## **July 20th, 2025 - Issue #277 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **The Liturgy of the Word ends with “the Apostles’ Creed” or “Nicene Creed” and the Prayers of the Faithful:**

## **The Apostles’ Creed Origin:**

**Biblical scholars do not know who wrote the Apostles’ Creed, nor exactly when it was written. Writing in Greek somewhere around the year 200 C.E.,**[**Irenaeus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irenaeus)**describes a creed that has some similarities to the Apostles' Creed and may have been a precursor. He presented his creed not as something new, but as something the Church had been using for a long time.**

## **Emerging beliefs in the early Church and the Apostles’ Creed:**

**As the Christian Church spread throughout the Roman world in the first century and as the first leaders died out, there was a practical need for local churches to have a basic statement of beliefs. It is likely that some of these churches had some New Testament writings in some form. But none of the churches had all of the New Testament. They needed a standard to judge whether a teaching was truth or heresy.**

**The early Christians also realized that new people didn't have to know everything before they could be baptized and accepted as believers. How much should they know and accept before being admitted into the Church? This was another reason that early Churches wanted a brief statement of what they believed to be most essential.**

**Churches in different cities and regions made their own lists, which had many points in common since all the Churches had traditions tracing back to the apostles in one way or another. The small differences were eventually eliminated as Church leaders discussed and argued these things with one another. It is likely they shared not only the scriptures they had, but also their statements of faith.**

**When, in the fourth century, Christianity became the legal religion of the Roman Empire, this process became easier. Churches throughout the empire agreed on which books should form the New Testament and they agreed on several basic statements of faith. Discussion of the Nicene Creed will appear in the July 28th bulletin.**

## **Development of the Apostles’ Creed:**

**One of the**[**doctrinal**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doctrine)**lists commonly used in the early Church was called the**[**Apostles' Creed**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apostles%27_Creed)**. The word**[**creed**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Creed)**comes from the Latin word, credere, meaning: "to believe". It was called "Apostles" creed not because the apostles themselves wrote it (although some people may have thought this) but because the Creed was believed to be an accurate summary of what the apostles taught.**

**The Creed was useful in several ways:**

* **The Creed was a public statement of faith, a standardized way in which new people could profess their faith in Jesus Christ.**
* **The Creed anchored Christian faith to a tradition, to make it difficult for people or churches to be led astray by strange doctrines.**
* **The Creed was a preaching and teaching tool, giving an outline for further discipleship.**
* **The Creed was memorized through frequent repetition, which helped the many believers who could not read.**

**The Creed provided a doctrinal basis for different churches to accept one another and to reject those who did not accept the basic**

**July Upcoming Events:**

* **July 3rd  is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **July 4th (Friday) is Independence Day.**
* **July 9th NO Bingo night at Sacred Heart.** 
  + **August 13th is Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.**
  + **September 10th is Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **July 12th is the K of C Monthly Drive/Thru CRV (California Refund Value) recycling program at SHC North parking lot. 7:30 to 11:30.**

**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.**

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**Mass Readings:**

* **First Reading –**[**Genesis 18:1-10A**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/abrahams-visitors/)**: The Lord appeared to Abraham, who welcomed three visitors with hospitality. One of them promised that Sarah would have a son within a year.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 15**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/living-justly/)**: Those who live justly, speak truthfully, avoid harm, reject corruption, and act fairly will live with the Lord and never be shaken.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Colossians 1:24-28**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/christ-in-you/)**:  I suffer for you to share Christ’s afflictions and reveal the mystery of Christ in you, our hope of glory.**
* **Gospel –**[**Luke 10:38-42**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/martha-and-mary/)**: Martha, busy with serving, asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Jesus said Mary chose the better part by listening to him, and it won’t be taken from her.**

**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."**

**No Ladies Guild luncheons until September.**

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

**Cindy would like to thank the ladies for the special gifts she received from them. Thank you so much. It was much appreciated and unexpected. ♥**

**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:**

**July 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: $12,337 or 7.48% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 13th was $1725.**

**\*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 JULY: For Formation in Discernment  
Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.**

**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 JULY & 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**

**JULY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Bob Becker has a birthday on July 2nd.**

**Peg Zannotti has a birthday on July 3rd.**

**Carl Hickey has a birthday on July 5th.He will be 89 years old.**

**Jude Jackson has a birthday on July 8th.**

**Kathy Ryan has a birthday on July 22nd.**

**Carrie Clay has a birthday on July 24th.**

**MaryAnn Riley has a birthday on July 27th,**

**JULY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Michael Brauntz, husband of Rosanne, birthday in heaven is July 12th.**

**Elise Junga, Mother of Lee Junga, birth day in heaven is July 17th.**

**Arnold Capitanelli’s birthday in heaven is July 28th.**

**JULY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Lou & Karen Latragna – July 19th.**

**JULY REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**John & Carol Evans on July 29th.**

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

**Michael Brauntz/ husband of Rosanne passed away on July 6th 2018.**

**Nathaniel Joseph Palomino, nephew of Jesse Schumaker, passed away on July 11th, 2023.**

**Fred Ray, husband of Chris Ray, passed away on July 16th, 2017.**

**Chris Ray, son of the Chris Ray, passed away on July 30th, 2015.**

**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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