

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of November 4-5

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Community

Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

Associates

Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

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Rev. Peter Connolly, C.Ss.R.

Padre Tomas Jose Fransiscus,  
C.Ss.R. JCL

*Diocese of Tucson Tribunal. Judge*

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

*Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish*

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Grand Knight



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



November 5th 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Paul today speaks of the Thessalonians as receiving his teachings, not as the word of man, but as the Word of God. Even though the Thessalonians loved Paul because of his care for them and his dedication to them, they were able to see beyond that friendship to God's presence. They built their lives on following God's word, and it has profited them greatly. We too are called to build our lives on God's word, not necessarily on the preacher!

November 6th Rom 11:29-36

Paul writes today of the call of the Jewish nation. Even though many Jews have refused to believe in Jesus, God has not abandoned them. After all, God's gifts and call are irrevocable. Paul points out that by showing mercy to the Gentiles in plain sight of the Jews, God has caused them to take heed of this perceived affront. He did this as a way of offering mercy to them as well. Once again, God's mercy and love are boundless!

November 7th Rom 12:5-16ab

Paul today encourages the Community in Rome to truly live love. He counsels them to anticipate each other in doing good. They should not wait to be treated respectfully before they treat others with respect. They need to offer forgiveness, not revenge. They need to refrain from thinking they are better than anyone else. Love should lead to service of others, not to being served by others.

November 8th Rom 13:8-10

Paul tells the Roman Christians that they owe nothing to anyone other than love. Love must be at the center of their lives. In loving others, we never seek to hurt them. Therefore, in love the whole law of God is obeyed, for God's law exists to build up love and justice in the world. If we love our neighbors as we love ourselves, the world will be a better place for us all.

November 9th 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Paul today uses a comparison. He compares his preaching to the Corinthians with a person building a house. He states that Jesus must always be the foundation. Paul laid that foundation faithfully. As the rest of the building continues to be built up, nothing new should be added. We cannot build our lives on what we want, or what others may want for us, if such wants are contrary to God's will. We must remember that our lives are to be the temple of the Holy Spirit, not our own temple.

November 10th Rom 15:14-21

Paul tells the Roman Community that he has always faithfully served God in his building up of the Kingdom in others. He never preached to those who may have already heard the Word, but always spoke to the catechized so that he could be sure the foundation was firm, that is, that Jesus and the truth were always the foundation for the faith of his hearers. Paul has always sought to do the will of God, not his own will.

November 11th Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27

Paul closes his Letter to the Romans by mentioning many names of individuals that they knew quite well. Paul always acknowledged that the work of building up the church was not his alone. He simply did his part. By mentioning these others, Paul acquires the trust of the community. They can believe him based on the fact that he works as one with people they trust. In the end, it is really Christ Jesus himself who works through all these people to bring his love and mercy to all the world.

~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!

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, **November 6 at 10:00 A.M** for all those who have signed up for it. We will meet in the **Agave room building 7**.

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 November 2023

Ed Kenyon	Bernie Burba
Tim McDonald	Phil Treinen
Chuck Peterson	Aubrey Scarborough
Linda Peterson	Phyllis Spence, OSB
June Wood	Michael Dunlap
Lee Morrison	Linda Obenauf
Scott Milligan	Joanna Crawford
Rachel Flint	Margaret Zeches
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)
Theresa Fitzpatrick (10/23)
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, November 3

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Ann Newstadt (d)

Saturday, November 4

4:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Leonardo Gentile (d)

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

Monday, November 6

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Jim Shea
**Cleo Moore (d)

Tuesday, November 7

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly
** Fr. Ricardo Elford (d)

Wednesday, November 8

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Tom Fransiscus
**Roger & Irma Scherer (d)

Thursday, November 9

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley
**Dick Brady - Healing

Friday, November 10

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer
**Bob and Angie Breister

Saturday, November 11

10:00 a.m. Anointing of the sick-Fr. Brian Johnson

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Stephen Rehreauer
**John Calka - Healing

Sunday, November 12

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson
**Michael Donoho (d)
10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly
**Deacon Joe (d)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Funeral Announcement

Funeral for Dave Forgue will be on Tuesday November 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Our Lady of the Desert Church.

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 (OLoD) has trained (EMs), who would love to take Holy Communion to that special person. For more information call the OLoD 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 (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 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, or call 440.478.1203.

Food Bank

The Marana Food Bank bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore. We collected a total of 50lbs of food for the month of October. 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
John and Kelly Mooney
In Loving Memory of
Cleo Moore**

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weeks of October 23-30, 2023 \$ 6,035.00

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.

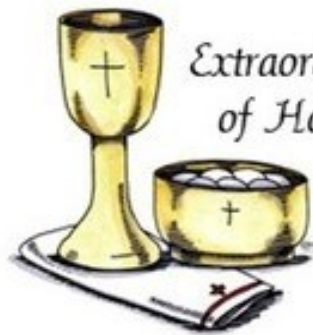
For your convenience, know that you may come during office hours to personally offer your stewardship, mail it in, or use the following link and specify your donation. Click here:

<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

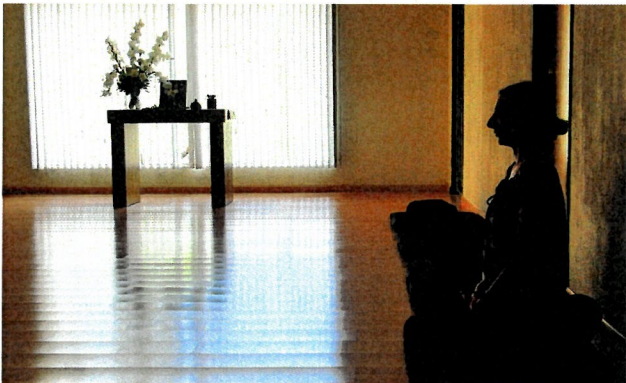


*Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion*

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Contemplative Intensive Retreat

Come tame your overthinking and quiet your mind



Contemplation is an ancient Christian tradition rooted in the Scriptures and the life of Jesus. It developed in an age of uncertainty, similar to our own, attracting thousands of lay men and women who yearned to lose themselves in God. These early Christians, who practiced a lifestyle that we describe by the term "contemplative," left a rich heritage with explicit instructions on living the New Life in Christ.

Contemplation is the fruit of personal practice and experience. The practice is the ancient Christian tradition of awareness not only at specific times of prayer, but while peeling potatoes, washing dishes, cleaning, gardening, sleeping and so forth. It's a practice that fulfills the directive of St. Paul, "Pray always."

Contemplation is often mistakenly identified with monasticism. For the first Christian contemplatives, it was simply the Christian way of living moment to moment with the grace of God. The testimony of their lives has inspired countless individuals throughout the centuries whose deepest desire was to conform themselves to Christ.

December 8-10, 2023

The cost is \$325 for single room occupancy.

The number of participants is limited. Register early. Please contact us at 520.744.3400, ext. 7111 or at our toll free line 866.737.5751, or email us at office@desertrenewal.org, or use our online registration form.

Fr. Steve Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

Retreat Director

Fr. Rehrauer is Director of RRC. He has taught Moral Theology at the Alphonsian Academy of the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. He has offered workshops in India, the Philippines, and Thailand, among other countries.

Redemptorist Renewal Center

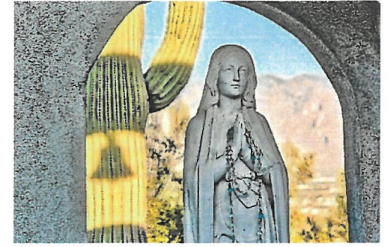
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REDEMPTORIST RENEWAL CENTER

October 30, 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	Units176 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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THE BOOKSTORE IS OPEN AFTER EACH WEEKEND MASS

NOVEMBER 2023

Book Store Hours

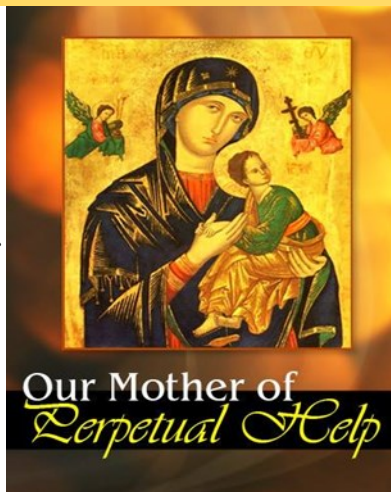
The bookstore is open after all weekend Masses.

Saturday 4 PM Mass Vigil, Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Thursday, Nov 2nd	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 4-5	after all Masses
Tuesday, Nov 7th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 9th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday Nov 10th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 11-12	after all Masses
Monday, Nov 13th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov 14th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 16th	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 18-19	after all Masses
Tuesday, Nov 21st	10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 25-26	after all Masses



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

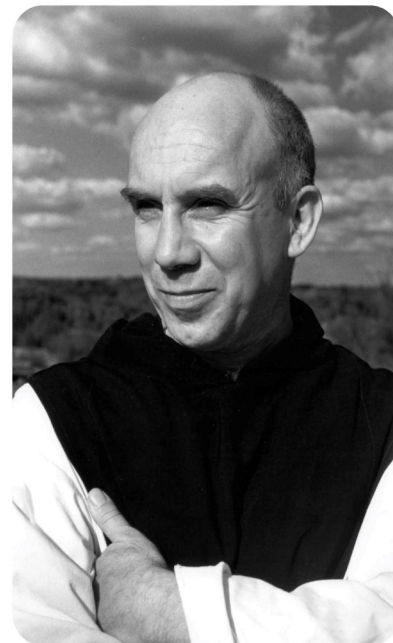
Dear Padre,

I would like to do more spiritual reading, but everything I've tried is either over my head or too sweet and pious for me. Do you have suggestions for any down-to-earth authors?

You might try reading shorter works. More is not necessarily better. Consider several publications available at Liguori.org. *In My Own Words* is a series of books that gathers excerpts from different authors: Dorothy Day, Sr. Thea Bowman, Pope St. John Paul II, and others. Also consider the *Wisdom* series for Advent and Christmas or Lent and Easter. These include the writings of ancients and a few more current authors like Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen, and Thomas Merton. *Daybreaks* for Advent and Lent are booklets of short meditations for each day of each season. *Catholic Update*, a four-page newsletter from Liguori, features in-depth articles on contemporary topics written by expert authors.

C. S. Lewis was a prolific and popular Christian author. His *Mere Christianity* is practical and informative. *A Grief Observed* is a beautiful meditation for those who have lost someone dear to them, as is Henri Nouwen's *In Memoriam*. Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation* has inspired readers since it was first published in 1949.

Finally, the best place to start might be the Gospel of Mark—not to study or analyze. Rather, read it just to get to know Jesus a little better. ●



Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and one of the most influential Catholic authors of the 1900s

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DAYbreaks

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections and prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 6 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 11:29–36 Lk 14:12–14	November 7 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 12:5–16ab Lk 14:15–24	November 8 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 13:8–10 Lk 14:25–33	November 9 <i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i> Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c– 11, 16–17 Jn 2:13–22	November 10 <i>St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> Rom 15:14–21 Lk 16:1–8	November 11 <i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i> Rom 16:3–9, 16, 22–27 Lk 16:9–15	November 12 <i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Wis 6:12–16 1 Thes 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 Mt 25:1–13



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

People today are attracted by things that are faster and faster: rapid Internet connections, speedy cars and planes, instant relationships. But at the same time we see a desperate need for calmness, I would even say slowness. Is the Church still able to move slowly: to take the time to listen, to have the patience to mend and reassemble?

MEETING WITH BISHOPS OF BRAZIL IN RIO DE JANEIRO, JULY 27, 2013