## **September 21st, 2025 - Issue #286 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Change: Please note that Father Connole will be saying Mass at Christ of the Desert on Sunday (September 21st)**

**Subject: 2025 Fall Combined Collection (FCC) – Sunday September 22nd.**

**This year the Fall Combined Collection will take place September 22nd, 2024. The four worthy ministries who benefit are:**

1. [**Church**](http://www.archmil.org/giving/Combined-Collections/Religious.htm) **Among Black & Native Americans**
2. [**C**](http://www.archmil.org/giving/Combined-Collections/CCHD.htm)**hurch in Latin America**
3. **Church in Africa**
4. **Catholic Home Missions**

**About this Fund: The Fall Combined Collection strives to make it easier to share our Catholic faith with others across our diocese, the nation and throughout the world by equipping lay and consecrated Catholics with the tools they need to spread the mission of Our Lord and Savior to every corner of the earth in the following ways:**

**Church among Black and Native Americans that offers financial assistance and evangelization programs to African American and Native ministries throughout the country and within the Diocese of San Bernardino. Local support is given through sacramental ministers who baptize, marry, and lead prayer services and funerals on our six local Indian reservations, as well as direct services to Catholics of African Descent for Catholic School scholarships and cultural evangelization gatherings.**

**Church in Latin America would receive funds for seminarian and religious formation, religious education, evangelization, diaconate training and research in Latin America and the Caribbean.**

**Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa to provide workshops on justice, peace and development.**

**Catholic Home Missions to enable Catholic parishes in poor communities to keep their doors open and to provide Mass, sacraments, and religious education for children and adults.**

**Thank you in advance for your support of the Fall Combined Collection.**

**SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

* **September 1st – Labor Day.**
* **September 4th - Monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **September 10th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **September 10th - Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday at 11:30 AM.**
* **September 13th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **September 21st – ~~Resumption of the 3~~~~rd~~ ~~Sunday each month visit by a Priest from Sacred Heart.~~**
* **September 21st – Fall Combined Collection.**
* **September 28th – Special Collection - Responding with Mercy to the Gaza Humanitarian Crisis. (See below for more details)**

**The humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues to deepen, and the cries of our brothers and sisters grow ever more urgent. Families are suffering from hunger, malnutrition, and a lack of basic necessities. Hundreds of children and adults are at risk of death from starvation, while the flow of aid remains critically limited.**

**In the face of such suffering, we are called to live the Gospel with courage and compassion. Pope Leo XIV has raised his voice with urgency, pleading for a ceasefire and the free passage of humanitarian assistance. He invites the Church to respond in concrete solidarity—an opportunity for us to bring hope where despair seems overwhelming.**

**The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) affirms this call as a privileged moment for the Church to embody Christ’s mercy and healing love. We can be instruments of peace, channels of compassion, and signs of God’s care for those most in need.**

**Moved by this urgent need and at the request of Pope Leo XIV and of the USCCB leadership, Bishop Alberto Rojas humbly asks every parish community to hold a Special Collection for the Gaza Humanitarian Crisis on the weekend of September 27–28, 2025.**

**Every gift is an act of faith. Every contribution is a seed of hope. Every offering reminds our brothers and sisters in Gaza that they are not forgotten—that the Body of Christ stands with them in love. Bishop Alberto Rojas**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**Father John Muir’s weekly column of “Gospel Meditations” is taking the summer off and will return the 1st Sunday Bulletin in October.**

**Mass Readings:**

* **First Reading –**[**Amos 8:4-7**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/gods-warning-to-the-oppressors/)**: God condemns those who cheat and exploit the poor, vowing to remember their wrongdoings.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 113**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-lord-helps-the-needy/)**: Praise the Lord, who is above all and helps the needy, lifting them from low places to high positions.**
* **Second Reading –**[**1 Timothy 2:1-8**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/pray-for-all-people/)**: Pray for everyone, including leaders, so we may live peacefully. God wants everyone saved. Christ is our mediator. I was appointed to teach this truth. Pray with pure hearts.**
* **Gospel –**[**Luke 16:1-13**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-dishonest-steward/)**: Jesus tells a story about a manager who, after being fired, shrewdly reduces debts to secure future favors. He teaches that one cannot serve both God and money.**

**Themes are gleaned from**[**www.young-catholics.com**](http://www.young-catholics.com/)

**JUBLIEE YEAR 2025: UPDATE**

**Pope Francis has started the 2025 Jubilee Year with the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope”.**

**The “Holy Doors” at Sacred Heart Church are the exterior entrance of the Padre Pio Adoration Chapel.**

**The Doors are open daily 6:00AM – 6:00PM.**

**In communion with and obedience to those desires promulgated by the Office of the Apostolic Penitentiary, the Diocese of San Bernardino has selected SACRED HEART CHURCH, Palm Desert as a Jubilee site whereat the faithful, having fulfilled the ordinary conditions for the reception of an indulgence, can receive the full remittance of any temporal effects due to sin, opening wide the doors of mercy and hope to an encounter with the risen Lord, in whom our hope “cannot disappoint.”**

**The norms for receiving an indulgence are that a person is "moved by a spirit of charity," is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope. Along with a pilgrimage, a work of mercy or an act of penance, a Catholic "will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory."**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members**

**We will be having our Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday, October 8th at 11:30 AM. Menu TBD**

**Please email Cindy at** [**chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](mailto:chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com)**or call 760-346-0089 to sign up or Cindy will be available after Mass (starting September 21st) to sign up and pay $5 per person. You may pay ahead at sign-up or pay at the door. We do plan ahead for the amount of food so please make sure to pay if you signed up, even if you don’t make it.**

**Special thanks to all that make this monthly gathering happen.**

**REMEMBRANCE WALK – PAVER ORDER INFORMATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:**

**The “REMEMBRANCE WALK” IS LOCATED IS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CHAPEL. (behind the planter)**

**Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!.**

**In 2025 the following will be observed as Holy Days of Obligation:**

* **January 1st - Wednesday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2025.**
* **May 29th - Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Mass moved to June 1st.**
* **August 15th - Friday - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
* **November 1st - Solemnity of All Saints (Saturday)**
* **December 8th – Monday- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**
* **December 25th – Thursday- Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**SEPTEMBER HAS 4 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

**Please make all checks payable to “Christ of the Desert” not Sacred Heart.**

**Total monies collected to date: $50,613 or 30.1% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 14th was $1,713.**

**\*Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard, Weddings & Funerals.**

**This information is important for our community in order to understand where are financially throughout the year.**

·        **Our Monthly expenses are budgeted at $13,750 per month or $41,250 per quarter. $165,000 annually.**

**Thanks for your continued generosity.**

**See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving via your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER: For our relationship with all of creation  
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.**

**The Christ of the Desert “Bulletin” now appears on**[**www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/)**website. Open up the site and click on “church”, look down on the bottom left for Christ of the Desert. Open up this site for the “bulletin” and other information about our community.**

**CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**There will be an information providing sheet on the table near the Chapel exit/entrance area.**

**You can always email the information to me as well.**

**You can sign up for any month NOW. I will keep a record of your special month and enter it when that month arrives.**

**WHO HAS A DATE IN SEPTEMBER & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**DISCLAIMER: If information below is incorrect, please let me know and I will correct the error.**

**2025**

**SEPTEMBER: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Enedina Sutton – September 1st**

**Rosanne Hopkins – September 1st**

**Carol Kephart – September 2nd**

**Lynne Lehane – September 3rd**

**Paul Oliaro – September 15th**

**Carla Washburn – September 17th**

**Armin Callo – September 18th**

**Frank Rayo- September 25th**

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Federico Arias – September 4th, brother of Enedina Sutton.**

**Joe Maldonado – August 30th Father of John Maldonado.**

**Susanne Wroblewski – September 30th.**

**SEPTEMBER HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Jim & Jean LaBaugh – September 16th**

**Kevin & Jody Harris – September 23**

**SEPTEMBER: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Jim & Carmen Carlo – September 15th**

**Larry & Louella Bean - September 20th.**

**Dolores and Steve Kent – August 20th**

**SEPTEMBER REMEMBRANCE SECTION: “May their souls rest in peace”, Amen**

**Joe Lehane, husband of Lynne, passed away on September 2nd**

**Lindy Hodges, twin sister of Sandy Reid, passed away on September 5th**

**Joe Maldonado, Father of John Maldonado, passed away on September 9th**

**Bob DeWeese, Father of Paulette Quaid, passed away on September 12th, 2001.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year & Relationship to family member being remembered.**

**“Who would you like to pray” for section:**

**Please send me your new updated petitions which will appear in green.**

**Many of you pray for special intentions at Sunday Mass. Please send me those intentions so the entire Parish can pray to the LORD with you.**

**Please pray for Ted and Eva. Roxanne Reed**

**Please pray for my daughter, Lisa Gruebel, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer, Suzanne Cummings.**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

**Christ of the Desert office hours: 760-346-0089**

**Office hours are from 9:30 to 1:30 Monday- Friday. Please call first to be sure Cindy is available. When Cindy is in the office, the office door is locked. Please ring the doorbell “to get her attention”.**

**SUPPORT OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE SMALL BUSINESSES SECTION:**

**If anyone else wants to advertise their business in the Bulletin, send me your information.**

**Thinking about selling your house or condo? Call Crys Mueller at 760 989 8732. I have been with BD Homes for the past 18 years.**

**John Maldonado is a Mortgage Loan Originator with First West Financial, Corp & a member of Christ of the Desert congregation.**

**"Your Home Loan Made Simple" We help you buy your dream home by simplifying the mortgage financing process with personalized loan options that save you time and money. If you need assistance with any type of loan, I am here to help.**

**For every loan that closes, I will make a donation to Christ of the Desert.**

**Contact: John A. Maldonado at** [**jam@firstwestfinancial.com**](mailto:jam@firstwestfinancial.com) **or call 760 636-8266. Mortgage Loan Originator,**

**NMLS #1995783,**[**WWW.firstwestfinancial.com**](http://www.firstwestfinancial.com/)

**Enedina Sutton, a Distributor of Nature Sunshine Products and a long-time parishioner. Has Herbal Supplements, all kinds of Vitamins, ointments, essential Oils, disinfectant products and much more. I do the business from home. I can be reached at**[**760-345-3754**](tel:760-345-3754)**. I live in Sun City Palm Desert community.**

**Invented by NASA engineers, used on astronauts returning from space to rebuild muscle, bone and heal wounds “red light therapy” is now available. I am a new parishioner. Please call or email me: Rom Partyka 805-673-9235 or email at**[**rom1942@msn.com**](mailto:rom1942@msn.com)**for more information or to set up an appointment.**

**Need a good Catholic housekeeper? Call Elvia Pantoja at 760 698 6050. 20 years’ experience in the Indian Wells & Palm Desert area. References provided upon request.**

**ON GOING MESSAGE SECTION:**

**Please continue to consider supporting our community with the following options:**

**Mail your weekly or monthly offering to Christ of the Desert. All our regular mail goes to Sacred Heart so you would need to use that address. Make checks payable to Christ of the Desert.**

**CHRIST OF THE DESERT c/o.**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**[**43-775 DEEP CANYON ROAD, PALM DESERT, CA 92260**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43-775+DEEP+CANYON+ROAD,+PALM+DESERT,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)**.**

**OR**

**Go to your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service. You can set up an automatic payment directly from there. If you have any trouble doing this or don’t have a computer, just call your bank and they can help you.**

**Please make sure that you tell the bank to make the check payable to Christ of the Desert but send the check to Sacred Heart’s address:**

[**43775 Deep Canyon Rd.**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**Palm Desert, CA**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**92260**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)

**Jay Mueller**

**Stay Healthy! Do good work! Keep in touch!!!**

SHC & COD Finance Council Member

SHC & COD Parish Council Member

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC Remembrance Square Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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