

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of September 27-28 The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary

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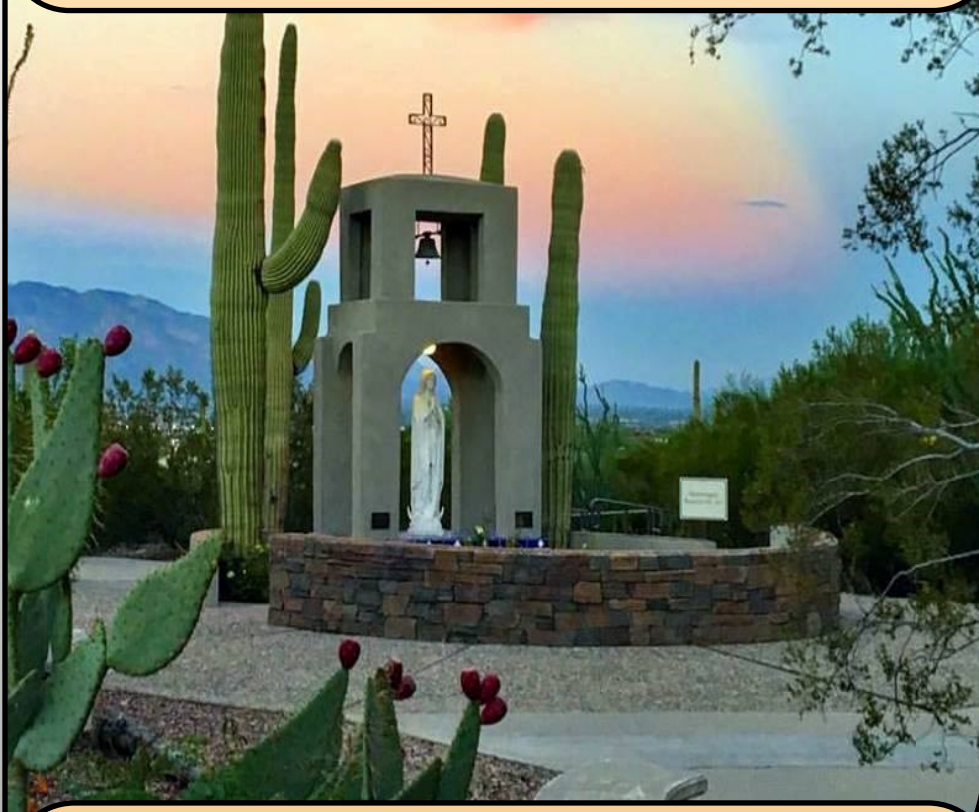
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

# Our Lady of the Desert



The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment is stated, “You shall not commit adultery.” (Ex 20:14) However, as the catechism teaches on this commandment, it goes much further. The catechism tries to sketch out a broad view of sexual matters. All these issues are seen as fitting under the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment.

The catechism first speaks of the general topic of Chastity. It states, “Chastity means the successful integration of sexuality within the person and thus the inner unity of man in his bodily and spiritual being.” (CCC #2337) Each of us must fully integrate chastity into our lives.

“All Baptized persons are called to chastity... All Christ’s faithful are called to live a chaste life in keeping with their particular states of life.” (CCC # 2348) The catechism adds that “Some profess virginity or consecrated celibacy which enables them to give themselves to God alone...Others live in the way prescribed for all by the moral law, whether they are married or single.” (CCC #2349) It is pointed out that married couples are called to live conjugal chastity (sexual relations only with their spouse), while single people should live all their relationships in chastity. Engaged couples, too, are called to chastity in their relationship. “They should preserve for marriage the expressions of affection that belong to married love.” (CCC # 2350)

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

## 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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*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 September/ October 2025

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

### 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)  
 Patricia Wayne (10/24)  
 Jim Whitten (7/25)  
 Margaret Zeches (2/25)



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."**

Hoshea 2:16

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

### **Friday, September 26**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea  
\*\*Spiritual Gift of Healing

### **Saturday, September 27**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed- Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*Carol Burba (d)

### **Sunday, September 28**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Fr. Tom Donaldson - Happy Birthday  
10:00 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*C.T. Brown (d)

### **Monday, September 29**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*Denny Mallory (d)

### **Tuesday, September 30**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Charlie Wehrley  
\*\*Bob Box (d)

### **Wednesday, October 1**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Redemptorist Community

### **Thursday, October 2**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*Anna Hernandez Special Intention

### **Friday, October 3**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Jim Shea  
\*\*Silvia Family Health

### **Saturday, October 4**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed-Fr. Brian Johnson  
\*\*John Freda (d)

### **Sunday, October 5**

7:30 a.m. - Fr. Stephen Rehrauer  
\*\*Katherine Gadbury (d)  
10:00 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly  
\*\*William Solistis (d)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Please help our local community by donating today.  
**The bin is now located in the Front Office . We have collected 56lbs. For the month of September.**  
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**



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



# 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



Hours are:

MONDAY – SATURDAY: 8:00 am—4:00 pm

SUNDAY 8:00 am—3:00 pm

**This weeks Flowers were donated  
In Memory of  
Fr. Ricardo Elford, C.Ss.R.**

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

Week of September 15-22, 2025 Collection Total : \$2,454.00

**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/>

# 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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Tucson, AZ 85743

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

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We'd like one of the prizes to go to someone from Our Lady of the Desert this year.

*It could be you!*

We're selling tickets through October.

**Get yours this weekend!**

*Thank you for your support!*

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Raffle

# Soul-Centered

Sacred Edition

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**

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Tucson, Arizona 85743**

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

**October 25, 2025**

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

## Pray the Holy Rosary at the Arizona Rosary Celebration

Plan to attend the Arizona Rosary Celebration, Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson. The [Most Reverend Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Tucson](#), will preside. The celebration includes praying the Holy Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, music and a keynote address by 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. This year we honor Mary under her title, "Our Lady of Guadalupe." If you cannot attend the Event on Saturday, plan to attend the Arizona Rosary Celebration Holy Hour on Friday, October 17, 2025, to be held at Santa Cruz Catholic Church, 1220 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave (Corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave,) Tucson, AZ. The Holy Hour begins at 6:00 with a dinner to follow. We will hear scripture, pray the Rosary, and hear reflection on Our Lady of Guadalupe from Father Emanuel (Manu) Franco-Gomez. You would have the opportunity to visit with him in a smaller group setting. The Holy Hour is free but if you wish to stay for the dinner, please order tickets from our website; [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net). Please pray for the success of this year's Arizona Rosary Celebration. For more information, contact OLOD Representatives Bob and Carmen Murrieta, 520-237-1127, or visit the website: [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net).



*Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Pray for Us*

# 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](mailto:info@AzRosary.net) | [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net)



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

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Domingo, 28 de septiembre de 2025**  
**Reza el Santo Rosario en la Celebración  
del Rosario en Arizona**

Planee asistir a la Celebración del Rosario en Arizona, el sábado 18 de octubre de 2025, de 10:00 a. m. a 12:15 p. m. en St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson. El Reverendísimo Obispo Gerald F. Kicanas, Administrador Apostólico de la Diócesis de Tucson, presidirá. La celebración incluye el rezo del Santo Rosario ante el Santísimo, Bendición, música y la plática de apertura ofrecida por 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. Este año honramos a María bajo su título de "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe". Si no puede asistir al evento el sábado, planea asistir a la Hora Santa de la Celebración del Rosario de Arizona el viernes 17 de octubre de 2025, que será en la Iglesia Católica Santa Cruz, 1220 S. 6th Ave (esquina de la calle 22 y Avenida 6),



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE OF PHOENIX



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

Tucson, AZ. La Hora Santa comienza a las 6:00 y a continuación habrá una cena. Escucharemos las Sagradas Escrituras, rezaremos el rosario y escucharemos una reflexión sobre Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe presentada por el padre Emanuel (Manu) Franco-Gómez. Tendrá la oportunidad de conversar con él en un grupo más íntimo. La Hora Santa es gratuita, pero si desea asistir a la cena, por favor, compre sus boletos en nuestro sitio web: [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net). Por favor, recen por el éxito de la Celebración del Rosario de Arizona de este año. Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con Bob y Carmen Murrieta, 520-237-1127, o visite el sitio web: [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net).

# First Friday Adoration

## Come let us adore Him!

**OCTOBER 3, 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 Call the office if you have any questions 520.744.3400**

**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.**

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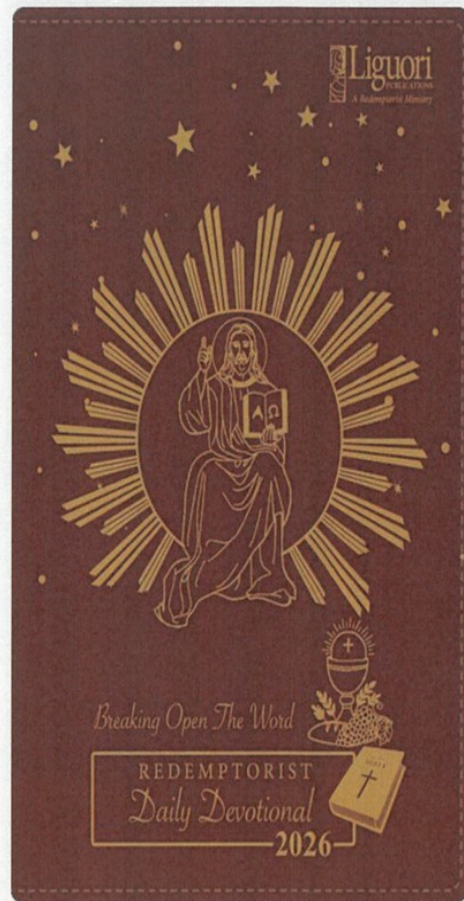
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# Dear Padre,

## Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

“Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text” (*Lectionary*, 24). A translation of the English word “love” appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, “sin” appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily “should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God’s word on “love” is far too prevalent to overlook.

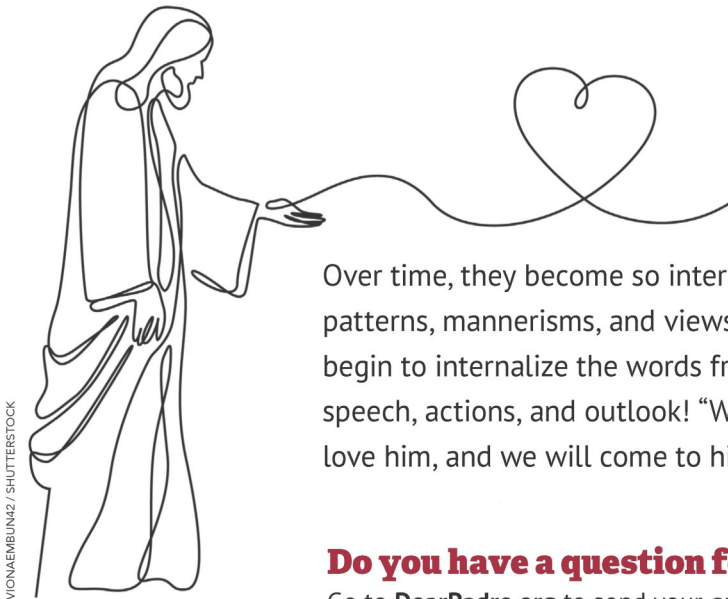
Pope Francis called God’s word “a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best.” In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship.

Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other’s speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God’s “love letter” and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23). ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](http://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*.



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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church’s social doctrine, to which we need to respond.*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

#### Monday

September 29  
*Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*  
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or  
Rv 12:7–12ab  
Jn 1:47–51

#### Tuesday

September 30  
*St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
Zec 8:20–23  
Lk 9:51–56

#### Wednesday

October 1  
*St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*  
Neh 2:1–8  
Lk 9:57–62

#### Thursday

October 2  
*The Holy Guardian Angels*  
Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12  
Mt 18:1–5, 10

#### Friday

October 3  
*Weekday*  
Bar 1:15–22  
Lk 10:13–16

#### Saturday

October 4  
*St. Francis of Assisi*  
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29  
Lk 10:17–24

#### Sunday

October 5  
*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Hb 1:2–3; 2:2–4  
2 Tm 1:6–8, 13–14  
Lk 17:5–10