-Centered

Sacred Edition

Music as Prayer & Emotional Therapy



This is a follow up to my original Soul-Centered retreat— a **Sacred Edition** which will focus on Classical composers.

Music is the voice of God. This retreat will focus on opening to the Holy Spirit and allowing God to take us to places within our hearts, souls and minds as we are experiencing musical pieces by Mozart, Rachmaninov, Karl Jenkins, John Rutter and Vivaldi.

The primary focus will be on identifying feelings that the Spirit brings alive inside of you through the music. Guided meditations, set to music, will focus on enhancing self-love.

9:00 Am– 3:00 PM

\$55 includes lunch

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Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C. Ss. R.
Retreat Director

October 25, 2025

**Call 520-744-3400
For reservations.**

Self-Forgiveness

The Life-Restoring Cleanse for Your Soul



Forgiveness of others is difficult for the average person. But self-forgiveness is almost impossible for countless others.

Everyone makes mistakes. Some of us are able to learn from those mistakes and brush them off. We release feelings of failure, shame and guilt. Others, however, are not able to overcome the devastation they feel when they make mistakes.

These people most often suffer from perfectionism, which has haunted them with the belief that if they make a mistake of any sort it's fatal. They are afraid their value in the eyes of others will be greatly diminished and they will no longer be respected or even considered worth-while persons.

And these are the individuals who suffer the most with the concept of self-forgiveness. They simply don't know where to begin to set themselves free from the great disgrace they feel over proving through any error that they are not perfect.

If you are trapped in the fear that any mistake you make may be fatal to your reputation or self-worth or even your ability to be loved by others-- including God-- this retreat will help you realize that every mistake, every sin, is forgivable. God forgives when we ask, many people forgive us when we ask. We are the ones who must learn to forgive ourselves just as God and others forgive us.



Fr. Charlie Welrley, C.Ss.R.

Retreat Director

November 8, 2025

9:00 AM-3:00PM

\$55 includes lunch

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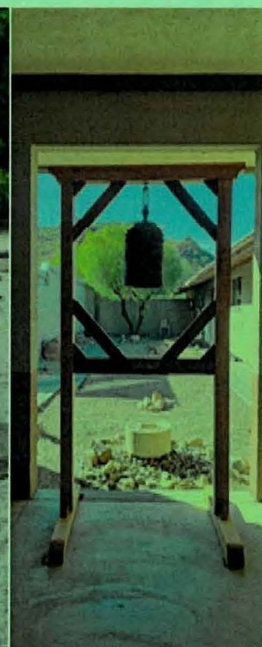
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Contemplative Intensive Retreats with Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, CSsR

February 7-9, 2025 November 21-23, 2025 ~~March 21-23, 2025~~

Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God is within and among us. To truly follow Christ from the depths of our lives we must seek “within” through quiet prayerful meditation and listen to his Spirit speaking there. Following Jesus Christ is not only a matter of doing; it is a way of being.

The intensive retreat is an opportunity for those new to contemplative prayer to begin a regular practice of Christian meditation. For those already practicing contemplative prayer, it affords an opportunity to deepen their practice and renew their commitment to this powerful prayer form. The retreat includes instruction and intensive practice of the form of meditation known as ‘Christian mindfulness’, or ‘Centering Prayer.’ We will learn the importance of body posture in prayer, of emptying the mind of, and concentration techniques to attain a state of openness to the voice of God’s Spirit speaking to our spirits and teaching us to pray. In clearing the ground of our lives through Christian contemplation, the seed of God’s Kingdom sown there can flourish and produce a hundred-fold.



For more information or to make reservation, call 520.744-3400 or write

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Dear Padre,

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any “energy” that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of “inanimate,” do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●



EKATERINA BOLOVTSOVA / PEXELS

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, 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**.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: “My peace I give to you” (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by

eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

**AUDIENCE OF THE
HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025**



ERREROBERTO / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:20–25
Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday

October 21
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17–19, 20b–21
Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday

October 22
Weekday
Rom 6:12–18
Lk 12:39–48

Thursday

October 23
Weekday
Rom 6:19–23
Lk 12:49–53

Friday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 7:18–25a
Lk 12:54–59

Saturday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 8:1–11
Lk 13:1–9

Sunday

October 25
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12–14, 16–18
2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18
Lk 18:9–14