**It’s that time of year that we are saying good bye and safe travels to our “snowbird” parishioners. See you next Fall. Drop us a note telling us what’s going on back home. You will be missed.**

**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!!**

**Border Compassion 2nd Annual Mother's Day Celebration, May 10, 2024 in Mexicali, Mexico.**  
**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 on “behalf of your mother”. Bring wallets and donations (Make checks payable to Border Compassion (memo area Mother’s Day Wallets) to Christ of the Desert.**

**Sisters Phyllis and Geneva are coordinating the collection starting on April 28th & May 5th.They will be available each Sunday, after Mass, at the entrance to the Chapel to accept your donation and answer any questions you might have about this wonderful program.**

**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 (memo area Mother’s Day Wallets) or donate on line** [**https://border-compassion.org**](https://border-compassion.org)**.**

**For information, contact Suzanne Jabro (**[**sjabro@csjla.org**](mailto:sjabro@csjla.org)**) or Damaris Molina (**[**dmolina@csjorange.org**](mailto:dmolina@csjorange.org)**).**

**43376 Cook Street, Unit 10, Palm Desert, CA 92211 (**[**www.border-compassion.org**](http://www.border-compassion.org)**)**

**Border Compassion is a non-profit 501c3, Tax id 94-1605666.**

**ATTENTION: Next Ladies Guild Members luncheon is May 8th:**

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

The next gathering will be on Wednesday, May 8th at 11:30. Menu: Build your own ground Turkey Tostada! With all the trimmings!!

Margarita cake for dessert. Cost is $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 taking signups starting April 21st, after Mass. You can also make a reservation by calling the office (760-346-0089) or emailing Cindy at [chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com](mailto:chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com)

**May 5th is the Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary at the start of 9:30 Mass.**

**“May Crowning” is a catholic devotion that occurs in the month of May, recognizing Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. The act of crowning is attributing a queen symbol to Mary, the Mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. “We entrust all our intentions to her, and she takes them to her Son, who is King”.**

Powerful Prayer to the Holy Spirit sent to me from one of our winter parishioners Kathy Stambaugh.

“You who solve all problems, who lights all roads so that I can achieve my goals. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm that I never want to be separated from you, even and in spite of all my material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine”. Amen!!!

**MAY Upcoming Events:**

* **May 2nd - Thursday FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **May 5th - Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary at the start of 9:30 Mass.**
* **May 8th - Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon at 11:30.**
* **May 11th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program & wine bottles. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **May 12th – Mother’s Day**
  + **Solemnity of the Ascension. The Solemnity replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter.**
* **May 19th, 2024 - The Spring Combined Collection**
* **May 27th is Memorial Day.**

**In 2024 the following will be observed as Holy Days of Obligation:**

* **Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Solemnity of the Ascension. The Solemnity replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter.**
* **Thursday, August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
* **Friday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints**
* **Please Note: In 2024, December 8 occurs on a Sunday and will be observed in the Roman Calendar as the Second Sunday of Advent. The liturgical observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9, 2024. However, the obligation to participate in Mass for the Immaculate Conception is not transferred.**
* **Wednesday, December 25 – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**
* **Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

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

**April 28, 2024**

**5th Sunday of Easter.**

**My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, “Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you.”**

**I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week’s Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, “He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit” (John 15:2) I don’t mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I’d wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God’s love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn’t it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it’s not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.**

**The cross is the great pruning of Christ’s body. Jesus’ rising is the brand-new growth. It is God’s promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.**

*— Father John Muir*

**April 28th – 5th Sunday of Easter.**

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter remind us of our dependence on God and each other.

In the gospel Jesus explains that he is the vine and we must depend on him. The second reading also echoes this teaching.

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter touch on several interconnected themes that are central to understanding and living out the Christian faith.

**Mass Readings for** **5th Sunday of Easter.**

* **First Reading** - [Acts 9:26-31](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/sauls-acceptance-and-churchs-growth/): Initially distrusted, Saul joins the Jerusalem disciples through Barnabas's support, speaking boldly about Jesus. Despite threats, he's safely sent to Tarsus. The church then experiences peaceful growth, strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.
* **Responsorial Psalm** - [Psalm 22](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/praising-god-among-nations/): In the presence of the faithful, I will fulfill my vows and praise the Lord. All nations will turn to Him, and future generations will hear of His righteousness.
* **Second Reading** - [1 John 3:18-24](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/live-in-love-and-truth/): We're called to express love in actions and truth, not just words. A clear conscience gives us confidence before God. Obeying His commandments to believe in Jesus and love one another assures us of God's indwelling Spirit.
* **Gospel**-[John 15:1-8](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-the-true-vine/): Jesus described himself as the true vine and his Father as the gardener. Branches not bearing fruit are removed, while fruitful ones are pruned for more yield. He emphasized staying connected to him, akin to branches on a vine, as the key to bearing fruit. Without him, nothing can be achieved. Unfruitful branches are discarded. Fruitfulness in believers brings glory to God and proves discipleship.

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

**The Spring Combined Collection will take place on May 19th, 2024.**

* **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)

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**MAY 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: $156,782 or 116.1% of annual budget. Last week’s collection was: $7,851\*.**

**\*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 $11,250 per month or $33,750 per quarter. $135,000 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 MAY: For the formation of religious and seminarians**.  
**We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to 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 MAY & 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.**

**APRIL BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Bob Ruehl - April 3rd.**

**Mary Lindstrom – April 3rd.**

**Louise McCall - April 7th**

**Betty Schultz - April 17th.**

**Joyce Sosebee - April 18th.**

**Jim LaBaugh – April 18th.**

**Bob Smith – April 20th.**

**Carol Anderson – April 21st**

**Howard Lincoln – April 23rd.**

**Dan Smith – April 29th.**

**Dave Bannon – April 30th.**

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

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

**Max Gregory Sosebee - April 16th, son of Joyce Sosebee**.

**APRIL HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Carl & Lois Hickey – April 17th.**

**Jan & Patrick McCoy – April 30th.**

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

**Christine Smith, mother of Daria Smith, passed away on April 1st.**

**Larry Bean, husband of Louella, passed away on April 13th.**

**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**

**MAY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Cathy Oliaro has a birthday on May 5th.**

**Anne Marie Capitanelli has a birthday on May 9th.**

**Margaret Abbott has a birthday on May 9th.**

**Sharon McCoy has a birthday on May 12th.**

**Margaret Abbott has a birthday (we think) on May 16th.**

**Shirley Wilburn has a birthday on May 19th.**

**Hank Omelchenko has a birthday on May 20th**

**Karen Latragna has a birthday on May 22nd.**

**Jimmie Rogers has a birthday on May 30th. He will be 100.**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Steve Dorniak – May 7th, Father of Mary Anne Dorniak.**

**Jack Parlapiano – May 7th, Father of Margaret McKenzie.**

**Donald Junga – May 10th, Father of Lee Junga.**

**Bill Mueller – May 17th, Father of Jay Mueller.**

**Michael Brauntz – May 24th. Wife of Roseanne Brauntz.**

**Nellie Maldonado – May 30th. Mother of John Maldonado.**

**Jim Grand’s Grand Mother – May 31st**

**MAY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Ginny & Wes Wright – May 29th ,1969.**

**MAY REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Steve & Frances Dorniak – May 27th. Parents of Maryanne Dorniak**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Stanford Johnson, husband of Rosanne, passed away on May 11th, 1998.**

**Norm Walbridge, husband of Betty, passed away May 18th , 1998.**

**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.**

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

**Carol Lee Evans.**

**Would you please add prayers for my friends Arnie, Ted, Karen and Mira!!! Thank you, Roxanne**

Please add prayers for my High School classmate who recently had a stroke leaving her paralyzed on her left side? Dolores Kent

**Please continue to prayer for Carrie Clay as she recovers from a broken knee cap and is suffering from a slow healing process.**

**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”.**

**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 15 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.**

**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**

**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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