**Everyone:**

**Ramblings from Jay: Seeing everyone on Sunday was a special reminder that “absence” made me truly appreciate those of you that Crys and I worship with every Sunday. Although attendance was down on Sunday, it was great to share our trip memories with our spiritual friends and share memories of their similar trips. As I have said before, producing the “bulletin” at sea was challenging but being able look out on the vast ocean expanse, each Thursday, enabled me to realize how small each of us are and how big the LORD’s love is for us.**

**We have gotten approval to install the new windows. We are waiting for a start date, from the vendor, and hoping the work will be completed by the end of September. It all depends on the manufacturer and product availability.**

**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.**

**Father Marlin will be away this weekend. Below is the schedule of Priests saying mass in his absence.**

**Aug. 12th - Friday Healing Mass - Father Alwin Anfone**

**Aug. 14th - Sunday Mass - Father David Fitzgerald**

## THIS SUNDAY’S THOUGHTS:

### Themes for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The readings for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time tell us that discipleship can cause division and that we will have people pulling us in different directions. In the first reading Jeremiah is thrown in a cistern for speaking the truth, but finally a court official speaks up for him. In the second reading Paul reminds us of all of the opposition Jesus endured. In the gospel Jesus tells us that he has come up to disrupt our lives and shake us out of complacency.**

* **Relationships which support us in faith**
* **Authenticity**
* **Peer pressure**

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

**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.**

**August Special Events:**

**UPDATE ON OUR MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM:**

**FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program was on Thursday morning August 4th at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 6,150 pounds of food.**
	+ **Our family count is now 18. 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.**

**WEEKLY REMINDER:**

 **August 7th – Mass (at 9:30) we had 49 people.**

**August 5th – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 35 people.**

 **CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**In addition to the Birthday section, we are adding Wedding Anniversary and Remembrance sections. 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 AUGUST YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**AUGUST BITHDAY SECTION:**

**Jay Mueller had a great birthday on August 8th.**

**Diane Silvas has a birthday on August 12th.**

**Sister Phyllis has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Sister Geneva has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Jean LaBaugh has a birthday on August 28th.**

**Jack Gurr has a birthday on August 28th.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

**AUGUST HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Dave & Connie Bannon will celebrate their anniversary on August 17th.**

**Bob & Joanne Dellovo will celebrate their 55th anniversary on August 20th.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

**AUGUST REMEMBRANCE SECTION:**

**No one has submitted a remembrance reminder???**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

**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:**

**Cindy will be out of the office from August 11th through the 16th .**

**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”.**

 **CINDY HAYWARD REMINDER SECTION:AUGUST HAS 4 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, please continue.**

**Those that send in money weekly, please continue.**

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

        **See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving.**

         **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 $115,000.**

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

        **Our Monthly expenses are now $9,583 or $28,750 per quarter.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $12,146.**

        **Total 1st quarter collections to date: $14,779.**

* **July collections were: $12,146**
* **August collections are: $2,633**
* **September collections are:**

        **Total 2nd quarter collections: TBD**

        **Total 3rd quarter collections: TBD**

        **Total 4th quarter collections: TBD**

**“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 my cousin, Kevin, who has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and for my very good friends, Jerry and Len. Jerry is transitioning now and his husband, Len has ALS that is getting worse quickly. Also please pray for John. Cindy**

 **THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

 **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****) 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****. I live in Sun City Palm Desert community.**

**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.**

**“All Drives of the Desert”, Golf Cart Maintenance-to-Customization, Superior Workmanship at a Competitive Price. Call John A. Maldonado 760 636-8266.**

**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.**

**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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