**September 8th, 2024 - Issue #232 - 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**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members**

**We will be having our Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday, September 11th at 11:30 AM. We’ll be having 3 salads and dessert.**

**Please email Cindy at** **chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com****or call 760-346-0089 to sign up or Cindy will be available after Mass (starting August 25th) to sign up and pay $5 per person. You may pay ahead at sign-up or pay at the door. We do plan ahead for the amount of food so please make sure to pay if you signed up, even if you don’t make it.**

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

**The “REMEMBRANCE WALK” IS LOCATED IS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAIN ENTR**

**ANCE 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!!.**

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**SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

* **September 2nd – Labor Day.**
* **September 5th -  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 11th - Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the Catholic Charities.**
* **September 14th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **September 26th – Finance Council meeting.**

**In 2024 the following will be observed as Holy Days of Obligation:**

1. **Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Solemnity of the Ascension. The Solemnity replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter.**
2. **Thursday, August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
3. **Friday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints**
4. **Please Note: In 2024, December 8 occurs on a Sunday and will be observed in the Roman Calendar as the Second Sunday of Advent. The liturgical observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9, 2024. However, the obligation to participate in Mass for the Immaculate Conception is not transferred.**
5. **Wednesday, December 25 – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**
6. **Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

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

**September 8th, 2024 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**One of the most touching YouTube videos I’ve ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.**

 **We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God’s love, but we can’t hear Him. We can’t speak well about Him. The deaf man who can’t speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, “Ephphata!” The man’s ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.**

**This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus’ healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God’s perfect love.  *— Father John Muir***

**September 8th – Themes for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

The readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time help us understand that God is faithful and merciful.

In the first reading we hear that God saves us and brings us new life.

The second reading tells us that God is impartial and loves all of his children.

And in the gospel, Jesus cures a deaf man.

These readings bring to mind several questions. Do we truly believe that God loves each of us with impartiality? Do we try to love as God does? And are we ready to have our ears opened to listen to what God is telling us?

**Mass Readings for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

* **First Reading** – [Isaiah 35:4-7A](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/gods-miraculous-rescue/): God promises to deliver and heal, transforming the afflicted and the barren landscapes into flourishing life.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 146](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/eternal-faithful-god/): The Lord is forever faithful, providing justice, sustenance, and freedom, supporting the oppressed and thwarting the wicked, ruling through all generations.
* **Second Reading** – [James 2:1-5](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/faith-over-favoritism/): Treating people differently based on wealth contradicts faith in Jesus Christ. God honors the poor in spirit, promising them His kingdom.
* **Gospel** – [Mark 7:31-37](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/miraculous-healing/): Jesus healed a deaf man with a speech issue in the Decapolis. Despite Jesus’ instructions, the news of his miraculous power spread widely among the astounded witnesses.

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

**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: $26,342 or 17.5% of annual budget. Last week’s collection was: $4712\*. (First Sunday collection of September)**

**\*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 $12,500 per month or $37,500 per quarter. $150,000 annually.**

**Thanks for your continued generosity.**

**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 the cry of the Earth:**
**We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.**

**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.**

**SEPTEMBER: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Enedina Sutton – September 1st**

**Rosanne Hopkins – September 1st**

**Carol Kephart – September 2nd**

**Lynne Lehane – September 3rd**

**Paul Oliaro – September 15th**

**Carla Washington – September 16th**

**Armin Callo – September 18th**

**Frank Rayo- September 25th**

**Chris Ray -September 27th**

**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 my daughter, Lisa Gruebel, who has been recently 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 15 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** **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****. 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****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.**

**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.  Palm Desert, CA  92260**

**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

CELL NUMBER 760-777-3745