

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of October 12-13 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary

Redemptorist Community

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Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

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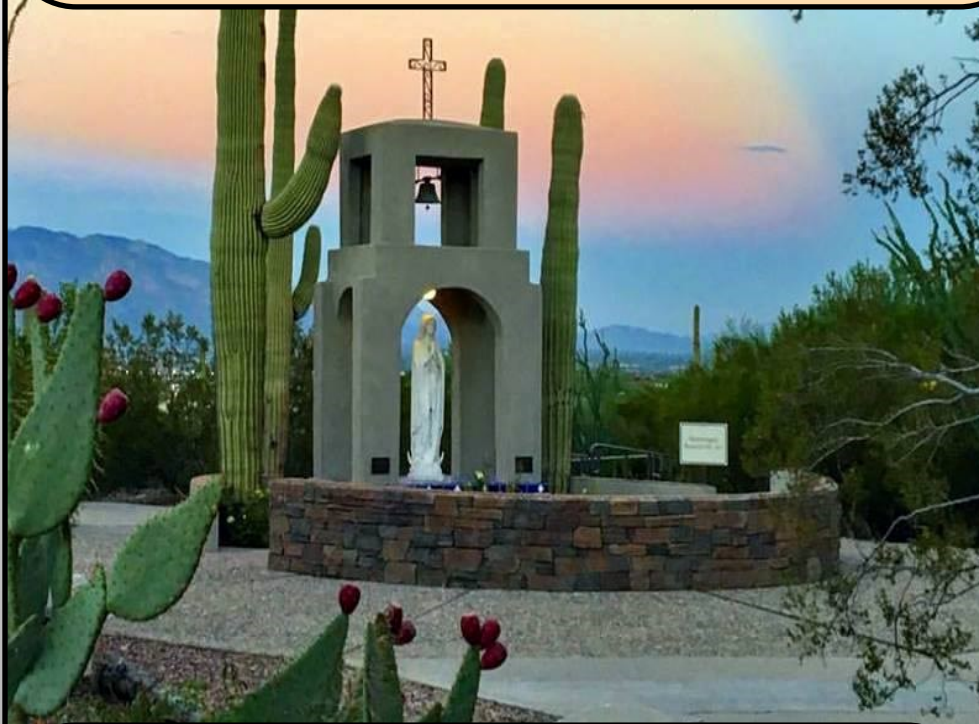
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Welcome: The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Together we are the body of Christ, living and active today.

Our Lady of the Desert



In the Book of Exodus, we see God speaking about himself to Moses. God declares, “The LORD, the LORD, a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity...” (Ex 34:6). So, we see God declaring Himself to be a God of mercy and forgiveness. Those are the two qualities of Himself that He held as being most important. We will see further proof of this later on in the story of Salvation when God sees his people caught up in the power of sin and death. His mercy will lead Him to send His Son to die so that our sins may be forgiven.

Much like the Father, Jesus will live out the reality of Mercy and Compassion throughout his life. He spoke often of God’s longing for sinners to return to him. (The parable of the Prodigal Son is a wonderful example of this!) In his own life, we see Jesus reaching out constantly to sinners. Many of his healings become moments where he calls sinners to repent and sin no more. He is constantly sitting down and eating meals with sinners as a way of expressing the fact that they are forgiven. Finally, Jesus willingly offers himself in sacrifice upon the cross to win our salvation.

After his resurrection, Jesus hands on the duty of offering forgiveness to the Apostles (and through them the whole church) when he says, “As the Father sent me, so I send you... Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” Jn 20:21-23. From that point on, the Church has been involved in Jesus’ mission of mercy. As he celebrates the Sacrament of Penance, a priest represents God who reaches out in forgiveness. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “The priest is the sign and instrument of God’s merciful love for the sinner” (CCC no, 1465). God’s mercy is still poured out into our lives! This reconciling will of God will lead to the establishment of the Sacrament of Penance through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit continues to guide the Church.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

Bible Study on The Acts of the Apostles

We will meet at 10am on October 14, in the Agave room in building #7.

Upcoming Funeral Announcements

We will have a funeral Mass for Carol Burba on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Our Lady of the Desert Church.

Holy Hour for Life

In honor of Respect Life Month, we will be having a period of Exposition and benediction of the Holy Eucharist. All are invited to join us for this time of prayer before the Eucharist. In order to avoid darkness, we will gather on Thursday, October 24th at 4:00 in the afternoon. Please consider joining us to celebrate this special hour of prayer in honor of human life in all its stages!








CARING FOR LOVED ONES AT LIFE'S END

Surround them with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives."

To Live Each Day with
Dignity, USCCB

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OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

View, download, or order the
U.S. bishops' pro-life materials!

www.usccb.org/respectlife

Respect Life Month

(Fr. Brian Johnson):

One of the issues that we face today is how to deal with our loved ones as they age or their health declines. Life must be respected in all of its stages, even in the sick or disabled elderly. The U.S. Bishops have this to say about the elderly and dying:



An old Irish proverb says, "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to "shelter" them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them.

1. Invite God In

Pope Francis has said that "praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter."¹ The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection. As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.

2. Listen

Try to discover your loved one's values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you *think* you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.

3. Inform Yourself

Be aware that a person's wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatment²—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church's teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.*

4. Be Steadfast in Compassion

As Pope Francis reminds us, "Compassion means 'suffer with'."³ Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives."⁴ The patient's suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.

5. Help Them Achieve Closure

Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.

6. Provide Opportunities for Resolution

Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things*** how saying “I love you,” “I’m sorry,” “I forgive you,” and “Thank you” can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist as viaticum⁵ and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.

7. Reminisce

Our appetites may diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life’s end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend’s favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke. Think of other small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.

8. Provide a Peaceful Presence

There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing. Hearing can become very acute, so placing the phone in another room, playing favorite music, reading a favorite passage, praying together, or simply sitting quietly with him or her can all be very soothing.

Show Tenderness

Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one’s hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.

10. Bear Their Transition Patiently

Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the “how” and “when” of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, “I love you. It’s okay to go home now.”

Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Pope Francis tells us, “[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.”⁶

*As our bishops teach, “Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome.”⁷ At the same time, intentionally hastening death—whether through drugs or deliberate neglect of basic care—offends our God-given dignity and is never morally permissible. More information: www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay

**References do not indicate endorsement.

¹ Pope Francis, *Morning Meditation in the Holy See: Domus Sanctae Marthae. Choosing the Better Part*, 8 October 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).

² More information: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*, 5th ed. (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009). United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide* (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011).

³ Pope Francis, *General Audience, Wednesday, April 27, 2016*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2016).

⁴ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

⁵ Viaticum is “the Eucharist received by a dying person. It is the spiritual ‘passing over’ to the Father from this world. With Penance and the Anointing

of the Sick, the reception of Holy Communion as Viaticum constitute the ‘last sacraments’ of the Christian.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, Glossary*) See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1331, 1392, 1517, 1524–25.

⁶ Pope Francis, *Misericordiae vultus*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2015), no. 14.

⁷ United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide*, 10.

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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](tel:520.744.3400)

The Scripture Prayer group that meets on Tuesday evenings prays for those on the sick list.

**Our Sick List
October 2024**

Erin Neely	Bill Liscum
Miguel Quijada	Grace Carroll
Tim McDonald	Jerry Linton
Chuck Peterson	Aubrey Scarborough
Linda Peterson	Joanna Crawford
Michael Dunlap	Lee Morrison
Joan Fergie	June Wood
Terry Bahill	Jim Whitten
Rachel Flint	Ashleigh McIntosh
Bob Garcia	Emily Hernandez
Fr. Jeff King-Healing	JC Martinez
David Donofrio	Kurt Cummings
Winnie Levoch	Jack Friedman
Pat Celentano	Merle Margelofsky
Hayden Spencer	Bob Box
Walter McCulloch	Patricia Wayne
Linda Whitten	

**OUR LADY OF THE
DESERT**

DECEASED MEMBERS
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

Melissa Bandelt (5/24)
Fr. Rich Boever C.Ss.R. (1/24)
Bill Berry (3/24)
Olive 'Punken' Berry (4/24)
Bernie Burba (11/23)
Carol Burba (9/24)
Peter Castillo (2/24)
Larry Cobble (5/24)
Joe Fernando (2/24)
Theresa Fitzpatrick (10/23)
Dave Fergie (10/23)
Tony Iavagnilio (1/24)
Joan Jones (11/23)
Mary Johnson (1/24)
Pierrette (Petra) Juteau (11/23)
Edward Kenyon (1/24)
Mary Ann Monte
Scott Milligan (11/23)
Linda Obenauf (11/23)
Dan Sullivan (11/23)
Phyllis Spence, OSB (11/23)
Elaine Tolentino (8/24)

"The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak."

****Mass Intentions/Presiders**

Friday, October 11

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

**Rita West - Healing

Saturday, October 12

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

**Pedro Rosales and Family

Sunday, October 13

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**Staci Savage (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**Pedro & Maria Diaz Healing

Monday, October 14

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

** Fr. Jim Shea Birthday

Tuesday, October 15

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

**Bonifacio Hernandez Jr - Birthday

Wednesday, October 16

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**David Fogue (d)

Thursday, October 17

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

**James Orth (d)

Friday, October 18

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

**Bob & Angie Breister

Saturday, October 19

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

**Frank Avilla (d)

Sunday, October 20

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

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

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

**Margaret Steele (d)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interfaith Community Service Food Bank

Please help our local community by donating today. The bin is located in the veranda near the bookstore. For the month of September we have collected 80 lbs of food.

Thank you for your generosity. ~*Marge Mauzer*

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. or at Jwls1@earthlink.net.

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? Our Lady of the Desert has trained (EMs), who would love to take Holy Communion to that special person. For more information call the office 520-744-3400.

Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates

Please join us at one of our monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday, 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.

Weekly Rosary Prayer

Every Wednesday starting at 6:00 p.m. In the Our Lady of the Desert Church. Please come join us.

Monthly Rosary Prayer

Please come and join us on the second Wednesday of every month. In the Our Lady of the Desert Church starting at 9:00 a.m.

Scripture Prayer Group

meets via zoom each Tuesday. For more details email John Davenport at: john@davenport.net, or call 440.478.1203.

Adoration –First Friday of Every Month

For Adoration updates please visit our website <https://desertrenewal.org/our-lady-of-the-desert-church/>

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.

Bookstore hours:

October



Bookstore hours—call office

Open: 1/2 HR After all week-end Masses

Open: M-T-Th-F

10 am-2 pm

Saturday 12th & 26th 11:00am-1:00pm

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

SPECIAL

CHRISTMAS GIFTS AVAILABLE

**This weeks Flower were donated by
The Parishioners, Staff, and Community at R.R.C.
In Celebration of
Fr. Jim Shea C.Ss.R.— Happy Birthday!!**

To sponsor flowers in memory of or in celebration. Please contact the office at 520-744-3400

Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Weekend Collections : September 30-October 7, 2024 - \$ 8,133.00

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/>



Rock Me Amadeus

Living by the Spirit of God



October 26, 2024

9:00 AM– 3:00 PM

\$55 per person

Includes lunch and materials

Rev. Charlie Wehrley,
Retreat Director



There are people who live by the “Letter of the Law” and people who live by the “Spirit of the Law.” Many of those who live by the Letter of the Law are rigorists about keeping all religious laws. When they have a choice between living by the Great Commandment (Love your God, your neighbor and yourself) or living by a religious law that contradicts the Great Commandment, they choose the religious law. In doing so, they make themselves into modern-day Pharisees while proclaiming themselves as the most faithful to Christ.

Those who live by the Spirit of the Law, tend to be more open minded and more likely to strictly follow the teachings of Jesus Christ as opposed to following man-made religious laws. Many of these people place the Great Commandment above all other laws. They make choices based in their informed-conscious; choices that always place Love first, especially love for others.

The 1984 Academy Award winning film *Amadeus* does a wonderful job of demonstrating the contrast between two major characters: 1) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who lived by the Spirit of the Law; and 2) Antonio Salieri, who lived rigorously by the Letter of the Law.

In this retreat, we will study the film *Amadeus* and the differences between living by the Spirit of the Law and living by the Letter of the Law.

This retreat begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. It includes lunch. The cost is \$55.

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To register

REDEMPTORIST RENEWAL CENTER SPIRITUALITY SERIES:

LIVING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – PART 1:

“KNOWLEDGE” “UNDERSTANDING” “COUNSEL”

November 9, 2024

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Fr. Steve Rehrauer, C.Ss.R. – Retreat Director



Catholic Scholastic Theology observes that human persons image God by way of the powers of the rational soul - principally reason and will. By proper use of the ability to reason we come to know the truth and know God as its source. Knowledge of the truth informs and guides our willful choices to love God and neighbor; to live the truth in word and deed. But reason and will are fallible. As finite limited human beings that form part of a world influenced by sin, we are prone to make mistakes. Our grasp of what is right and good is partial and often confused. As St Paul points out, even when we know the good and desire to do it, for some mysterious reason we find ourselves doing the opposite. More commonly we simply cannot find the energy or “will power” to do it. We are influenced in our thought processes and choices by the structures of sin that surround us, by the many voices proclaiming an “alternative truth” to that of the Gospel, and by situations of life and its demands that can limit our freedom to choose and carry out our choices. Our best intentions often go unrealized.

Our faith teaches that Divine Grace, given to us by the Holy Spirit of God, sanctifies and heals these weaknesses of our shared human nature. In this first of a two-part series, we will reflect together about the 3 supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit that act upon human reason. The gifts of knowledge, understanding, and counsel direct, inform, correct, and purify the ways in which we reason and discern what is true and false, right and wrong. These 3 gifts, together with the further 3 gifts that act upon the will equip us to follow Christ faithfully as a people who are authentically strong, loving, and wise.

**\$45 per person - Includes
Lunch and Materials**

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Soul-Centered

Music as Prayer & Emotional Therapy



This is a follow up to my original Soul-Centered retreat— a **Sacred Edition** which will focus on Classical composers.

Music is the voice of God. This retreat will focus on opening to the Holy Spirit and allowing God to take us to places within our hearts, souls and minds as we are experiencing musical pieces by Mozart, Rachmaninov, Karl Jenkins, John Rutter and Vivaldi.

The primary focus will be on identifying feelings that the Spirit brings alive inside of you through the music. Guided meditations, set to music, will focus on enhancing self-love.

9:00 Am– 3:00 PM

\$55 includes lunch

Redemptorist Renewal Center

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Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C. Ss. R.
Retreat Director

November 2, 2024

**Call 520-744-3400
For reservations.**



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates
Invites YOU to learn the story of the first and only approved Marian
apparition site in the USA

The mysterious woman in white said to Adele Brise, "Gather the children in
this wild country and teach them what they need to know for their salvation."

When: Thursday, October 17th, 2024

Where: The St. Alphonsus Kitchen

Time: 5 - 6 PM

Martha Valukas, Ambassador for the
National Shrine of Our Lady of
Champion, will be the Associates'
guest speaker.

Come and learn about this special
apparition here in the United States!

Also available via Zoom. Please contact
John Davenport (john@davenport.net) for
the Zoom link.



Let's pray the rosary, Arizona!

Arizona Rosary Celebration is a
state-wide event with gatherings in multiple cities.

Join thousands of Catholics across the state to pray and
give public witness to the faith. Bring your family. Invite
your friends.

The main celebrations are in Phoenix and Tucson, and
additional activities are held in Flagstaff, Bullhead City,
Winslow, Yuma.

October 26-27, 2024, join us for the
49th Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration.

SATURDAY IN TUCSON

10am - 12:15pm Saturday, October 26
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8650 N. Shannon Rd. Tucson, AZ 85742

SUNDAY IN PHOENIX

2pm - 4:15pm Sunday, October 27
Phoenix Convention Center, South Building
33 S. 3rd St., Phoenix AZ 85004
Doors open at noon for adoration, confession, exhibits

Arizona Rosary Celebration

Dinner on Friday Evening

You Are Invited!

Friday October 25, 2024

Holy Hour at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00

Hosted by: St. Mark the Evangelist

Immaculate Heart Gym

410 E Magee Rd.

Tucson, AZ 85704

[Click here to see map](#)

Our Lady,
Queen of
Peace



After the Holy Hour, join us for dinner, fellowship and the opportunity to meet the Arizona Rosary Celebration Guest Speaker, GFR Zachary, of the Mother of God, SOLT

Dinner tickets \$25.00. Please make check payable to K of C Council 13272, Send bottom portion of this dinner reservation form along with a check to: Knights of Columbus, St. Mark the Evangelist, 13272, 2727 W. Tangerine Rd, Oro Valley, AZ 85742, Attn: Jesus Figueroa (wgk13272@gmail.com)

Reservation Deadline: **October 14, 2024**

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Parish _____

No. in party _____ Please list all guest names on the back of this form.

Amount enclosed for Enclosed for Dinner Tickets: \$ _____

Additional Amount Enclosed to sponsor priest or nun for dinner: \$ _____

Dinner tickets \$25.00 (**\$26.00 on-line**) each. Reservation deadline Oct. 14th, 2024. Thank you!
Make check payable to K of C Co. 13272 and mail KofC Council 13272, St. Mark the Evangelist at 2727 W. Tangerine Rd, Oro Valley, AZ 85742,

Prefer to register and pay online? Scan and send registration to wgk13272@gmail.com, pay online with this link: <https://square.link/u/esucmR74>

Dear Padre,

When should confirmation take place? I read that baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist were received all at the same time in the early Church.

Confirmation is one of the three sacraments of initiation. The other two are baptism and Eucharist. In the early Church, all three sacraments were usually received at the same time because most people receiving baptism were adults. As infant baptism started to become the norm, this sacrament was separated from the other two. After Vatican II, the trend moved the age of confirmation into the teenage years, so that in many places, confirmation takes place in seventh or eighth grade, or even later. There is still an argument among liturgists, educators, and theologians about whether such a separation should exist. Some think of confirmation as a coming-of-age sacrament, marking, as it were, the transition from childhood into adulthood in the Church. The theology of this sacrament, however, is based upon baptism and connects it to the commission to go out and touch the world with our faith. The ideal age for confirmation is the age at which we can, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, conscientiously and reasonably witness to our faith. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 14 <i>Weekday</i> Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1 Lk 11:29–32	October 15 <i>St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Gal 5:1–6 Lk 11:37–41	October 16 <i>Weekday</i> Gal 5:18–25 Lk 11:42–46	October 17 <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</i> Eph 1:1–10 Lk 11:47–54	October 18 <i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i> 2 Tm 4:10–17b Lk 10:1–9	October 19 <i>Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs</i> Eph 1:15–23 Lk 12:8–12	October 20 <i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 53:10–11 Heb 4:14–16 Mk 10:35–45 or 10:42–45



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity makes us sad in the end: just like that man who returned home “sorrowful” with a fallen countenance, even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. Today we can ask ourselves: “At what point is my faith?”

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 10, 2021