**NEWS FLASH:**

**We have now have 190 missals available for use during Mass. This is all do to a “Parish Family” who wish to remain anonymous. We all thank you for enabling us to follow the Mass with Father Connole.**

## **Prayer of Peace and Comfort in God’s Love:  A prayer based on Psalm 23**

**Heavenly Father, You are my shepherd, and I am your beloved sheep. You guide me through the ups and downs of life, and I trust in your loving care.**

**You provide for me in every way. You quench my thirst with your living water, and you restore my soul when I am weary.**

**When I encounter problems in life, I do not fear, for you are with me. You provide comfort and protection, and your presence brings me peace.**

**When I am facing difficulties, you provide solutions for me. You bless me and draw me closer to you.**

**Thank you for your unfailing love and faithfulness. May I continue to follow you all the days of my life, and may your name be praised forevermore. Amen.**

**OUR 2024 DDF GOAL WAS $12,200. To date, we have collected $20,010. We are #1 again!!!**

**Thanks for everyone’s commitment in meeting our DDF goal for 2024.**

* **Last year we collected $20,746.**

**REMINDER:**

* **You can always donate at any time. Any Sunday (basket will be in the back of the church) or dropping off your donation during the week in the slot in the door on #4 office or sending in your donation until the end of March.**

**Our mailing address is “Christ of the Desert”: 43775 Deep Canyon Rd.  Palm Desert, CA  92260**

**ATTENTION: Next Ladies Guild Members luncheon is April 10th:**

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

**The next gathering will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 11:30. 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 March 24th, after Mass. You can also make a reservation by calling the office (760-346-0089) or emailing Cindy at** **chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com**

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

* + **March 24th - Palm Sunday. Christ of the Desert: Mass at 9:30. Korean Mass at 11:15.**
	+ **March 24th – Palm 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).**
	+ **March 28th – Holy Thursday. No services at Christ of the Desert.**
	+ **March 28th- Holy Thursday. Sacred Heart Church. Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 6:00PM.**
		- **Adoration at Altar of Repose following 6:00PM Mass.**
		- **No 7:45 AM Mass on Holy Thursday.**
	+ **March 29th - Good Friday. Stations of the Cross at Christ of the Desert, led by Paulette Quaid, at 12:30. No Healing Mass.**
	+ **March 29th – Good Friday - Sacred Heart Church:**
		- **No 7:45AM Mass.**
		- **2:00PM – Liturgical Service including Unveiling & Veneration of the Holy Cross & Holy Communion.**
		- **6:30PM – Live presentation of the “Way Of The Cross”. (Bilingual) in the Salta Center Gym.**
	+ **March 30th – Holy Saturday – 8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church (Bilingual).**
		- **No 7:45AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church.**
		- **No Easter Vigil Mass at Christ of the Desert.**
	+ **March 31st - Easter Sunday at Christ of the Desert. Mass at 9:30. Korean Mass at 11:15.**
	+ **March 31st – 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).**

**March Upcoming Events:**

* **March 7th was the Thursday FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **March 9th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **March 10th  was Day Light Saving Time. Change you clocks before going to bed. Spring forward.**
* **March 13th was the Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon.**
* **March 14th was Christ of the Desert’s Quarterly Finance Council meeting.**
* **March 17th is St. Patrick’s day.**
* **March 20th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00PM in the Salta Center.**
* **March 31st is Easter Sunday.**
* **April 15th the Tax Man Cometh. Taxes are due.**

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

**March 17th, 2024**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

**A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. “Please forgive me,” I asked, “but you seem to be smiling as you share this.” She said, “Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I’m smiling because I just can’t wait to see what good things God does with this mess.” She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.**

**This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus’ earthly ministry. It’s at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, “Father, glorify your name!” John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.**

**Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: “Father, glorify Your name in all these things!” Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.**

*— Father John Muir*

### March 17th – 5th Sunday of Lent.

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent focus on God's covenant with us, even though we are often unfaithful.

The first reading speaks of a new covenant.

The second reading speaks of the obedience of Jesus Christ brought about our salvation.

And in the gospel Jesus foretells his death and explains that those who follow him will find eternal life.

The Mass readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent revolve around several interconnected themes that highlight the transformative nature of faith, the fulfillment of God's promises, and the path to eternal life through sacrifice and obedience. Here are the main themes:

### Mass Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent.

* **First Reading**- [Jeremiah 31:31-34](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/new-covenant-promised/): God promises a new covenant with Israel and Judah, different from the old. He will write His laws in their hearts, be their God, and they, His people. All will know Him and be forgiven.
* **Responsorial Psalm** - [Psalm 51](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/prayer-for-renewal-2/): I ask God for mercy and cleansing from my sins. May He create a pure heart in me, not casting me away, and restore the joy of salvation to guide others.
* **Second Reading**- [Hebrews 5:7-9](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-prayer-and-obedience/): Jesus Christ, during His time on earth, earnestly prayed to the Father, and was heard for His deep reverence. Through suffering, He learned obedience, becoming the source of eternal salvation for His followers.
* **Gospel** -[John 12:20-33](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-speaks-of-his-death/): When some Greeks sought Jesus during Passover, He spoke of His impending death, likening it to a grain of wheat that must die to produce many seeds. He emphasized self-denial for eternal life and the honor given to those who serve Him. Jesus, troubled, chose to glorify God's name over seeking rescue. A divine voice affirmed this, leading to varied interpretations among the crowd. Jesus explained His crucifixion would judge the world and draw all to Himself, revealing the nature of His death.

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

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

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

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

**Total monies collected to date: $122,751 or 90.9% of annual budget. Last week collected $3,243\*.**

**\*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 MARCH: For the new martyrs.**

**We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.**

**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 MARCH & 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.**

**MARCH BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Tiara McCoy has a birthday on March 8th.**

**Saint Patrick has a birthday on March 17th, born in 492.**

**Bonnie Morrisroe has a birthday on March 18th.**

**Helene Shaunty has a birthday on March 28th.**

**Father Marlin Connole has a birthday on March 28th.**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Daniel Pepper – March 7, 1934, Husband of JoAnn Pepper.**

**Joe Lehane – March 1st,1950. Husband of Lynn Lehane.**

**MARCH HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**George & Betty Schultz – March 20th.**

**Jim Grand & Stephen Spurge – March 23rd.**

**Jim & Anne Tufo – March 25th. 52nd anniversary.**

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

**Joan Warner, twin sister of Jean LaBough, passed away on March 4th.**

**Dottie DeWeese, mother of Paulette Quaid, passed away on March 12th, 2011.**

**Steve Lester’s wife, Noralyn, passed away on March 22nd, 1988.**

**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:**

**Pat Martin longtime President of SHC Parish Council & friend of Jay Mueller.**

**Carol Lee Evans.**

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

**Please pray for Lois Hickey who recently fell and broke her hip. Jay Mueller & the entire community**

**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** **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****. 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****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 Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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