## **September 7th, 2025 - Issue #284 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The ‘**[**Hail Mary**](https://hozana.org/en/prayer/hail-mary)**’, also known as the**[**Ave Maria**](https://hozana.org/en/prayer/hail-mary/in-latin-ave-maria)**in Latin, is seen as the main Marian Prayer. Like ‘The Lord’s Prayer’, the ‘Hail Mary’ is one of the rare**[**prayers**](https://hozana.org/en/prayer)**that is known by every Christian worldwide, and that exists in every language. It is customary to say the ‘Hail Mary’ many times a week. It is also the first prayer that comes to mind when we want to dedicate a prayer to the Virgin Mary. But where does it come from?**

## **Who wrote The Hail Mary?**

**The ‘Hail Mary’ prayer is well known across the globe: it is translated into various languages.   
In the olden days, the official language of prayer was Latin, and the ‘Hail Mary’ was called Ave Maria. What makes this iconic prayer of Catholic tradition special is that it is composed of two parts: praise and supplication. The first half of the prayer praises the Virgin Mary, while the second half is a supplication to Her. Each part has its own distinct history.**

### **Laud**

**“Hail Mary, full of grace,**

**the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou amongst women,**

**and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.”**

**This whole part has roots in the Gospel of Luke.  
The two first verses originate from The Annunciation. They are the words of Gabriel the Archangel: “And he came to her and said: Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you” (Luke 1:26-38). St. Gabriel greeted Mary with respect and trust when he came to announce the birth of Jesus Christ. She, in turn, changed the face of the world by accepting God’s plan for her.**

**The second part of the praise comes from The Visitation, also recorded in the Gospel of Luke. The last two verses are the words of Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, who exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!” (Luke 1:42)**

### **Supplication**

**“Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

**pray for us sinners,**

**now and at the hour of our death.**

**Amen.”**

**The second half of the ‘Hail Mary’ is a supplication. We are making a demand to God through the intermediary of the Virgin Mary, asking Her that she intercedes for our salvation. The supplication does not come from the Scriptures, and it appears later on in Christian prayers.**

## **A Quick History of the Hail Mary**

**The part of the ‘Hail Mary’ dedicated to praise appears quite early in the Christian tradition. In the 4th century, the Liturgy of St. James includes these words: “Hail, Mary, highly favored: the Lord is with You; blessed are you among women, and blessed the fruit of your womb, for you bore the Savior of our souls”. The praise of Mary in its current liturgical form appears in the 8th century: it also features in the writings of John of Damascus.**

**In Western Countries, the first half of the ‘Hail Mary’ is officially included in Latin liturgy by Pope Gregory I in the 6th century. However, it was only popularized under the name Ave Maria in the 11th century, when it became the prayer of the people.**

**The second half of the ‘Hail Mary’ appears between the 13th and the 14th century. The golden age of Protestantism did not allow for the cult of the Virgin Mary to develop. Protestants rejected prayers to the Mother of Jesus. However, the 16th century saw the emergence of the Counter-Reformation, a movement initiated by the Catholic religion in response to the Protestant Reformation. During that time, the resurgence of the Catholic tradition brought about the revival of the Cult of the Virgin Mary and the wide popularization of the ‘Hail Mary’. The ‘Hail Mary’ became the most famous prayer to the Mother of Jesus. It was written and said in Latin (Ave Maria) and it would be later translated into vernacular languages. Source: Hozan**

**SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

* **September 1st – Labor Day.**
* **September 4th - Monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **September 10th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **September 10th - Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the Catholic Charities.**
* **September 13th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**Father John Muir’s weekly column of “Gospel Meditations” is taking the summer off and will return the 1st Sunday Bulletin in October.**

**Mass Readings:**

* **First Reading –**[**Wisdom 9:13-18B**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/divine-guidance-sought/)**: Understanding God’s intentions is beyond human capacity without divine wisdom and the Holy Spirit, as earthly concerns often cloud our judgment.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 90**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/eternal-shelter/)**: God, timeless and eternal, teaches us to value our days and seeks our return to righteousness, offering mercy and favor throughout our fleeting lives.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Philemon 9-10, 12-17**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/welcome-onesimus/)**: Paul, imprisoned, sends Onesimus back to Philemon, not as a slave but as a beloved brother, urging Philemon to welcome him as he would Paul himself.**
* **Gospel –**[**Luke 14:25-33**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/true-discipleship/)**: Jesus teaches that following him requires prioritizing him above all personal relationships and possessions, emphasizing the need to consider the sacrifices involved, much like planning a construction or a battle.**

**Themes are gleaned from**[**www.young-catholics.com**](http://www.young-catholics.com/)

**JUBLIEE YEAR 2025: UPDATE**

**Pope Francis has started the 2025 Jubilee Year with the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope”.**

**The “Holy Doors” at Sacred Heart Church are the exterior entrance of the Padre Pio Adoration Chapel.**

**The Doors are open daily 6:00AM – 6:00PM.**

**In communion with and obedience to those desires promulgated by the Office of the Apostolic Penitentiary, the Diocese of San Bernardino has selected SACRED HEART CHURCH, Palm Desert as a Jubilee site whereat the faithful, having fulfilled the ordinary conditions for the reception of an indulgence, can receive the full remittance of any temporal effects due to sin, opening wide the doors of mercy and hope to an encounter with the risen Lord, in whom our hope “cannot disappoint.”**

**The norms for receiving an indulgence are that a person is "moved by a spirit of charity," is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope. Along with a pilgrimage, a work of mercy or an act of penance, a Catholic "will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory."**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members**

**No Ladies Guild luncheons until October.**

If anyone would like to meet September 10th for a pizza lunch at noon, please let Cindy know. We’ll need a minimum of 10 to have a gathering. $5 paid ahead as Cindy will have to collect money and order the pizza.

**Special thanks to all that make this monthly gathering happen.**

**REMEMBRANCE WALK – PAVER ORDER INFORMATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:**

**The “REMEMBRANCE WALK” IS LOCATED IS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CHAPEL. (behind the planter)**

**Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!.**

**In 2025 the following will be observed as Holy Days of Obligation:**

* **January 1st - Wednesday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2025.**
* **May 29th - Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Mass moved to June 1st.**
* **August 15th - Friday - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
* **November 1st - Solemnity of All Saints (Saturday)**
* **December 8th – Monday- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**
* **December 25th – Thursday- Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**SEPTEMBER HAS 4 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

**Please make all checks payable to “Christ of the Desert” not Sacred Heart.**

**Total monies collected to date: $33,504 or 20.31% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 31st was $670.**

**\*Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard, Weddings & Funerals.**

**This information is important for our community in order to understand where are financially throughout the year.**

        **Our Monthly expenses are budgeted at $13,750 per month or $41,250 per quarter. $165,000 annually.**

**Thanks for your continued generosity.**

This year the Fall Combined Collection will take place **Sunday,** **September 21, 2025**. The four worthy ministries who benefit are:

* **Church Among Black & Native Americans**
* **Church in Latin America**
* **Church in Africa**
* **Catholic Home Missions**

Thank you in advance for your support of the Fall Combined Collection.

**See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving via your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For our relationship with all of creation  
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.**

**The Christ of the Desert “Bulletin” now appears on**[**www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/)**website. Open up the site and click on “church”, look down on the bottom left for Christ of the Desert. Open up this site for the “bulletin” and other information about our community.**

**CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**There will be an information providing sheet on the table near the Chapel exit/entrance area.**

**You can always email the information to me as well.**

**You can sign up for any month NOW. I will keep a record of your special month and enter it when that month arrives.**

**WHO HAS A DATE IN SEPTEMBER & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**DISCLAIMER: If information below is incorrect, please let me know and I will correct the error.**

**2025**

**SEPTEMBER: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Enedina Sutton – September 1st**

**Rosanne Hopkins – September 1st**

**Carol Kephart – September 2nd**

**Lynne Lehane – September 3rd**

**Paul Oliaro – September 15th**

**Carla Washburn – September 17th**

**Armin Callo – September 18th**

**Frank Rayo- September 25th**

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Federico Arias – September 4th, brother of Enedina Sutton**

**Joe Maldonado – August 30th Father of John Maldonado**

**SEPTEMBER HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Jim & Jean LaBaugh – September 16th**

**Kevin & Jody Harris – September 23**

**SEPTEMBER: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Jim & Carmen Carlo – September 15th**

**Larry & Louella Bean - September 20th.**

**Dolores and Steve Kent – August 20th**

**SEPTEMBER REMEMBRANCE SECTION: “May their souls rest in peace”, Amen**

**Joe Lehane, husband of Lynne, passed away on September 2nd**

**Judy Aragon passed away on September 3rd**

**Lindy Hodges, twin sister of Sandy Reid, passed away on September 5th**

**Joe Maldonado, Father of John Maldonado, passed away on September 9th**

**Bob DeWeese, Father of Paulette Quaid, passed away on September 12th, 2001.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year & Relationship to family member being remembered.**

**“Who would you like to pray” for section:**

**Please send me your new updated petitions which will appear in green.**

**Many of you pray for special intentions at Sunday Mass. Please send me those intentions so the entire Parish can pray to the LORD with you.**

**Please pray for Ted and Eva. Roxanne Reed**

**Please pray for my daughter, Lisa Gruebel, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer, Suzanne Cummings.**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

**Christ of the Desert office hours: 760-346-0089**

**Office hours are from 9:30 to 1:30 Monday- Friday. Please call first to be sure Cindy is available. When Cindy is in the office, the office door is locked. Please ring the doorbell “to get her attention”.**

**SUPPORT OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE SMALL BUSINESSES SECTION:**

**If anyone else wants to advertise their business in the Bulletin, send me your information.**

**Thinking about selling your house or condo? Call Crys Mueller at 760 989 8732. I have been with BD Homes for the past 18 years.**

**John Maldonado is a Mortgage Loan Originator with First West Financial, Corp & a member of Christ of the Desert congregation.**

**"Your Home Loan Made Simple" We help you buy your dream home by simplifying the mortgage financing process with personalized loan options that save you time and money. If you need assistance with any type of loan, I am here to help.**

**For every loan that closes, I will make a donation to Christ of the Desert.**

**Contact: John A. Maldonado at** [**jam@firstwestfinancial.com**](mailto:jam@firstwestfinancial.com) **or call 760 636-8266. Mortgage Loan Originator,**

**NMLS #1995783,**[**WWW.firstwestfinancial.com**](http://www.firstwestfinancial.com/)

**Enedina Sutton, a Distributor of Nature Sunshine Products and a long time parishioner. Has Herbal Supplements, all kinds of Vitamins, ointments, essential Oils, disinfectant products and much more. I do the business from home. I can be reached at**[**760-345-3754**](tel:760-345-3754)**. I live in Sun City Palm Desert community.**

**Invented by NASA engineers, used on astronauts returning from space to rebuild muscle, bone and heal wounds “red light therapy” is now available. I am a new parishioner. Please call or email me: Rom Partyka 805-673-9235 or email at**[**rom1942@msn.com**](mailto:rom1942@msn.com)**for more information or to set up an appointment.**

**Need a good Catholic housekeeper? Call Elvia Pantoja at 760 698 6050. 20 years’ experience in the Indian Wells & Palm Desert area. References provided upon request.**

**ON GOING MESSAGE SECTION:**

**Please continue to consider supporting our community with the following options:**

**Mail your weekly or monthly offering to Christ of the Desert. All our regular mail goes to Sacred Heart so you would need to use that address. Make checks payable to Christ of the Desert.**

**CHRIST OF THE DESERT c/o.**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**[**43-775 DEEP CANYON ROAD, PALM DESERT, CA 92260**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43-775+DEEP+CANYON+ROAD,+PALM+DESERT,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)**.**

**OR**

**Go to your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service. You can set up an automatic payment directly from there. If you have any trouble doing this or don’t have a computer, just call your bank and they can help you.**

**Please make sure that you tell the bank to make the check payable to Christ of the Desert but send the check to Sacred Heart’s address:**

[**43775 Deep Canyon Rd.**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**Palm Desert, CA**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**92260**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)

**Jay Mueller**

**Stay Healthy! Do good work! Keep in touch!!!**

SHC & COD Finance Council Member

SHC & COD Parish Council Member

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC Remembrance Square Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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