

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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Weekend of October 11-12 The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary

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Rev. Jim Shea, C.Ss.R.

Rev. Peter Connolly, C.Ss.R.

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

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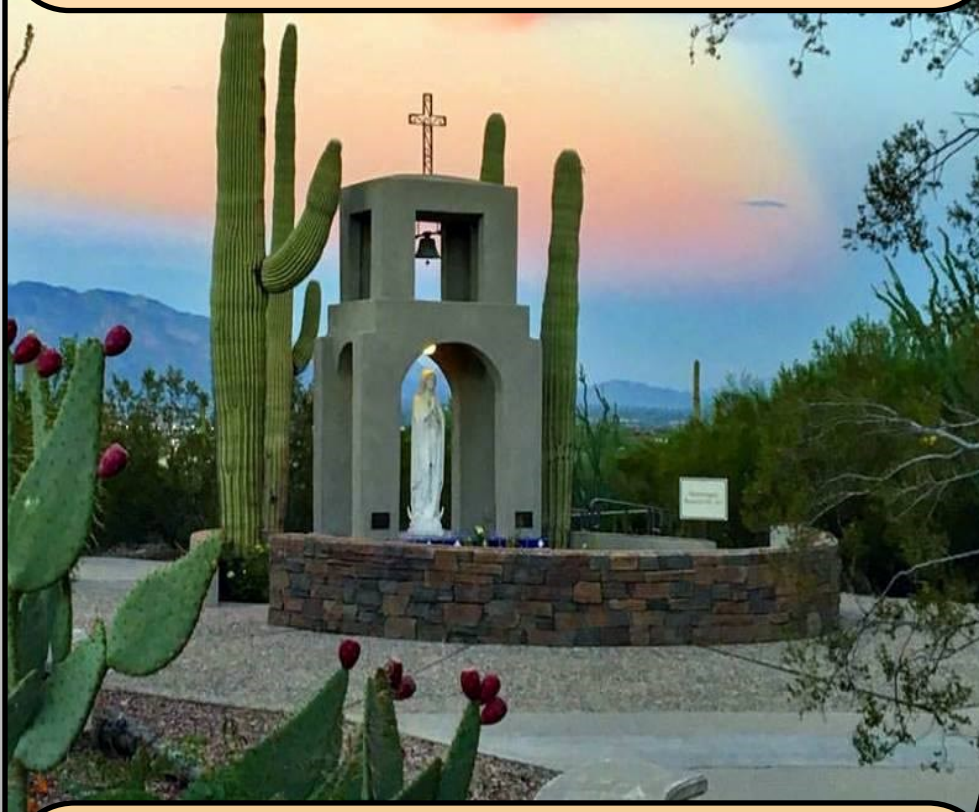
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**Welcome:** The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff of the Redemptorist Renewal Center extends a warm and loving welcome to all who come here to pray and worship in our church. We are a community that welcomes all people as brothers and sisters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

# Our Lady of the Desert



The Catechism continues to look at ways we break the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment. Next up is Fornication. The catechism states that “Fornication is carnal union between an unmarried man and an unmarried woman.” (CCC # 2353) Because the Church teaches that sexual relations are ordered towards the good of the spouses and the rearing and education of children, premarital sex becomes an offense against the very purpose of sexual activity. The catechism also points out that such relations can also be a source of scandal to the young. Such scandal is also seen as seriously sinful.

Pornography is the next offense treated in the catechism. Pornography is defined as “removing real or simulated sexual acts from the intimacy of the partners, in order to display them deliberately to third parties.” (CCC # 2354) Once again, the catechism says that such “pornography offends against chastity because it perverts the conjugal act, the intimate giving of spouses to each other.” (CCC #2354) In addition, pornography is seen as an action which turns a person into “an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others.” (CCC #2354) Again, pornography is seen as a very serious sin against God’s plan of sexual activity only being shared between marriage partners. As such, it violates the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment.

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

## Bible Study with Fr. Brian Johnson, Monday October 13

This week we will meet at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. In the Agave room building # 7.

## St. Gerard Majella

October 16th we celebrate the Feast of St Gerard Majella. St Gerard was a Redemptorist Brother during the time of St. Alphonsus. He was especially known as a holy man who through the grace of God, worked miracles in the lives of the people of his day. He is especially known as the Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers, because of miracles worked for pregnant mothers in his day. This year, we celebrate 300 years since Gerard’s birth. On the parish web page, you will find a special novena in his honor. We invite you to pray this novena daily as a way of asking for St Gerard’s intercession in your life.

## 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.*



*Please remember in your prayers*



### **OURSICK**

*Please pray for those in our community who are struggling  
with various illnesses.*

*If you would like to be added to our sick list, please call the  
office. 520.744.3400*

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

### **Our Sick List October 2025**

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Miguel Quijada        | Tim McDonald             |
| Jerry Linton          | Phil Kyes                |
| Chuck Peterson        | Aubrey Scarborough       |
| Linda Peterson        | Joanna Crawford          |
| Michael Dunlap        | Lee Morrison             |
| Charles Lohr          | Kevin Linton             |
| 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       | 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             | Brianna Krumweide        |
| Della Swarm           | Judy Vanderlinde         |
| Bernie Chuinard       |                          |

### **OUR LADY OF THE DESERT**

#### **DECEASED MEMBERS**

*Last 12 Months*

**(Month/Year)**

Bob Box (3/25)  
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, October 10**

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

**\*\*Ann Mataros (d) 1st Anniversary**

### **Saturday, October 11**

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

**\*\*Philip Oberstar (d)**

### **Sunday, October 12**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Peter Connolly

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

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Charlie Wehrley

**\*\*Harriet Lewandowski (d) Birthday Remembrance**

### **Monday, October 13**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Mary Jervas (d)**

### **Tuesday, October 14**

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

**\*\*Fr. Jim Shea Birthday**

### **Wednesday, October 15**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Bonifacia Hernandez Jr. Birthday**

### **Thursday, October 16**

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

**\*\*Fayeah Danielson (d)**

### **Friday, October 17**

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

**\*\*Andrews Family Health**

### **Saturday, October 18**

4:00 p.m. livestreamed– Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Antonio Belamide (d)**

### **Sunday, October 19**

7:30 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Edward Thom (d)**

10:00 a.m. – Fr. Brian Johnson

**\*\*Mary Jervas (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 111 lbs. 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 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**



**JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

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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# 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 by  
Loving Wife Joan  
In Memory of  
David Forgue**

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 29-October 6, 2025 Collection Total : \$.3,310.00

**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/>

# Time's Almost Up

Two First-Class Tickets



2025 Kia Carnival



\$5,000 Cash



We're selling tickets this weekend and next weekend:  
**Get your tickets while you can!**

*Your donations stay with us. Not a penny goes to the raffle organization; our Council applies every dollar of ticket sales to causes and charities compatible with our Catholic faith.*

So don't delay. If you have stubs to return, bring them in either weekend. If you haven't purchased a ticket yet, now's your chance, so don't delay any longer!

We'll be outside for every Mass through Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you for your generous support!**

Tickets

**\$25 each**

OR

**Buy 4 get  
1 FREE**

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# ARE HEAVEN, HELL, AND PURGATORY REAL? ARE THESE THE "END TIMES?"

Our Lady of the Desert Circle of Redemptorist Associates  
invites you to a discussion of

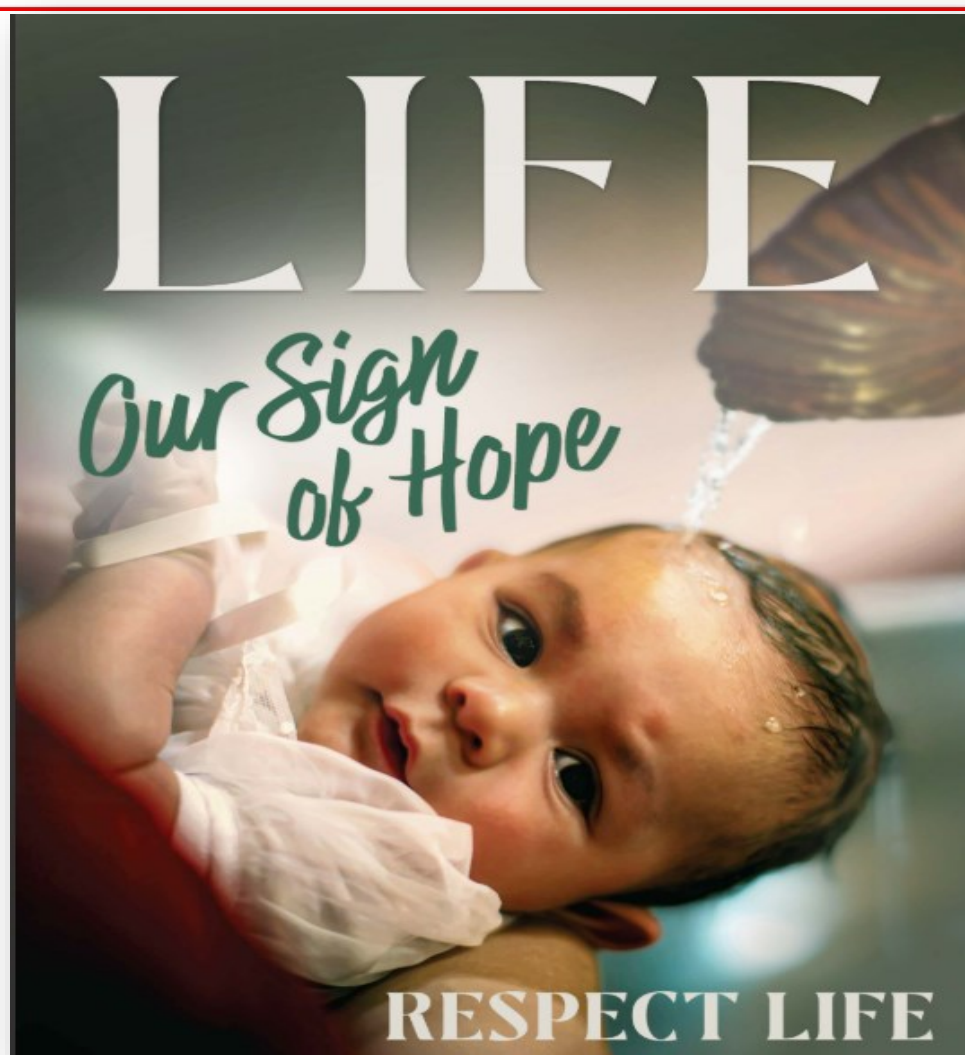
***What Our Most Loving Mother Mary  
Had to say about Heaven, Hell,  
Purgatory, and the "End Times" at  
Fatima and Medjugorje***

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 16, 2025 from 5:00-  
6:00pm

**WHERE:** St Alphonsus Kitchen and via Zoom\*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

\*Please contact Diana Davenport at  
[diana@davenport.net](mailto:diana@davenport.net) for the Zoom link.



# 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**

*Redemptorist Renewal Center*

**7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd,  
Tucson, Arizona 85743**

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

**October 25, 2025**

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

# *Self-Forgiveness*

## **The Life-Restoring Cleanse for Your Soul**



**Forgiveness of others is difficult for the average person. But self-forgiveness is almost impossible for countless others.**

Everyone makes mistakes. Some of us are able to learn from those mistakes and brush them off. We release feelings of failure, shame and guilt. Others, however, are not able to overcome the devastation they feel when they make mistakes.

These people most often suffer from perfectionism, which has haunted them with the belief that if they make a mistake of any sort it's fatal. They are afraid their value in the eyes of others will be greatly diminished and they will no longer be respected or even considered worth-while persons.

And these are the individuals who suffer the most with the concept of self-forgiveness. They simply don't know where to begin to set themselves free from the great disgrace they feel over proving through any error that they are not perfect.

If you are trapped in the fear that any mistake you make may be fatal to your reputation or self-worth or even your ability to be loved by others-- including God-- this retreat will help you realize that every mistake, every sin, is forgivable. God forgives when we ask, many people forgive us when we ask. We are the ones who must learn to forgive ourselves just as God and others forgive us.



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

Retreat Director

**November 8, 2025**

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

**\$55 includes lunch**

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**Call 520-744-3400**

**Sunday, October 12, 2025**

**Join us Next Saturday for the Annual Arizona Rosary Celebration**

Next Saturday, October 18, 2025, come to the annual Arizona Rosary Celebration from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson. The Most Reverend, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Tucson will preside. You will hear words of Our Lady of Guadalupe from our keynote speaker, Father Emanuel (Fr. Manuel) Franco-Gomez, O. Carm, a priest with the Diocese of Tucson. Join together for this 50<sup>th</sup> year in Arizona and the 15<sup>th</sup> year in our Diocese for the largest continuous annual Catholic Rosary gathering in the United States. For more information, contact OLOD Representatives Bob and Carmen Murrieta, 520-237-1127, or visit the website: [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net).

**Domingo, 12 de octubre de 2025**

**Únase a Nosotros el Próximo Sábado  
para la Celebración Anual del Rosario de Arizona**

El próximo sábado, 18 de octubre de 2025, acuda a la celebración anual del Rosario de Arizona, de 10:00 a. m. a 12:15 p. m. en la Iglesia Católica St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson. El Reverendísimo Obispo Gerald F. Kicanas, Administrador Apostólico de la Diócesis de Tucson, presidirá. Escuchará a nuestro orador invitado, el padre Emanuel (P. Manuel) Franco-Gómez, O. Carm, sacerdote de la Diócesis de Tucson, hablar sobre Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Únanse a nosotros en este 50.º aniversario en Arizona y 15.º aniversario en nuestra diócesis en esta la más grande y continua reunión anual del Rosario Católico en los Estados Unidos. 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).



*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 | [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net)



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

**FREE ADMISSION**



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



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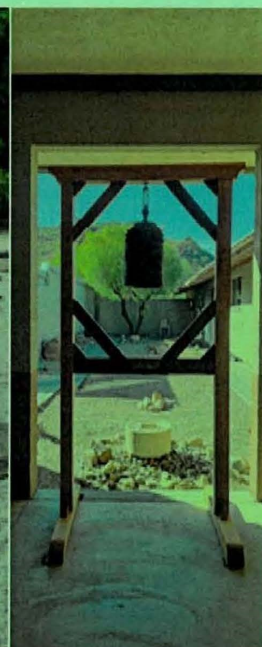
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### Contemplative Intensive Retreats with Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, CSsR

February 7-9, 2025    November 21-23, 2025    ~~March 21-23, 2025~~

*Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God is within and among us. To truly follow Christ from the depths of our lives we must seek “within” through quiet prayerful meditation and listen to his Spirit speaking there. Following Jesus Christ is not only a matter of doing; it is a way of being.*

*The intensive retreat is an opportunity for those new to contemplative prayer to begin a regular practice of Christian meditation. For those already practicing contemplative prayer, it affords an opportunity to deepen their practice and renew their commitment to this powerful prayer form. The retreat includes instruction and intensive practice of the form of meditation known as ‘Christian mindfulness’, or ‘Centering Prayer.’ We will learn the importance of body posture in prayer, of emptying the mind of, and concentration techniques to attain a state of openness to the voice of God’s Spirit speaking to our spirits and teaching us to pray. In clearing the ground of our lives through Christian contemplation, the seed of God’s Kingdom sown there can flourish and produce a hundred-fold.*



*For more information or to make reservation, call 520.744-3400 or write*

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# Dear Padre,

***Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?***

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is “in” or “out.” St. Paul teaches us, “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right” (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a “good conscience” is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within us. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)**



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## 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 LEO XIV

***The deepest purpose of the Church's social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us...“build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.”***

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

WIKICOMMONS



#### Monday

October 13

Weekday

Rom 1:1–7

Lk 11:29–32

#### Tuesday

October 14

Weekday

Rom 1:16–25

Lk 11:37–41

#### Wednesday

October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus,

Virgin and Doctor

of the Church

Rom 2:1–11

Lk 11:42–46

#### Thursday

October 16

Weekday

Rom 3:21–30

Lk 11:47–54

#### Friday

October 17

St. Ignatius of  
Antioch, Bishop  
and Martyr

Rom 4:1–8

Lk 12:1–7

#### Saturday

October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10–17b

Lk 10:1–9

#### Sunday

October 19

Twenty-ninth  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

Ex 17:8–13

2 Tm 3:14–4:2

Lk 18:1–8