

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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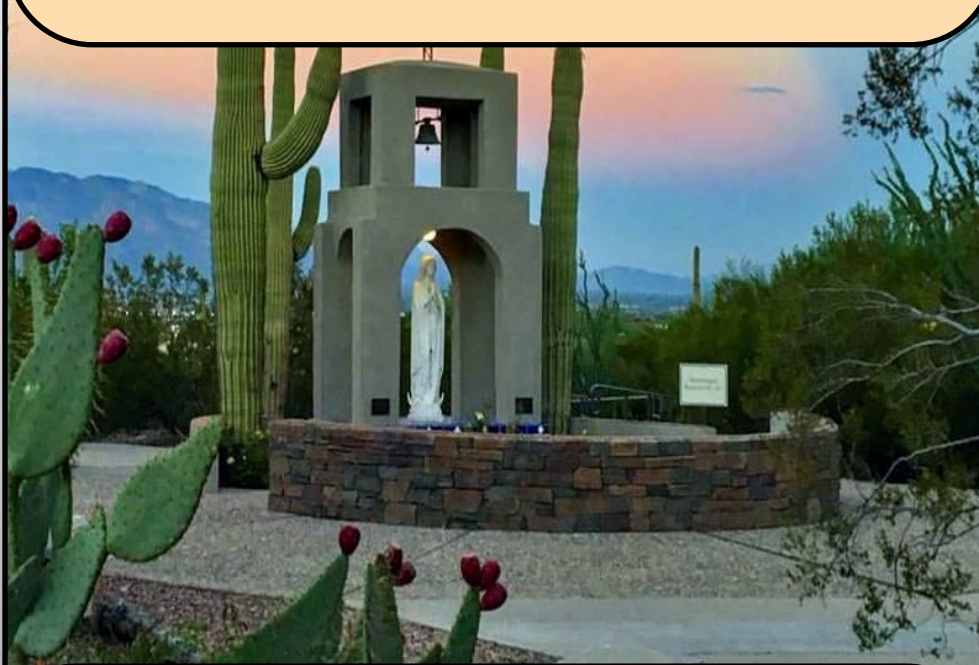
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Weekend of August 5-6

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



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.

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Sunday, August 6th 2 Pt 1:16-19

Today's reading from The Second Letter of Peter centers on an aspect of today's feast (Transfiguration). Peter points out that the message the Apostles preached was not a clever myth. Rather, Peter and James and John were eyewitnesses to that event, as well as to all of Jesus's public life. Therefore, we are encouraged to believe the message and follow the way of Jesus. Jesus and his message are like a light shining in the darkness of a dark and sinful world. Indeed, we would be wise to be attentive to it!

Monday, August 7th Nm 11:4b-15

Today, Moses grows tired of hearing the constant complaints of the people. They complained of hunger and God gave them manna. Still, they are not satisfied! They want more. Moses expresses his exasperation with them. He says to God, "If this is the way you will deal with me, then please do me the favor of killing me at once, so that I need no longer face this distress." Obviously, even Moses's faith in the love and protection of God is weak! Even in his weakness, he was chosen. So it is with us!

Tuesday, August 8th Nm 12:1-13

Moses is the leader of the people. Aaron is his brother and right-hand man. Miriam is his wife. All three were held in honor by the people. Apparently, Aaron and Miriam let this all go to their heads and made negative comments about Moses. God calls them on this sin right away. Miriam is struck with leprosy. Moses, shows his true humility by praying, asking God to forgive and not punish his wife and brother. Moses is an example for us on how to treat people who hurt us in any way.

Wednesday, August 9th Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35

God is about to lead his people into the promised land. He has Moses send scouts to look it over and see how wonderful a place it is. However, many of the scouts return and have absolutely no faith in God's power. They tell the people that giants live there who are too strong to overthrow. The people, who already were lacking in faith begin to once again complain that God has brought them out of Egypt only to kill them in the desert. As a result, God vows that the adults of the community will indeed all die in the desert. They will not be permitted to enter the promised land. The same is true for us. When we fail to trust God, we refrain from doing his will, and thus shut ourselves out of the joy we could have experienced if we were faithful.

Thursday, August 10th 2 Cor 9:6-10

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Lawrence, so our readings depart from the normal cycle. Paul, in the Second Letter to the Corinthians, encourages us all to a generosity of life. He points out that we have been blessed greatly by God. He calls us to share our blessings and resources with the needy in our midst. He points out that "God loves a cheerful giver." His reward to one who gives cheerfully will be great and swift!



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Friday, August 11th Dt 4:32-40

We return to our story, now 40 years in the future. Moses speaks to the children of the original generation who had been brought out of Egypt. Moses reminds them that God has been their defender and their protector ever since he led them out of Egypt. He points out that their parents refused to trust in the one and only God who loved them so much. He now calls them to trust God and his love. They need to forget their own fears and simply trust.

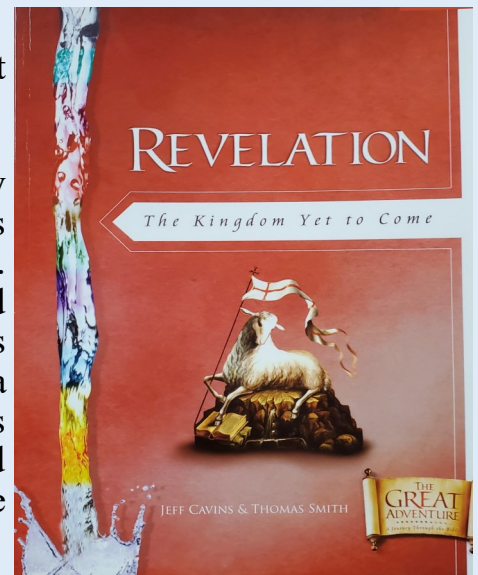
Saturday, August 12th Dt 6:4-13

Today, Moses presents the people with what Jesus will later call the greatest commandment. He tells them, "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength." The way to pay God back for all his love and care of us, is to love and respect him. Knowing how much love he has shown to us should lead us to trust him in all things. Moses asks the people to remember God's love always, and not forget it, as did their ancestors.

Bible Study

We will be holding another Bible Study from the Great Adventure Series. We will be studying the Book of Revelation.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven. Here, you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass.



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.

Fr. Pat's Farewell Celebration

As you all know, Fr Pat has been assigned to a new home. He will be leaving for St Alphonsus Parish in Brooklyn Center, MN around the middle of August. We will have a farewell gathering for you to say goodbye to him after the 10:00 Mass on August 13th. The event will be in the Petroglyph Room at 11:00. All are invited!

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 26th & 27th.

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, Robert Santos 520-240-1953 rnlsaint@hotmail.com, or Michael Murrieta 480-213-8570 mikemurrieta10@gmail.com

God Bless you all and your families.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, August 4

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

****In Loving Memory of Ernest Zeches (d)**

Saturday, August 5

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Pat Grile

****Dennis Terrill (d)**

Sunday, August 6

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Mary Ostrowski (d) 95th Birthday**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Donald Wagstaff (d)**

Monday, August 7

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****Mildred McNeil (d)**

Tuesday, August 8

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Pat Grile

****Elena Abatecola (d) Birthday**

Wednesday, August 9

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Roger & Irma Scherer (d)**

Thursday, August 10

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

****Violet Nouak (d)**

Friday, August 11

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

****Ann Edna Dretzka (d)**

Saturday, August 12

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Donald Wagstaff (d)**

Sunday, August 13

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Steve Rehrauer

****Mel Guell (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Pat Grile

****Catalina Rivera (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.

Marriage Help

A Retrouvaille Weekend can help couples rediscover peace, hope, and purpose in their marriage. Register Now for a Retrouvaille Weekend scheduled, Friday evening, August 25 - Sunday, August 27, 2023. Visit: www.retrouvaille.org, Call or Text (520) 762-4449.

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 (520-612-9873) for more information. If you would like to attend online, please contact John Davenport (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, 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. Please help our local community by donating today. Thank you for your generosity.
~Marge Mauzer

Men of the Our Lady of the Desert Church!

We need you to please help us, the members of the Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704, to take care of and support our Church and Clergy. We also need help supporting local charities in Southern Arizona!

If you are a practical Catholic as understood by the Holy See and at least 18 years of age,



YOU CAN JOIN TODAY!

Contact Our Membership Director, Sir Knight Ray Obral, at 520-403-5003 or rjobral@comcast.net.

We will arrange to meet with you and your Family at the Renewal Center. You pick the time. At the Center everyone will attend an Exemplification, also called a CUF Degree. The Degree will teach you about the Knights of Columbus. Let us 'sweeten' the deal by waving your first year of DUES! We are waiting to hear for you.

For your information, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal benefit society, with more than 1.9 million members in over a dozen countries. Founded by a priest to help provide financial aid to Catholic families, the Knights of Columbus is now one of the largest life insurers in North America. The Knights of Columbus also helps support a multitude of charitable causes. In the last decade, the Order has given more than \$1.55 billion to charity.



Feast of the Assumption

Tuesday, August 15th is the Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses for this Feast Day will be

Monday August 14 at 4:00 P.M. and

Tuesday August 15th 7:30 A.M.



Be

True

to Yourself



"To be beautiful means to be yourself. You don't need to be accepted by others."

Thich Nhat Hanh



September 23, 2023

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



Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Retreat Director

People who are in love with their lives don't compromise who they are to please other people. No one's approval is necessary.

They also don't waste time thinking about the past and what they could have done differently. They keep their attention on the present moment and do things differently now, having learned from past mistakes.

They live by taking chances. They do what makes their hearts sing. They have worked through the trauma life has thrown their way and refuse to be caged by negative thoughts.

In other words, they are TRUE to themselves. They refuse to be fake because they know God does not create fake people-- society does.

Most all of us need some help to be true to ourselves. Come learn how to better assert the true you and to enjoy the freedom of being the very person God created you to be.

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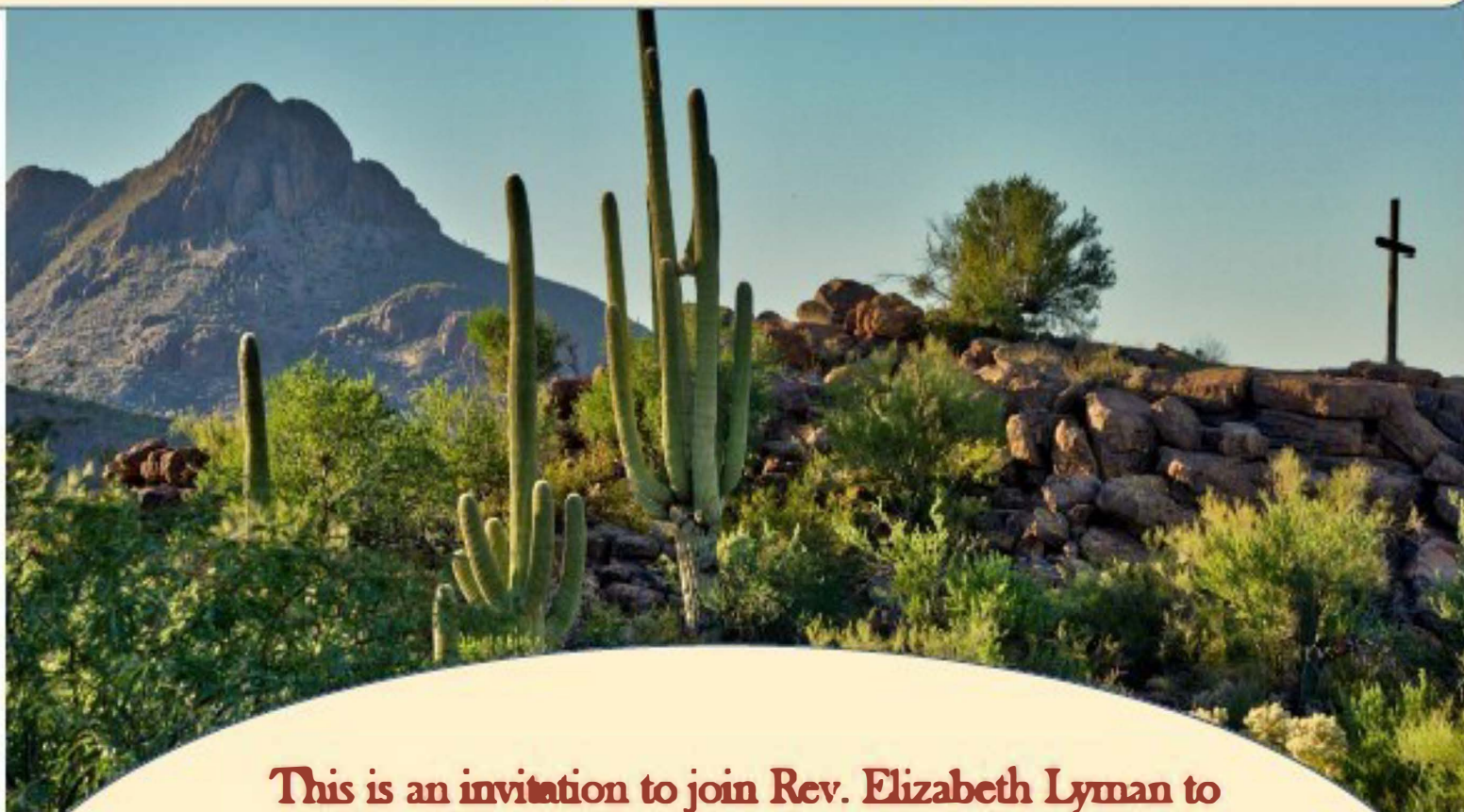
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**Call 520-744-3400
for reservations**

Prayerful Beading – An Experiential Retreat

Redemptorist Renewal Center



This is an invitation to join Rev. Elizabeth Lyman to make your own prayer bead chains.

- **Learn ways to use prayer beads in meditation and daily life ...**
- **No experience needed**
- **Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023 -- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Retreat Director: Rev. Elizabeth Lyman, MDiv. -- Rev. Lyman has over 25 years' experience as a spiritual director, Presbyterian pastor, teacher and life and recovery coach. She has served on the faculty of *Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction* and has led retreats all over the country. She has been involved in 12 Step recovery over 40 years. Elizabeth has her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry studies from Louisville Theological Seminary.

**The cost for the retreat is \$55.00.
(It includes lunch and supplies)**

**For reservation and further information please call:
520.744-3400, toll free: 866.737-5751**

Or e-mail: office@desertrenewal.org



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	
Tim McDonald	
Chuck Peterson	
Linda Peterson	
June Wood	
JoAnne Heinzl	
Lee Morrison	
Scott Milligan	
Rachel Flint	
Bob Garcia	

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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 by
John Rivera
In Loving Memory of
Catalina Rivera**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of July 24-31, 2023 \$ 6,024.00

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

AUGUST 5-6 Sat, Sun **After the weekend masses**

AUGUST 10 **Thursday** **10:00 - 2:00**

AUGUST 12-13 Sat, Sun **After the weekend masses**

AUGUST 17 **Thursday** **10:00 - 2:00**

AUGUST 19-20 Sat, Sun **After the weekend masses**

AUGUST 26-27 Sat, Sun **After the weekend masses**

SEPTEMBER 2-3 Sat, Sun **After the weekend masses**

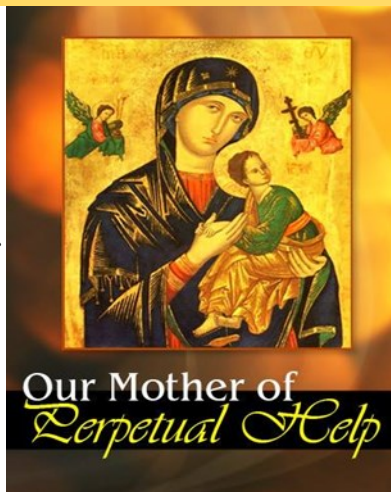


***Summer
Reading***

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,

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer, and some of their suggestions may help. When St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or a Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila offers this guidance: "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....The thing is inevitable, therefore do not let it disturb or grieve you" (*The Interior Castle*). No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful. Rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying. ●

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13
Weekday	St. Dominic, Priest	Weekday	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	St. Clare, Virgin	Weekday	Nineteenth
Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21	Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28	2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28	Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20	Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We have not seen with our own eyes the face of Jesus shining like the sun. However, we too were given the Word of Salvation, faith was given to us, and we have experienced the joy of meeting Jesus in different ways. Jesus also says to us: "Rise, and have no fear" (Matthew 17:7).

ANGELUS, MARCH 8, 2020