**Everyone:**

**Sad news to report:**

**On Friday April 7th Jackie Capitanelli passed away. On January 5th, 2023, the following article was published honoring Jackie for her contributions to our community. It is only fitting that we rerun this article for all to know what a wonderful person she was.**

**Brief message from Anne Marie Capitanelli:**

**Hi Jay**

**Thank you so much for sharing my mom’s passing at Easter mass. It was beautiful to be in the community that both my parents had dearly loved. I had written these thoughts this morning and had thought during mass how could I share it with everyone. If you feel led to do so, please feel free to add this to next week’s bulletin.**

**“Easter Sunday and memories of all the celebrations in the garden at our little Christ of the Desert church are flooding my heart. Dad coordinating and singing his music, mom sitting front and center raising her hands in praise and way back when, Grandma Cap belting out the Ave Maria well into her 90s! So much love to hold dear today. Not entirely sure I will make it through the whole service , but I will give it my best (certainly with mom and dad on my shoulders) to be with our sacred community where we shared so much love, support and most importantly found lifelong friends.**

**My Easter wish to all to celebrate your family and friendships wherever they may be on this Holy Day of Resurrection.”**

**Below are thoughts from Anne Marie Capitanelli about her Mother Jackie Capitanelli, first published on January 5th, 2023.**

**Giacomina “Jackie” Capitanelli is one of the “founding” members of Christ of the Desert church. Together with her husband Arnold and several other parishioners, they initiated not only the renovation of a broken-down apartment building into a welcoming worship center but the warm atmosphere of Christ’s love that has drawn so many to our little chapel.**

**Jackie continually supported the church events with her art of Italian cooking; preparing meals for everything from First Friday prayer dinners to nourishment for our priests with a bowl of spaghetti and meatballs. Rarely a holiday celebration went by without an impromptu invitation to any and all who were looking for a place to call home.**

**Back in the day when Pathfinder retreats were a part of the church’s programs, Jackie was a group leader and integral part of the core team. She did not hesitate to share her life’s challenges in hopes it would help someone find their faith and courage when facing trials of their own.**

**Jackie’s uninhibited enthusiasm of praise during mass (of course from her usual seat front and center of the altar) has long been an emphasis of encouragement for others to release their passion for God. Jackie’s heart continues to be her prayer life. At the ripe age of 92, she continues to focus her prayers on all her family; birth and church family alike.  Not a day goes by without her lifting up those who seek the blessings of our Lord’s healing touch.**

**Of course, this barely scratches the surface over the last 40 years. As the wife of the church’s music minister – Arnold and Jackie ate, drank, and sang their daily tireless devotion to all that is Christ of the Desert.**

**Although Jackie has not been in regular attendance since Covid, her love for the Christ of the Desert community is engraved into her soul.**

**Thank you Anne Marie for sharing your thoughts about your Mother and our friend Jackie on her contributions to our wonderful community. May she rest in Peace.  AMEN!!!!**

**Jackie’s Celebration of Life will be at Palm Valley Country Club 39205 Palm Valley Dr, Palm Desert, CA 92211 on Wednesday, April 26th at 11:00 am for those that would like to attend.**

**FINAL DDF RESULTS FOR 2023: $20,888. GOAL WAS $11,500. $9,388 WILL BE RETIRNED TO US WITH NO DIOCESAN TAXATION.**

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ROJAS:**

**Greetings and Happy Easter!**

**Bishop Rojas will be celebrating the first ever Diocesan Earth Day Mass on Saturday, April 22 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Beaumont at 4:30. The Catholic faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend.**

**Border Compassion Mother's Day Celebration, May 10, 2023**  
**Help us to honor and gift each mother living in the shelter.**

**The goal is to provide 200 wallets with $50 in each! “faith communities” from all over the valley are participating in the program.**

**You are invited to donate a wallet or make a cash donation. Bring wallets and donations to  
Christ of the Desert. Sisters Phyllis and Geneva are coordinating the collection on April 16, 23 or 30th.**

**The mission of Border Compassion is to invite faith-communities to Cross-Over at  
the border to offer a compassionate humanitarian response to families living at  
the Posada del Migrante Shelter, which houses up to 300 people.**

**Border Compassion is a non-profit, faith-based, grassroots effort to respond  
to the needs of families who have migrated to the border crossing at Calexico,  
CA and Mexicali, Mexico.**

**These asylum seekers left their homes to escape violence, poverty and climate disasters.  
Make checks payable to: Border Compassion or donate via PayPal:**

[**www.border-compassion.org**](http://www.border-compassion.org)

**43376 Cook Street, Unit 10, Palm Desert, CA 92211  
Border Compassion is a non-profit 501c3, Tax id 94-1605666**

### **APRIL 16th ,2023**

### **Themes for Divine Mercy (The 2nd Sunday of Easter):**

The readings for Divine Mercy Sunday (the 2nd Sunday of Easter) help us reflect on the boundless mercy of God.

The first reading tells how the early Christian community lived in peace, sharing with each other.

The psalm reminds us that God’s love is eternal.

The second reading speaks of having faith in the resurrection.

And in the gospel Jesus shows mercy to Thomas, even in his doubts

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER) READINGS:**

* **First Reading** – [Acts 2:42-47](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=484&rp=5404): In the early Christian community in Jerusalem, believers were united in heart and mind, shared all their possessions, and devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer. As a result, many signs and wonders were done, and the community grew in number and favor.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 118](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=485&rp=5404): This psalm expresses gratitude to the LORD for his enduring mercy and love. The psalmist recounts how the LORD saved him from distress and how the rejected stone became the cornerstone, inviting all to rejoice in the day the LORD has made.
* **Second Reading** – [1 Peter 1:3-9](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=486&rp=5404): The apostle Peter speaks of the hope and salvation that believers in Jesus Christ have, which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. He encourages the readers to endure trials because their faith will be refined and ultimately lead to the praise, glory, and honor of Christ.
* **Gospel** – [John 20:19-31](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=480&rp=5404): Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection, and shows them his wounds. Thomas, one of the disciples, doubts their testimony until Jesus appears to him and invites him to touch his wounds, after which Thomas proclaims him as Lord and God.

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

**APRIL ACTIVITIES:**

* **April 6th was the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **April 12th was the monthly (Wednesday) “Christ of the Desert Ladies luncheon” at 11:30.**
* **April 15th Knights of Columbus Recycling collections at 7:30 – 11:30 at SHC. Cans, plastic bottles & glass bottles. No wine bottles!!**
* **May 21st Annual Spring Collection benefiting the following ministries;** 
  + **Catholic Relief Services**
  + **Catholic Communications Campaign**
  + **Peter’s Pence**
  + **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

**NEW SECTION: MEDIA MINISTRY:**

**The Chosen.**

**If you haven’t heard about this program, here’s a nudge. The Chosen is a seven season, eight-episode docu-drama of Christ’s public life. It is completely faithful to the accounts of Christ’s ministry as told in the Holy Gospels. The producers then go a step further and develop the many characters encountered in the first century. The Apostles and disciples,the Scribes and Pharisees, the Romans and the 5000. Of course, most of this is conjured up but does have a strong ring of plausibility. Of course, we all know the Jesus was to beings in one person, totally Divine and totally human. The appeal of The Chosen is in its portrayal of the humanity of Jesus. It is impossible to come away without an entirely new understanding of the life of Christ and the power of His Word.**

**The first two seasons are available on Netflix. Season three, just completed last month, is only available on The Chosen app and is entirely free. Just download the app from Apple or Android.**

**You can watch on your phone or tablet or you can get a grandchild to show you how to throw it to your TV and you’ll be all set to “Binge Jesus.”**

**Hallow.**

**This is the most used Catholic prayer and meditation site on the web. The content is incredibly rich. From the app, you can access the “Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz,” follow**

**him in the “Catechism in a Year” and find dozens of ways to enhance your spiritual life.**

**Pray the Rosary with Cardinal Timothy Dolan and listening to the weekly homily with Bishop Barron. Great site. Download the app and get with it.**

**Coming to a theater near you. “His Only Son.” The story of Abraham and Isaac. Be on the lookout.**

**Who is saying Mass at Christ of the Desert Chapel:**

* **April 16th: Father Tripp**
* **April 23rd: Father Connole**
* **April 30th: Father Connole**
* **May 7th: Father Connole**
* **May 14th: Father Connole**
* **May 21st: Father Elder**
* **May 28th: Father Connole**

**PARISHIONEER RECOGNITION SECTION: New write up in next week’s Bulletin**

**Christ of the Desert Women’s Guild:**

**The next gathering will be in the fall. Date TBA.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR APRIL: FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE:**  
**We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.**

**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.**

**FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program next distribution was, Thursday, April 6th at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 15,500 pounds of food.**
  + **Our family count is 21. God is helping us to reach out to those in need.**
  + **We need volunteers to assist with this program. See Jay or Cindy, if you wish to help us.**
    - **1 hour each month on the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30.**

**WEEKLY MASS UPDATE:**

**April 9th – Easter Sunday Mass we had 215 people. Capacity is 185. SRO in the Chapel & 20 worshipers in the Courtyard.**

**April 7th – Good Friday- Stations of the Cross. No Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 54 people.**

**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 April & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**APRIL BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Bob Ruehl had a birthday on April 3rd.**

**Betty Schultz has a birthday on April 17th.**

**Joyce Sosebee has a birthday on April 18th.**

**Jim LaBaugh has a birthday on April 18th**

**Carol Anderson has a birthday on April 21st.**

**Dave Bannon has a birthday on April 30th.**

**NEW SECTION: APRIL BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Jamie Rogers – April 3rd, Brother of Crys Mueller.**

**APRIL HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Carl & Lois Hickey – April 17th.**

**Jan & Patrick McCoy – April 30th ,1966.**

**NEW SECTION: APRIL REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**JoAnn & Daniel Pepper – April 29th,1958**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Daniel Pepper, husband of JoAnn, passed away on April 22nd, 2018.**

**John Schumaker, son of Jesse Schumaker, passed away on April 30, 2017.**

**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 have returned to Mass on Sunday and pray for special intentions there. Please send me those intentions so the entire Parish can pray to the LORD with you.**

**Please pray for Jimmy Rogers, my father in law & Crys’ dad, that God answers his pray. J & Crys Mueller**

**Please pray for Bob who is Eisenhower for tests to determine and cure his current health issues.  Joanne Dellovo**

**The Parish prays for the following parishioners:**

**Marie, Joyce Olsen, Peggy Jones, Jim Carlo & John & Carol Lee Evans & Carmen Migliaccio.**

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

**PAVER ORDERS:**

**Pavers can still be purchased. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. I have the tools to do the install myself now. Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!**

**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”.**

**REMINDER SECTION:**

**APRIL HAS 5 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

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

**Those that send in the monetary support monthly & weekly, please continue.**

**Those that give at Mass, we need your continued support.**

**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.**

**We have done great this past year but remember this is an ongoing process. Thanks for your continued generosity.**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE SECTION:**

**THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR JULY 1,2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023 IS NOW $135,000\*.**

**\*MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENT FOR ESTIMATED HIGHER ENERGY COSTS.**

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

        **Our Monthly expenses are $11,250 or $33,750 per quarter. $135,000 annually.**

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

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $144,579. 107.1% of new annual budget.**

**Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass collection plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard.**

* **Total 1st quarter collections were: $40,172.**
* **Total 2nd  quarter collections were: $36,854.**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections to date are: $51,288.**
* **Total 4th quarter collections: $16,265.**
* **April collections: $16,265.**
* **May collections: $TBD.**
* **June collections are: $TBD.**

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

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

**Postal Connection (**[**760-568-3471**](tel:760-568-3471)**) owned and operated by one of our parishioners, Helene Shaunty. They are located (Near CVS Pharmacy) at 74923 Hwy 111 in Indian Wells. They are open and are considered an essential business doing mail and shipping, as well as Notary Services. They are a small business and have been greatly impacted by the quarantine.....so they would appreciate any and all of your business**.

**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.**

**Thinking about selling your house or condo? Call Crys Mueller at 760 989 8732. I have been with BD Homes for the past 15 years.**

**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.**

**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.  Palm Desert, CA  92260**

**God Bless,**

**J.**

**May Special Events:**

**The Spring Combined Collection will take place on May 14th and 15th, 2022. Information is being mailed directly to those Catholic households who donated last year; however, we ask that you join in this effort and reach out by coordinating an in-pew solicitation in your parish. The four worthy ministries that benefit are: Catholic Relief Services,** [**Catholic Communication Campaign**](http://www.archmil.org/giving/Combined-Collections/CCC.htm)**,** [**Peter’s Pence**](http://www.archmil.org/giving/Combined-Collections/Religious.htm) **&** [**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**](http://www.archmil.org/giving/Combined-Collections/CCHD.htm)

**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 Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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