

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of August 26-27

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Redemptorist Community

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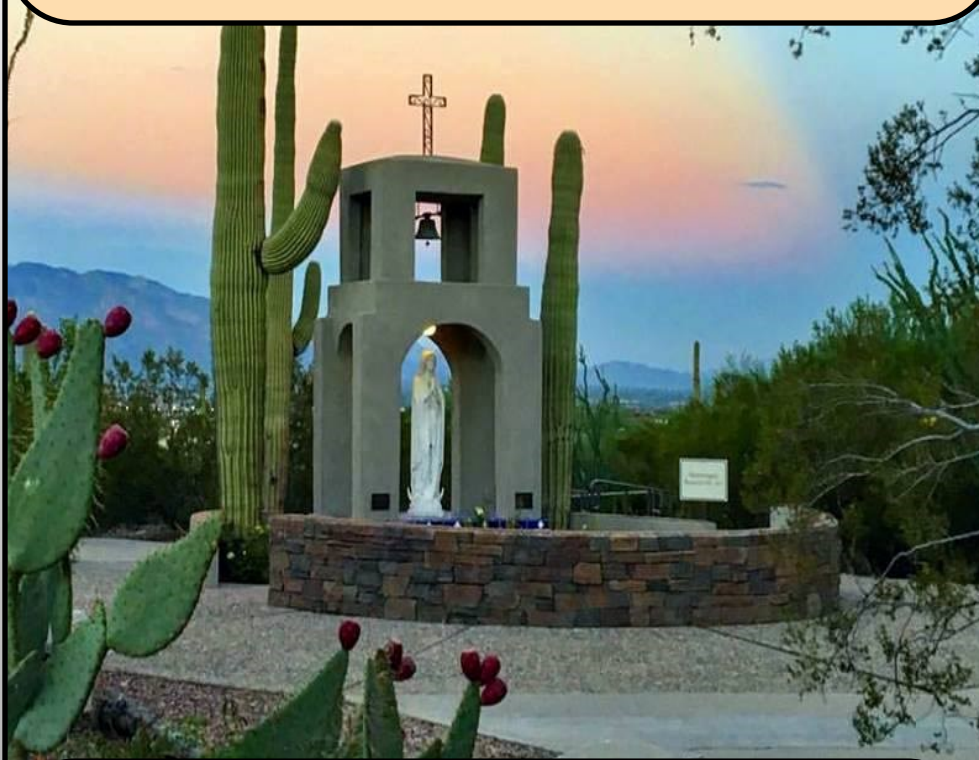
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

# Our Lady of the Desert



## **August 27th Rom 11:33-36**

In today's second reading, taken from the Letter to the Romans, Paul writes about the unfathomable knowledge and wisdom of God. God's understanding, His ways, and His judgments are far beyond our ability to understand. Often times, we may look at things God tells us to do (such as love our enemies and to turn the other cheek) as being ridiculous statements. They fly in the face of everything that seems to make sense to us. They seem to be the exact opposite of what we believe should be done. Yet, Paul rejoices because he knows that God, who alone knows the truth, has condescended to us and revealed His will. We simply need to trust Him and live as he says. We will find happiness and fulfillment in the end!

## **August 28th 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10**

Paul writes of his great love and sense of pride in the Thessalonians. His toil among them as he taught them about Jesus has produced a great fruit in their lives. They have become a people who, through the power of the Holy Spirit, have shown their love for God and others by the way they live. Their actions towards others declare to the whole world that God's will is supreme, and that the welfare of their neighbors is sacred. We too have received the same Spirit. We need to constantly seek to follow where that Spirit leads us. That is the way to eternal life.

## **August 29th 1 Thes 2:1-8**

Paul, today, writes to the Thessalonians about his work among them. He says he labored among them to show them what God's love was like. He invited the people to follow Jesus. He did not threaten them. He treated them with love and respect as a mother would treat her child. Paul imitated Jesus in this way. Jesus, too, loves us and invites us to trust in his love. Once we trust, all we need to do is be faithful.

## **August 30th 1 Thes 2:9-13**

Paul continues to write about his work among the Thessalonians. He points out that he went out of his way to serve the people and not to be a burden to them. His whole purpose was to present them with God's Word. The people accepted what he taught because it was not Paul's word but God's. Paul rejoices that the living Word he shared with them has become the driving force of their lives.

## **August 31st 1 Thes 3:7-13**

Paul prays today that he wishes to see the Thessalonians once again and enjoy their love and friendship. They matter to him! He still loves and misses them. He prays that they will be always faithful to living a life of love toward those around them. It is in living love that we obey God's will.

## **September 1st 1 Thes 4:1-8**

Paul writes to the Thessalonians that they need to be holy. They need to strive every day to live this holiness more perfectly. He uses marriage as an example. Paul states that a man takes a wife to love her and serve her, not so that he may have his lustful passions fulfilled. Spouses must see each other first of all as human beings and so be respectful of one another. Learning to be ever more loving and respectful of others should be a daily duty for us Christians.





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**September 2nd 1 Thes 4:9-11**

Paul says today that the Thessalonians have been living a life of generosity and kindness towards others. Still, he advises them to never be satisfied with where they are regarding this. They must always seek to grow in charity, in tranquility, and in their willingness to not allow themselves to be a burden for those around them. Their aim should be to support others in a loving way; not to be supported by others. The good of the other should always be our aim in life.

*~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.*

## Arizona Rosary Celebration

**October 14, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Saturday**



**St. Augustine Cathedral**

192 S. Stone Ave.  
Tucson, AZ 85701

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

**FREE Admission**

Information:  
Dave Chohon  
(520) 539-5528  
info@AzRosary.net  
www.AzRosary.net



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**Our Lady of  
Mount Carmel,  
Pray for Us.**



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

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

## **Mark your Calendars for the Arizona Rosary Celebration**

Plan to attend the annual Arizona Rosary Celebration on Saturday, October 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Saint Augustine Cathedral located at 192 South Stone Avenue, Tucson. The Most Reverend Edward Weisenburger will preside. Pray the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, participate in a Blessing Procession, enjoy the music of the Diocesan Choir, and listen to the words of our guest speaker, Sister Mary Clare Mancini, OCD, of the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. Honor our Blessed Mother under her title, "Our Lady of Mount Carmel". All Catholic schools, parishes, organizations and groups are invited to participate. Pray for the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration. For more information, contact Dave Chohon at [1945dwc@gmail.com](mailto:1945dwc@gmail.com) or 520-539-5528.

The Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704 will start to sell 'Jim Click "Millions for Tucson" Raffle Tickets' before & after the Masses during the weekend of August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

**To tempt you to purchase tickets, on Saturday and Sunday, we are planning to temporarily park the First Place Prize, the NEW 2023 FORD BRONCO RAPTOR, IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT FOR YOU TO SEE!!!**

However, please remember, as in years past, ALL ticket sales money collected will go towards supporting local Charities.



**BUT ALSO KEEP IN MIND,**

# YOU COULD WIN



One of three great prizes:  
**NEW 2023  
FORD BRONCO RAPTOR,**  
two round-trip, first-class airline  
tickets to anywhere in the world  
**OR \$5,000 cash!**

(Restrictions apply to airline tickets: Please see  
Millions for Tucson Raffle Rules)



ACTS Stands for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service and is a four-day, three-night Catholic retreat, led for men by parishioners, serving to build a stronger Christian community in our parishes.

The retreat will be held September 7th, 2023, to September 10th, 2023 at the Redemptorist Renewal Center and our theme this year is "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20.

If you are interested to live this retreat please contact, **Ramon Andrade** 520-405-8388 [rqndrade@aol.com](mailto:rqndrade@aol.com), **Robert Santos** 520-240-1953 [rnlsaint@hotmail.com](mailto:rnlsaint@hotmail.com), or **Michael Murrieta** 480-213-8570 [mikemurrieta10@gmail.com](mailto:mikemurrieta10@gmail.com)

God Bless you all and your families.

As you are planning your summer with your family,  
join over 18,000 men in Arizona  
who are putting God at the center of their family,  
becoming better men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers...  
Become a better Catholic gentlemen.

**Join Us  
Become a Knight of Columbus**



Contact Ray Obral,  
Membership  
Director;  
520-403-5003 or  
[riobral@comcast.net](mailto:riobral@comcast.net)



## **\*\*Mass Intentions/Presiders**

### **Friday, August 25**

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

**\*\*Katherine Korduba (d)**

### **Saturday, August 26**

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*For Healing**

### **Sunday, August 27**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Sr. Donna Schultz for Healing**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Victims of Coronavirus – Recovery & Wellness**

### **Monday, August 28**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Joe Lowman (d)**

### **Tuesday, August 29**

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

**\*\*Cecil Beatty (d)**

### **Wednesday, August 30**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Irena Capara (d)**

### **Thursday, August 31**

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

**\*\*Albert & Edna Dretzka (d)**

### **Friday, September 1**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Harriet Lewandowski (d)**

### **Saturday, September 2**

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

**\*\*Karen Conley (d)**

### **Sunday, September 3**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

**\*\*Anne Ramsey (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

**\*\*Mel Guell (d)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **RCIA**

Every year, our parish offers a process through which non-Catholics can join our Catholic Church. This process is called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This past year, we had two individuals who joined the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil Service. Another opportunity will be starting this Fall. If you know of someone who is not presently Catholic, but who might be interested in joining our Church, we invite you to have them call Fr. Brian at the office.

### **Bible Study**

We will be holding another Bible Study from the Great Adventure Series. We will be studying the Book of Revelation. Workbooks for this study cost \$28.00. This will be a 10-week study held on the Mondays from October 9 through December 11. Please call the office to register for this study by September 11th. 520.744.3400.

### **Monthly Rosary Prayer**

Starting October 11, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and every second Wednesday following. In the Our Lady of the Desert Chapel. Please come and join us.

### **Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates**

Please join us at one of our monthly meetings (3rd Thursday of the month, 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.

### **Scripture Prayer Group**

meets via zoom each Tuesday from 7-8pm. For more details email John Davenport at: [john@davenport.net](mailto:john@davenport.net), or call 440.478.1203.

### **Grief Share Support Group**

Grief share is a friendly group of caring people, who share the experience of the loss of a loved one. For more information contact, June or Stan Wood at 520.219.2919.

### **Food Bank**

The Marana Food Bank bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore. We collected a total of 150lbs of food for the month of June and July. Please help our local community by donating today. Thank you for

# First Friday Adoration

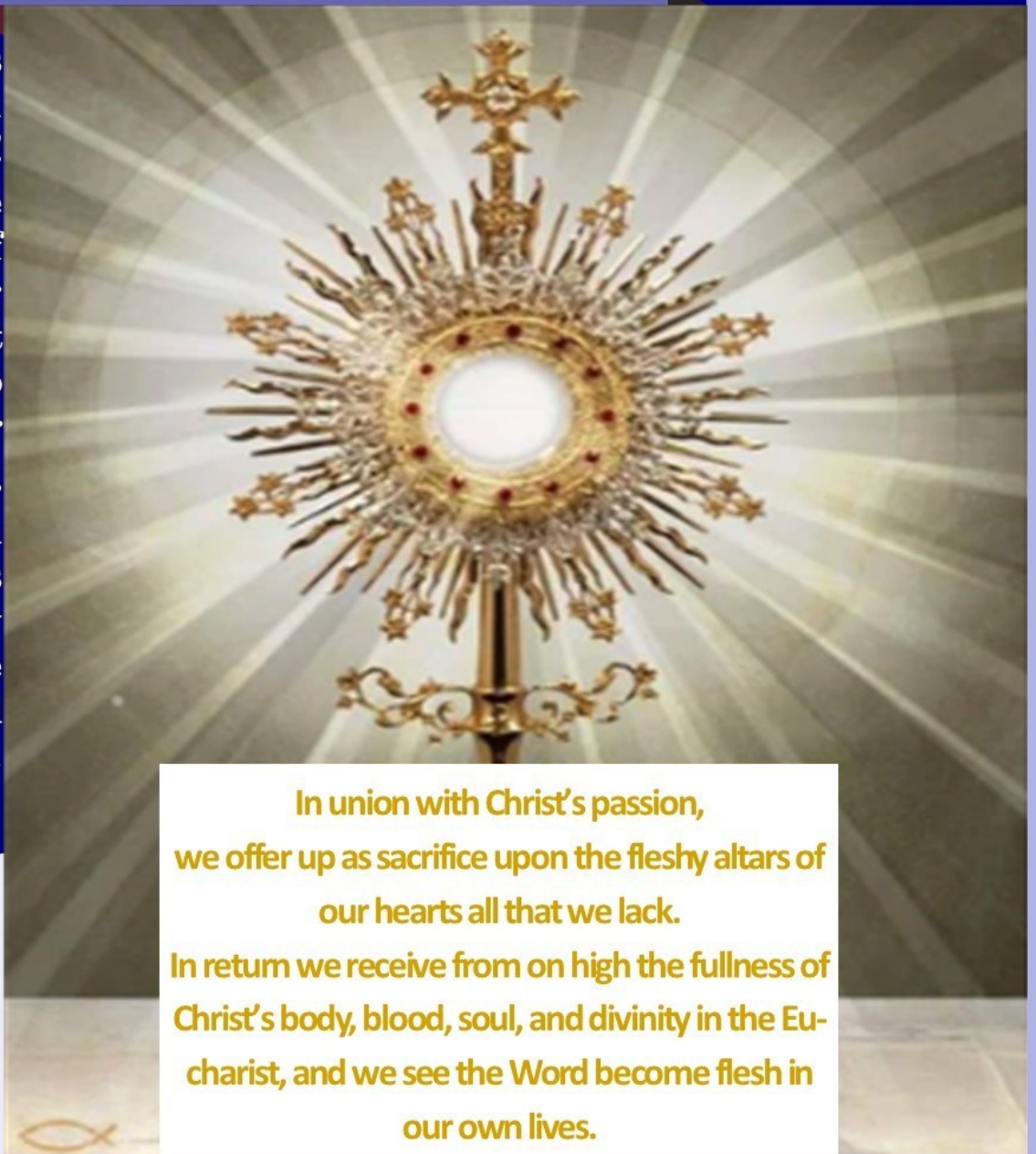
## Come let us adore Him!

September 1, 2023 5-9 pm

At the altar of Our Lady of the Desert Church

The monstrance will be placed on the altar at 5 pm and ends at 9 pm. Please contact Keven Birck at [kbirck@comcast.net](mailto:kbirck@comcast.net)

Please join us  
in adoration  
of the Christ!  
Please spare  
30-60 mins of  
your time or  
any amount  
you wish to  
adore our  
Lord Jesus.  
This is such a  
blessing for us  
to actually  
spend time  
with our Lord  
and Savior.



In union with Christ's passion,  
we offer up as sacrifice upon the fleshy altars of  
our hearts all that we lack.

In return we receive from on high the fullness of  
Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eu-  
charist, and we see the Word become flesh in  
our own lives.



# A Prayer Retreat Using Beads

*Saturday, October 7, 2023. 9am to 1pm. Lunch Included.*

Redemptorist Renewal Center,  
7101 West Picture Rocks Rd. Tucson, AZ 85743

*Prayer can be hard. Come join us and find a way to  
make prayer easier and more beautiful.*

This experiential retreat will help you deepen your prayer life. You can create your own prayer bracelet using materials provided, or bring your own beads. No beading experience necessary!



*Retreat Director,  
Rev. Elizabeth  
Lyman, MDiv.  
...Over 25 years as  
pastor, spiritual  
director, and life  
recovery coach.  
...Leads retreats  
throughout the U.S..  
... Involved in 12  
Step recovery for  
over 40 years.*



RETREAT COST OF \$55.00  
INCLUDES LUNCH AND SUPPLIES.  
Reservations and more information at  
520-744-3400 or 866-737-5751  
Or email: [office@desertrenewal.org](mailto:office@desertrenewal.org)  
Or contact Elizabeth at  
[revelyman@gmail.com](mailto:revelyman@gmail.com)





## **Ignatian Silent Retreat**

### *Praying and Living in the Ignatian Way*

**October 13-15, 2023**

Ignatian Spirituality involves not just our prayer and explicitly spiritual practices, but also affects the way we live our daily lives in relationship with God, other people, ourselves, and our world.

Moreover, our prayers in the Ignatian way are not monolithic, but are a personal combination of various "spiritual exercises," including biblical meditation, imaginative contemplation, the regular examination of our consciousness, participation in the Eucharist and other Sacraments, spiritual reading, personal devotions, and other prayerful practices.

Similarly, living in an Ignatian way does not mean becoming just like St. Ignatius of Loyola, but rather striving to live as God desires for each one of us personally, expressing the virtues modeled for us by our Lord, Jesus Christ, and fostered in us by the Holy Spirit.

Thus, Ignatian Prayer and Living are intimately connected and form a coherent whole, with prayerful discernment of what God has given us and asks of us.

This retreat provides an opportunity to reflect on our own lives and what adjustments we might want to make in our spiritual practices and our interpersonal relationships. It will include presentations, daily Mass, and plenty of time for silent prayer, along with opportunities for Confession and optional small group sharing.



Fr. Felix Just, SJ, is a member of the "Jesuits West USA Province" of the Society of Jesus and a much sought-after retreat leader. He is currently serving the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as Coordinator of Theological and Liturgical Formation in the Office of Diaconate Formation and as Coordinator of Ongoing Formation for Priests in the Office of the Vicar for Clergy.

Fr. Felix entered the Jesuit Novitiate in 1980 and was ordained a priest in 1991. After receiving his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Yale University, he has taught theology and biblical studies at several universities, led many retreats and pilgrimages, and offered many public presentations and courses. He has also taught in the Catholic Bible Institutes of several arch/dioceses. He is a member of the editorial board for the revision of the New Testament of the New American Bible and is an active member of the Catholic Biblical Association of America. Fr. Felix also maintains his own large internationally recognized website of "Catholic Resources" (<https://catholic-resources.org>).

*For more information on this retreat and a registration form, please contact Ann S. Dickson at [anndickson@theriver.com](mailto:anndickson@theriver.com) or 520-234-2140, or 3128 Pebble Beach Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85650 or Deacon John Klein at [jklein@diocesetucson.org](mailto:jklein@diocesetucson.org)*



# Spiritual Diseases

**FEAR GUILT SHAME**



Spiritual diseases begin with thoughts of being worthless and unloveable.

Fear drives our need to people-please even those who are harmful to us. Guilt hits us hard from many angles. We feel guilt about letting loved ones down and making common human mistakes. We may feel shame about even being alive and because we believe everything about us is unacceptable. These feelings lead to poor boundaries.

Even if we have been recovering our ability to love and accept ourselves, we may still be faced with acute attacks of fear, guilt and shame. They can be triggered by many real life situations as well as by the negative voice in our heads that tries it's best to drag us down.

If you are struggling with setting boundaries to protect yourself, you may be faced with an overpowering sense of fear, guilt and shame. Regain your Self-respect and balance by learning to build boundaries that target moving beyond fear, guilt and shame.

**October 21, 2023**

**\$55 per person  
Includes lunch and materials.**



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

Retreat Director

*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

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

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



*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 August 2023**

Fr. Jeff King-Healing	Tony Iavagnilio
Ed Kenyon	Bernie Burba
Tim McDonald	Aubrey Scarborough
Chuck Peterson	
Linda Peterson	
June Wood	
Lee Morrison	
Scott Milligan	
Rachel Flint	
Bob Garcia	

### **OUR LADY OF THE DESERT**

**DECEASED MEMBERS**  
*Last 12 Months*

**(Month/Year)**

Art Davenport (4/23)  
Thomas Doyle (12/22)  
Carol Draper Burba (1/23)  
Donald Figge (8/22)  
Katherine Gaboury (10/22)  
Sharon Iavagnilio (1/23)  
Harriet Lewandowski (5/23)  
Billie Marshall (9/22)  
Philip Oberstar (10/22)  
Virgil Roeder (5/23)  
Edward Schafle (1/23)  
Dennis Terrill (2/23)  
Frank Taylor (8/22)  
Larry Waller (4/23)

**"The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak."**

Hoshea 2:16



# 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.**



**This weeks Flowers were donated  
To  
Welcome Back Fr. Charlie Wehrley**

**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**

**Weeks of August 14-21, 2023      \$ 3,597.00**

**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:

<http://desertrenewal.org/fees-and-rates/>



**THE BOOKSTORE IS**  
**OPEN**  
**AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS**

**Bookstore Hours**  
**AUGUST 2023**

<b>AUGUST 5-6 Sat, Sun</b>	<b>After the weekend masses</b>
<b>AUGUST 10 Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 - 2:00</b>
<b>AUGUST 12-13 Sat, Sun</b>	<b>After the weekend masses</b>
<b>AUGUST 17 Thursday</b>	<b>10:00 - 2:00</b>
<b>AUGUST 19-20 Sat, Sun</b>	<b>After the weekend masses</b>
<b>AUGUST 26-27 Sat, Sun</b>	<b>After the weekend masses</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2-3 Sat, Sun</b>	<b>After the weekend masses</b>



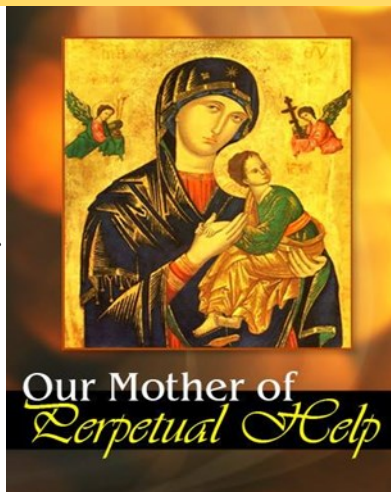
***Summer  
Reading***

**AUGUST**





## Novena Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help adapted to be prayed in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic



Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession. We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil. Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial.

Help us not to lose heart. Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus. Comfort your people who are vulnerable and anxious. Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk.

Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly. Teach us to trust in God's love and mercy and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life. Amen



The *Act of Spiritual Communion*, by St. Alphonsus Liguori, may be a source of comfort at this time when we are separated from one another, but connected as the Body of Christ. Pray this prayer when you are not able to receive the Eucharist.



### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire you into my heart. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself entirely to you. Never permit me to be separated from You. For this I pray. Amen.

Source: *Visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament*  
by St. Alphonsus Liguori

# Dear Padre,

## Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter's leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice....And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: “Who do you say that I am?”...Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond..., “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”*

ANGELUS, ROME,  
AUGUST 24, 2014

#### MONDAY

August 28

*St. Augustine, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church*

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10  
Mt 23:13–22

#### TUESDAY

August 29

*Passion of*

*St. John the Baptist*

1 Thes 2:1–8  
Mk 6:17–29

#### WEDNESDAY

August 30

*Weekday*

1 Thes 2:9–13  
Mt 23:27–32

#### THURSDAY

August 31

*Weekday*

1 Thes 3:7–13  
Mt 24:42–51

#### FRIDAY

September 1

*Weekday*

1 Thes 4:1–8  
Mt 25:1–13

#### SATURDAY

September 2

*Weekday*

1 Thes 4:9–11  
Mt 25:14–30

#### SUNDAY

September 3

*Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Jer 20:7–9  
Rom 12:1–2  
Mt 16:21–27