

# CITY OF THE LORD

A Catholic Charismatic Covenant Community

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Arizona Branch – General Community Gathering— September 22nd 3–5:00

## Founding Charism

Receptivity and Commitment to the Person and Culture of the Holy Spirit, particularly in Covenant love

### UPCOMING GATHERINGS:

**OCTOBER:**  
6th & 20. 3-5 PM

**NOVEMBER:**  
3rd (All Saints Celebration) & 17th

**DECEMBER 15th ~1:30-4:30 pm**  
Advent Mass with Bishop Olmsted followed  
with a dessert reception

**Please pray for our pregnant women and  
the children in their womb:**

**Thomas & Elizabeth (LeBeau) McDonald**  
November 11

**John & Noel (Beguhl) Storer**  
December 6th

**Christopher & Marie LeBeau**  
April 9th

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's Retreat Day** - October 12th  
Continuation of the Spiritual Gifts on Mission  
Where: City of the Lord Community Center

**Men's Retreat**  
October 25th—27th  
Where: El Nathan Retreat and Camp

**Women's Advent Brunch**  
December 7th ~ Mark your calendar!

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Followed with a reception  
December 15th ~ 1:30—4:30 pm

Condolences to To Jean-Anne  
Knebelsberger at the loss of your mother,  
Erma Mundy. Our thoughts and  
prayers are with you.

*Congratulations!*

Ben & Brina Ziemann on the birth of  
Abigail Marie Ziemann  
born August 28th  
8 lbs, 4 oz and 19" long



Thank you **Jeff, Tim, Jenelle** and every-  
one who made the Spiritual Gifts Work-  
shop a success. Thank you, Lord for the  
special gifts you have given each of us  
to compliment one another as we build  
your Kingdom here on earth.

#### Pray for Our Coordinators:

Jeff Looker, Senior Coordinator  
John Hoyt, Coordinator  
Geoff Shell, Coordinator

#### Pray for Our Senior Women Leaders:

Doris Martinez, Presiding SWL  
Jenelle Van Brunt  
Sandy Shell

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to Brian Rollo.  
We missed you on August 16th.  
And our newest member Billy  
Bowler (Jr.) on August 15th.

02 Carrie Forest  
02 Diana O'Melia  
02 \*98 Josephine Newton  
03 Jim Jones  
04 '71 Mark & Jenelle Van Brunt  
04 \*83 Tom Bishop  
05 Paul Carmody  
05 Grace Carmody  
05 John Shroll  
07 \*94 Margaret Jones

9 Clare Rucker  
10 \*15 Daniel Bautista  
10 Jennifer Velonis  
11 Judith Freeman  
11 '92 Al and Jennifer Cerino  
13 Kathy McGuire  
14 '68 Mike & Patsy Gonzalez  
16 \*06 Raymond Keller Sr.  
16 \*09 Gene Martinez  
18 Francesca Velonis  
18 Joshua O'Melia  
19 Philomena Bautista  
19 Cecilia Feckovics

20 Eric Bensel  
21 Lily Mills  
22 Bridget Storer  
24 Rosemarie Evans  
24 Leslie Arnold  
24 Leana Bowler  
25 Gabriel LeBeau  
26 Eileen Spenla  
27 Mary Lou Kockelman  
29 Tifni Shroll  
29 Jenelle Van Brunt  
30 \*96 Bernadette Keller

\* Deceased

### Letter from the Senior Coordinator:

Brothers and Sisters-

A big thanks to all who attended and served at the Spiritual Gifts for Disciples on Mission Workshop on Saturday, September 14. We had a great crowd, and it was a fun day. I have heard from many people that the Lord was revealing new insights and exposing areas to work on as a result of the workshop. For those that couldn't attend- we video-recorded the talks, and we hope to have those available at some point in the near future.

As has been mentioned, both the Women's and Men's retreats this Fall will continue the work started at the Spiritual Gifts workshop toward equipping our members to respond more effectively to the call of God in their lives. As members of City of the Lord, we have a unique and specific call within the Church to participate in the mission and charism of City of the Lord. Our ability to respond to this call and commitment is filtered by many factors- Our Spiritual Gifts, Temperament (Personality), what you are passionate about (Heart), Our skill set (Abilities), and our experiences. That formula of who we are, is unique to each of us. Not one of your brothers and sisters in the community is exactly like you.

Consequently, we need to understand our own unique formula with it's strengths and weaknesses, but also allow others to be exactly who they are meant to be, and love them for it. It is always a temptation in the spiritual life, to want a sort of "uniformity" among others we are in relationship with. But the Holy Spirit's call is to **Unity**, which is a very different but related concept. An orchestra is composed of many different instruments, and there is not uniformity, because of the diversity present- a violin and a tuba are certainly not alike. But once the members of the orchestra play the parts they were intended on the composer's score- only then do they produce a unity that is beautiful to hear.

That being said, there is also some degree of uniformity needed in my Orchestra analogy. They need to be "in tune" with one another and they also need to follow the tempo and leadership of the conductor and composer. In the life of the community- each of us has a part to play, that is unique. But, we need to be "in tune" with one another and follow the way of life we are committed to together. Part of being "in tune" is deepening our relationships and love for one another. We can't be isolated and independent and be in tune as a community. A Vibrant and active community life will not only help us be in tune with one another, but the sweet sound of "brethren dwelling together in unity" will attract others to our life and be a witness to the world that **Jesus is Alive!**

Blessings, **Jeff Looker, Senior Coordinator**