## **July 27th, 2025 - Issue #278 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Bill Lee’s funeral service will be on Wednesday, August 6th at 9:30 AM at Christ of the Desert Chapel. We were his family and we hope you can attend.**

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

## **The Nicene Creed Origin:**

**Around 300 A.D. furious debate broke out among Christians, with serious consequences: The cities of the Roman Empire were disturbed by riots and pitched battles between opposing sides;**

**The early ecumenical councils**:

**To quell the turmoil, Emperor Constantine called all the bishops of the world to meet in Nicaea, across the straits from his new capital, Constantinople. In A.D. 325, the first worldwide (ecumenical) council in the Church’s history took place. Presided over by two papal legates (the pope himself remained in Rome), the assembled fathers heard from Arius but later condemned his ideas. (They also condemned Docetism as a heresy.)**

**The Council of Nicaea helped to repair a Christian world riven (split or torn apart) over a single but crucial Greek letter that separated doctrinal truth from heresy: Was the Son of the same substance (*homoousios*) to the Father, or of a similar substance (*homoiousios*)? We hear that truth — *homoousios —* repeated once more today in the revised language of the Creed, that Jesus is “consubstantial” with the Father.**

**In the end, the members of the council drafted a profession of faith in which they affirmed the Church’s belief that Jesus was truly God made man, eternally begotten of the Father and born from the Virgin Mary. The council’s creed stated unequivocally that the Son was of the same substance (*homoousios*) as the Father.**

**This profession began with the words *we believe*, or in Latin, *credimus*, from which we derive our English word *creed*. Thus, this statement from Nicaea is today called the Nicene Creed.**

**Though the Creed we recite today is essentially the same as centuries ago, it has undergone a few modifications. Originally, the Creed concluded simply “and we believe in the Holy Spirit.” The Church’s definitive statement about the divinity and co-equality of the Third Person of the Trinity would not be added until the next ecumenical council at Constantinople in A.D. 381. (Thus, the Creed we pray at Mass is technically named the “Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed.”)**

**At Constantinople, the council fathers added to the Creed that the Spirit is “the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.” You may notice that this differs from what the Creed states today: that the Spirit proceeds from the Father “and the Son.” How did this addition come about?**

**While the Church fathers clearly followed Scripture in identifying the Spirit as “the Spirit of Christ,” the way they expressed the nature of the relation between the persons of the Trinity differed. The Greek fathers, such as St. Athanasius and the Cappadocian fathers (St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzus, and St. Gregory of Nyssa), preferred to say that the Spirit proceeds from the Father *through*the Son. The Latin fathers and writers (Tertullian, St. Hilary of Poitiers, and St. Augustine) tended to say that the Spirit proceeded from the Father *and* the Son (in Latin, *filioque*).**

**In the West, the *filioque* was added to the Creed gradually between the eighth and 11th centuries. The Eastern Churches took exception to this, saying that the Creed should not be changed without the approval of another ecumenical council. The issue remains a point of disagreement between the East and West**

**The essence of our faith:**

**The Nicene Creed is one of the Catholic Church’s most foundational statements of faith and summary of orthodox belief. It expresses the deepest of mysteries, the Holy Trinity.**

**Some have asked why, if the Creed is so central, it does not say anything about the Eucharist, which the Church says is the “source and summit” of our faith? There are a couple of ways to respond.**

**First, while the Eucharist is essential, the *Catechism* teaches that the Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. Reception of the Eucharist brings us into communion with the Trinity.**

**Second, creeds and other statements of faith are written in response to particular challenges of the moment, and in the early fourth century, no one was seriously denying the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is not contained in the Creed precisely because it was uncontroversial!**

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**The Creed communicates the essence of our faith. Its formation was fueled by the love of God, despite periods of debate.**

**The next time you pray the Creed during Mass, imagine faithful Catholics doing battle over an article of faith. Imagine 300 bishops arrayed in the great hall of a Byzantine palace. Imagine the Creed being chanted in Latin and Greek in basilicas and cathedrals for centuries. Imagine the gift of the Trinity that we profess. Maybe it won’t seem so monotonous then!**

**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 18:20-32**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/abraham-pleads-for-sodom/)**: God tells Abraham He will check on Sodom and Gomorrah’s sin. Abraham asks God to spare the city if ten innocent people are found, and God agrees.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 138**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/thanking-the-lord-for-his-help/)**: I thank the Lord for hearing my prayers, giving me strength, and protecting me. His kindness lasts forever, and He will complete His work for me.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Colossians 2:12-14**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/new-life-in-christ-2/)**: In baptism, you were buried and raised with Christ. God forgave your sins, canceled your debt, and made you alive with Christ.**
* **Gospel –**[**Luke 11:1-13**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-instructs-on-prayer/)**: Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray and emphasizes persistence in prayer, assuring them that God will answer. He highlights God’s readiness to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask.**

**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.**

**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: $18,896.00 or 11.45% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 20th was $1,534.**

**\*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 Remembrance Square Coordinator

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

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator CELL NUMBER 760-777-3745