

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

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Weekend of September 2-3 Twenty-second 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 3rd Rom 12:1-2

Paul calls upon the Christians of Rome to submit their minds and hearts to the mind of God. They need to live not according to the beliefs and dictates of this world, but according to the dictates of the world to come. Through the Spirit, that future existence has already (but not yet totally) come into their lives. To refrain from living according to this world and its ways will be a sacrifice pleasing in God's eyes. We too, are called to live the new life of redemption, even as we live in this present reality. God's grace will allow us to live according to a different set of values than we find in the world.

September 4th 1 Thes 4:13-18

Paul writes about death today. He states that there is no cause for alarm in death. The people mourned those who died as if they were less privileged than those alive. Paul points out that even in death, they belong to Christ. On the last day, they shall rise and join the ones still living at that time in the presence of the returning Lord. Death cannot separate us from Christ. We are in and with him forever, living or dead. As long as we are with Christ, all is good!

September 5th 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Paul continues his treatment of death. He admits that none of us knows when we will die. It could surprise us at any time. Yet, we must not allow ourselves to worry or to fear death. No matter when it comes, we will be in the care and love of Christ. We should live now according to the knowledge that we belong to him. We should simply try to live lives of love and service the best we can.

September 6th Col 1:1-8

Today we read from the beginning of the Letter to the Colossians. Paul wishes them peace, as was his custom in most of his letters. He then praises them for their faithfulness in living according to the Gospel. We too, need to be concerned with constantly growing in our understanding and living of the gospel through study and prayer. Our goal must always be to become more like Jesus.

September 7th Col 1:9-14

Paul lets the Colossians know that he has been praying for them. He prays that they will continue to grow in unity with Christ and with the Community. Paul reminds them that they (and we) have been delivered from this world and its sinfulness by the death and resurrection of Jesus. We all must practice endurance and patience as we live our vocations in Christ. His strength will always be enough for us!

September 8th Mi 5:1-4a

Today we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so our readings from Paul are interrupted. The prophet Micah prophesies a time of redemption today. He alludes to one who will give birth to a savior. This savior will be strong in the love of God and will shepherd the people of the exile back to the promised land. For us Christians, we see this fulfilled through Mary giving birth to Jesus. He has gathered the scattered children of God back into the promised land of the Church.



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September 9th Col 1:21-23

Paul today points out that the Colossians were once separated from God by sin. However, through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have become part of the Body of Christ, the Church. As such, we are intimately connected to Christ and to one another, because His Spirit dwells within us. Paul encourages the people (and us) to be faithful to the Gospel and to remain unblemished by sin.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Fr. Charlie Wehrley

Welcome back to Fr. Charlie Wehrley! Fr. Charlie arrived last Monday. He will be serving as a member of the retreat staff here at RRC for the next 4 years. Please welcome him when you see him!

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

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. Brian Johnson

****Anne Ramsey (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea

****Mel Guell (d)**

Monday, September 4

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Jeff Madura (d)**

Tuesday, September 5

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

****75th Jubilee Sr. Audrey Marie Rothweil**

Wednesday, September 6

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Andrea Abatecola Celebration**

Thursday, September 7

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

****ACTS Men's Retreat**

Friday, September 8

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

****Roger & Irma Scherer**

Saturday, September 9

4:00 p.m. livestreamed - Fr. Peter Connolly

****Geraldyn & 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)**

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**

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Pray for the Success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration

Prayer is a key to the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration (ARC) to be held October 14, 2023. There are many suggestions of ways to pray for ARC's success on the website: AzRosary.Net. You can learn how to pray the "20 Step Prayer Campaign" off the main page and located under "Prayer", "Prayer Campaign" and "15 Rosary Promises". Fill out a "Prayer Intention" form and drop in your parish's Prayer Intention box. All intentions will be prayed for at the event – October 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – and then taken to the sisters at Santa Rita Abbey where they will be prayed for until next year's ARC. For more information, contact Dave Chohon at 1945dwc@gmail.com or (520) 539-5528.

THIS COULD BE YOU! All you have to do is purchase one "JIM CLICK MILLIONS FOR TUCSON RAFFLE" ticket for just \$25.00! This vehicle is worth well over \$110,000.00 with all the "bells-and-whistles" that are installed on it!



Tickets are being sold by the Knights of Columbus from ***The Our Lady of the Desert Council No. 15704*** before

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



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

Fr. Jeff King-Healing	Tony Iavagnilio
Ed Kenyon	Bernie Burba
Tim McDonald	Phil Treinen
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)
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)

"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 Honor All Our Faithful &
Dedicated Volunteers**

**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 21-28, 2023 \$ 5,535.00

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

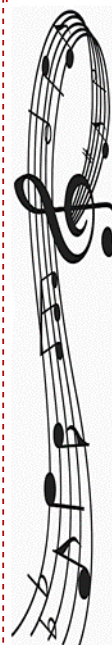
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday, Sep 30th

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

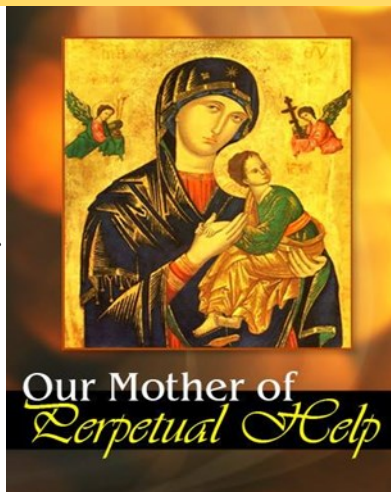
Saturday – Sunday 30-Oct 1

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,

Are we supposed to pray a specific prayer after we genuflect and kneel in the pew before we take our seats? What about after Communion?

There is no particular prayer to say when we genuflect, enter the pew, and kneel for a while. Genuflecting and kneeling are powerful expressions and prayers in themselves—we kneel only to God. But these gestures can become mere routine unless we accompany them with a moment of awareness and recollection and maybe a prayer like, “I adore you, O Christ, and I bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.”

Neither are there required prayers to say in the moments after holy Communion as we return to the pew. But this is a most special time. “Holy souls endeavor to remain as long as possible in prayer after Communion,” wrote St. Alphonsus Liguori in *The Holy Eucharist*. “There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion.” Eucharist is from the Greek *eukharistia*, which means “thanksgiving,” and this is a time for giving thanks. We remain silently focused on the astonishing passion and affection of our Lord in giving himself to us to eat and make part of ourselves. So much depends on awareness; so much depends on gratitude. Prayer books may help us enter a time of thanksgiving. But we can also say simply, “Jesus, I love you.” ●



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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
September 4 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Thes 4:13–18 Lk 4:16–30	September 5 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11 Lk 4:31–37	September 6 <i>Weekday</i> Col 1:1–8 Lk 4:38–44	September 7 <i>Weekday</i> Col 1:9–14 Lk 5:1–11	September 8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30 Mt 1:1–16, 18– 23 or 1:18–23	September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i> Col 1:21–23 Lk 6:1–5	September 10 <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ez 33:7–9 Rom 13:8–10 Mt 18:15–20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile. The cross is the holy sign of God’s love.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 30, 2020

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