

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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## Weekend of October 14-15 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 15th Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul responds to a monetary gift he received from Philippi. He thanks them for their thoughtfulness, but also lets them know of how he looks at life. He states that he is satisfied with whatever comes his way in life. Whether he is wanting or whether he has enough makes no difference. His trust is in God no matter what. Paul's radical trust in Christ to take care of him led to a sense of peace in his life, no matter what was going on. We too can find such peace if we learn to trust Jesus and his love for us!

October 16th Rom 1:1-7

Today we have the beginning of Paul's letter to the Romans. In it, Paul states that God has called the Christians of Rome to "be holy." This is how Paul sums up what it means to be a Christian. A Christian is one called by God to be united with Jesus his Son through the Holy Spirit. The aim of Christianity is simply to grow in holiness, that is, to grow closer in love to God every day. That should always be our main concern in life.

October 17th Rom 1:16-25

Paul speaks today of a general way in which all people are able to know God. God's will is to enter a relationship of love with everyone he created. He reveals much about himself in creation. He reveals himself as a lover of beauty, order, and goodness. All of creation can lead us to ponder and know the One who created all this beauty. Paul bemoans the fact that some people close their minds and hearts to this revelation. We too are called to prayer and to reflection upon our lives and the world around us. God reveals himself to us and calls us into union with him through very natural and ordinary means. We just need to pay attention!

October 18th 2 Tm 4:10-17b

Today is the Feast of St Luke. Luke is mentioned in today's reading as being a companion and fellow missionary with Paul. Paul then warns Timothy to beware of a certain Alexander the Coppersmith. He has been opposing the faith. Paul bemoans the fact that the first time Alexander opposed him, no one but Christ stood by him. It was due to Christ that he was able to stand against the persecution of his enemies. Timothy would be wise to put faith in no one but Jesus!

October 19th Rom 3:21-30

Paul speaks of the fact that all people are sinners, whether Jew or Greek. All are forgiven through faith. If we believe and try to draw close to God, he will draw close to us. We cannot earn this salvation by works of the law. Only an interior faith in our hearts can save us. Whether we are Jew or Greek, we will be saved through Faith, not the Jewish laws. Jesus's death and resurrection have brought salvation. We participate in that salvation because of faith. It is a gift open to all.

October 20th Rom 4:1-8

Paul continues to write about salvation through faith. He points out that Abraham was saved. Yet, no law existed at the time of Abraham. Therefore, the following of the law is not what leads to salvation. It is only faith that saves. In faith, we believe we are loved by God, and we open ourselves to that love. If we are open, God will grace us with his love and salvation!



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October 21st Rom 4:13, 16-18

Once again, we have Paul talking about Abraham and his faith. He points out that God said Abraham would be the father of many nations. It is through the faith of Abraham that salvation is shared by all the nations. Abraham was not an example of living by the law (it did not exist in his day!), but of living by faith. Our living by Faith will always result in God's mercy being poured upon us!

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

## Anointing of the sick

Our Lady of the Desert will be holding a special Anointing of the Sick Mass at 10:00 on Saturday, November 11th. This Sacrament can be a great source of healing in our lives. All those who are ill with a serious or chronic disease can be anointed. Also, this Sacrament of healing can be received by anyone who finds their health and wellness being negatively affected by the process of aging. Being a senior citizen does not in itself qualify us to receive this Sacrament of the Sick. Please come and join us in celebrating this wonderful Sacrament.

## Book of Revelation

The Bible Study on the Book of Revelation will begin Monday, **October 16th at 10:00 A.M** for all those who have signed up for it. We will meet in the **Petroglyph room**.



## Arizona Income Tax Credits.

**Donations to CTSO (The Catholic Tuition Support Organization)** should be used as tax credits on your Arizona State income tax. If you owe, for example, \$1000 to the State you can redirect that \$1000 to a child whose sponsors are registered members of the Our Lady of the Desert Church and who attend a catholic school in the diocese of Tucson. This will not cost you a dollar. It is a tax credit, not a tax deduction. This year the maximum deduction is \$2,609 for couples and \$1,307 for singles. You do not have to wait until April 15 so that you know how much money you owe to the state. You may estimate the amount based on last year's return. If you donate too much, you merely roll it over for next year's tax. But do not do this several years in a row so that you build up a big balance. If you donate now, then CTSO will send you a letter that you or your accountant can use to fill in the correct amounts on your 2023 Arizona tax forms 323 and 348. Please use code 1699 when completing the form. This scholarship fund is administered by the Knights of Columbus Council 15704 of Our Lady of the Desert Church. For forms or more information contact Bernie Chuinard, 520.245.2485 or email: [berniechuinard@hotmail.com](mailto:berniechuinard@hotmail.com) or Terry Bahill, 520.742.5469 or email: [terry@sie.arizona.edu](mailto:terry@sie.arizona.edu)





**October = Respect Life Month | We're called to serve moms in need!**

Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone. By doing so, we too can bear Christ within us and help others experience His presence. Inspired by the Blessed Mother's example and guided by the Holy Spirit, may we offer Christ's presence and love to mothers in their time of need through our faithful service and support.



**SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE**

Each year, from March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by KofC councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a **rosary-centered** occasion for parishioners, and community members to pray for '**Respect for Life**', for the **spiritual renewal of each nation**, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



**A HIGHER PURPOSE**: Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and **promote respect for life** through a series of prayer services promoting the **dignity of all human life** and honoring Our Lady.

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in the Petroglyph room at RRC**

**Please invite your family and friends and join us!**

**Reserve the date! Parish Pasta Dinner and Pancake Breakfast  
at St. Alphonsus after the weekend masses**

**Pasta Dinner**

**Saturday, October 28, 5-6:30 PM**



**Pancake sausage Breakfast**

**Sunday, October 29, 8:15 AM - 12 PM**



**Donations are  
accepted and  
appreciated.**



The 10:00 Choir is looking for singers and instrumentalists who would be interested in joining our Christmas Eve Choir. All music will be provided. Some rehearsals would be required as well as current compliance training. Please contact Charles Lohr at [charles.lohr@comcast.net](mailto:charles.lohr@comcast.net)



Please join Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates to explore all the ways that helps struggling individuals and families throughout the Tucson area with Senior Services, a Food Bank, Emergency Financial Assistance, SelfSufficiency Programs, and Community Health Outreach WHEN: Thursday, October 19, 2023 from 5:00-6:00pm WHERE: St. Alphonsus Kitchen and via Zoom ALL ARE WELCOME! Please contact John Davenport ([john@davenport.net](mailto:john@davenport.net)) for a zoom link to the meeting.





THANK YOU  
OUR LADY OF THE DESERT  
YOU DID IT AGAIN!!!!!!

The Christ Child Society of Tucson and Marcos from the Pio Decimo Center Pantry, Thank You from the bottom of our Hearts. We collected so much food for the pantry and also \$615.00 to purchase food for many Thanksgiving Tables. Take a look at all you did to celebrate Mary Virginia Merrick's Birthday. She would be proud, as she always said

**"Find a Need and Fill It"**



*May you and your families be blessed by The Precious Christ Child during the upcoming Holidays...*

*Thank you all for your generosity,  
Angela Schneider,  
National Christ Child Board President*

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

### **Friday, October 13**

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

**\*\*Jackie Sorka - Healing**

### **Saturday, October 14**

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

**\*\*For Healing**

### **Sunday, October 15**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Bonifacio Hernandez Jr. - Happy Birthday**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Deacon Joe (d)**

### **Monday, October 16**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Joel & Lidia Allen**

### **Tuesday, October 17**

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

**\*\*Deceased Redemptorist**

Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R. (d)

### **Wednesday, October 18**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Bob & Angie Breister**

### **Thursday, October 19**

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

**\*\*Wheaton Franciscan Sisters Jubilarians**

### **Friday, October 20**

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

**\*\*Judy Fry (d)**

### **Saturday, October 21**

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

**\*\*Anna M. Hernandez - Special Intention**

### **Sunday, October 22**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Frank Cunningham (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Harriet Lewandowski (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](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.

### **Monthly Rosary Prayer**

Starting October 14, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and every second Wednesday following. Times to be determined. 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 7-8pm. 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 120 lbs of food for the month of September. Please help our local community by donating today. Thank you for your generosity. ~**Marge Mauzer**





As the dust of *Roe v. Wade* begins to settle, ***we need to let moms who choose life over abortion know that we will step up to help them raise their children to their full potential as human beings.***

**What is *Walking With Moms In Need*?**

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has set up *WWMIN* as a nationwide initiative to provide loving community support for pregnant and parenting moms in need *in every Catholic parish.*

**Our Lady of the Desert Redemptorist Associates**  
invite you to take up this challenge.

This year, we will be working with the  
**TEENAGE PARENTING PROGRAM of Marana High School**  
and the  
**TEEN PARENT HIGH SCHOOL of Tucson.**

We want to provide these beautiful programs with some extra funds to help their students care for their children and stay in school to graduation.

**Please join us on**

**Sunday, October 29 from 3:00-4:00pm**  
**in Church for a *Via Matris (Mother's Way)***  
**Prayer Service for these young families.**

Donations can be made in cash or by check (made out to RRC with "WWMIN" in the memo). We'll have envelopes at the back of the Church after the Prayer Service.



# 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**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

**\$55 per person  
Includes lunch and materials.**



*Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.*

**Retreat Director**

*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

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**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 October 2023**

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

Bernie Burba  
Phil Treinen  
Aubrey Scarborough  
Phyllis Spence, OSB  
Michael Dunlap  
Linda Obenauf  
Joanna Crawford

### **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)  
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 by  
The Family  
For The Healing of  
Phyllis Spence, OSB**

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

**Weeks of October 2-9, 2023      \$ 6,955.00**

**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

October 2023

## Book Store Hours

Bookstore is open after all weekend Masses.

Friday, Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 14-15	after all Masses
Monday, Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 21-22	after all Masses
Monday, Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday, Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 28-29	after all Masses
Monday, Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

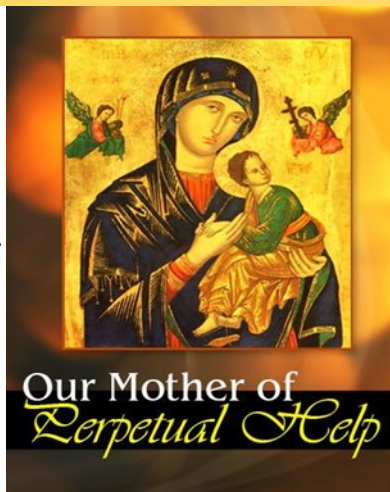


# October





## 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,

***My prayer-group leader is encouraging us to write our own prayers for our meetings. Don't you need some formal religious training to write prayers? Will our prayers count?***

It's given to every human being to be able to pray. On the level of the spiritual life, prayer is as basic as breathing is to physical life. Everyone at every moment has the grace to say a prayer.

Sometimes I ask people, "Do you pray?" At times they tell me they don't. Then I ask them, "Well, do you talk with God?" And most answer, "Of course." That's praying.

When writing your prayers, I suggest you use this ancient definition as inspiration: Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God. I'm sure your prayers will be that in word and feeling, and they will count.

When writing more formal prayers, it's nice to include the prayer elements the Church considers important: adoration of God, contrition and sorrow for sin, thanksgiving for life and for God's care of us in good times and bad, and petition for what we desperately need in our poverty. And for you, a final word. Remember that no matter how bad things may get, no matter how out of control things feel, you always have the gift and power of saying a prayer. Especially in time of temptation—when things really go bad—ask Mary your Mother to pray with you. ●

***The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org***

## **Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
October 16 Weekday Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32	October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41	October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9	October 19 Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54	October 20 Weekday Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7	October 21 Weekday Rom 4:13, 16-18 Lk 12:8-12	October 22 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21



## **A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

***The banquet hall is filled with the "excluded," those who are "outside," those who never seemed worthy to partake in a feast, in a wedding banquet. In fact, the master, the king, tells the messengers: "Call everyone, both good and bad. Everyone!"....He prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and sinners.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 11, 2020**