**Everyone:**

**Easter Sunday: CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!!!**

"**Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life**."

**Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.**

**Easter is a time when God turned the inevitability of death into the invincibility of life." "He is risen."**

### **APRIL 9th ,2023**

### **Themes for Easter Sunday:**

The Easter readings focus on the goodness, power, and saving work of God throughout history, culminating in the ultimate victory of Jesus over sin and death through his Resurrection. They also emphasize the importance of faith and trust in God, dying to sin and being raised to new life through baptism, and seeking heavenly things rather than earthly ones.

* **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ:**  The central event of the Christian faith, the Resurrection of Jesus, which brings hope of new life and triumph over death.
* **Death is not the final word:**The Resurrection of Jesus assures us that death does not have the final say, and that new life is possible.
* **God never abandons us:**Even in the midst of suffering and death, God remains with us and offers us hope and comfort.
* **New life from death:**Through Jesus’ Resurrection, new life is possible, even in the face of death and despair.
* **How Easter must change our hearts:** Easter challenges us to let go of sin and selfishness, and to embrace the new life and hope that Jesus offers.

**EASTER SUNDAY READINGS:**

**First Reading:** [Acts 10:34a, 37-43](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=472&rp=686): The message of Peter to Cornelius and his household, in which he proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ, his life, teachings, death, and resurrection. Peter affirms that Jesus is the Lord of all, and that those who believe in Him receive forgiveness of sins and new life.

**Responsorial Psalm:** [Psalm 118](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=473&rp=686): A hymn of thanksgiving and praise to God for His goodness, mercy, and power. The passage affirms that God’s right hand has struck with power and that He is exalted above all, and celebrates the fulfillment of God’s plan, especially in the exaltation of the stone that was rejected and its role as the cornerstone.

**Second Reading:**[Colossians 3:1-4](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=474&rp=686) : Christians should focus on the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, and to set their minds on heavenly things rather than earthly things. The passage reminds believers that their lives are hidden with Christ in God and that when Christ appears, they too will appear with Him in glory.

A**lternate Second Reading:** [I Corinthians 5:6b-8](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=475&rp=686): Believers in Corinth must get rid of the old leaven of malice and wickedness and to become a new batch of dough without yeast, as they are truly unleavened. The passage uses the imagery of the Jewish feast of Passover to remind the readers that Christ, their Passover lamb, has been sacrificed, and that they should therefore celebrate the feast with sincerity and truth.

**Gospel**: [John 20:1-9](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=476&rp=686): Mary Magdalene visits Jesus’ tomb on the first day of the week and finds the stone removed from the entrance. She runs to tell Peter and the beloved disciple, who both go to the tomb and find it empty, with the burial cloths lying there. Although they do not understand what has happened, the beloved disciple believes, as he sees and believes, while Peter remains puzzled.

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

**EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE AT CHRIST OF THE DESERT & SACRED HEART CHURCH:**

* + **April 6th – Holy Thursday. No services at Christ of the Desert.**
  + **April 6th- Holy Thursday. Sacred Heart Church. Solemn Masses: 5:30PM & 7:00PM Spanish.** 
    - **8:00PM to 9:00PM Adoration at Altar of Repose.**
  + **April 7th - Good Friday. Stations of the Cross at Christ of the Desert, led by Paulette Quaid, at 12:30. No Mass.**
  + **April 7th – Good Friday - Sacred Heart Church:**
    - **2:00PM – Liturgical Service including Holy Communion.**
    - **6:30PM – Live presentation of the “Way Of The Cross”. (Bilingual)**
  + **April 8th – Holy Saturday – 6:30PM Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church. No Mass at Christ of the Desert.**
  + **April 9th - Easter Sunday at Christ of the Desert. Mass at 9:30. Korean Mass at 11:15.**
  + **April 9th – Easter Sunday Masses at Sacred Heart Church.**
    - **Masses: 6:00AM,8:00AM,9:30AM,11:00AM,12:30PM (Spanish),2:30PM (Latin),5:30PM & 7:00PM (Spanish).**

## **Final Sunday for collecting “food” & Donations for Galilee Center:**

## **We will be collecting food until Easter Sunday (April 9th). Please bring you donation to church on Sunday.**

## **Cash donations are always accepted. If donating by check, please make the check out to “Galilee Center”.**

## **The “Donation basket” will be on the table in the back of the Church.**

## **Suggested items include:**

## **Canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, long-life milk and fruit juice, packaged pudding, canned fish/chicken/meat, tea, coffee, jam and soup/cereal**

## **Thanks, in advance, for your generosity.**

**APRIL ACTIVITIES:**

* **April 6th is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **April 12th is 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**

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

* **April 9th : Easter Sunday: Father Connole**
* **April 16t: Father Tripp**
* **April 23rd: Father Connole**
* **April 30th: 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 on Wednesday, April 12th at 11:30.  The menu will consist of assorted croissant sandwiches with tortellini and Caesar salad with mini strawberry scones for dessert. Cost is a deal at $5 and if you are unable to afford the lunch, please see Crys Mueller or Cindy privately and we will take care of the cost for you. We don’t want anyone to miss out!**

**Cindy will be at the NEW sign up location, after Mass, outside the main entrance to the Chapel starting April 6th.**

**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 2nd  – Sunday Mass we had 178 people. Capacity is 185.**

**March 31st – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 47 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 Ruhl 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.**

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

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

**APRIL HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Carl & Lois Hickey – April 17th.**

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

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

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

**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.**

**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: $134,341. 99.5% 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: $6,027.**
* **April collections: $6,027.**
* **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 East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC & COD Parish Council Member SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC Parish Walk Coordinator

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