

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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## Weekend of October 28-29 Thirtieth 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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Padre Tomas Jose Fransiscus,  
C.Ss.R. JCL

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*Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish*

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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 29th 1 Thes 1:5c-10

Paul writes to the Thessalonians about their faith and example. He states that the Thessalonians were highly admired because of their way of life. They turned completely away from idols and wholeheartedly served the Lord and loved their brothers and sisters. Through doing this, they inspired others to follow Christ. We too should be doing the same. Our example should speak to our family and friends and make them pause and think. Perhaps they will be inspired to follow Jesus a little more closely because of the joy they see in us!

## October 30th Rom 8:12-17

Paul points out to the Roman community that they are no longer slaves to sin. God has poured His Spirit into their lives and hearts. They have been claimed by God as adopted sons and daughters. The Spirit within them gives them the grace necessary to overcome sin and to love. By their love, they show they belong to God.

## October 31st Rom 8:18-25

Paul, in today's reading, speaks of the earth groaning in anticipation of the appearance of our salvation. Everything for Paul is working towards that end right now. Jesus's death and resurrection has started the process, but we still have a way to go before we remove evil from our lives. Eventually, at the end of the world, sin will be destroyed, and we will have full stature as God's adopted children. We simply need to remain faithful.

## November 1st 1 Jn 3:1-3

John writes today to encourage the Christians of his community. He says that they are sons and daughters of the Father, even though the world around them might not recognize that fact. He points out that they never recognized Jesus either! He calls them to continuing faithfulness as they move towards their future with God when all will be made known. Hope is the needed virtue for all of us as we live our lives. The future will make it all worthwhile.

## November 2nd Rom 6:3-9

As we celebrate All Souls Day today, Paul speaks to us about those who go before us in death. He reminds us that God's love is truly immense. If we are joined to Christ and his death by Baptism, then we will also be joined to Jesus as we participate in his resurrection. This resurrection experience starts even now, as Jesus strengthens us to start moving beyond our sins.

## November 3rd Rom 9:1-5

Paul today mourns for his own people, the children of Israel. These were the people to whom God first reached out in love. They are the ones with whom God entered into covenant. Theirs were the patriarchs and the gift of the law. Yet, many of them did not recognize the savior when he came. Paul is so hurt by this that he even states he would be willing to give up his own salvation if it would bring the people into the Church. Paul's love for his own people cannot be questioned. I'm sure that parents can identify with him as they watch their children live their lives.



# Our Lady of the Desert



**November 4th Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29**

Paul continues to speak about the Jewish Nation. He stresses that God has not abandoned them. He has not moved on to other plans. His plan was always to save the whole world through the Jews. Paul believes that the faith witness of the Gentiles will make Israel jealous, so that they will return to a full relationship with God in Christ. They are still the chosen people! They are the ones chosen to bring the rest of the world into relationship with God. Now, ironically, the world will call back the Jewish faithful. God's promises and selection of Israel will always be there!

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

## **Use of Dining Room**

I wish to remind you all once again that the primary ministry of the RRC is retreat work. The Church only exists as a backing for the retreats. Please remember that the dining room is not part of the church! We have several individuals who have been going into the dining room after mass. We really don't mind you grabbing a cup of coffee, but we ask you to please take it outside after you get it. This helps the dining room staff of the retreat center to get things set up and also to provide a clean environment for our retreatants to eat. Also, please realize that because of Health Department rules, NO OUTSIDE FOOD can be brought into the dining room area. We appreciate your understanding!

## **Solemnity of All Saints**

Wednesday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints' Day. This is a holy day of obligation. All Catholics are asked to attend mass on this day. We will have our usual 7:30 mass that morning, along with a 4:00 vigil mass on Tuesday, October 31st.

## **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 30th at 10:00 A.M** for all those who have signed up for it. We will meet in the **Ironwood room across from the Pool.**

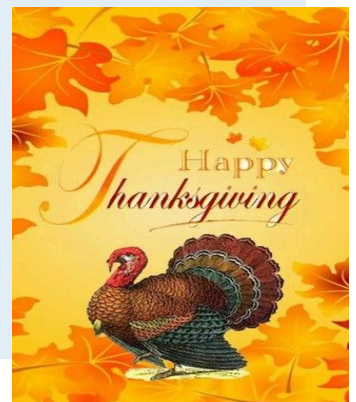
## **The Turkey is in the Oven!**

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.

Come Join us....it will be a good time with good friends!







*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  
Margaret Zeches

### **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 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 Ukrain, Fr. Iva Levitsky C.Ss.R. & Fr. Bohdan Geleta C.Ss.R.**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Winnifred LaVigne (d)**

### **Monday, October 30**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Fr. Jim Shea Parents : Sheridan & Mary Shea**

### **Tuesday, October 31**

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

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

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

### **All Saints Day -Wednesday, November 1**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**\*\*Harold Ramsey (d)**

### **Thursday, November 2**

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

**\*\*Gerald Kolar (d)**

### **Friday, November 3**

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

**\*\*Ann Newstadt (d)**

**\*\*Leonardo Gentile (d)**

### **Saturday, November 4**

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

### **Sunday, November 5**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*Jim & Betty Floyd (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Annette Thompson (d) 35th Wedding Anniversary**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Homebound Ministry**

Do you have a loved one, a neighbor or friend that is currently Homebound, in a Care Center or in the Hospital? Do you think that person would like a visit from a Homebound Eucharist Minister {EM}? Our Lady of the Desert (OLD) has trained (EMs), who would love to take Holy Communion to that special person. For more information call the OLD office 520-744-3400.

### **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**

# First Friday Adoration

## Come let us adore Him!

**November 3, 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](mailto: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.

# 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 LaVigne Family  
In Memory of  
Winnifred LaVigne**

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

Weeks of October 16-23 2023      \$ 2,995.00

**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:

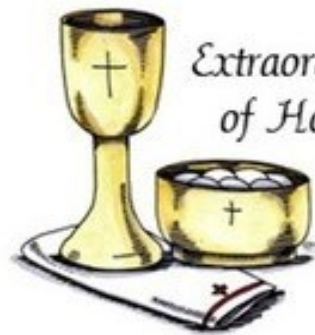
<http://desertrenewal.org/fees-and-rates/>





The 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)



*Extraordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion*

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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



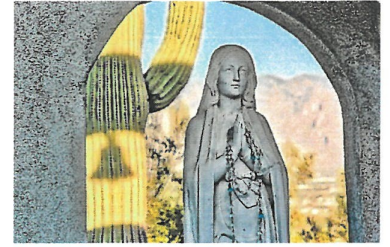
Of Tucson Unified School District

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.**

## REDEMPTORIST RENEWAL CENTER

October 23, 2023



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous support and financial contributions to our 2022 capital campaign, *Restoration Beyond the Pew*. The purpose for the campaign was to address multi-deferred maintenance issues. The administration set a goal of \$250,000.00; the final amount received was \$253,624.63.

At the beginning of the campaign, we promised transparency and accountability. This letter summarizes repairs completed and expenditures to date for the Renewal Center and the Redemptorist' residence. The remaining \$75,732.02 will be used for continued projects. You can expect a final report in the New Year.

God bless you and your families.

*Fr. Peter Connolly, C.Ss.R.*  
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## RESTORATION BEYOND THE PEW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### Summary of Repairs Completed and Expenditures to Date

#### HVAC UNITES

08/30/22	\$ 9,300.00	Chapel
09/30/22	\$ 4,888.00	Kitchen
10/10/22	\$ 950.00	Mini-Split
06/30/23	\$10,545.00	Chapel
06/08/23	\$ 9,720.00	Building #7
06/30/23	\$12,754.00	Buildings #2,5,7,10,14,15,16
08/22/23	\$10,350.00	Seelos Conference Room

#### PLUMBING

09/05/22	\$ 1,325.00	Buildings 14, 16
12/18/22	\$ 950.00	Kitchen
02/09/23	\$ 1,400.00	Buildings 8,9, 11, 12
05/15/23	\$ 6,250.00	Attic (Building 12)
06/22/23	\$ 1,050.00	Room #13

#### ROOF

08/22/23	\$20,150.00	Buildings 2,5,6,9,10,14
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#### BATHROOMS RENOVATION

09/01/23	\$16,182.00	Rooms 9,10,11,12
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#### BUILDINGS REKEYED

08/02/23	\$16,182.50	All Buildings on Property
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#### MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

08/03/22	\$ 5,518.54	Sandpipes Upgraded
08/30/22	\$ 2,014.00	GolfCarts Repaired
09/05/22	\$ 4,475.00	Room Carpets/St. Al's Bldg
10/14/22	\$ 2,791.00	Kitchen Equipment
05/10/22—06/23/23	\$ 9,129.19	Landscape, Stone, Sidewalk
02/13/23-07/01/23	<u>\$ 2,092.00</u>	IT Upgrades

**TOTAL** **\$143,628.03**

## RESTORATION BEYOND THE PEW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

### Summary of Repairs Completed and Expenditures to Date

#### Rectory Building

##### HVAC

09/22/22	\$ 15,928.88	Units 176 and 173
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##### PLUMBING

02/24/23	\$ 775.80	8 Faucets/Fixtures
02/24/23	\$ 599.58	8 Showerheads
02/24/23	\$ 922.34	8 Raised Toilets
03/02/23	\$ 1,600.00	Plumbing Installation
03/23/23	\$ 1,050.00	Lift Pump

##### Roof

10/14/22	\$ 5,200.00	Community Room
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##### MISSCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

08/17/23	\$ 15,36.97	Sprinkler System
10/05/22	\$ 1,500.00	Install Gas Line
01/05/23	\$ 1,350.00	Carpet, Unit 174
02/15/23	\$ 620.82	Landscape + Rock
04/04/23	\$ 900.00	Patio Gates
04/04/23	\$ 800.00	Repaired Patio Wall
08/02/23	<u>\$ 1,474.00</u>	Carpet, Unit 176

Total	\$34,258.39
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#### Repair and Summary Expenditures

Renewal Center (RRC)	\$ 143,,625.63
Rectory	<u>\$ 34,,258.39</u>
	\$ 177,884.02

#### Funds Raised from Capital Campaign

Campaign Total	\$ 253,624.35
Expenditures Total	<u>\$ (177,884.02)</u>
Balance Remaining	\$ 75,732.33

CAMPAIGN GOAL	\$ 250,000.00
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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

Pancake sausage Breakfast

Sunday, October 29, 8:15-12 PM

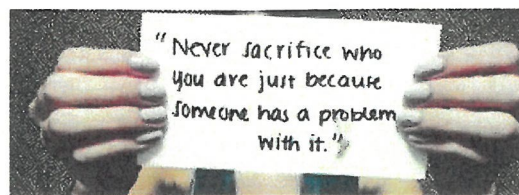


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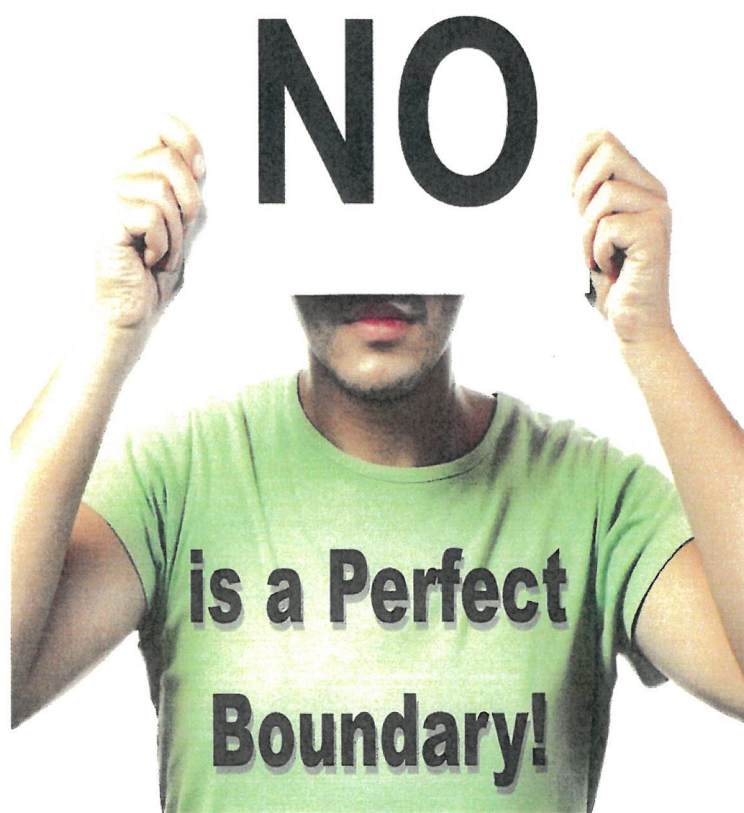




# Boundaries



## 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

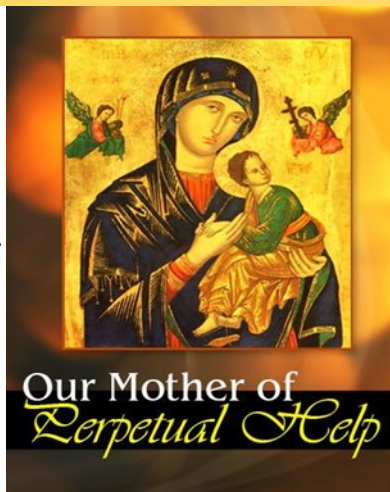


# October





## 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,

## How does a person become a saint?

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorists saying, “Don’t become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint.” I would widen his expression to say, “Don’t get baptized unless you want to be a saint.” To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This mystical body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As St. Paul said, “We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, that is, given the title of “saint” by the Church, a person’s life should serve as a model for others, and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person’s “cause,” often with the leadership of local clergy.

The beatitudes offer us a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, we are on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well or one that challenges you. Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven. ●



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**Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) served the needy and built an internet gateway for exploring eucharistic miracles.**

**Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***This is the test: if I say, “I love God,” and do not love my neighbor, it does not work. The verification that I love God is that I love my neighbor. As long as there is a brother or sister to whom we close our hearts, we will still be far from being disciples as Jesus asks us.***

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#### MONDAY

October 30  
Weekday  
Rom 8:12–17  
Lk 13:10–17

#### TUESDAY

October 31  
Weekday  
Rom 8:18–25  
Lk 13:18–21

#### WEDNESDAY

November 1  
All Saints  
Rev 7:2–4, 9–14  
1 Jn 3:1–3  
Mt 5:1–12a

#### THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 2  
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)  
Any readings from no. 668 in the *Lectionary* or from the *Masses for the Dead*

#### FRIDAY

November 3  
Weekday  
Rom 9:1–5  
Lk 14:1–6

#### SATURDAY

November 4  
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop  
Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12, 25–29  
Lk 14:1, 7–11

#### SUNDAY

November 5  
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10  
1 Thes 2:7b–9, 13  
Mt 23:1–12

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