

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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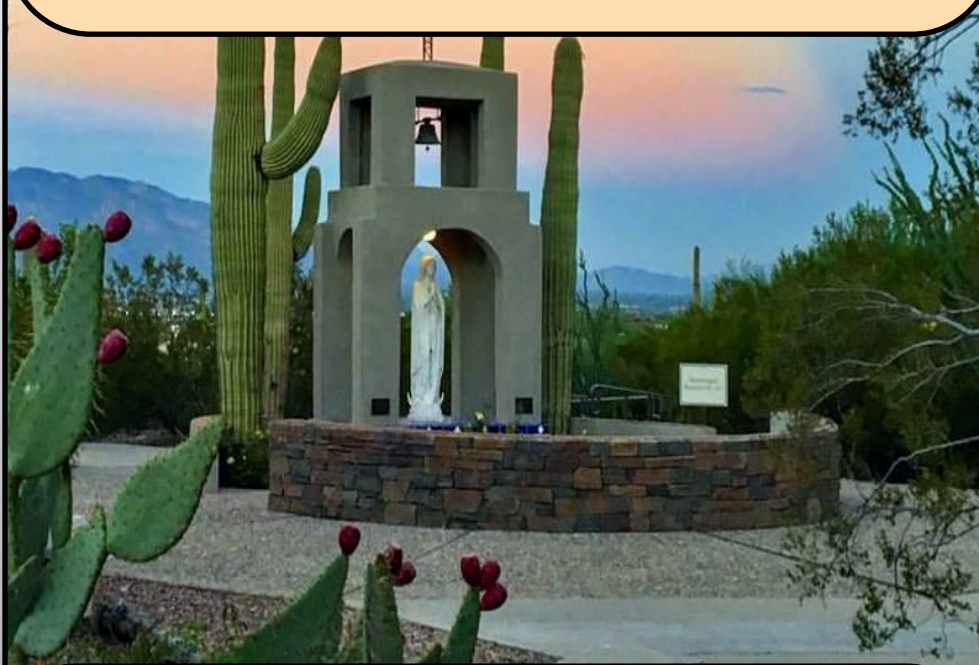
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Weekend of September 23-24

## Twenty-fifth 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 24th Phil 1:20c-24, 27a Paul, in today's Second Reading, states that he seeks to honor Christ both in life and in death. While he would love to enter into Christ's loving presence in heaven, yet he is also very happy to remain alive and working for the Church. Paul's own will is not first with him. He wills whatever God wills for him. He is content either way. Such detachment from our own will should mark our lives as well. There is a peace to be found in forgetting our will and living only for God.

September 25th Ezr 1:1-6 Today's reading gives an account of something that God's people have been waiting for. The people from Judah, in the south, are being sent back to Jerusalem by their conqueror. King Cyrus of the Persians says that God has called him to release the Jews. Even through their sin and exile, God has not forgotten His people. He reaches out to them with the possibility of a new beginning. God calls His people back home!

September 26th Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 A new king comes to rein in Persia. He too encourages the rebuilding of Jerusalem and God's temple. Money is sent down to help with this rebuilding program. Of course, there is also to be a second type of rebuilding. Not only should the people rebuild Jerusalem, but they must also rebuild themselves into the true dwelling place of God. The prophets Haggai and Zechariah work with the people in this process. A bright future is in store for the people if they truly turn from sin and rebuild their faith.

September 27th Ezr 9:5-9 Ezra has been writing about the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Today, he enters into prayer. He admits that the people had sinned and turned away from God. Because of this, they were punished with exile. Now, he thanks God for his mercy in allowing the exiles to return home. He also acknowledges that the newfound good will of the Kings of Persia towards the people was also the work of God. God never tires of giving His people another chance. His mercy endures always!

September 28th Hg 1:1-8 The prophet Haggai writes to the people who have returned from exile. Unfortunately, their top priority has been to rebuild their own houses, not the temple. God encourages them to turn now to what should have been priority number one for them, the temple of their God. God points out that until he can find pleasure in the people because they are seeking to do his will, their endeavors in life will not be successful. God needs to be put in first place to truly find happiness in life.

September 29th Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Today, we celebrate the Arch Angels. The reading from The Book of Daniel centers in on the heavenly worship of the angels. Into the midst of this worship comes the Son of Man (Jesus). He is given full power and honor by God. His reign will last forever. He, the eternal King, will lead his people home to the Father.

September 30th Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Today's reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah speaks of the fact that God himself is the true protecting wall of his people. His glory will be their glory. Zechariah speaks of God coming to dwell among his people. His home will be with them, not away from them. Because of his presence, many countries will come to Jerusalem and make their home there. Christians hold that this prophesy is fulfilled in the Church.



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

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

### **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. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Sue & Doyle Taraba**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

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

### **Monday, September 25**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

**\*\*Herbert & Madeline Dompke (d)**

### **Tuesday, September 26**

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

**\*\*60yrs Sr. Diane Przborski**

### **Wednesday, September 27**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Fr. Iva Levitsky & Fr. Bohdan Geleta -  
Peace in Ukraine**

### **Thursday, September 28**

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

**\*\*CT Brown (d)**

### **Friday, September 29**

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

**\*\*Denny Mallory (d)**

### **Saturday, September 30**

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

**\*\*Violet Nouak (d)**

### **Sunday, October 1**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Bishop Weisenburger's Parents**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Ann Edna Dretzka**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **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](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 92 lbs of food for the month of August. Please help our local community by donating today. Thank you for your generosity. ~**Marge Mauzer**





The Redemptorists

# MISSIONARIES OF HOPE . . .

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE REDEEMER



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THE OUR LADY OF THE DESERT COUNCIL NO. 15704 FINANCIALLY ASSISTS THESE FOUR SEMINARIANS BY DONATING \$500.00 EACH, PER YEAR. ALSO, WE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM FOR ANY OTHER ASSISTANCE.

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**2023**  
CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY  
united in service

"FIND A NEED AND FILL IT."

## Our Lady of the Desert's Food Drive

The weekend of October 7-8, 2023  
Benefiting the under-served people  
of Southern Tucson, (e.g., Pio Decimo, Casa Maria)

For more information contact:  
Angela Schneider (520)616-2191

This is in celebration  
our founder's, Mary  
Virginia Merrick's  
birthday Nov. 2nd  
birthday and would  
be 100.

She is on the path to  
sainthood.



## Christ Child Society of Tucson

Is celebrating their founder Mary Virginia Merrick's  
157<sup>th</sup> birthday by "Finding a Need and Filling It"

Bring non-perishable food to the Masses on  
Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

We will have information to share on her life and  
Cupcakes to Celebrate Her Birthday.

The food will go to local neighborhood pantries to help  
Those in need.....food is a very big need today.  
Please share as much as you can and bring to the  
Our Lady of the Desert on 10/7/23 and 10/8/23

Monetary donations are also accepted  
Need information call Angela Schneider 520-616-2191  
Looking to Celebrate with all of you.



**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

**Pray the Holy Rosary at the Arizona Rosary Celebration**

*Plan to attend the Arizona Rosary Celebration Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Saint Augustine Cathedral, 192 South Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701. The Most Reverend Edward Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson, will preside. This celebration includes praying the Holy Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, music, and a keynote address by Sister Mary Clare Mancini, OCD, of the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles. This year we will honor Mary under her title Our Lady of Mount Carmel.*

If you cannot attend the Event on Saturday, plan to attend the Arizona Rosary Celebration Holy Hour on Friday, October 13, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will read scripture, pray the Rosary, and hear a reflection on Our Lady of Mount Carmel from Sister Regina Maria Gorman, OCD. You would have the opportunity to visit her in a smaller group setting. The venue for this year's Holy Hour is at Saint Pius X Catholic Church, 1800 North Camino Pio Decimo, Tucson, AZ 85715. The Holy Hour is free but you wish to stay for the dinner, please order your tickets from our website, [AzRosary.net](http://AzRosary.net).

Pray for the success of this year's Arizona Rosary Celebration. For more information, contact Dave Chohon at [1945dwc@gmail.com](mailto:1945dwc@gmail.com) or 520-539-5528.

**Father Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R.**

**Funeral**

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

**11:00 A.M.**

**St. Augustine Cathedral**

**Followed by burial at**

**Holy Hope Cemetery**

**Reception after**

**(Place not known yet)**



## 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)*



# 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)

# 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 September 2023**

Ed Kenyon	Bernie Burba
Tim McDonald	Phil Treinen
Chuck Peterson	Aubrey Scarborough
Linda Peterson	Phyllis Spence, OSB
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)  
Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R. (9/23)  
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 Celebration of  
Octavio & Ivette Babuca -  
40th Wedding Anniversary**

**Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert**

Weeks of September 11-18, 2023      \$ 5,457.00

**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**

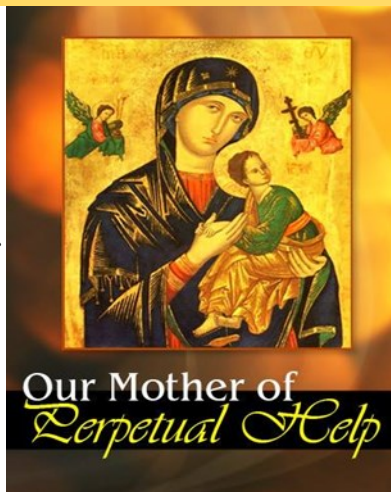
<b>Friday, Sep 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday – Sunday 16-17</b>	<b>after all Masses</b>
<b>Monday, Sep 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sep 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, Sep 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday, Sep 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday Sep 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am – 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday – Sunday 23-24</b>	<b>after all Masses</b>
<b>Monday, Sep 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, Sep 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, Sep 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Friday, Sep 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am – 2:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday, Sep 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11:00 am – 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday – Sunday 30-Oct 1</b>	<b>after all Masses</b>



## 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,

***When can I take photographs in church? During my niece's baptism, I was told to put my camera away. We have a confirmation and a wedding coming up, and I don't want to get in trouble again.***

Reverence and courtesy are the issues here. Reverence keeps in mind that what is real about baptism and all the sacraments does not come out in photos. Courtesy notes that other folks are trying to enter into the awe and joy of the mystery, and people taking photographs can get in the way or distract.

Parishes differ in rules and regulations. Many parishes prohibit the taking of pictures. Certainly taking flash pictures is annoying in a way that taking available-light photos is not. But even with nonflash pictures, the photographer is trying to get around people and into a good spot.

Weddings call for photos from approved photographers. In most United States cultures, photos at funeral Masses are out of place. However, there are exceptions, such as the situation of an infirm woman who was unable to attend her sister's funeral. She was extremely upset until her niece thought to record it with her phone. The pastor had no problem with this solution.

No matter what the situation, it is always best to check with the parish office before the event. If it is permitted, get a few good pictures and then be sure to close your eyes in prayer so you can see what is really going on. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 25 <i>Weekday</i> Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18	September 26 <i>Weekday</i> Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21	September 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6	September 28 <i>Weekday</i> Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9	September 29 <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i> Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a Jn 1:47-51	September 30 <i>St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45	October 1 <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.***

**ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**