

# Our Lady of the Desert Church

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## Weekend of August 30-31 Twenty-second Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Redemptorist Community

#### Church Rector

Rev. Brian Johnson, C.Ss.R.

#### Director of Renewal Center

Rev. Stephen Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.

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Rev. Charlie Wehrley, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Peter Connolly, C.Ss.R.

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

*Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish*

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#### Choir

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#### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Ken McNealy

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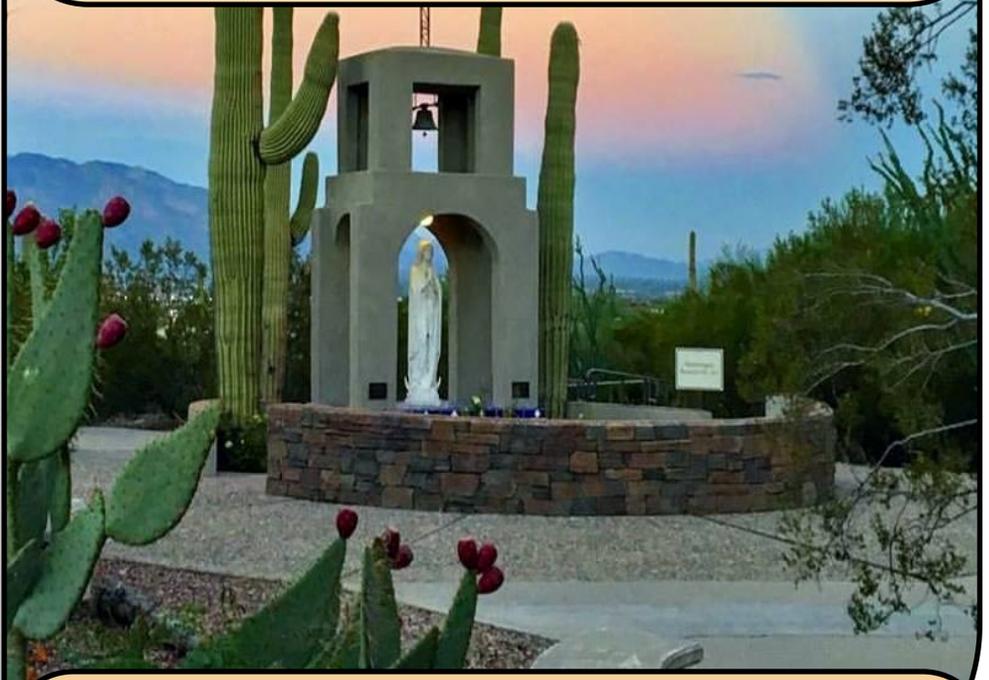
#### Knights of Columbus

Steve Spain

*Grand Knight*

Joe Weinand

*Deputy 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



After the general respect for life discussion, the Catechism next turns to look at concrete actions that fall under the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment. The first is intentional homicide. The catechism states that, of course, “The fifth commandment forbids direct and intentional killing as gravely sinful” (CCC # 2268). Among all the types of murder that exist, the catechism singles out “Infanticide (killing of an infant), fratricide (killing of a brother or sister), parricide (killing of one’s parents or close relatives), and the murder of a spouse” as being particularly grave by reason of the human relationship that is involved and the natural bonds which these actions break.

The fifth commandment also forbids doing anything with an intention of doing something indirectly to bring about the death of another. We must not expose another to mortal danger without grave reason. We are also required to assist someone in personal danger. To ignore their needs is sinful (CCC # 2269). The catechism next refers to Amos 8: 4-10 from the Scriptures. In this passage, God condemns the unethical actions of the rich towards the poor. The catechism states, “Those whose usurious and avaricious dealings lead to hunger and death of their brethren in the human family indirectly commit homicide, which is imputable to them” (see CCC 2269). The catechism furthers this thought by stating, “*Unintentional* killing is not morally imputable. But one is not exonerated from grave offense if, without proportionate reasons, he has acted in a way that brings about someone’s death, even without the intention to do so” (CCC # 2269).

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

## Labor Day

The office will be closed Saturday August 30-Monday September 1, we will be open for business on Tuesday September 2. (Office hours 8:00a.m. -4:00 p.m.)

## Choir

OLOD is looking for choir members for the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. No experience is required but would be a plus. Current or new compliance would be needed for this ministry. If you love to sing, this is the ministry for you! Please contact Charles at [charles.lohr@comcast.net](mailto:charles.lohr@comcast.net)



Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform us into  
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure  
expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread the joy and peace  
of our Redeemer throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. Amen



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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*

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

**OUR LADY OF THE DESERT**

DECEASED MEMBERS  
Last 12 Months

(Month/Year)

- Bob Box (3/25)
- Carol Burba (9/24)
- Pat Celentano (12/24)
- Patricia Conley (12/24)
- Catherine Connolly (2/25)
- Bob Dionne (5/25)
- Josie Earhart (5/25)
- Fr. Tom Fransiscus C.Ss.R. (2/25)
- Bettie Hunchis (8/25)
- Gabby Juteau (10/24)
- Marilyn Mallberg (2/25)
- Sebastian Quijada (8/25)
- George Sheehan (5/25)
- Deacon Scott Pickett (3/25)
- Elaine Tolentino (8/24)
- Patricia Wayne (10/24)
- Jim Whitten (7/25)
- Margaret Zeches (2/25)

**Our Sick List  
August 2025**

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Miguel Quijada        | Jerry Linton             |
| Tim McDonald          | Aubrey Scarborough       |
| Chuck Peterson        | Joanna Crawford          |
| Linda Peterson        | Lee Morrison             |
| Michael Dunlap        | Erin Neely               |
| Charles Lohr          | Ashleigh McIntosh        |
| Terry Bahill          | Emily Hernandez          |
| Rachel Flint          | JC Martinez              |
| Bob Garcia            | David Donofrio           |
| Fr. Jeff King-Healing | Gayle Dorr               |
| Jack Friedman         | Merle Margelofsky        |
| Winnie Levoch         | Anita Fearday, ASC       |
| Sonali Fernando       | June and Stan Wood       |
| Hayden Spencer        | John Smithhisler         |
| Walter McCulloch      | Robert Keogh             |
| Marty Lopez           | Virginia (Ginny) Wuebold |
| Carol Bruzzi          | Mike Ortiz               |
| Fr. Pat Grile         | Linda Lowman             |
| Ray Obral             |                          |
| Della Swarm           |                          |
| Margaret Beymer       |                          |



Report Abuse If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse Contact law enforcement (911), call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson (520-623-0344) or visit <https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>.

**“The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak.”**

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

### **Friday, August 29**

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

\*\*Cecil Beatty (d)

### **Saturday, August 30**

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

\*\*Irena Capar (d)

### **Sunday, August 31**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Stephen Rehrauer

\*\*Maryann Higgins (d)

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*George Sheehan (d)

### **Monday, September 1**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Fr. Stephen Rehrauer - Birthday

### **Tuesday, September 2**

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

\*\*Abatecola Family

### **Wednesday, September 3**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Redemptorist Community

### **Thursday, September 4**

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

\*\*Bettie Hunchis (d)

### **Friday, September 5**

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

\*\*Thanksgiving for Church Mice – Prayers

### **Saturday, September 6**

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

\*\*Pete Castillo (d)

### **Sunday, September 7**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

\*\*Rapecis Family Health

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

\*\*Cindy & Phil Hoffman - Healing & Recovery

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Interfaith Community Service Food Bank**

Please help our local community by donating today. We collected 26 Lbs. so far for the month of June. The bin is located in the veranda near the Dining room.

Thank you for your generosity. ~*Marge Mauzer*

### **Grief**

Losing a loved one is painful.

You do not have to do it alone.

If you want to join support group, or talk to someone about your loss, call

Dr. June Wood, PhD LICSW-Emeritus, Mn.  
(520)419.5962

### **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](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.

### **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](mailto:john@davenport.net), or call 440.478.1203.

### **Adoration –First Friday of Every Month From 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

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.**

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Gifts & Books



**Closed for Labor Day : Aug.30-Sep. 1**

Hours are:

MONDAY – SATURDAY: 8:00 am–4:00 pm

SUNDAY 8:00 am–3:00 pm

**This weeks Flowers were donated in  
Loving Memory of  
Patricia Conley  
by your Loving Husband Jim**

## Weekly Stewardship for Our Lady of the Desert

Week of August 18-25, 2025 Collection Total : \$7,447.00

**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:

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

## **Right to Life Month**

Every October, the Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month. We reflect on the gift of every human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. We invite you to use this prayer during this week, as a way of beginning to reflect on the great gift of life that God has given us.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,  
at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you guided  
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son  
in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland  
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,  
you never hesitated to sacrifice  
for those entrusted to you.  
May your example inspire us also  
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard  
God's most precious gift of life.  
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves  
to the service and defense of human life  
—especially where it is  
vulnerable or threatened.

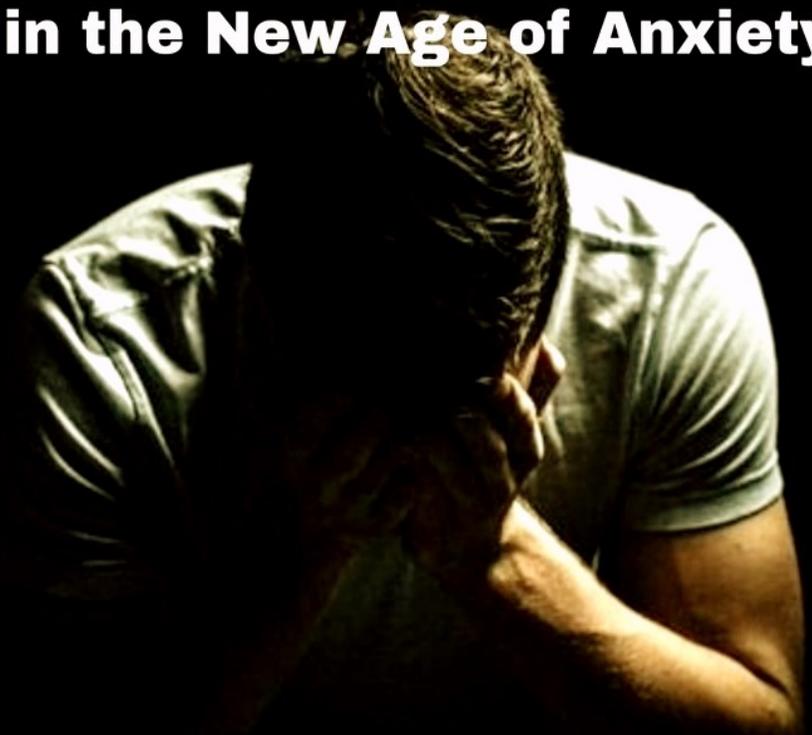
Obtain for us the grace  
to do the will of God in all things.

Amen.

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# **OVERTHINKING**

**in the New Age of Anxiety**



**Overthinking has become a daily nightmare for many people. And the average overthinker is generally creating problems in their minds that don't actually exist in reality.**

**We get stuck in the "what if this happens?" Or "I've really messed up things." Then we ruminate over these problems that we are creating for ourselves.**

**If you are an obsessive overthinker come learn to re-enter reality.**

**September 20, 2025**

**9:00 AM- 3:00 PM**

**\$55 per person**

*Includes lunch and Materials*

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

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# First Friday Adoration

## Come let us adore Him!

September 5, 2025, 5-8 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 8 pm.

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.

# Emotional Healing

## Reclaiming Our Self-Worth

Self-worth is the value you place on yourself, which can be influenced by your experiences, societal expectations, and how you perceive your abilities and qualities. It reflects your self-esteem and can affect your overall mental health and well-being.

### *Positive Psychology*

Countless people struggle with having good self-worth. Generally, self-worth is something we are inherently born with. But some of us were deprived of developing a positive sense of self-worth because we grew up in dysfunctional household where one or both of our caregivers were suffering from poor self-worth.

As a result, they passed on their negative feelings about themselves, teaching us to see ourselves in a similar way to how they saw themselves.

Low self-worth in adulthood keeps us from feeling worthy of love, can interfere with our studies or job performance and has a tremendous negative impact on our personal relationships. We can't expect others are going to love us if we aren't willing to accept and love ourselves.

Self-worth, self-esteem, self-acceptance and self-love are all interconnected. Come learn to take your power back from the childhood trauma that told you that you weren't worthy of love or success.



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

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9:00AM- 3:00PM  
\$55 per person

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# Lost Without Love

## Living with Fear of Abandonment

**"Ultimately, childhood emotional neglect teaches you not only to abandon your emotions but also to abandon yourself."**

*Psychology Today*

Human relationships are difficult and messy for many reasons. One of those reasons is fear of abandonment. Many people grow up in families where one or both parents are emotionally unavailable.

Emotionally unavailable parents are unable to model emotional intelligence and meet the emotional needs of their children. As a result, the emotional development of those children is stunted.

Worse yet is the fact that when a parent isn't able to respond affectionately to the joys and sorrows of their children, those children begin to believe that their feelings and needs don't count.

When children are continually met with emotional coldness, they develop the belief that they are somehow unacceptable to their parents, feel like they have to earn love to be loved and develop a fear of abandonment if they aren't able to succeed at winning their parents approval.

Feeling unloveable, the child then abandons him or herself. As they grow older, the fear of being rejected haunts them and can destroy their relationships. No matter how much love and acceptance another person may offer them, the emotionally abandoned person is unable to believe it or accept it for fear of being left behind again.

Awareness is the key. This retreat will provide awareness into this problem and offer solutions to counter fear of abandonment.



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

**October 4, 2025**  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM

**\$55 per person**  
includes lunch and handouts

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## Sunday, August 31, 2025 Mark your Calendars for the Arizona Rosary Celebration

Plan to attend the annual Arizona Rosary Celebration on Saturday, October 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church located at 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson. The Most Reverend Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Tucson will preside. Pray the Holy Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament, participate in a Blessing Procession, enjoy the music of the choir, and listen to the words of our guest speaker, Father Emanuel Franco-Gomez, O. Carm, a priest with the Diocese of Tucson, known for his extensive study and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Honor our Blessed Mother under her title, Our Lady of Guadalupe. All Catholic schools, parishes, organizations and groups are invited to participate. Pray for the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration. For more information, contact Dave Chohon at 1945dwc@gmail.com or 520-539-5528.



# Arizona Rosary Celebration



*Bring family, friends, and your heartfelt prayer petitions.*

**Saturday**  
**October 18, 2025**  
10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
8650 N. Shannon Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85742

**Information**  
John McNulty (602) 568-7047  
info@AzRosary.net | www.AzRosary.net



**Guest Speaker**  
**Fr. Emanuel**  
**Franco Gomez**

**FREE ADMISSION**



**Let's Pray the Rosary, Arizona!**

## Domingo, 31 de agosto de 2025 Anoten en sus Calendarios la Celebración del Rosario de Arizona

Planeen asistir a la celebración anual del Rosario de Arizona el sábado 18 de octubre de 2025, de 10:00 a. m. a 12:15 p. m. en la Iglesia Católica St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, situada en 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson. El Reverendísimo Obispo Gerald F. Kicanas, Administrador Apostólico de la Diócesis de Tucson, presidirá. Reze el Santo Rosario ante el Santísimo, participen en la Procesión de Bendición, disfruten de la música del coro y escuchen las palabras de nuestro orador invitado, el padre Emanuel Franco-Gómez, O. Carm, sacerdote de la Diócesis de Tucson, conocido por su extenso estudio y devoción a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Honren a nuestra Santísima Madre bajo su título de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Todas las escuelas, parroquias, organizaciones y grupos católicos están invitados a participar. Recen por el éxito de la Celebración del Rosario de Arizona. Para más información, contacte a Dave Chohon en 1945dwc@gmail.com o en el 520-539-5528.



Your chance to win  
**is coming.**

Starts September 13-14.

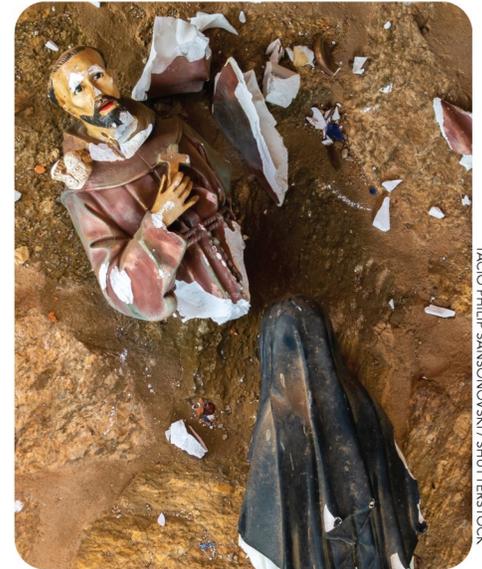


# Dear Padre,

## Is it sacrilegious to throw away a sacramental?

“Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal. ●



TACIO PHILIP SANSONOVSKI / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*To follow [Jesus]...means “carrying one’s cross”: shouldering, like him, one’s own burdens and those of others, making one’s life a gift, not a possession, spending it in imitation of his own generous and merciful love for us. These are decisions that engage the totality of our lives.*

HOMILY, ROME,  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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### Monday

September 1

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13–18

Lk 4:16–30

### Tuesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11

Lk 4:31–37

### Wednesday

September 3

*St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

Col 1:1–8

Lk 4:38–44

### Thursday

September 4

Weekday

Col 1:9–14

Lk 5:1–11

### Friday

September 5

Weekday

Col 1:15–20

Lk 5:33–39

### Saturday

September 6

Weekday

Col 1:21–23

Lk 6:1–5

### Sunday

September 7

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 9:13–18b

Phlm 9–10, 12–17

Lk 14:25–33