

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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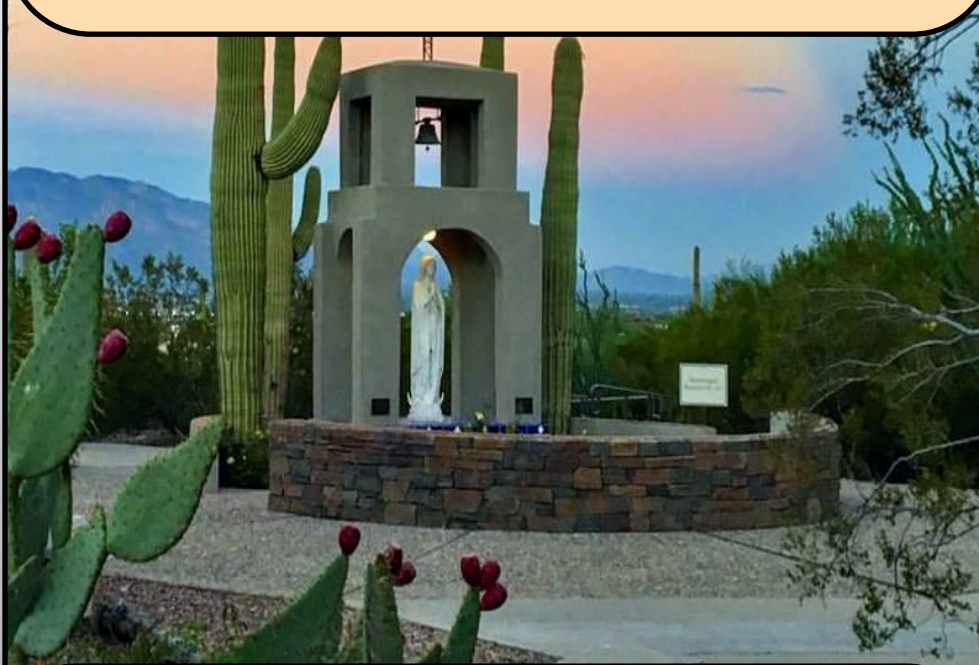
Knights of Columbus

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Weekend of September 9-10

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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September 10th Rom 13:8-10

When Paul writes of love, he is not referring to an emotion or feeling within us. He is not talking about liking someone a whole lot! Rather, love in the scriptures refers to an attitude of profound respect, a willingness to put the needs of the other ahead of your own needs, whether you like that person or not! If we treat others that way, always putting them first, we will never steal from them, lie to them, kill them, and so on. Thus, love fulfills the whole law. As Christians, we are called to live this way.

September 11th Col 1:24-2:3

Paul writes today of God's will that the gentiles should know Him and love Him. Paul says that he has dedicated his life to doing just that. He has been a spokesman for God and His will that everyone be saved. Paul even rejoices in the suffering he has endured while working as an apostle, because sharing the loving plan of God with all people is what his life is all about. His suffering reveals his determination.

September 12th Col 2:6-15

Paul encourages the Colossians to be faithful. The word that they heard was the message that Jesus revealed. Jesus can be trusted because, after all, he is God in the flesh. If they, (and we), remain faithful to the way of life taught us by Jesus, we will be saved. Jesus has already died and has risen. We have shared in both his death and resurrection by our Baptism. So, we must live a new life, the life of the Spirit, not the life of the world.

September 13 Col 3:1-11

Paul takes Baptism very seriously. Baptism has made a difference in the lives of Christians. Through Baptism, we have died to this world and its ways and been filled with the life of heaven which is promised by the Spirit within us. Paul encourages the Colossians to put sin to death in their lives. We all need to turn from sin and learn to live a life of love. The life of heaven is already growing within us. We need to live that way!

September 14th Phil 2:6-11

Paul writes today that Jesus came to us as God and Human Being. He lived a life where he always put the needs of the other above his own wants and needs. He did this to such a full extent that he even was willing to give his very life so that we could live forever with God. Paul encourages us to look at what Jesus has done, to acknowledge the greatness of his death and declare Him our Lord. As our Lord, Jesus is our leader and guide. To him belongs all authority and all our obedience.



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September 15th 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Paul writes today of his own sinful past. He admits that he was a blasphemer and a persecutor of the Church. Yet, God, through Christ, forgave him and united him to Himself. Paul was sent forth as a preacher of such salvation. Paul praises God for allowing him to share in Jesus' victory. The grace of redemption has strengthened him to be an image of the goodness and love of God in Jesus.

September 16th 1 Tm 1:15-17

Paul considers himself the worst of all sinners. Yet, Christ has had mercy on him and forgiven him. He has also graced him with a call to be his Apostle. If God so treated Paul (the worst of all sinners), so he will treat us! God's love and forgiveness knows no bounds!

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, September 8

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

****Roger & Irma Scherer**

Saturday, September 9

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Peter Connolly

****Gerald & Jerry Neely**

Sunday, September 10

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Joseph Piccarella (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****John Buenniaje (d)**

Monday, September 11

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Mary Maney (d)**

Tuesday, September 12

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

****Father Jim Shea**

Wednesday, September 13

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus

****Lidia G. Hernandez (d)**

Thursday, September 14

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

****Harriet Lewandowski (d) Birthday
Remembrance**

Friday, September 15

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

****70yrs Jubily Sr. Martha Friedman**

Saturday, September 16

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Stephen Rehauer

****For Healing**

Sunday, September 17

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Stephen Adams (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehauer

****Bob & Angie Breister**

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 (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. 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 your generosity. ~**Marge Mauzer**

Arizona Rosary Celebration 2023

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Knights of Columbus Council 15704

Grand Knight SK David Vander Linde
Chaplain SK Rev Peter Connelly CSSR
Deputy Grand Knight SK Steven Spain

This year's Rosary Celebration 2023 honors the "Blessed Virgin, Our Lady of Mount Carmel."

Arizona Rosary Celebration in Tucson, Saturday, Oct 14, 2023, at St. Augustine Cathedral

192 South Stone Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701

Prayer for Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven, and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power. O, show me herein you are my mother, O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3 times) Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times)

Catholic Online

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who are putting God at the center of their family,
becoming better men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers...
Become a better Catholic gentlemen.

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Become a Knight of Columbus**

Contact Ray Obral,
Membership
Director;
520-403-5003 or
riobral@comcast.net



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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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 September 2023

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

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DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Art Davenport (4/23)
Carol Boemer (9/23)
Thomas Doyle (12/22)
Carol Draper Burba (1/23)
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)
Larry Waller (4/23)
Dorie Zimmerman (9/23)

"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 With Prayers for The ACTS Men's Retreat

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 28-September 4, 2023 \$ 8,891.00

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

September 2023

Book Store Hours

Bookstore open after all weekend Masses.

Saturday, Sep 2nd

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday 2-3

after all Masses

Tuesday, Sep 5th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, Sep 7th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, Sep 8th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday – Sunday 9-10

after all Masses

Monday, Sep 11th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, Sep 12th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, Sep 15th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday – Sunday 16-17

after all Masses

Monday, Sep 18th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, Sep 19th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, Sep 21st

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, Sep 22nd

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday Sep 23rd

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Saturday – Sunday 23-24

after all Masses

Monday, Sep 25th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Tuesday, Sep 26th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thursday, Sep 28th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, Sep 29th

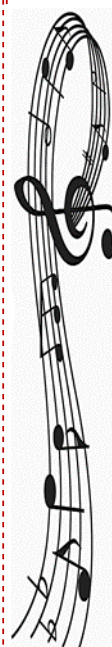
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday, Sep 30th

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

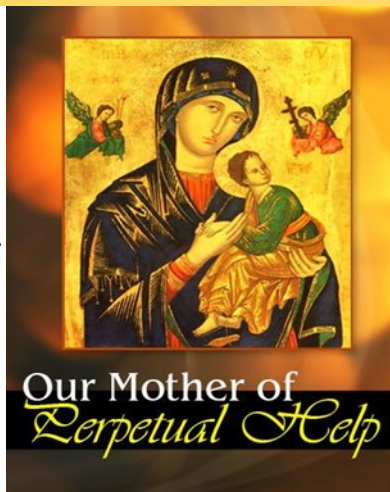
Saturday – Sunday 30-Oct 1

after all Masses



September

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,

Recently our new pastor relocated the rectory away from the church and parish office. Why is this becoming more common?

“The laborer deserves his payment” from Luke 10:7 has been traditionally interpreted to suggest that ministers for the Lord engaged in pastoral service are provided with certain basic necessities, such as a place to call home. Some priests are now choosing a distinct location in which to live that is apart from where their ministry is primarily conducted. A reason for this move is often attributed to rectories that have no clear boundaries between the private living space and the parish office.

While clergy in apostolic ministry are not necessarily seeking a cloistered existence, they do deserve the fundamental privacies enjoyed by everyone else. Sometimes this courtesy is not respected by those who have an unhealthy curiosity about the lives of their parish priests or by those who are preoccupied with being “in the know” (and sharing what they know with the rest of the congregation).

Dedicated priests can be accessible and available at various hours during the day or night without having to live in a fishbowl. Sometimes this may warrant a new rectory location or facility, especially if the pastor in stocking feet on his day off can’t pour his morning coffee without stumbling into a DRE staff meeting! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about saying bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Gossip is a plague more awful than Covid!

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



SHUTTERSTOCK

MONDAY

September 11

Weekday

Col 1:24–2:3

Lk 6:6–11

TUESDAY

September 12

Weekday

Col 2:6–15

Lk 6:12–19

WEDNESDAY

September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1–11

Lk 6:20–26

THURSDAY

September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

FRIDAY

September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14

Jn 19:25–27

or Lk 2:33–35

SATURDAY

September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15–17

Lk 6:43–49

SUNDAY

September 17

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35

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