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FALL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings!

It seems like I have been doing a lot of purging lately and came across the article below that our dear founder, Marilyn Quirk, wrote about twenty years ago. I hope you will take a moment to read it because it is timeless, filled with valuable insights about what it means to be a Magnificat woman. She called it *Thanks be to God, Developing a Grateful Magnificat Heart*. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 comes to mind.

- "Rejoice always.
- Pray without ceasing.
- In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
- Do not quench the Spirit."

These four bullet points serve as a good check list for our personal spiritual journey. We live in an era where the word grateful is underused. We can all probably start there because the spirit of gratitude really helps put things in perspective. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, let us be clear as to who He is and who we aren't!

Remember, in ALL circumstances, give thanks!
Donna Ross, Coordinator
Magnificat Central Service Team



*"If you do not live what you believe, you will end up believing what you live."
Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

Note: On Thursday, September 24th, he will be beatified in St. Louis, Missouri.

POPE'S INTENTIONS 2026

SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

OCTOBER

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

NOVEMBER

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



Liturgy of the Hours

A Book of Prayer and Contemplation

Second Reading

From the letters of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Place nothing ahead of God's love

This desire to bring a sacrifice to God again and again extends to everything that I ever loved in this life, and upon which my heart was set.

When I think of the beauties of nature, these do not stir up longing and melancholy, but I am filled with the greatest joy, because, since I am not giving God any real and true gifts, I can give him imagined and pretended ones. At the same time, in the overflowing of my good fortune, I cannot at all get away from the thought that in heaven God will give me those that, for him, I have forsaken in the world, and for this I also constantly pray.

And so, the novitiate and its completion, the taking of vows, the life with confreres of the Order, and above all, the insight to cherish these goods to the best of my ability, so that there is nothing left for me to desire, except to fulfill my duties better—these were the first blessings of divine mercy.

Everything was completely against my nature. But precisely the joyful acceptance of them, in God's boundless grace, made so clear to me the mystery of renunciation and patience in this world that I feel that I am much too fortunate in the possession of my religious confreres and all the spiritual and temporal blessings that are bound together with it. And what is still more, that God has exalted me so high as to announce the Gospel to the poor, and to teach, and share with them his treasures.

Every offering has value only insofar as one snatches it away from one's own benefit and dedicates it to God through this self-conquest. One loves and gives precisely because one loves, and because one considers what is given as a good, as a treasure. Love of creatures must



difficulties with our fellowmen—everything we can present to God as an offering and can, through them, become like Jesus his Son. Where the sacrifice is great and manifold, there, in the same proportion, is the hope of glory more deeply and more securely grounded in the heart of him who makes it.

Responsory
Psalm 119:1-2; Mark 8:34

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

—Blessed are they who keep his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross and follow me.

—Blessed are they who keep his decrees,
who seek him with all their heart.

Prayer

O God, who made your Priest Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
outstanding in love,
that he might proclaim the mysteries of redemption

be subordinated to the love of God, whom one is pledged to love above all things.

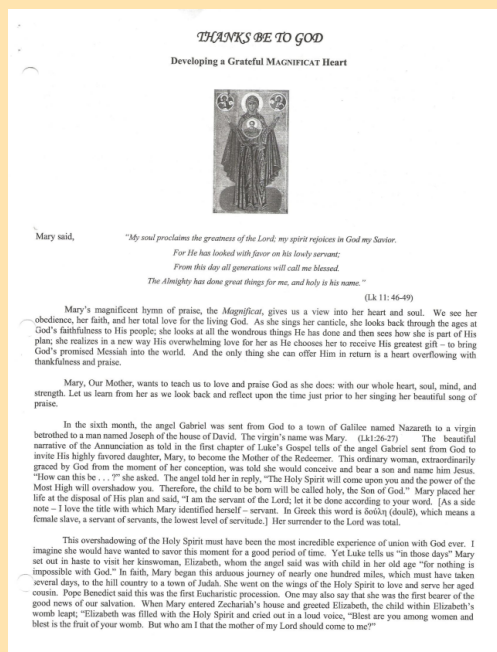
Time, in which we have found nothing to offer up to God, is lost for eternity. If it is only the duties of our vocation that we fulfill with dedication to the will of God; if it is the sweat of our faces that, in resignation, we wipe from our brow without murmuring; if it is suffering, temptations,

and comfort to those in affliction, grant, by his intercession, that we may work zealously for your glory and for the salvation of mankind. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Developing a Grateful Magnificat Heart



Our founder, Marilyn Quirk, (1939-2026), wrote an article on ***'Developing a Grateful Magnificat Heart'*** in 2008 that is still pertinent to our mission today as Magnificat women. Drawing from the life of our Blessed Mother in spousal union with the Holy Spirit, she shares many nuggets of wisdom that will invigorate your spiritual growth and enhance your prayer life. May she continue to intercede for us!



**Click on the article or below to read
[Developing a Grateful Magnificat Heart](#)**

MALTA "Star of the Sea" Chapter Pilgrimage to Assisi & Rome

The 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi is being commemorated with a special Franciscan Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, running from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027. To participate in this historic anniversary, our Malta Chapter with their Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Marco Portelli, organized a wonderful visit to Assisi and Rome this month for Magnificat family and friends. Looks like it was a very joyous and memorable trip!



Correction to the June Newsletter -
Anette Cassar was not present but Bridget was!
 L- R Service Team Luncheon at Myriam's -
 Helen Tabone, **Bridget Tabone**, Rosanne Pisani,
 Donna Ross, Michelle Seghers,
 Sandrina England, Mariz Cassar,
 Myriam England, Angela Salomone

L-R Rosanne Pisani and Mariz Cassar, Chapter Coordinator, taking a selfie in Assisi



L-R Jane Saliba, Mariz Cassar & Geraldine Cassar Torregiani with a Magnificat umbrella protecting them from the rain in Rome!

Fr. Marco (center) with some of the Malta Pilgrims at the Vatican



Group picture of Malta Pilgrims at the Hotel Domus Pacis, Assisi



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LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN REGION 3



BARB SERBA



LAURIE WALSH

Barb Serba has served as the Regional Rep for Region 3 for nearly 20 years. Recently, she has felt the Lord calling her to give more of her time to other endeavors and relinquish her RR role with Magnificat. On behalf of the Ministry, the CST extends our sincere gratitude to Barb for her faithfulness and prays that she will be greatly blessed.

Laurie Walsh has accepted the CST's invitation to serve as the Region 3 Regional Rep effective immediately. Laurie has years of experience with Magnificat as a Coordinator of the Phoenix, AZ Chapter and a Regional Communication Service Team (RCST) member. Welcome, Laurie!

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INTERCESSION FOR INTERVENTION

A Word Received by Patti Mansfield on June 20, 2026

I say to you, to you who stand upon the walls, to you who are high upon the parapets. Look out and see, the enemy approaches to destroy my people. And I say to you, you need to lift up prayer of intercession. You need to lift your hands and your voices to me, to intercede, for my intervention in the lives of many. For who will save the children? Who will save these little ones? Who will say, "This is the way, walk in it" when they would turn to the right or to the left? "For there is a way that seems right unto a man, but in the end, it leads to destruction." I say to you, pour out your heart in intercession for my people, in intercession for my little ones, in intercession for the generation yet to come. For I have a great plan. I have a great plan, but I need you in this hour to be faithful, to be faithful intercessors, to be faithful in lifting up on high, praises and intercession, that I might intervene, for without my intervention, many will not be saved. Many will not hear the gospel, many will not respond to my grace, which is present. "For it is my will that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth." But you, my beloved, you are needed. You who stand upon the walls, you who are high on the parapets, look out and see, and lift your hands to me, that I, from heaven, may hear your prayer and may intervene for all men, but especially for the little ones.

New Proclaims Series - click on image to watch



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You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:14-16

People are thirsting for the Lord!

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?
Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said: "send me!" Isaiah 6:8

North County San Diego Chapter hosts Int'l Coordinator, Donna Ross

By Lisa Ledyard, Asst. Coordinator

Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapter was thrilled to host our international coordinator, Donna Ross, on August 15th in Escondido, CA. Over 100 guests enjoyed a meal and fellowship, a raffle, and worship through music and prayer. In celebration of our country's 250th birthday, St. Mary's parish hall beautifully reflected our flag's colors, and Mother Mary's prayer for the Americas. Deacon Kevin Helfers offered a reflection for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

On this feast day of the Assumption, Donna celebrated the anniversary of her return to the Catholic faith years ago. Before she had a profound encounter with the Holy Spirit, she did not always appreciate the Church and had strayed during college. She reminded us, that God always has a better plan for our lives, and seeds are constantly being sown, even when we are unaware.

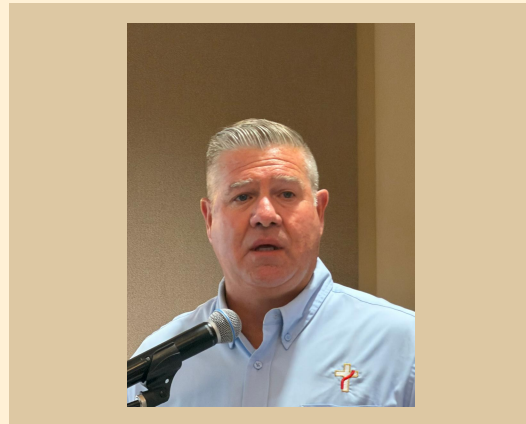
Donna spent 25 years with the Magic Kingdom of Disney where she gleaned many talents that she would later use to serve the Lord in His eternal kingdom! Suddenly losing her husband due to a bizarre fall, Donna was reminded to take one day at a time because we are not guaranteed anything. She witnessed her father's return to the faith and her mother's conversion after many years of prayer and intercession. Donna urges us to never give up hope!

Do you understand that the devil also has a plan for your life? Donna detailed how he thrives in confusion and doubt and preoccupation with self. But if we renew our charisms within the church, we become strengthened and can set the world on fire. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is crucial to our spiritual success. Use praise and prayer and become steeped in the Word of God, while practicing charity. She reminded us to forgive, repent and stay in the state of grace. Listen to God's voice and love one another. Nothing is stronger than these to fight evil.

Donna concluded her testimony by sharing about her recent trip to the CHARIS conference in Rome, where attendees clearly heard the importance of being Baptized in the Holy Spirit and the urgent call to renew the entire Church through this "current of grace."



Donna Ross,
Speaker



Deacon Kevin Helfers,
Spiritual Advisor



Head Table L-R
Fr. Francis Chiawa, visiting from Nigeria,
Gina McKenna, Secretary,
Lisa Ledyard, Asst. Coordinator,
Deacon Kevin Helfers, Spiritual Advisor,
Perla Norton, Treasurer



L-R Cindy Rippee- Former Coord.,
Perla Norton, Treasurer,
Donna Ross, Speaker,
Lisa Ledyard, Asst. Coordinator,
Mary Leeds, Coordinator,
Elise Botch, Reg.1 Comm. Rep.,
Gina McKenna, Secretary



Chapter Service Team &
Donna Ross



L-R Noreen Fortier, Gina Tleel
Guests from Palm Desert Chapter



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– Second Vatican Council message to women

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– Magnificat Central Service Team

Palm Desert Prayer Meal

By Maryann Ridini Spencer, Assistant Coordinator

On June 13, 2026, Magnificat Palm Desert's Our Lady's Desert Roses held a Prayer Meal at Woodhaven Country Club with Joe Chacon and Celine Flores. Joe and his mother, Celine, shared their inspiring faith journeys—a beautiful testament to faith, prayer, and trusting in God's will. Their experiences, reminiscent of those of St. Monica and her son, St. Augustine, touched the hearts and souls of everyone in attendance. The well-attended event was a wonderful opportunity for the Chapter to hear their stories of faith and perseverance. Joe, who has worked with the Chapter's spiritual advisor, Father Mike Barry, is currently enrolled in the seminary.



L- R Celine Flores, Speaker and
Joe Chacon, Speaker at the Woodhaven
Country Club in Palm Desert, California



L- R Donna Ross, CST Coordinator,
Celine Flores, Speaker,
Noreen Fortier, Coordinator,
Joe Chacon, Speaker and
Donna Ostrander, Secretary



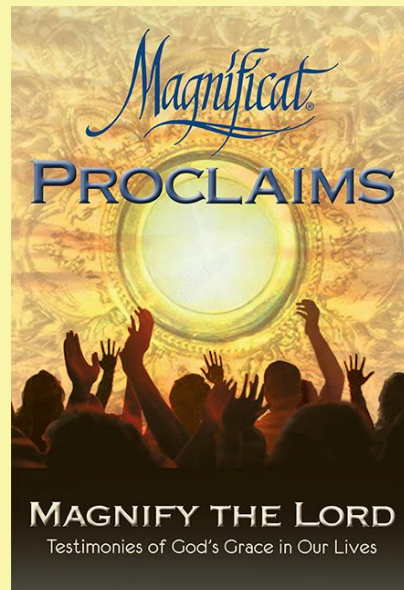
L- R Dr. Susan Murphy, Attendee, Louise Erickson, Assistant Coordinator, Donna Ross, CST Coordinator, Joe Chacon, Speaker, Celine Flores, Speaker, Noreen Fortier, Coordinator, Maryann Ridini Spencer, Assistant Coordinator, and Christina Silvas, Treasurer

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New Orleans Diocese-wide Enthronement

The Archdiocese of New Orleans asked that the Sacred Heart be enthroned in homes. Magnificat CST "home", office, had an enthronement ceremony on Friday, Aug 14. Thank you, Fr. Austin for leading us!



L- R Jill Arteaga, Sarah Balint, Cindy Delger, Sheila Casadaban, Fr. Austin Barr



L- R Cindy Delger, Sarah Balint, Sheila Casadaban, Fr. Austin Barr

Praise Report



I have learned from attending many Magnificat Meals to never underestimate the power of God's redeeming love for us, a transforming and infinite merciful love!

Antelope Valley, CA Magnificat Chapter - with Janice Charbonnet

By Collaborative Service Team Members

Antelope Valley Magnificat had the honor of having renowned speaker Janice Charbonnet for a double dose of the Holy Spirit. On Friday August 21, 2026, she gave a mini talk entitled 'Is Jesus in Your Boat'. The praise and worship ministry had set the tone for Janice's introduction, and she quickly proceeded to lead our guests in praise and thanksgiving to our Lord who is all powerful and deserving of all our love. She shared in her unique and animated way with audience participation that our Papa God spoils us and that in fact we are "trust fund babies," his Son paid the ultimate price on the cross so that we may inherit his Kingdom in heaven. She also shared that Jesus wants an intimate relationship to draw closer to Him as in (Mark 4:35-40). Jesus brings peace and calm into the storm.

On Saturday August 22, 2026, we had quite a crowd. Janice's talk the day before was so inspiring we had many registering at the last minute and at the door. Our team scrambled into action adding tables and chairs, etc. and the Lord provided.

It was a spirit-filled Meal. Once again, Janice gave her personal testimony. A retreat she experienced as a teenager led her to later serve as a missionary with NET Ministries, traveling with a team leading evangelization retreats for teenagers. She also shared how the writings of Pope John Paul II, transformed her life and helped her see clearly the woman's role in the church.

When the Music Ministry Team was asked what their biggest takeaway was from Janice's talk, their answers made me smile—and reminded me just how blessed we were to have her with us for two amazing days! Buck Kedrowski said, "I want to be on a boat with Jesus, drinking a STIRRED chocolate milk, going down Niagara Falls with a string of life." Daniel Huerta said, "I want to walk with Joy and a pep in my step!" Joanie Landa added, "and then rest on the pillow of Jesus."

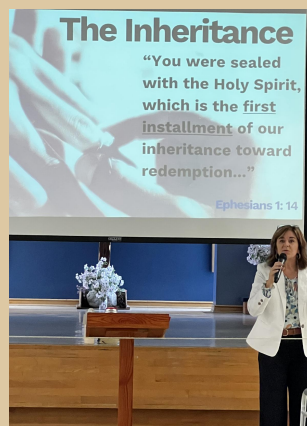
Beyond all the laughter and memorable takeaways, Janice's personal testimony deeply ministered to everyone. Her openness, faith, and love for the Lord touched our hearts. It reaffirmed the power of sharing our testimonies of God's faithfulness in our lives.

What an incredible two days! We were so blessed to spend this time with Janice, filled with laughter, encouragement, prayer, testimony, and a renewed desire to walk closer with Jesus.

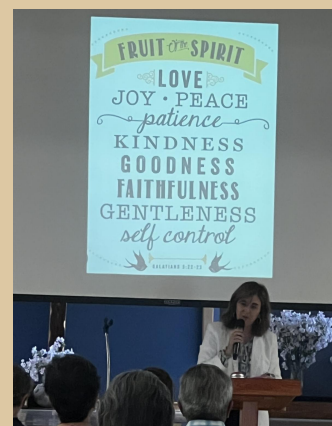
In closing, she led us in prayer for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and to never underestimate our anointing.



Daria Ongsing, Coordinator
Praying over Janice Charbonnet,
Guest Speaker, before
Friday's retreat



Janice Charbonnet,
Is Jesus in Your Boat?



Janice Charbonnet
Teaching on the Fruit of



Praise & Worship
at Friday's retreat



Janice Charbonnet
Saturday morning breakfast
sharing her personal
testimony



Guests at Saturday Meal



Desert Song
Praise and Worship Team

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God loves a cheerful giver! (2 Cor. 9:7)

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Star of the New Evangelization
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Magnificat in Broward County, FL Meal

By Christine Catucy, Historian

The Broward County, FL Chapter held its second Meal of the year on June 20, 2026. This was the first time that our breakfast was held at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Southwest Ranches, FL, and the turnout was about 70 women. There were quite a few first-time attendees at the Meal and, once again, the spirit of our Lord was in attendance. Our guest speaker was Cristina Martinez, who is the Assistant Coordinator of the Fort Myers Service Team for Magnificat. Cristina describes her life's journey through times of suffering, discouragement, and hopelessness, while placing her steadfast reliance on the awesome God that we serve. What a blessing and inspiration she was to all who had the privilege to hear her speak! We all left with a deep sense of how the Lord works in our lives and a sense of gratitude to be called a child of God.



Spiritual Advisor, Father Paul VI Karenga



Broward Service Team praying over
Speaker, Cristina Martinez



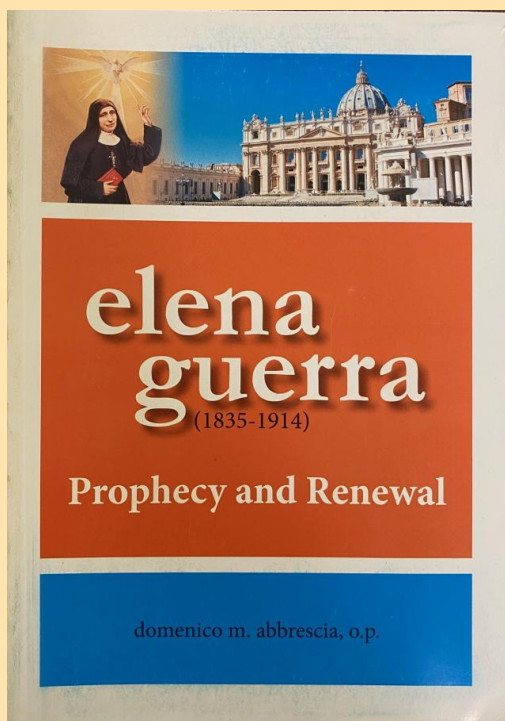
Attendees during Praise and Worship



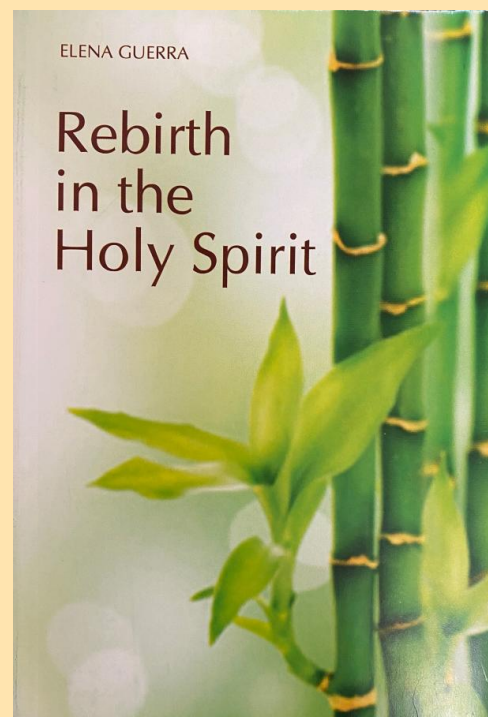
Broward Chapter Coordinator, Kathy Corona, with members of the Fort Myers Service Team

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In the Foreword of this book, Bishop Dino Luigi Romoli, O.P. writes that Pope John XXIII elevated to the honors of the altar, with the title of Blessed, Elena Guerra (1835-1914) of Lucca, teacher of St. Gemma Galgani, and Apostle of the Holy Spirit. He goes on to say that after many years, Elena still gives out her invitation to flourish again as Christians, to re-discover the spiritual power of a permanent Pentecost, to commit oneself to recreate the climate of fervor of the early Church. "Let us return to the Holy Spirit, so that the Holy Spirit may return to us. He renews the face of the earth." Bishop Romoli continues with "The Catholic, who wants to help this renewal, must set out on the way traced by Elena Guerra." Enjoy this chronological insight into the life of this learned and intellectual mystic, authored by Domenico M. Abbrescia, O.P.



In the front of the book, it states this work is from "selected passages from the manuscripts and other publications of Blessed Elena Guerra (A guidebook for a spiritual journey)." The inside covers says "This book with the simple, clear and sometimes strong language of Blessed Elena Guerra, leads us to the marvelous expanse of holiness in the company of the Holy Spirit who "gives to souls all the help needed for their sanctification"." Two words that express the witness of her life are Spirit and Love.

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Lake Charles Chapter holds June Meal

By Tina Diehl, Secretary

Our Lady of Readiness held a Meal at St. Mary Center on Saturday, June 20th. Faith filled women joined together for fellowship, worship, a delicious meal, and a powerful testimony.

The music ministry opened the breakfast playing, Here I Am, Lord. Pam Duplantis, Coordinator, followed with an opening prayer. Laurie Hebert, Assistant Secretary, led a decade of the rosary, 2nd mystery of the Joyful Mysteries. Pat Meche, Treasurer, explained the prayer opportunities at the Meal. After breakfast, Tina Diehl, Secretary, introduced guest speaker Staci Thibodeaux.

Staci grew up in Baton Rouge, LA, where she graduated from LSU & LSU Law School. She served the Lake Charles Chapter of Magnificat for 15 years. She served on the Service Team from 2000 to 2015, and served as the Coordinator from 2008 to 2015. She was instrumental in getting the Magnificat breakfasts started in the East Deanery of the Lake Charles of the Lake Charles Diocese.

She has been married to the love of her life, Chris Thibodeaux, for 36 years. He is a physical therapist in Jennings. They have five wonderful children and one beautiful grandchild. Staci and Chris

established Grace Ranch in 2006, where they raise horses & cattle, farm, and now operate a Farm-to-Table market.

Staci testified that God is good and their Catholic faith has been foundational for their marriage and family. While they live a life that is full of hustle and bustle, they seek to do God's will and follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit in their day-to-day lives.

Father Anil Vattukulathil, priest of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jennings, joined the event by praying over all the prayer intentions.



Service Team L- R: Mona Miller, Assistant Coordinator, Pam Duplantis, Coordinator, Tina Diehl, Secretary, Staci Thibodeaux, Guest Speaker, Laurie Hebert, Assistant Secretary, Pat Meche, Treasurer, Vicki Granger, Historian



Music Ministry



Father Anil Alexander, Immaculate Conception in Jennings

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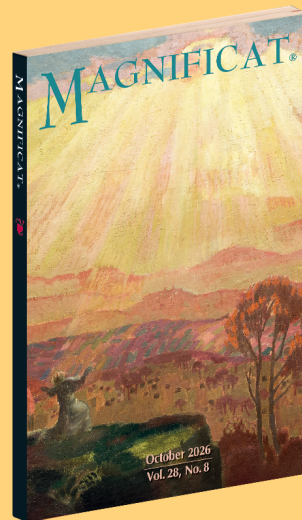
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Baton Rouge Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

By Gwen Gillis, Coordinator

Our Baton Rouge Magnificat Prayer Meal was held on August 29, 2026 at Oak Lodge Reception Center. Our guest speaker was Ryan Gaudet, third year formation Seminarian. He is well-known and greatly respected from St. George Church and surrounding Baton Rouge parishes. Ryan relates his true conversion as a St. Paul moment crying in the streets! Returning back to his Catholic faith, Ryan could not stop telling the Lord “Yes” to everything! He said yes to being a lector, an usher, joined the choir, yes to ACTS, serving in TMIY as Communications Director, Eucharistic minister, leading confirmation groups, and hosting a weekly Rosary group in his home. Finally, he realized that Christ was calling him to give the biggest “Yes” of all, to come and follow Him ... A call to the priesthood!

The Meal was well attended by many of our Magnificat ladies and husbands to hear this powerful testimony from Ryan.



L to R: Dianne Lencse, Treasurer, Ryan Gaudet, Seminarian and Guest Speaker, Gwen Gillis, Coordinator



Front row - Left to right
 Judy Zelden, past CST and ST member, Estella Champion, Assistant Coordinator,
 Fr. Joshua Zelden, Baton Rouge Spiritual Advisor - home parish Our Lady of Mercy Church
 and serves as Parochial Vicar, Ryan Gaudet - Seminarian and Guest Speaker,
 Tremell Batiste, Seminarian at Notre Dame, Gwen Gillis, Coordinator
 Back row - Left to right
 Deacon Jeremy Chiasson - transitional deacon to be ordained June 2027
 Deacon Aeli Poydras - transitional deacon to be ordained June 2027
 Fr. Antony - home parish St. George Church, serves as Parochial Vicar

Rochester September Meal

By Jeanne Walker, Asst. Coordinator

We had another faith-filled Magnificat Breakfast, September 12th, at St. Pius X Parish. It was a wonderful event featuring guest speaker, Colleen Antonio. She shared the powerful ways God has intervened in her life in His perfect timing, never too soon or too late. God always delivers as she has leaned on our Lord during her times of trials. We were truly blessed to hear her testimony.

We had another delicious hot breakfast and homemade pastries provided by the fabulous Knights of Columbus. We raffled a beautiful basket, theme of "Mary Our Mother" created and donated by members Kathleen Sullivan and Cathy Glucksman. We were also blessed with joyful praise and worship led by our Music Ministry, Steve and Denise. Additionally, our Spiritual Advisor, Father Ed Palumbos, offered a heartfelt tribute and prayers honoring all those who lost their lives and the many brave rescuers on 9/11. Our next Magnificat Meal will be December 12, 2026, featuring guest speaker Father Jorge Ramirez.



Spiritual Advisor - Fr. Ed Palumbos Ferverino



Guest Speaker - Colleen Antonio



Raffle Table Theme, Mary Our Mother



Music Ministry



Praise and Worship

New Service Team for Suffolk County, NY Chapter

By Rachel Fligman, Coordinator

The Holy Spirit is always doing something new. Within Magnificat Suffolk County, Mary Undoer of Knots, He has gathered a community of women and invited us to become one.

Women to women ministry has been a call for every member of our leadership team. We all share a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother, knowing that she leads us closer to her Son, Jesus. That joy of knowing Him through her spills out each time we greet one another. It is our hope and mission to bring that love to the women we encounter through the Magnificat Ministry.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we recognize that it is Love that unites us. Love is what makes us who we were meant to be, uniquely designed and missioned, with a message that only each of us can speak into the world.

Our first Meal will be on Saturday, November 14, 2026 in St. James, New York. Save the date; details are coming soon!

Perhaps we were created for a time such as this. (Esther 4:14)



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Chapter Meal Calendar

Magnificat hosts Meals, Life in the Spirit Seminars, retreats and other days of prayer. Check the calendar listing for your desired location to and to register! To find out more information [Click here](#)

October 2026

- 3 - Meal LA, Metairie Sadie Bonvillion
- 3 - Meal MN, Walker Lisa Reichelt
- 3 - Meal NY, Rockville Centre Karen Japzon
- 10 - Meal CA, Indio Gladys Garcete
- 10 - Meal LA, Lake Charles TBA
- 10 - Meal Canada, British Columbia - Vancouver Philomena Lim
- 17 - Meal TX, San Angelo Deacon Pete Madrid
- 17 - Meal FL, Miami Sandi LeBel
- 24 - Meal PA, Greensburg TBA
- 24 - Meal TN, Nashville Christine Watkins
- 24 - Meal AL, Birmingham Lynn Pepe
- 24 - Meal WV, Morgantown Connie Lenneman
- 24 - Meal FL, Fort Myers Fr. Shawn Roser
- 31 - Meal PA, Pittsburgh Kim Sampey
- 31 - Meal LA, Baton Rouge Estella Champion
- 31 - Meal Canada, Toronto TBA
- 31 - Meal NM, Las Cruces Sr. Ana Borjorquez, OLS

November 2026

- 4 - Meal LA, West St. Tammany/Mandeville Sue Zaunbrecher
- 6 - Meal LA, Thibodaux Andi Oney
- 7 - Meal FL, Broward County Sandi LeBel
- 7 - Meal LA, Sidell TBA
- 7 - Meal RI, Providence Fr. John Devaney O.P.
- 14 - Meal FL, West Palm Beach TBA
- 14 - Meal GA, Atlanta Lauretta Hannon
- 14 - Meal FL, Tallahassee TBA
- 14 - Meal NY, Albany TBA
- 14 - Meal OH, Huron Diane Dudenhoefer
- 14 - Meal CA, Orange County Fr. Aristotle Quan
- 14 - Meal CA, Walnut Creek Sister Mary Vianney Owens, Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa
- 14 - Meal CA, North County San Diego Renée Bondi
- 21 - Meal OH, Stark County Caroline Gambale -Dirkes
- 21 - Meal LA, West Bank/Marrero TBA
- 21 - Meal CA, Antelope Valley Phyllis Jauregui

December 2026

- 5 - Meal NV, Las Vegas Maria Vadia
- 5 - Meal LA, Metairie TBA
- 5 - Meal NY, Greater New York TBA
- 5 - Meal AZ, Phoenix Ms. Moira Noonan
- 12 - Meal CA, Palm Desert Deacon Jesus Mercado
- 12 - Meal NY, Rochester Father Jorge Ramirez
- 12 - Meal NY, Rockville Centre Msgr. Jim Vlaun
- 12 - Meal NY, Buffalo Lindsay Adornetto

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