

Viva Maria!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you and your loved ones enjoyed a blessed Christmas season filled with peace, joy, and meaningful time with family and friends.

This sacred season reminds us of the loving presence of Maria SS. Lauretana, whose faith, humility, and trust in God continue to guide and inspire us.

With the beginning of the New Year, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support, faith, and commitment. This time of year offers a special opportunity for reflection, gratitude, and renewed dedication to our shared mission and cherished traditions.

January 6, 2026, marks the conclusion of the Jubilee Year. Pope Leo XIV encourages us to carry the fruits of this holy time into our daily lives—remaining rooted in prayer, strengthened by hope, and walking together in faith and service.

May we continue to look to Maria SS. Lauretana as our model of faith and obedience, trusting in God's plan and serving one another with compassion, unity, and love.

The Board continues to reflect prayerfully on responsible stewardship to ensure the long-term sustainability of our organization. Thank you for your friendship, generosity, and continued dedication to the Society of Maria SS. Lauretana.

May the coming year be filled with peace, good health, and many blessings for you and your families.

Warm regards, Rita Belder President Society of Maria SS. Lauretana

Society News and Announcements

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on December 13, 2025. Financial information was distributed to members, and goals for the upcoming year were discussed, including the possibility of selling one of the Society's properties. As the current renters are vacating the property, the Board recognizes this as an opportunity to evaluate whether selling the property at this time may be beneficial to the Society.

The Board will review the pros and cons and, present a recommendation to the membership for a vote. To promote transparency, the Society's financial information will also be posted on the Society's website.

Membership Dues Reminder

Annual membership dues for 2026 are \$25.00. Membership dues support the organization's programs, events, charitable donations and ongoing ministry.

Dues may be paid using one of the following methods:

- In person at the dinner meeting (cash or check)
- Via Zelle to accounting@msslaz.com
- By mail to:

10645 N. Tatum Blvd, Suite 200-484 Phoenix, AZ 85028

Expression of Gratitude

The Board extends its sincere appreciation to all members for their generous donations and continued support throughout the year.

Special thanks are extended to Joe Chiovari and Nina & Ciro Realmonte for their generous donations to the Society during the Christmas season.

2026 Dates - Mark Your Calendars

Maria SS Lauretana Calendar of Events 2026		
Date	Title	Location
Saturday, January 17, 2026	General Meeting & Get Together	St. Joseph Hall
Saturday, February 14, 2026	Valentines Day Dinner Dance	St. Joseph Hall
Thursday, March 5, 2026	Novena Day 1	St. Joseph Church
Friday, March 6, 2026	Novena Day 2	St. Joseph Church
Saturday, March 7, 2026	Novena Day 3	St. Joseph Church
Sunday, March 8, 2026	Novena Day 4	St. Joseph Church
Monday, March 9, 2026	Novena Day 5	St. Joseph Church
Tuesday, March 10, 2026	Novena Day 6	St. Joseph Church
Wednesday, March 11, 2026	Novena Day 7	St. Joseph Church
Thursday, March 12, 2026	Novena Day 8	St. Joseph Church
Friday, March 13, 2026	Novena Day 9	St. Joseph Church
Sunday, March 15, 2026	St. Joseph's Table - Devotion	Ascension Hall
Sunday, April 19, 2026	Annual Picnic	McCormick - Stillman
		Railroad Park
Saturday, May 9, 2026	General Meeting & Get Together	St. Joseph Hall
Saturday, June 13, 2026	General Meeting & Get Together	St. Joseph Hall
Saturday, July 11, 2026	General Meeting & Get Together	St. Joseph Hall
Saturday, August 8, 2026	General Meeting & Get Together	St. Joseph Hall
Friday, September 18, 2026	Ottava Day 1	St. Joseph Church
Saturday, September 19, 2026	Ottava Day 2	St. Joseph Church
Sunday, September 20, 2026	Ottava Day 3	St. Joseph Church
Monday, September 21, 2026	Ottava Day 4	St. Joseph Church
Tuesday, September 22, 2026	Ottava Day 5	St. Joseph Church
Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Ottava Day 6	St. Joseph Church
Thursday, September 24, 2026	Ottava Day 7	St. Joseph Church
Friday, September 25, 2026	Ottava Day 8	St. Joseph Church
Sunday, September 27, 2026	Festa (Mass, Vara, Party & Food)	St. Joseph Church
Saturday, October 10, 2026	General Meeting & Get Together	St. Joseph Hall
Saturday, November 14, 2026	General Meeting & Get Together	St. Joseph Hall
Saturday, December 12, 2026	General Meeting & Get Together	St. Joseph Hall
General Meetings and Dinner Get Togethers begin at 6:00 PM		