

Our Lady of the Desert Church

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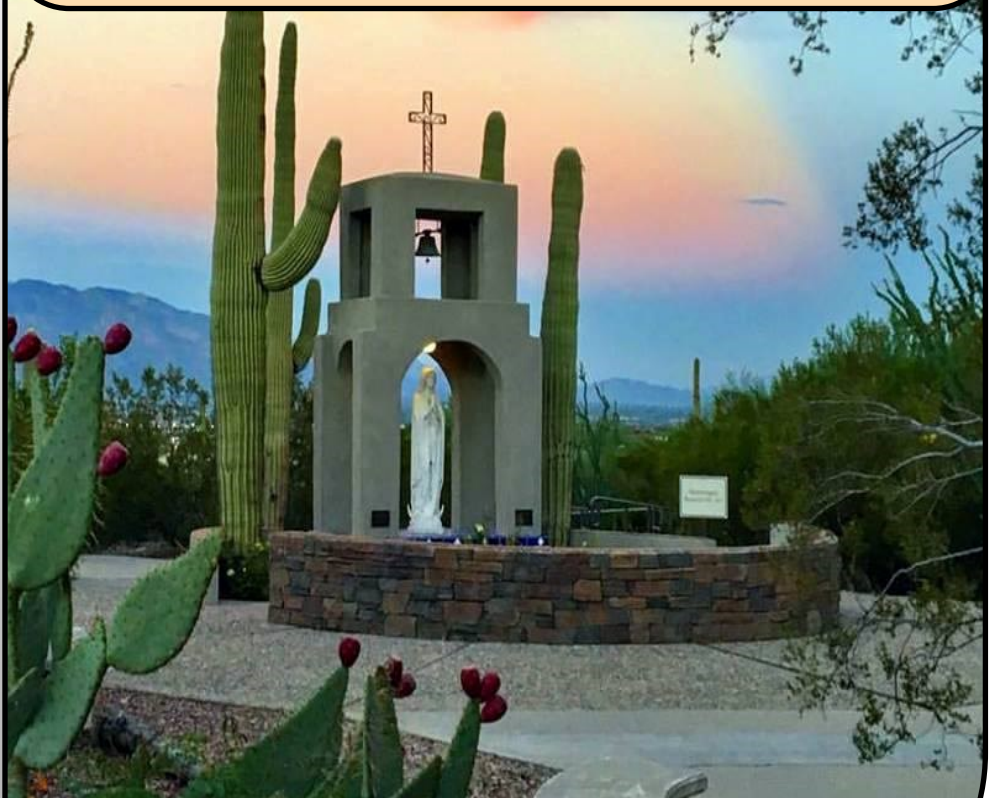
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## Weekend of October 4-5 The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary



**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



As we saw last week, the catechism begins its treatment of the 6th commandment by looking at the virtue of chastity. Next, it turns to ways that people sin against chastity.

The first treated offense is lust. The catechism defines lust as the “disordered desire for or inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure.” (CCC #2351) This paragraph continues by saying that sin occurs whenever we allow ourselves to seek sexual pleasure as an end in itself. Sexual pleasure should always be sought not only for pleasure, but also for its unitive and procreative ends. Therefore, sex should only occur within a marriage relationship.

Next, the catechism speaks of masturbation. The catechism declares that, “Both the magisterium of the Church, in the course of a constant tradition, and the moral sense of the faithful have been in no doubt and have firmly maintained that masturbation is an intrinsically and gravely disordered action.” (CCC # 2352) Again, sexual actions should only occur within a marriage relationship. This alone honors the meaning of sex, which should always be caught up in mutual self-giving and procreation. The catechism also admits that masturbation frequently flows from immaturity, force of habit, anxiety, or other psychological or social factors. These things can limit the culpability of the sin because of the lack of knowledge or freedom that they bring with them. (See CCC #2352)

~Fr. Brian Johnson C.Ss.R.

## Bible Study with Fr. Brian Johnson, Monday October 6

This week we begin our first class at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. In the Agave room building # 7.

### 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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### CTSO

Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) thanks the parishioners of Our Lady of the Desert for your tax credit contributions of \$48,572.74 for the 2024 tax year. Your support enabled CTSO to make Catholic Education available, affordable, and accessible to those who want the opportunity of a quality education that nurtures faith development, provides strong academic, high expectations, promotes self-respect as well as respect for and service to others.





*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 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, 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**

### **Sunday, October 5**

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

**\*\*Katherine Gaboury (d)**

10:00 a.m. - Fr. Peter Connolly

**\*\*William Solistis (d)**

### **Monday, October 6**

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

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

### **Tuesday, October 7**

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

**\*\*Marilyn Mallberg (d)**

### **Wednesday, October 8**

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

**\*\*Deceased Redemptorist**

**\*\*Fr. Lyle Konen C.Ss.R. (d)**

### **Thursday, October 9**

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

**\*\*Hayen Danielson (d)**

### **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**

## **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 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





# 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 Mitch Kramer

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 22-29, 2025 Collection Total : \$3,001.00

**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/>

# You could win:

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Tickets: \$25 apiece  
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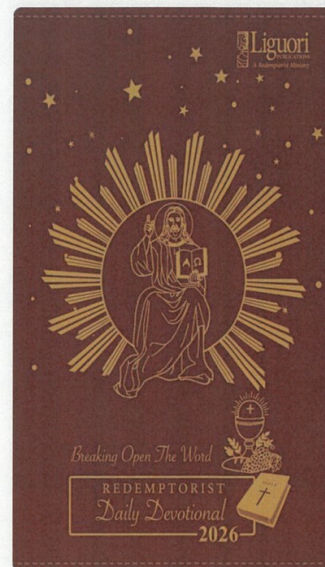
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ment and submit it to Liguori Publications on behalf of you,  
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# Soul-Centered

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.**

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**

## **Arizona Rosary Celebration for be held this Month**

Saturday, October 18, 2025, is the date for the Arizona Rosary Celebration. The celebration will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8650 N. Shannon Road in Tucson and will run from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The Most Reverend [Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Tucson](#), will preside. Father Emanuel Franco-Gomez, O. Carm, a priest with the Diocese of Tucson will be the keynote speaker. Be part of the largest continuous annual Catholic Rosary gathering in the United States. This year marks its 50<sup>th</sup> year in Arizona and the 15<sup>th</sup> year in the Diocese of Tucson. This year we honor our Blessed Mother under her title, "Our Lady of Guadalupe." 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, 5 de octubre de 2025**

## **Celebración del Rosario de Arizona este Mes**

El sábado 18 de octubre de 2025 es la fecha de la Celebración del Rosario en Arizona. La celebración se llevará a cabo en St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8650 N. Shannon Road, en Tucson, de 10:00 a. m. a 12:15 p. m. El Reverendísimo Obispo Gerald F. Kicanas, Administrador Apostólico de la Diócesis de Tucson, presidirá. El padre Emanuel Franco-Gómez, O. Carm, sacerdote de la Diócesis de Tucson, será el orador invitado. Sea parte de la reunión anual católica más grande y continua del rosario en los Estados Unidos. Este año se cumple el 50.º aniversario en Arizona y el 15.º en la Diócesis de Tucson. Este año honramos a nuestra Santísima Madre bajo su título de "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe". 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**



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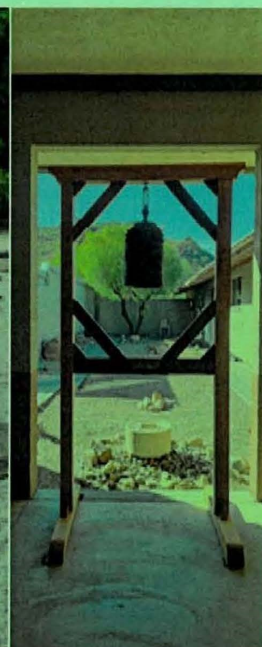
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### Contemplative Intensive Retreats with Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, CSsR

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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[www.desertrenewal.org](http://www.desertrenewal.org)



# Dear Padre,

*Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.*

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: “You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else’s possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother’s [and sister’s] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God” (2540). ●

**Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Monday

October 6  
Weekday  
Jon 1:1–2:2, 11  
Lk 10:25–37

### Tuesday

October 7  
*Our Lady of the  
Rosary*  
Jon 3:1–10  
Lk 10:38–42

### Wednesday

October 8  
Weekday  
Jon 4:1–11  
Lk 11:1–4

### Thursday

October 9  
Weekday  
Mal 3:13–20b  
Lk 11:5–13

### Friday

October 10  
Weekday  
Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2  
Lk 11:15–26

### Saturday

October 11  
Weekday  
Jl 4:12–21  
Lk 11:27–28

### Sunday

October 12  
*Twenty-eighth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*  
2 Kgs 5:14–17  
2 Tm 2:8–13  
Lk 17:11–19

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.*

**ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025**



Edgar Beltrán / The Pillar