

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of October 21-22

## Twenty-ninth 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 22nd 1 Thes 1:1-5b**

In this introduction to the Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul wishes them grace and peace. These, for Paul, are necessities in life. The grace refers to God's loving presence in their lives. Without the help of this grace, Christians can do nothing. Paul wants them to be a truly loving people, therefore, he wishes them the grace needed to be loving. Peace does not refer to an absence of war or conflict. Rather, it signifies a spirit in which we are right with God and with other people because we are doing his will. For Paul, there is no inner peace if we are not conformed to God's will. The surest way to achieve this inner peace is to be obedient to the Spirit of Jesus.

## **October 23rd Rom 4:20-25**

Paul writes that Abraham's trust in God was credited to him as righteousness. Righteousness means that one is in line with God's will, that he or she is a moral person. Because Abraham believed that God would fulfill all the promises made to him, he clung to the Lord, and always was obedient to him. Though Abraham did make mistakes, just like we all do, each time he repented and again put his trust in God. Because of this, he received the promises. Paul points out that such trust and dedication to God's will is also needed for us, if we are to share in the redemption won for us by Jesus.

## **October 24th Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21**

Paul today speaks of death coming upon the whole of humanity because of Adam's sin. However, through Jesus, God has destroyed the power of death and has restored life to us. God's generosity in forgiving is stronger than sin and death. Our salvation does not lie in the fact that we do works of the law, but simply in the mercy of our generous God. We follow God's commands, not to win his forgiveness, but because we are already forgiven! We wish to show our thankfulness by doing what pleases God.

## **October 25th Rom 6:12-18**

Paul's letter continues on the theme from yesterday. He again speaks of being obedient as a way of expressing love for the God who saved us. He encourages us to use everything that we are (body) to bring love and goodness to others, not to bring hurt to them. After all, we are saved, and so our lives must show that fact. We must show by our conduct that sin is dead in us. This witness will spur on others to claim the life that God offers!

## **October 26th Rom 6:19-23**

Paul continues to urge the Roman Christians to use their bodies to bring good into the world. Since they are free from the power of sin, they should not allow sin and death to once again claim them. By drawing close to God and accepting his grace, we will continue to have life within us. The power of sin remains strong in us, but the power of life through Jesus is stronger. From God we will receive the strength to stand firm.

## **October 27th Rom 7:18-25a**

Paul today writes about something we all experience. We strive to be loving, serving people, but often we end up doing things that are not loving, but selfish. Sin is always there, lurking in the distance. For this reason, we must seek to remain close to God's strength. Life will win, but death is always strong inside our bodies. God's grace is needed.





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**October 28th Eph 2:19-22**

Paul writes that we are members of God's family, not sojourners seeking to find him. Our Faith is built upon the Apostles and Saints. We have the Spirit of God dwelling within us. The Church is that community which is always growing in love and peace. We should never see ourselves as having arrived at the fulness of who we are. Rather, we need to continue to grow together by allowing God's Spirit to overcome the residual sin that remains within us. Full redemption is building in our lives, but will reach completion only after our death.

*~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 23rd at 10:00 A.M** for all those who have signed up for it. We will meet in the **Zendo Room In the St. Alphonsus Building #5**.



## The Turkey is in the Oven!

Thanksgiving Day Mass is on Thursday, November 23 at 10:30am

Thanksgiving Day Brunch will follow Mass (around 11:30am)

Tickets are 40.00 dollars and are available in the office.

### 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)



*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)  
Dave Forgue (10/23)  
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

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

### **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)**

### **Monday, October 23**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Sr. Alana Gorski**

### **Tuesday, October 24**

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

**\*\*Fr. Matthew Ruyechan (d)**

### **Wednesday, October 25**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Gerard Bauer (d)**

### **Thursday, October 26**

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

**\*\*Gene & Marie Kraay**

### **Friday, October 27**

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

**\*\*Rosie Vassallo - Happy Birthday**

### **Saturday, October 28**

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

**\*\*Adam Abatecola, Tina Abatecola - Happy Birthday and Healing**

### **Sunday, October 29**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Peace in Ukraine, Fr. Iva Levitsky C.Ss.R. & Fr. Bohdan Geleta C.Ss.R.**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Winnifred LaVigne (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 November 8, 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**



# 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  
In Loving Memory of  
Harriet Lewandowski**

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

Weeks of October 9-16, 2023      \$ 9,093.50

**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 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.



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.*

Our Lady of the Desert Redemptorist Associates  
invite you to take up this challenge with us.  
This year, we will be providing support for

The **TEENAGE PARENTING PROGRAM**  
of Marana High School  
and the



Of Tucson Unified School District

Donations can be made in cash or by check (made out to RRC with "WWMIN" in the memo). There will be envelopes on our table at the back of the Church. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the office.

**Please join us this Sunday, October 29**  
**from 3:00-4:00pm in Church** (or contact  
[john@davenport.net](mailto:john@davenport.net) for the Zoom link)  
**for a *Via Matris (Mother's Way)***  
**Prayer Service for all mothers.**





Month of October = Respect Life Month

We're called to serve moms in need!



"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." Luke 1

The **48th Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration** took place on Saturday, October 14 in St. Augustine Cathedral. It was a beautiful day both outdoors and indoors. There were large crowds of joyful families, young adults of all ages from many churches throughout the Dioceses of Tucson. Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger presiding, blessed each organization as they processed to the altar area. Native Americans adorned in their exquisite attire danced their way to the altar ending the procession. **'Our Lady of The Desert' was represented by twelve members including six Council 15704 Knights and four wives.**

This year's celebration was in honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary under the title **"Our Lady of Mount Carmel"**, drawing attention to the wonderful promises of Mary associated with the Brown Scapular. The distinguished **Sister Mary Clare O.C.D., a Carmelite Sister of the Most Sacred Heart**, was the guest speaker. She shared the history of the Carmelite Order which was established in 1274 at the Council of Lyon, France. Sister Clare shared her deep love for the Carmelite Spirituality, lifelong learning, and helping others to grow in their faith. **The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary were recited** following sister's presentation. The beautiful Benediction of Our Lord followed the saying of the rosary. The celebration was a beautiful event with more than a thousand participants including over two hundred area altar servers with all participants reciting the rosary together. **The annual Rosary Celebration is sponsored by Arizona Knights of Columbus with assistance from Legion of Mary and other Catholic organizations and volunteers.** Save the date for the AZ Rosary Celebration 2024: 10/19-20/2024. See you there! *Bob Francis, chairman*



Chris, Judy, Bob F., Bob M., Armando, Khue

Bob F., Bob M., Chris, Judy, Armando

**Parish Pasta Dinner and Pancake Breakfast** at St. Alphonsus

Pasta Dinner

Saturday, October 28, 5-6:30 PM



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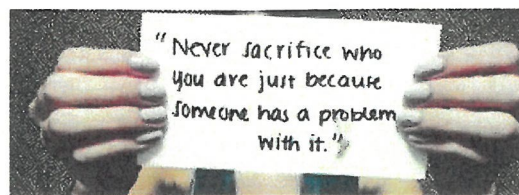
Pancake sausage Breakfast

Sunday, October 29, 8:15-12 PM

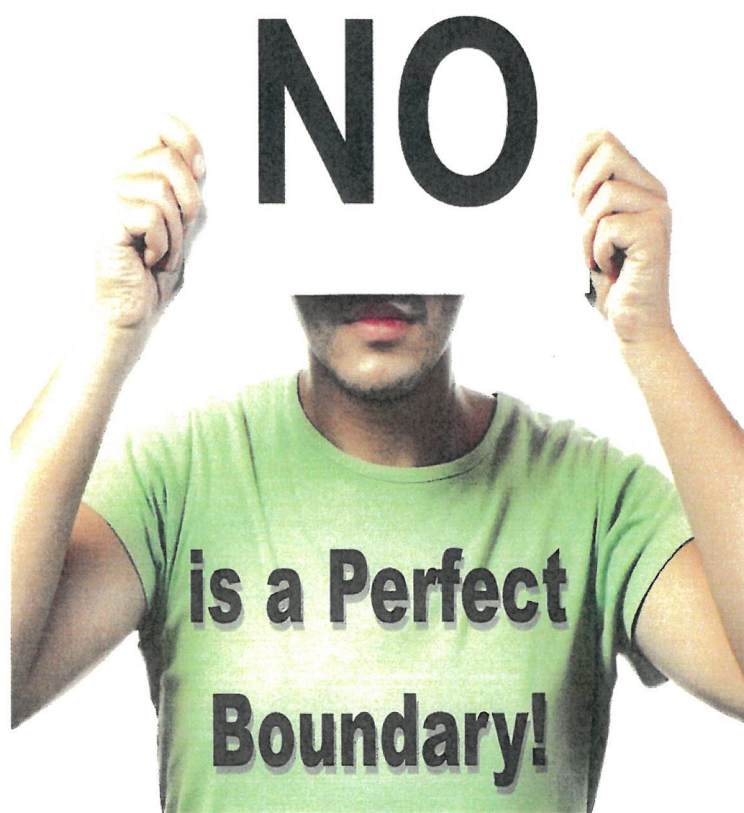




# Boundaries



## Building Boundaries for Better Relationships



*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85743

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

**November 4, 2023**

**9:00 AM– 3:00 PM \$55.00**

**Call 520-744-3400 for reservations**

People who have no boundaries are often victimized and frustrated because they are constantly giving their personal power away to others. They do what everyone else wants to do; they wear what they think other people want them to wear; and they take the blame for everything, even when they aren't at fault, without defending themselves.

As a result, boundary-less people end up feeling abused, angry and resentful. And as is well documented, resentment feeds addictive behaviors.

Boundaries are lines we draw between ourselves and others. They mark our independence and yet allow us to be interdependent with others. Boundaries define who we are and they tell the world that we are as equally important as everyone else is.

Boundaries also define our views on behavior. They establish what behaviors we are willing to accept from others and what behaviors we are not willing to accept. Boundaries allow for respectful confrontation. In this way, boundaries protect everyone from being abused and victimized.

If you are struggling to establish important boundaries, this retreat is for you. It will help you to regain respect for yourself as you learn to own your personal power by learning to set proper boundaries with family, friends, coworkers and others.

If you avoid conflict  
to keep the peace  
you start a war  
inside yourself.



# 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

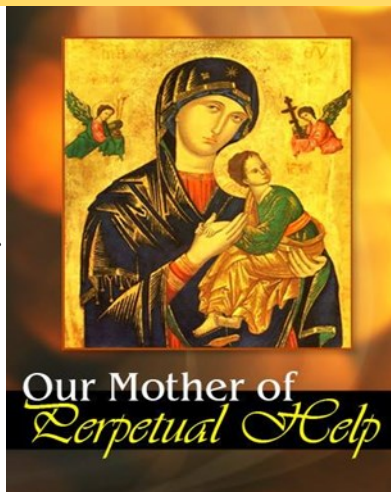


# October





## 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,

***Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?***

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1–7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation. ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



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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
October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27	October 28	October 29
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday
Rom 4:20–25	Rom 5:12, 15b,	Rom 6:12–18	Rom 6:19–23	Rom 7:18–25a	Sts. Simon and	Sts. Simon and
Lk 12:13–21	17–19, 20b–21	Lk 12:39–48	Lk 12:49–53	Lk 12:54–59	Jude, Apostles	Jude, Apostles
	Lk 12:35–38				Eph 2:19–22	Eph 2:19–22
					Lk 6:12–16	Lk 6:12–16
						1 Thes 1:5c–10
						Mt 22:34–40

## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***[Jesus] acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid—for all of us, too, taxes must be paid—because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him alone that each person owes his own existence, his own life.***

**ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 18, 2020**



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