

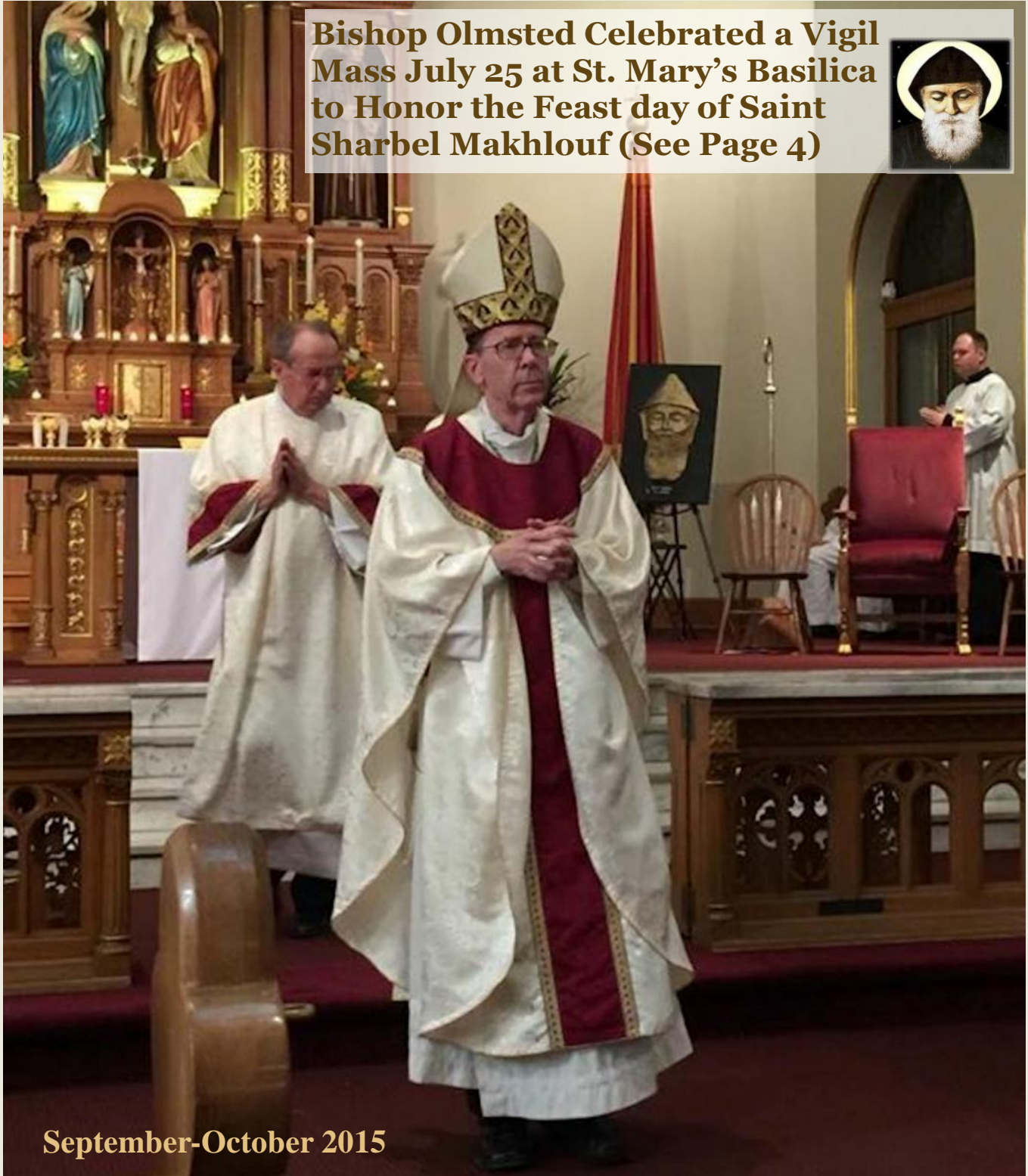


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**Bishop Olmsted Celebrated a Vigil
Mass July 25 at St. Mary's Basilica
to Honor the Feast day of Saint
Sharbel Makhoul (See Page 4)**



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From Marge

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During these trying times in which our nation, society, communities, families, etc. are going through persecution, our “Blessed Mother” continues to not only remind us but pleads to her Dear Children, that we are to look to her Son and pray, pray, pray. Our Lord has also asked that we pray unceasingly and change our sinful ways. We must take time to pray, recite the rosary and stay close to the Eucharist by going to confession regularly and attending Mass on Sundays, Holy Days of Obligation and as often as possible during the week. Fasting is also recommended. We have seen and witnessed Prayer Vigils rising in number throughout the nation. CRM will continue to periodically have all night Vigils throughout the year. There is power when a community comes together in prayer. There is also the experience of bonding in friendship and in brotherly love as our Lord has asked us to love. “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.” (1 Jn 4:7) Daily, “put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens...” (Eph 6:11-17) And, also, continue to pray for those that are less fortunate than we are. Pray for Pope Francis as he travels to the U.S. Also, pray for the pilgrims that will be gathering during this time. Constant Prayer. “With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit...” (Eph 6:8) Continue to pray, pray, pray. Please JOIN US ALL in prayer.

**Love, joy, peace and blessings,
Your Sister in Christ,
Marge**



Arizona Rosary Celebration

40th Anniversary

This year we will honor Mary under Her title of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with the assistance of the Legion of Mary, Catholic Daughters of America and Other Catholic Organizations

Arizona Rosary Celebration Holy Hour and Dinner Saturday October 24, 2015

Join us for a Holy Hour, Dinner, Fellowship, Fun and the Opportunity to Meet the Speaker

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dennis Billy C.Ss.R.

**Mass 5:00 PM
Holy Hour 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM**

**St. Paul's O'Carroll Hall
330 W Coral Gables Dr.
Phoenix, AZ 85023**



Dinner Tickets \$22.00 Catered by Sharko's
Hosted by the Diocesan Catholic Renewal Ministries!

Don't miss out on this FUN UNITY DINNER. Call and order your tickets now; if you call early enough you can reserve a table for your group. JOIN THE FUN and support ARC. For tickets call Marge @ 480-201-6691 or use the website Arizona Rosary Celebration 2015; go to Main Page and click on Holy Hour and Dinner, scroll down and click on Reservation Form.

Arizona Rosary Celebration Phoenix Sunday October 25, 2015—2:00 PM to 4:15 PM

Presider: Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares

**Phoenix Convention Center, Halls F & G
33 S. 3rd Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004
(Southeast Corner of 3rd St. and Washington)**

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Bishop Olmsted Celebrated Mass July 25 to Honor the Feast Day of Saint Sharbel Makhlof

By Rona Ayache

After the death of Lebanese Hermit, Sharbel Makhlof, the monks wondered how this hermit could spend twenty three years of his life shivering during the extreme cold of winters in one robe, spending all night on his knees like a statue before the altar. After his burial a light came from his tomb for forty five nights. The tomb was opened and doctors who examined the flexible body that was oozing oil, blood and water were unable to give any medical explanation. Since then thousands of miracles have been attributed to his intercession including healings of deafness, blindness, paralysis, cancer, and mental illness. He has become known worldwide as a miracle worker, healer, and patron of all cases. Bishop Olmsted attended the canonization Ceremony of Saint Sharbel by Pope Paul VI in the Vatican in 1965.



In the last four years this great Saint from the Middle East started to reveal himself abundantly here in Arizona and many healings have recently been attributed to him.

I am Lebanese and I was praying to St. Sharbel for the healing of my mother and all sick people. The Holy Spirit opened doors connecting faithful parishioners from every city. Charismatics, Legion of Mary, Catholic Radio, Catholic Newspaper, Clergies -all promoted his devotion through many religious events and celebrations. After many Masses supported and offered by Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares, a blessed picture of Saint Sharbel visited many parishes and thousands of people received his holy oil.

Hundreds of parishioners from every origin and rite, Americans, Italians, Spanish, Iraqis, Lebanese, Armenians, Palestinians and many others attended a formal Mass at Saint Mary's Basilica celebrated by Bishop Thomas Olmsted to honor Saint Sharbel on the vigil of his feast day. In his Homily, Bishop Olmsted emphasized the holy life of Saint Sharbel, the monk, hermit and saint, speaking about his mortifications, his life of poverty and his great devotion to the Eucharist. Bishop Olmsted blessed all attendees with the holy healing oil from Saint Sharbel.

After Mass, Marge Chavez, leaders from Saint Steven prayer group and I gave a unique handmade framed sculpture of Saint Sharbel by Colorado artist Marie Catherine Unrein to Bishop Olmsted.



Prayer Ministry Outreach in Oregon

By Bertha Murillo

During prayer In April of this year the Lord revealed that Manuel and I were going to be doing a mission for him in July. In the middle of May we got a call from Ruben Valle, the coordinator of the Hispanic Renewal in Hood River Oregon. We had already established a prayer room there 2 years ago, but certain problems were keeping them from going forward. We had been in prayer so we knew that our work was Apostolic. Ruben asked us to speak with the various ministry leaders about understanding spiritual warfare and to pray for all the servers. We were there 2 weeks beginning on July 26. Father Ron, who is the priest at St. Mary's, thanked us and said he truly appreciated the ministry that we do.

We are very grateful to our Bishop Eduardo Nevares and our priest Thomas Bennett for the letters of referral they gave us which gave the Hood River Pastors and leaders the confidence in us to do the work. Hopefully we bore much fruit!

We were taken on a tour of the area. They took us to the cherry orchards where we helped pick cherries. In the picture Manuel is picking cherries from a cherry tree.

We enjoyed the cooler weather and the beauty of Hood River Oregon and we thank the Lord for this wonderful experience.



Companion on the Journey

By Tom Beale

Disciple to Superior: "How is it that you are always so joyful and positive, despite what is going on around you?"

Superior: "Because I remember that this may be the last day of my life."

Disciple: "But, everyone knows that."

Superior: "Yes, everyone knows that, but few live it."

Sadly, only 60% of self-identified Catholics believe in a personal God. Most of the rest believe that God is an impersonal force with whom a personal relationship isn't possible. From a group of Catholics: "The whole idea of the Holy Spirit – that God was actively engaged in a relationship with [people] ... was quite unfamiliar ... [and] completely new to them."

What a victory for the enemy! God brought himself face-to-face in the person of Jesus. God opened the Kingdom to us through Jesus' death and resurrection. God put his Spirit within us to live with him personally each day. And yet almost half of us don't believe in a personal God.

How can "they" not believe in a personal God? Perhaps they have never consistently witnessed the fullness and joy of life that one would expect to find in someone who has a personal relationship with God, someone who has God's Spirit alive within them. I often wonder if "they" see that life in me. I know that God is a personal God, and that his Spirit lives within me, but do I live it?

"Living it" is simple, but not always easy.

The simple part: The Holy Spirit was given to us, to be with us forever. We need only learn to communicate and cooperate with him in our daily lives.

The difficult part: The Holy Spirit was given to us, to be with us forever. We need only learn to communicate and cooperate with him in our daily lives.

Let's pray: Holy Spirit, my companion on life's journey, remind me every morning, noon and night, that you are present. Ever remind me of the great gift of salvation and my citizenship in the Kingdom. Help me develop a deeper personal relationship with you – to dialog with you throughout every day. Empower me to live the life of your personal presence – a life of joy, peace and fullness. Thank you.

The Holy Spirit – your companion on the journey. Live him today.

Prophecy Received By Jelyne Capulong

Be still and know that I am God...I am the divine healer and loving Father of all nations. My beloved, heed my words. Follow my commandments and engrave them in your hearts. Repent and believe in the gospel so you may not perish in the last days ahead. Many souls have and will perish for they have been led astray by the father of lies, Satan, my adversary, the deceiver and ruler of this world. In the end, my love will prevail and triumph over all evil. I have loved you and gave you my one and only Son, that anyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. Your soul belongs to me. Take heart, you have been bought for a price, a lamb was slain, a spotless victim who was crucified and died for the forgiveness of your sins. Many people refuse to listen and accept my love because they are blinded by false idols, empty promises, power, greed, and the vanities of this world..Stay close to me in the Eucharist and confess your sins. Do not be afraid. I will go before you. I will protect you. There is absolutely nothing unforeseen that I have not already seen. With my grace nothing shall harm you. Ask for freedom from the dominion of darkness and you shall be delivered. Do not fret nor worry for tomorrow. Put your complete trust in me. Your loving Father...will provide...Live a life of joyful thanksgiving and penitence. Strive for purity of body, mind and soul. Worship no other gods but me. For this I promise you sanctity and heir to my kingdom...Love one another as I have loved you. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...Forgiveness frees the soul and unblocks the healing graces from the Father. Let go of selfish pride and vanities. Simplicity, childlike faith and humility opens the door to my heavenly kingdom...I want to heal and restore your broken spirit. You shall claim your victorious healing and transformation and be a living witness of my triumphant love and unfailing mercy. For I am the Lord your God. My healing power is undefiled...I am the living God, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I am the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One. I REMAIN! REMAIN IN MY LOVE.

Montana Testimony July 24

"Bishop Nevares offered a healing Mass in Great Falls, Montana! Ten days Before the healing Mass I was diagnosed with colon cancer. I had surgery and was unable to attend the Mass, so I prayed from home. The night of the Mass, my seventeen year old granddaughter was with some friends, and they decided each to swallow five sleeping pills taken with a full bottle of vodka. To everyone's amazement, all the girls lived! At the same time, in a different location, my grandson had a serious car wreck in which the car rolled, breaking all of the windows in the car. Huge pieces of glass were embedded in the headrest of his seat where his head would have been, yet they found him lying beside the car, without a scratch! Our family experienced long distance protection during the Mass, and my healing progress amazed the doctors." —Sylvia



All Night CRM Prayer Vigil August 14 at St. Joseph's in Phoenix Brings a Miracle Vision

CRM sponsored an all night vigil at St. Joseph's starting with the procession of the blessed sacrament from the chapel to the main church where it was exposed in the monstrance all night. Throughout the night we offered Benediction and Adoration, sang songs of worship, said prayers for the nation, the persecuted church, and for life (against abortion and suicide), prayed for the John 17 Movement,



prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and said the Patriotic Rosary. Bishop Nevares was there and led a beautiful meditation on Mother Mary.

At one point during the night Gloria Asadi went up and knelt before the blessed sacrament. She knelt there absolutely motionless for a long time and we wondered what was happening. Later she explained to us that, as she knelt there, she began to see the image of Jesus as the Sacred Heart of Jesus appearing in the host. This image remained visually present to her for a long time before it faded away. Earlier in the evening Marge Chavez had been praying for a sign that God wanted us to have more of these prayer vigils. She felt this sign was an answer to her prayer. Saturday Morning, Aug 15, we ended the vigil with Mass Celebrated by Father Reggie. He spoke about the importance of teaching our children about Jesus and prayer when they are very young. Margie and Gloria shared the miracle in the Eucharist during Mass.

Father Reggie has agreed to hold another All Night Prayer Vigil October 30 (see ad page 7).

Bishop Eduardo Nevares Met with Youth / Celebrated Healing Mass July 24 in Great Falls Montana

By Jan Reagor

My husband Jack and I spend the winters in Mesa, where we co-lead the Holy Cross Prayer group, and the summer in Montana. We asked Bishop Nevares if he would consider offering a healing mass for us in Great Falls. He said yes, so from February to July we planned, prayed and prepared for two special community events, a 'Rap and Pizza' party with the teens,



and the Healing Mass for everyone. Tom Beale agreed to be the master of ceremonies for both events and his wife, Edmee, also went with us. Afterwards testimonies began to come in. Here are Two:

"After Bishop Nevares laid his hands on my head and prayed, I experienced a wonderful peace, a rest in the Lord, that lasted for quite some time. Following the Mass, I had a wonderful Confession with one of our local priests that was a bit of a breakthrough for me. It began a turning point for me in my relationship with one of my relatives which brought more peace to the family. I am very grateful."
—Kathleen

"Bishop Nevares laid hands on me and prayed for me at our Healing Mass. I felt a flow of warmth starting at my head and continuing into my upper body."
—Mike



**SAVE THE DATE!
24TH ANNUAL
CRM CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 13 AND 14, 2016**

**HEALING AND
RECONCILIATION
MASS**

**October 30
Starts at 6:30 PM**

**Celebrant: Auxiliary Bishop
Eduardo Nevares**

**Followed by an
ALL NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL**

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
11001 N 40th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85028**



Healing Masses

7:00 PM

**St. Jerome Catholic Church
10815 N. 35th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85029**

October 12, 20215

January 11, 2016

April 11, 2016



Magnificat
A Ministry to Catholic Women

**Phoenix Chapter of
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**A (Charismatic) Ministry
To Catholic Women**

**Meets Monthly at the Diocese of
Phoenix on the 2nd Saturday of the
Month 1:00 PM-3:00PM**

**Call Laurie: (623) 979-9780
or e-mail aa-ok@cox.net.**

Ongoing CRM Events

Healing Masses

Charismatic masses followed by the laying on of hands for healing are celebrated throughout the year at parish churches in the Diocese of Phoenix.

For information on how to set up a healing mass at your parish contact Marge Chavez at 480-201-6691.

A Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit Day of Retreat and Reflection

In this one-day retreat we learn what the scriptures and the church tell us about the Holy Spirit and simple, practical ways to personally experience the Holy Spirit in our lives.

For information on setting up a Pilgrimage with the Holy Spirit Day of Retreat and Reflection at your parish contact Tom Beale at 623-878-6488.

Life In The Spirit Seminars

Life in the Spirit Seminars serve as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide teaching, guidance, and prayer leading to a new and deeper relationship with the Lord. They are an invitation to make or renew a deep personal commitment to Jesus Christ in openness to the Holy Spirit and His gifts. Seminars are given throughout the year at parish churches in the Diocese of Phoenix.

For information about how to set up a Life in the Spirit Seminar at your parish contact Tom Beale at 623-878-6488.

Valley Wide Charismatic Events

Valley Wide Charismatic Events are open to everyone from the entire diocese of Phoenix and are held throughout the year. Events may include praise and worship, teachings, prayer, and fellowship.

For information on setting up an Event contact Marge Chavez at 480-201-6691. For information on upcoming Events visit our website.

Weekly Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Meetings

Weekly charismatic prayer group meetings are held at many parishes throughout the valley where there is praise and worship, teaching, sharing, prayer ministry and fellowship. These meetings provide a place for the formation of close friendships with other charismatic Catholics in a local area and encourage growth in the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and a life lived in the Holy Spirit.

For information on starting a prayer group at your parish or to locate a weekly prayer group meeting in your area contact Marge Chavez at 480-201-6691 or Marilyn Stewart at 480-969-9956.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Group is open to all men who desire to grow in their faith or to move from their worldly life to a Spiritual life. Come join us at Queen of Peace on the last Saturday of each month at 7:00AM.

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory Prayer Ministry meets every Thursday at the Diocese of Phoenix after the 12:00PM Mass at St Mary's Basilica to pray exclusively for the needs of the Catholic Renewal Ministries. Leaders and prayer group representatives are encouraged to come to pray for their prayer group needs.

For more information contact Manuel and Bertha Murillo at 602-276-9100 or 602-799-2563.

Diocese of Phoenix CRM Youth Outreach for Youth and Young Adults

Diocese of Phoenix CRM and "Simple Praise Ministry" present praise and worship, youth prayer groups, camp-outs, teachings, bible study, youth and young adult Life in the Spirit Seminars, youth Conferences, and events and programs for our charismatic youth. Contact Jojo Concepcion 623-229-6902 or jojo@simplepraise.org.

LIST OF PARISH PRAYER GROUPS IN THE VALLEY:

<p><u>MONDAY</u> Blessed Sacrament, Scottsdale 7:00 PM (480) 991-0870</p> <p>St. Augustine, Phoenix 7:15 PM (623) 418-1594</p> <p>St. Jerome, Phoenix 7:00 PM (602) 448-5851</p> <p>Queen of Peace, Mesa 7:00 PM (602) 276-9100</p> <p>St. John Vianney, Avondale 7:00 PM (480) 294-7954</p> <p>St. Germaine, Prescott Valley 6:30 PM (928) 443-0556</p>	<p>St. Steven, Sun Lakes 10:00 AM (480) 585-5912</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TUESDAY</u></p> <p>Our Lady of Lourdes, Sun City West 10:00 AM (623) 344-7283</p> <p>St. Maria Goretti, Scottsdale 7:00 PM (480) 994-1643</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY</u></p> <p>St. James, Phoenix 7:00 PM (602) 363-2945</p> <p>St. Daniel, Scotts- dale 6:30 PM South Annex (480) 945-2990</p>	<p>St Joseph, Phoenix 7:00 PM (602) 493-0190 (602) 568-6778</p> <p>St. Thomas More, Glendale 7:00 PM (623) 582-0994</p> <p>St. Helen, Phoenix 7:30-9:00 PM (623) 979-9780</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>THURSDAY</u></p> <p>St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Anthem 7:00 PM (623) 465-2604</p> <p>St. Clare of Assisi, Surprise 6:30 PM (623) 544-1787</p>	<p>Holy Cross, Mesa 6:30 PM (480) 830-8346 (480) 830-3538</p> <p>City of the Lord, Tempe-7:00 PM (480) 968-5895</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FRIDAY</u></p> <p>Lamb of God, Gilbert Museum, Gilbert 7:30 PM (480) 330-4350</p> <p>St. Bernard Clair- vaux, Scottsdale 10:00 9:30AM (480) 347-4522</p>	<p>St. Mary's, Chandler, 7:00 PM pat.kruska@stmarychandler.org</p> <p>Holy Cross, Mesa 6:00-9:00 PM (480) 251-6122</p> <p>St. Thomas Aquinas, Avondale 9:30 -11:30 AM (623) 935-9401 (623) 972-6741</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SATURDAY</u></p> <p>St. Joachim & St. Anne, Sun City 9-00 AM (623) 997-4892</p> <p>St. Jerome, Phoe- nix 2:00 PM (602) 751-5703</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WOMEN'S MAGNIFICAT</u></p> <p>Phoenix 1:00 PM-3:00 PM 2nd Saturday of the month Call for info (623) 979-9780 (602) 433-5121</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GOD'S MERCY YOUTH MINISTRY</u></p> <p>(Monthly - Date & Time Varies), St. Jerome, PCM building, Phoenix Please call for details (602) 332-7290 (602) 751-5703 (623) 229-6902</p>
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ABOUT CRM HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:

Healing prayer and deliverance ministry conducted by members of the Catholic Renewal Ministry in the Diocese of Phoenix is done under the authority of Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo Nevares, CRM Liaison. Each prayer warrior must attend training teachings given by the leaders of the CRM Healing Prayer Ministry, Manuel and Bertha Murillo, and be commissioned by their parish pastor. As more and more prayer warriors are being commissioned, healing prayer rooms are being opened at more and more parishes in the valley for prayer ministry. For more information call Manuel and Bertha Murillo at (602) 799-2563.

HEALING PRAYER ROOMS: Individual Prayer for Physical and Emotional Healing

- 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:00-8:30 PM, — St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 539 Loma Linda, Goodyear
- 4th Mondays, 12:30-5:00 PM, — St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 13720 W Thomas Rd, Avondale
- Tuesdays 12:00 Noon-1:30 PM — Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Madonna Hall, 19002N. 128 Ave, Sun City West
- Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 PM — St. Mary Catholic Church, 230 W. Galveston, Chandler
- Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM — Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Madonna Hall, 141 N. Macdonald, Mesa
- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 PM — St. Timothy Catholic Church, 1730 W. Guadalupe Rd., Mesa
- Wednesdays 9:00PM after the prayer meeting—St. Helen Catholic Church, Teen Center, 5510 W. Cholla, Glendale
- 4th Thursdays 6:30-8:30 PM — St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, 17111 W Bell Rd., Surprise
- Fridays 7:00-9:00 PM — St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 3140 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: Individual Prayer for Physical and Emotional Healing

- 2nd and 4th Tuesdays after 6:00 PM Mass — St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3630 N. 71st Ave., PHX.
Prayer by appointment — St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3630 N. 71st Ave., Phoenix (call church)
- Every First Sunday after 10:00 AM Mass, — St. Jerome Catholic Church, 10815 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix
- Every 4th Sunday after 11:00 AM Mass — St. Steven Catholic Church, 24827 S. Dobson Rd., Sun Lakes
- Prayer by appointment only — St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 13720 W. Thomas Road, Avondale — Please contact Shirley Guertin 602-647-8309, Pricilla Ashton 623-875-6130 or AdaFe Cunningham 623-935-9401.

Prayer Requests

For prayer requests please log on to our website at catholicrenewalministries.net and select the PRAYER REQUEST box. When the prayer request page comes up complete the form and submit your prayer request. Your prayer requests will be sent to CRM prayer groups.