

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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

Weekend of September 30 - October 1

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

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Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

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*Diocese of Tucson Tribunal. Judge*

Rev. Stephen Huy Vu, C.Ss.R.

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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



October 1st Phil 2:1-11

Today's Second Reading focuses on humility once again. Paul advises that no one act out of selfishness or vainglory. Rather, he says each person should consider the other as more important than oneself. He points out that this was Jesus's way. In Jesus, God gave up the trappings of Divinity and took on human nature and death. He did this because he wished to show us how much we were loved. Just as God the Father rewarded him, so will we be rewarded if we live a humble life as a servant to one another. If we truly consider others as more important than ourselves, we will never miss a chance to love them, and love fulfills all God's commands.

October 2nd Zec 8:1-8

Today, our First Reading proclaims a message of hope. The people of Judah have been led away into exile because of their sins. God, however, promises that they will come back, and Jerusalem will be a favored city once again. Of course, historically, only a few returned. But the Church has always seen the fulfillment of this prophecy in the church, which is the new Jerusalem, founded on the 12 Apostles, just as Israel was founded on the 12 tribes. Through the work of the church, all people are pulled together as the People of God. God's mercy has once again restored his people.

October 3rd Zec 8:20-23

Zechariah's prophecy continues today. He speaks of people of various languages and ways of life coming to Jerusalem to find salvation. These natural enemies will become friends. Peace will reign between them. The remnant of the Jews will attract the others and be a blessing for the world, just as God had promised Abraham.

October 4th Neh 2:1-8

Today we read from the Book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah was one of the exiled Jews. He has gained a favored state with the foreign king. The king sees him sad and asks what is wrong. Nehemiah replies that he has been thinking of Jerusalem and how the city and its defending walls lie in ruin. He asks the king's permission to return there and repair the city. He is granted permission and supplies to rebuild Jerusalem. Nehemiah confirms that it was due to the love and faithfulness of God that the king agreed to this. God, after a time of exile, is inviting his people back home!

October 5th Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12

Today, we see a covenant renewal ceremony taking place. The books of the Law (Pentateuch) are read to the people. The people all rejoice and offer their obedience to God and his law. Ezra and Nehemiah encourage them to celebrate with great exultation. Even though the people remembered how their sins caused them to fall in the first place, their attention now should be on God's mercy. Hence they need to rejoice because God's mercy has redeemed them from their sins.

October 6th Bar 1:15-22

Today we read from the Book of Prophet Baruch. This book is another book that deals with the return from exile. We are back again to stage one. The people in exile admit their sins. They admit that they chose to follow their own ways rather than God's ways. Therefore, punishment came their way. Now, they call out to God for mercy. God in his love will not delay!

October 7th Bar 4:5-12, 27-29

Yesterday, the people bemoaned their sins. Today, God answers through his prophet. He says that it was because of their sins that they endured exile. However, exile was not to end in death. Rather, they will return and once again find great joy in their daily lives. All they need to do is repent.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.



Upcoming Broadcast
Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 11:00am

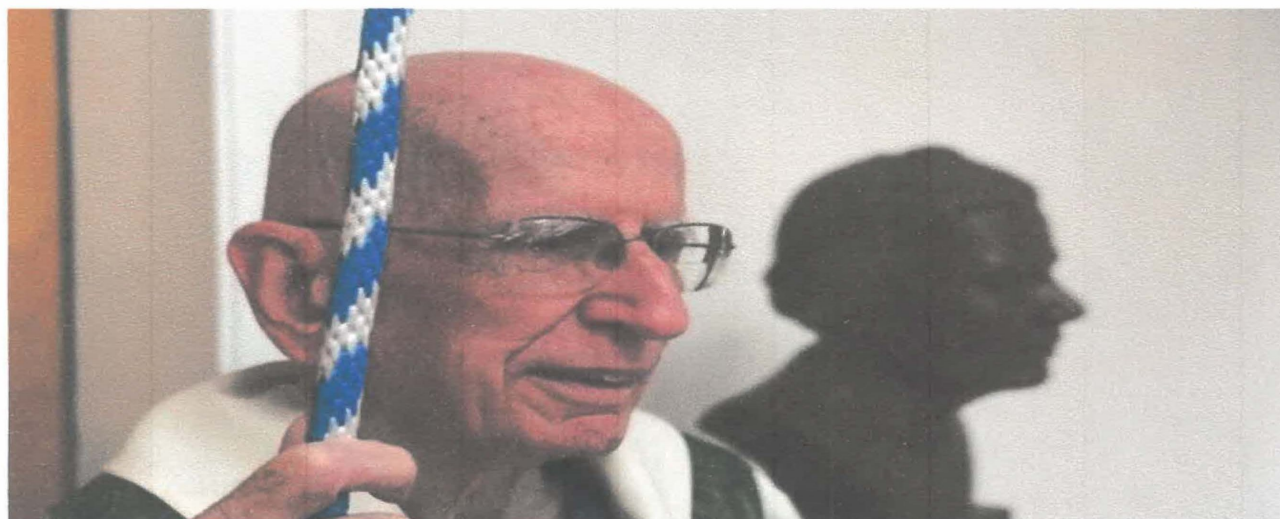
Funeral Mass for Rev. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R.



The live-stream link to Fr Ricardo's funeral Mass is:

<https://diocesetucson.org/live-1> .When you click on the link you should be able to see the announcement for the Funeral Mass. (I attached a screen shot of what you should see after you click on the link.)

Hugh Richard "Ricardo" Elford, C.Ss.R.
May 21, 1938 – September 19, 2023



"A call to service"

Funeral Mass at St Augustine Cathedral
192 S Stone Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701

11:00 AM, October 7, 2023

2:00 PM	Burial	Holy Hope Cemetery 3555 N Oracle Rd, Tucson, AZ
4:00 PM	Reception	Southside Presbyterian 317 W 23rd St, Tucson, AZ

All are welcome.
***"Preach the gospel at all times, and
when necessary, use words."***

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Arizona Rosary Celebration to be held this Month

Saturday, October 14, 2023, is the date for the Arizona Rosary Celebration. The celebration, held at Saint Augustine Cathedral, 192 South Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701, runs from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The Most Reverend Edward Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson, will preside. Sister Mary Clare Mancini, OCD, of the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles will be the keynote speaker. Be part of the largest continuous annual Catholic Rosary gathering in the United States. This year marks its 48th year in Arizona & 13th in the Diocese of Tucson. For more information, contact Dave Chohon at 1945dwc@gmail.com or 520-539-5528

THE COTTAGE at Immaculate Heart

The Immaculate Heart Community believes in teaching our Catholic beliefs and the value of charity. The Cottage is a unique resale thrift shop, with all proceeds supporting the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart. The Cottage solely relies on donations, which are offered for public sale. Please consider shopping (and donating) to The Cottage, knowing your patronage will 100% support the Sisters! Find us at 420 E. Magee Rd, Oro Valley from WEDS thru FRI, 9am – 2pm, with additional days/times listed on our website. Call 520-405-4613 with questions, about pick-up of items, shop hours, or any other questions. Visit us at: www.thecottageov.com.

First Friday Adoration

Come let us adore Him!

October 6, 2023 5-9 pm

At the altar of Our Lady of the Desert Church

The monstrance will be placed on the altar at 5 pm and ends at 9 pm. Please contact Keven Birck at kbirck@comcast.net

Please join us in adoration of the Christ! Please spare 30-60 mins of your time or any amount you wish to adore our Lord Jesus. This is such a blessing for us to actually spend time with our Lord and Savior.



In union with Christ's passion,
we offer up as sacrifice upon the fleshy
altars of our hearts all that we lack.
In return we receive from on high the
fullness of Christ's body, blood, soul and
divinity in the Eucharist, and we see
the Word become flesh in our own lives.

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

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**

Monday, October 2

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****40yrs Sr. Melanie Paradis**

Tuesday, October 3

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

****Peter Grant - Healing**

Wednesday, October 4

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****40 yrs Carol Sejda Covenant Companion**

Thursday, October 5

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

****John Wahl (d)**

Friday, October 6

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley

****Roger & Irma Scherer**

Saturday, October 7

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

****Bill and Velma Starman (d)**

Sunday, October 8

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

****Fr. Cahalane's Parents (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

****Steve Adams (d)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Monthly Rosary Prayer

Starting October 11, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and every second Wednesday following.(times TBD) 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.

Scripture Prayer Group

meets via zoom each Tuesday from 7-8 pm. 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

Christ Child Society of Tucson

Is celebrating their founder Mary Virginia Merrick's 157th birthday, by "**Finding a Need and Filling It**" Bring non-perishable food to the Masses on Saturday, October 7th and Sunday, October 8th.

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

Monetary donations also accepted contact Agneta Schneider. 520-616-2191



The Redemptorists

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE . . .

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE REDEEMER



Andrew D. K. Tran-Chung
Philosophy
Bronx, NY



Cody Hill
Philosophy
Bronx, NY

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.

Council Chancellor, Robert Murrieta



John Thien Nguyen
Philosophy
Bronx, NY



Dominick T. Do-Tong
Philosophy
Bronx, NY

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 107.

She is on the path to
sainthood.



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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.

**The Redemptorists of North America
Present their Fall 2023 Racial Equity Series**
Food Deserts and Hunger

Tuesday, October 3 & 10, 2023

5:00 – 6:30 pm Arizona Time

7:00 – 8:30 pm CDT

8:00 – 9:30 pm EDT

Grocery store owners can't make money in low-income areas. So they choose not to put their stores in these areas. Often, the poor don't have adequate transportation to get to distant stores. They are forced to choose substandard foods to survive. Because of this, they suffer from bad nutrition and bad health.

American Prisons: Slavery by Another Name

Tuesday, November 7 & 14, 2023

6:00 – 7:30 pm Arizona Time

7:00 – 8:30 pm CST

8:00 – 9:30 pm EST

From the end of the Civil War well into the twentieth century, the convict lease system, which was used by states, local governments, white farmers, and corporations exploited the forced labor of prisoners, overwhelmingly African American men. How much of this is still going on today?

Register in advance for the Zoom meetings at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUkf-6rqzouGdxjgEorGbs1y2KmTomQziou>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meetings. (Contact john@davenport.net for questions)

Come join our Zoom discussions of these important topics.

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
Or contact Elizabeth at
revelyman@gmail.com



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 or 520-234-2140, or 3128 Pebble Beach Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85650 or Deacon John Klein at jklein@diocesetucson.org

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	Michael Dunlap
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 to
St. Therese the little flower– Do
Small things with Great Love**

**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 September 18-25, 2023 \$ 3,847.00

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.



Our Mother of
Perpetual Help

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,

Where does Church teaching on angels come from? Where did we get their division into classes and the concept of the guardian angel?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that the existence of angels is “a truth of faith” known in both Scripture and Tradition (CCC 328). Here is an ancient definition: An angel is a mighty, concentrated personality standing in God’s presence, ready to do his bidding instantly.

Jesus famously speaks of what we take to be the guardian angels of children. He says the angels of these children always look on the face of God (see Matthew 18:10). Angels took care of Jesus (see Matthew 4:11).

The Church understands angels to be spirits. Angel means “messenger,” and angels are servants of God. Different classes of angels are mentioned in the Bible (for example, Ephesians 1:21 and 3:10, and Colossians 1:16). We speak of Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel as archangels because the jobs God gave them to do were so important.

The Church holds that Satan is a fallen angel (CCC 391). Jesus tells us Satan “was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in truth, because there is no truth in him” (John 8:44). ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6	October 7	October 8
<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Zec 8:1–8	Zec 8:20–23	Neh 2:1–8	Neh 8:1–4a,	Bar 1:15–22	Bar 4:5–12,	Is 5:1–7
Mt 18:1–5, 10	Lk 9:51–56	Lk 9:57–62	5–6, 7b–12	Lk 10:13–16	27–29	Phil 4:6–9
			Lk 10:1–12		Lk 10:17–24	Mt 21:33–43



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: “Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving.”

HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 6, 2018