

Whispers from the Auxiliary

Picture it: Saturday, March 30, 2013 Laurie Mikolaycik and Shirley Krivitz made a huge pot of spaghetti for the pre-Easter Vigil meal for the friends who made the journey up to Whispering Winds to be present with me as I made my First Communion at St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Julian.

My dog Coco and I participated in our weekly Catechism lessons at St. Elizabeth for almost a year with McGinn Morgan's mother, Teri, as one of my teachers. As my faith journey met this milestone, I felt such joy; the joy that comes with making a | decision that in every cell in my body felt like the right thing to do.

Looking back, I realize that having my First Communion at the age of 36 was an anchor for my soul. Before then, I was hungry to know the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit but was not satisfied until I officially began my journey to become Catholic. Shortly after my First Communion I realized that feeling of satisfaction would ebb and flow through the years as my walk with the Lord continued over time. I've come to understand that there are moments when we feel very close to the Trinity and are very active in our faith that are accompanied by moments of, *"It's 7:00 pm and I haven't prayed all day?!"*

I trust that your 2025 Lenten season has been a sweet time of reflection, repentance and renewal. I hope that you feel closer to Christ than you ever felt possible.

I invite you to strive to sustain that feeling of closeness by joining us for our annual retreat at Whispering Winds, May 16-18, 2025.

This year's theme is "Encountering the Risen Christ" and is led by Jenene Francis.

We have about 50 spaces left so bring your friends and be refreshed on the mountain. Picture it: Saturday afternoon in the meadow with your beloved sisters in Christ, sunshine on your face, laughter in the air, and the joy of the Lord in your heart.

Above all, remember to pray for all aspects of Whispering Winds at 3:00 PM daily and hold our guiding scripture in your heart, Romans 8:28:

"We know that God makes all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called to His purpose."

Annie Korn, WWA 2025 President



*"Called to His
Purpose"*

Romans 8:28

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Registration closes May 9th!

Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary

Women's Retreat

May 16-18, 2025

Encountering The Risen Christ

Featuring
Jenene Francis



Experience familiar and new ways of praying as we ask for the grace to recognize encounters with the Risen Christ. There will be time for individual prayer and small group conversation, as well as opportunities for rest, refreshment, and sharing Easter joy.



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AN EASTER HALLELUJAH

With Holy Week and the Triduum just days away from submitting this article, I was gifted and blessed to receive a special facebook link in my inbox (*see below). By following the link you'll experience a very powerful performance of An Easter Hallelujah. With a simple piano accompaniment, Cassandra and Callahan Star's vocals and harmonies powerfully recount the Easter Story. Simple yet moving, the lyrics truly convey the greatest love story that's ever been told! For your personal meditation, the lyrics are being included down below:

An Easter Hallelujah

[CLICK TO LISTEN](#)

A crown of thorns was placed on His head.
He knew that He would soon be dead.
He said " Did you forget me Father, did you?"
They nailed Him to a wooden cross.
Soon all would the world would feel the loss,
Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

He hung His head and prepared to die.
Then lifted His face up to the sky
Said "I am coming home now Father, to you."
A reed which held His final sip,
Was gently lifted to His lips.
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

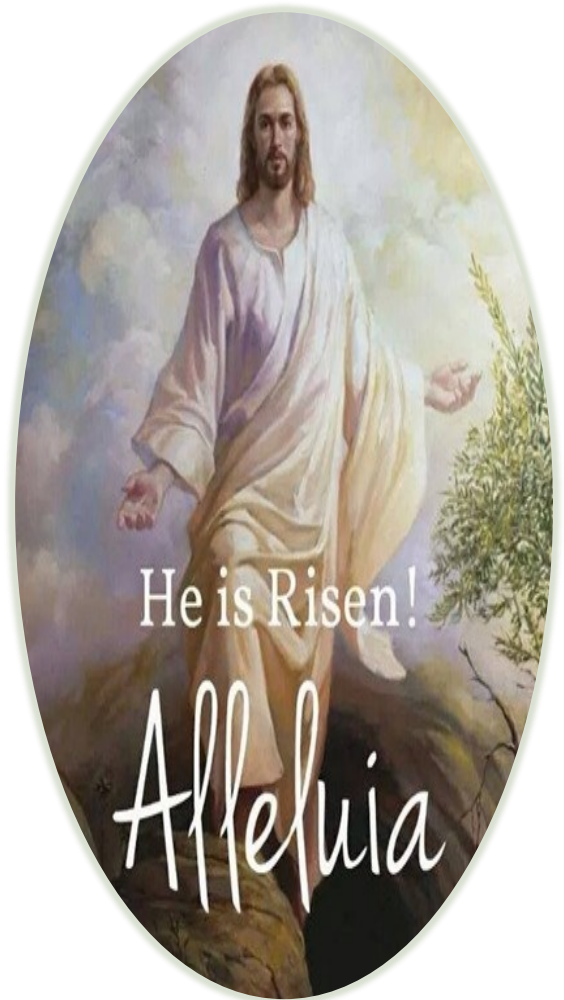
The soldier who had used his sword
To pierce the body of our Lord
Said "Truly this was Jesus Christ, Our Savior."
He looked with fear upon his sword.
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord.
Fell to his knees crying "Hallelujah".
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Took from His head the thorny crown,
And wrapped him in a linen gown.
Then laid Him down to rest inside the tomb.
Three days went by, again they came,
To move the stone, to bless the slain
With oil and spice anointing, hallelujah.
But as they went to move the stone
They saw that they were not alone,
For Jesus Christ has risen, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Praise God, Our Redeemer lives! Hallelujah! Let us never forget how very much
Our Merciful and Gracious Lord and Savior loves us!

With prayers that you and yours have a most Holy
and blessed Easter Season!

Your humble Spiritual Director - Linda Crabtree -



Little Free Library at

Whispering Winds

by Annie Korn



Did you know that on the Meadow side of the Welcome Center, the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary established a Little Free

Library in honor of our late member, Gloria Walton?

Our vision is to keep the keep the Little Free Library stocked with inspiring books geared toward young adults on their faith journey.

Want to help us keep the Library stocked? Yes?!

1. Bring books that you love and no longer need to our retreat in May and put them in the Little Free Library yourself OR drop your books off at the Whispering Winds Office during their normal business hours.

2. Purchase books from your favorite online retailer and send the books directly to camp:

**Rosy Woodruff
c/o Whispering Winds
17606 Harrison Park Road
Julian, CA 92037**

Not sure if a title is suitable for our Little Free Library? Text the book cover to me, 619-929-4660.

Let's work together, in the spirit of Gloria Walton, to help these young adults be inspired on their faith journey. And yes, blank journals are welcome, too!

WAY AND MEANS

We hope all of you have had a blessed Lent and will experience a special Easter season! We are looking forward to our annual WWA Women's Retreat, May 16-18, 2025. The theme, Encountering the Risen Christ, will be a blessing to all who attend.



As usual we will be having our raffle. We would appreciate any gift card donations. If you are able to donate please send the gift cards to:

**Whispering Winds Office
4636 Mission Gorge Place, Suite 203
San Diego CA 92120**

Thanks for your generosity,
Mattie Scull, Val Spooner, Patricia Viescas, &
Claudia Penczar

MEMBERSHIP



We are having our annual membership drive. We wanted to welcome you to join this wonderful group of amazing faith filled women!

The annual renewal is \$30 or life membership is \$200.

Ask a friend, ask a neighbor, ask any faith filled woman you know to join .

Let them know of all the benefits of being a member:

- * Discounts on our May Retreat and Fall Brunch

- * Free Advent and Lenten evenings of reflection

- * PLUS you get to be part of a great group of faith-filled women who share a love for the Whispering Winds Camp!

Now is the perfect time to join, renew and/or invite a new member!

Join or Renew

Susan Galichon & Kelly Sinclair

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

Our Lenten Reflection event was hosted in a new (to us) facility! St. Pius X in Chula Vista provided their parish hall, which was full of light and the warmth of friends on Saturday March 8 th . For a change, we chose to have the event on a Saturday morning to allow more ladies to attend. In all, about 100 people attended (men too!).

The speaker, Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, MFT., M.Div, was warmly welcomed. Her talk focused on Merciful Love Makes Unity Possible. She incorporated her theme from Luke 6:36 “Be merciful just as your Father is Merciful.”

Claire covered many aspects of mercy which included: merciful love is a free gift, is unconditional and takes the initiative, heals our resentments through forgiveness and conquers our anxiety. Merciful love also overcomes our discouragement, renews our relationships and enables compassionate acceptance. Her talks were relevant to our women and men who attended by providing true life examples that are relatable. She inspired laughter, moving stories, and joy.

Her final session was how merciful love generates the presence of Jesus among us, and we have unity when Jesus is among us. Everyone left a little lighter and ready for Lent.

Please join us for our Women’s Retreat, May 16-18, 2025, at Whispering Winds Conference Center in Julian. Registration is open! Our speaker, Jenene Francis is an aspiring contemplative in action who finds writing creative nonfiction and short fiction a fruitful spiritual practice. She enjoys adapting and offering the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. She recently retired from the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus, supporting Jesuits and colleagues who serve retreat houses, spirituality programs, parishes and as hospital chaplain and other pastoral ministers. Her first career was at Proctor and Gamble Company in product development and manufacturing. Followed by more than 20 years in Jesuit ministry, Jenene gets great satisfaction offering her engineer’s head and poet’s heart for “the greater glory of God.” She hails from Chicago.

Jenene’s theme is ***Encountering the Risen Christ***. She will provide the opportunity to experience familiar and new ways of praying as we ask for the grace to recognize encounters with the Risen Christ. There will be time for individual prayer and small group conversation, as well as opportunities for rest, refreshment, and sharing Easter joy. Jenene considers herself a facilitator rather than a lecturer. Her excitement bubbles over into a joyful weekend!

Please join us. Registration closes May 9. To register see the QR code on the flyer or log onto www.whisperingwinds.org and choose the Women’s Auxiliary under **Get Involved**. Hope to see your shining face on the mountain!

Lenten Reflection - "Merciful Love Makes Unity Possible"



SAVE THE DATE



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WWA Mission Statement

Our Mission: As women united by faith in Jesus Christ and by a common interest in WWCC, we propose to contribute to the growth and development of the Camp through prayer and fellowship, assisting in fundraising, disseminating information, and providing support for functions held at the camp, providing monies for scholarships/camperships and projects!