

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Redemptorist Community

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Weekend of September 16-17

Twenty-fourth 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.

Our Lady of the Desert



September 17th Rom 14:7-9

Paul today writes that we are all God's people. We live and we die only for him. His death and resurrection have saved us, and we are filled with his Spirit. We can no longer live for ourselves and our own selfish desires and plans. We are invited to put our lives and our deaths into God's hands. We do all for his will and glory, not for our own!

September 18th 1 Tm 2:1-8

Paul today encourages love and community within the Church. He points out that we need to cooperate with God's salvific will by praying for others. We must pray for all our political leaders, that they will be faithful to the gospel. We must pray for enemies. God's will is for all people to be saved. We need to join Him in this desire.

September 19th 1 Tm 3:1-13

Paul writes today about leadership in the Church. He stresses that leaders, specifically bishops and deacons, must lead upstanding lives. They must be people whose lives and actions are centered in fulfilling God's commands. Their character must be beyond question. They must also be people who manage their own households well. The leader must be a witness to the holiness to which all the Church is called.

September 20th 1 Tm 3:14-16

Paul states that he is writing Timothy before he comes to visit him. However, since he is in jail, his coming might be delayed. In the meantime, Timothy must know how to behave as a leader of the Church. Paul states that the Church is built upon the example and teachings of Christ. The leaders of the Church must help the members live as Christ.

September 21st Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Paul writes from prison. He encourages the Ephesians to faithfulness and unity. They need to be humble and patient with one another. Peace in the community must always be their goal. After all, we all follow the one God who is in all, over all, and works through all. We are all gifted with the graces we need to fulfill our own task in the Church. There is no room for jealousy or in-fighting.

September 22nd 1 Tm 6:2c-12

Paul reminds Timothy today that all Christians, especially the leaders, need to base their lives on the teachings and commands of Jesus. They should not be a source of disunity, but of unity and peace. Paul advises Christians to pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. They must avoid all greed and conceit. Greed and conceit lead us away from God, back into sin. September 23rd 1 Tm 6:13-16 Paul points out today that God is the true head of the Church. The leadership always acts in his name and authority, not their own. The leader must keep the commandments of the Lord always, seeking the good of the Church, not his own good. Leaders only lead until Christ returns. The Church is His!

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~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, September 15

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

****70yrs Jubilee Sr. Martha Friedman**

Saturday, September 16

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

****For Healing**

Sunday, September 17

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Stephen Adams (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Bob & Angie Breister**

Monday, September 18

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

****Isabella Rose Mowry Birthday Month 13yrs**

Tuesday, September 19

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

****65yrs Sr. Shirley Krull**

Wednesday, September 20

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

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

Thursday, September 21

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

****65yrs. Sr. Clare Nydere**

Friday, September 22

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

****60yrs. Sr. Fran Glowinski**

Saturday, September 23

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

****Josephine Sliwa (d)**

Sunday, September 24

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Sue & Doyle Taraba**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

****Victims of Coronavirus-Recovery and Wellness**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates

Invites you to our next meeting-- Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 5:00-6:00pm in the Agave Room We'll take a look at the unique ministry of one of our members, and learn more about "What it Means to be a Redemptorist Lay Associate." Please join us—all are welcome! Contact Diana Davenport at diana@davenport.net for more information, or John Davenport at john@davenport.net for a Zoom link.

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.

Weekly Rosary Prayer

Every Wednesday starting at 6:00 p.m. In the Our Lady of the Desert Chapel. Please come 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 92 lbs of food for the month of August. Please help our local community by donating today. Thank you for your generosity! ~**Marge Mauzer**

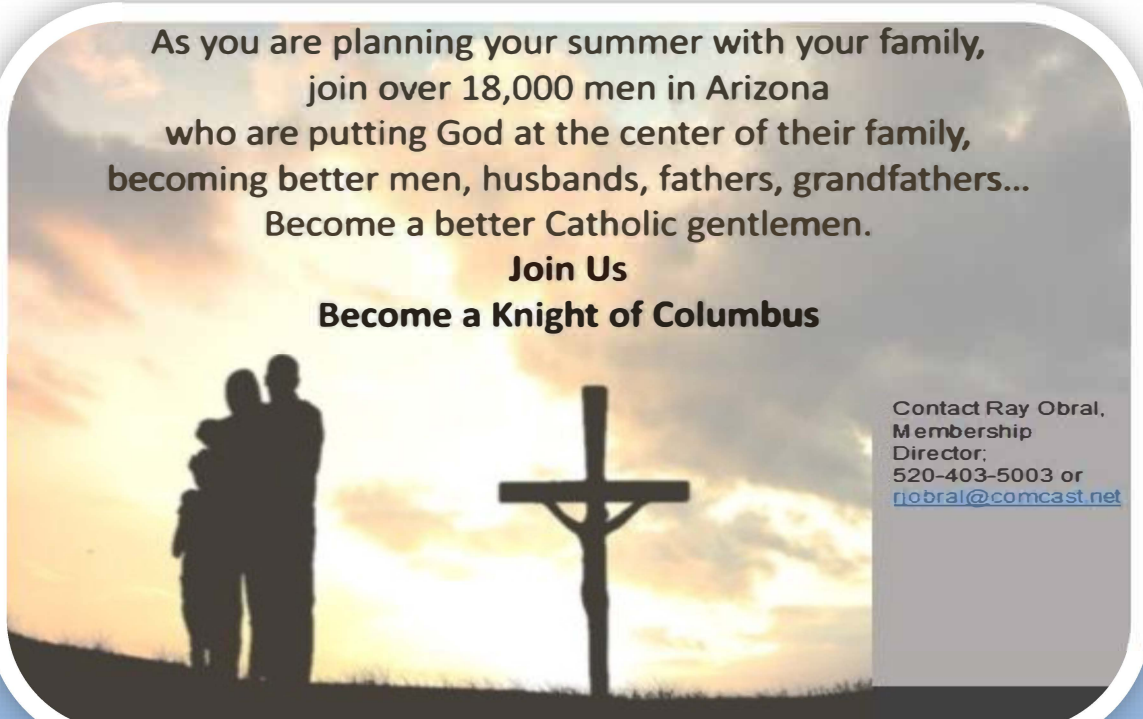
Sunday, September 17, 2023

Family Booklet participation with the Arizona Rosary Celebration

Families are encouraged to help their children learn more about the Rosary and our Blessed Mother, Mary by using the Family Booklet found on the ARC website, AzRosary.net. This year's theme is "*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*." Parents can print the Family Booklet and have their Children, grades K-8, look through the booklet and complete the coloring page. If the family chooses to attend the Rosary Celebration, the child can bring the colored page and receive a gift. All families and their children are invited to join the people of the Diocese of Tucson to pray the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, participate in the Blessing Procession, enjoy music, and listen to the words of our keynote speaker, Sister Mary Clare Mancini, OCD, of the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. For more information, contact Dave Chohon at 520-539-5528 or 1945dwc@gmail.com or visit the website; AzRosary.net.

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**

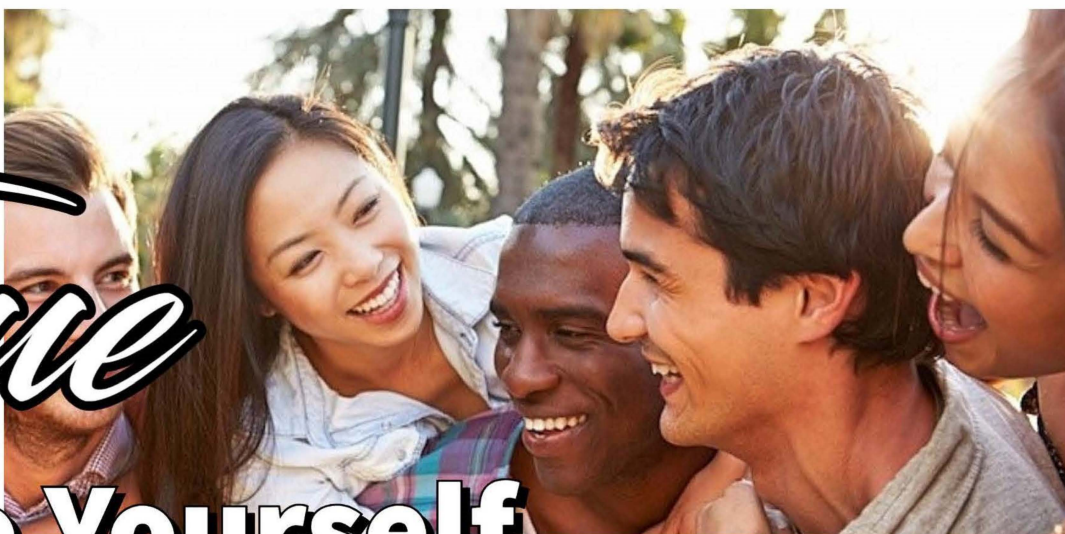


Contact Ray Obral,
Membership
Director;
520-403-5003 or
rob@comcast.net

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

**9 am - 3 pm
\$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**

A Prayer Retreat Using Beads

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

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*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
Or contact Elizabeth at
revelyman@gmail.com



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	Phyllis Spence, OSB - Healing
June Wood	
Lee Morrison	
Scott Milligan	
Rachel Flint	
Bob Garcia	
Fr. Jeff King-Healing	
Tony Iavagnilio	

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT

DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Carol Boerner (9/23)
Art Davenport (4/23)
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
In Memory of
Dorie Zimmerman**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of September 16-17, 2023 \$ 4,466.00

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

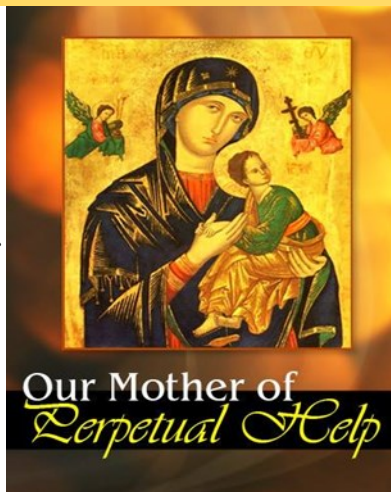
Friday, Sep 15th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 16-17	after all Masses
Monday, Sep 18th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, Sep 19th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, Sep 21st	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, Sep 22nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday Sep 23rd	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 23-24	after all Masses
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,

Why are churches doing away with the confessionals?

In many churches, when it is feasible, the traditional confessional box is modified or even replaced by a more spacious, less darkened reconciliation room. In 1974, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops decreed that “small chapels or rooms of reconciliation be provided in which penitents might choose to confess their sins through an informal face-to-face exchange with the priest, with the opportunity for appropriate spiritual counsel.” Later, a further elaboration recommended austere furnishings and decoration in this space, “with nothing superfluous in evidence beyond a simple cross, table and Bible. The purpose of this room is primarily for the celebration of the reconciliation liturgy; it is not a lounge, counseling room, etc. The word ‘chapel’ more appropriately describes this space.” If a reconciliation chapel does not provide a fixed screen or grille between the penitent and confessor, it must be offered elsewhere, according to canon law. “The purpose of this norm is...to afford the penitent anonymity if he or she desires and to make certain that there is no suspicion of impropriety in the confessor-penitent relationship” (Code of Canon Law, 964 commentary).

Ideally, the environment of the reconciliation chapel helps the penitent and confessor feel they are “on holy ground” (Exodus 3:5) in encountering God in this sacrament. It offers an inviting sacred space to celebrate a powerful expression of God’s mercy and unconditional love. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 18 Weekday 1 Tm 2:1–8 Lk 7:1–10	September 19 Weekday 1 Tm 3:1–13 Lk 7:11–17	September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:14–16 Lk 7:31–35	September 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 Mt 9:9–13	September 22 Weekday 1 Tm 6:2c–12 Lk 8:1–3	September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13–16 Lk 8:4–15	September 24 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6–9 Phil 1:20c–24, 27a Mt 20:1–16a

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

Since 1964, the Redemptorists’ *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As I was celebrating Mass, I paused, touched by a phrase... from the book of Sirach.... “Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity.” A beautiful phrase! Think of the end! Think that you will be in a coffin...and will you take hatred there? Think of the end, stop hating! Stop the resentment.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020