**Everyone:**

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR OUR PRIESTS:**

**Every year we have a special Christmas collection for the priests who provide spiritual direction every Sunday to our community. This year we are collecting your gift outside the church after Mass. John Evans will be collecting on Sunday December 4th & 11th. We will give your monetary gifts to Fathers Connole, Fitzgerald & Thorne on Sunday December 18th before Mass. Cash is always acceptable,. However, if you want to designate your present to a particular priest, please make the check out to that priest not Christ of the Desert. Thank you in advance for your generosity as our way of thanking them for what they do for us throughout the year.**

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

**December 4th:  Father Connole**

**December 11th: Father Connole**

**December 18th: Father Connole**

**December 24th: Father Connole at 5:00PM Christmas Eve Mass.**

**December 25th: Father Connole at 9:30AM Christmas Day Mass**

## **Christ of the Desert will be collecting donations for Galilee Center throughout the holiday season.**

## **Galilee Center is a non-profit organization working out of Mecca whose mission is to fulfill the needs of the underprivileged and disadvantaged by providing food, clothing, and other basic needs and affirm their dignity with love, compassion and respect.**

## **We will be collecting food, toys and new/slightly used clothing until the December 18th. If you have a large load, please make arrangements with Cindy to bring them to the church office.**

## **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, soup/cereal, sweets for the holidays. Also, included are toiletries such as deodorant, shaving supplies, toothbrushes and paste, shampoo and soaps.**

## **Please include toys for children of all ages and don’t forget the teens.**

## **Thanks so much for your generosity. We had a terrific collection last year; let’s outdo it this year!**

**“Gifted & Called Section:** **For those of you in our LGBT community and friends and family of that community, please be aware there is a group, “Gifted and Called” that meets and has events in Palm Springs. They are a ministry that serves Catholics in the Diocese of San Bernardino who are seeking faith and spiritual support, accompaniment, and Catholic resources concerning Lesbian and Gay issues. They are affiliated with Our Lady of Guadalupe in Palm Springs on El Segundo. We will be noting some of their meetings and events for those that would like to participate in future bulletins.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN!!!**

**Pope Francis is inviting everyone to pray for the millions of children who are suffering around the world, especially for those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war.**

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

**No luncheon in December. Next meeting is in January. TBD**

### **Mass Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday:**

**The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Advent help us consider the signs of our salvation. In the first reading we foresee a land where our king rules in justice. In the second reading we are encouraged to be patient. In the gospel Jesus tells us we must look at what we see before us and decide what we believe.**

**First Reading** – [**Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=306&rp=3706)**: “Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.**

**Responsorial Psalm** – [**Psalm 146**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=210&rp=3697)**: “Lord, come and save us.”**

**Second Reading** –  **[James 5:7-10](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=308&rp=3706): “See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains**.**”**

**Gospel** **–**  **[Matthew 11:2-11](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=309&rp=3706): “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”**

**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.**

**December Special Events:**

* **Christmas Luncheon was on December 4th after 9:30 Mass at Desert Willow Golf Resort.**
* **December 1st was FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **December 8th, Holy Day of obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
* **“The Spirituality of Imperfection”, retreat by Father David Fitzgerald is on December 10th.**

## **Christ of the Desert will be collecting donations for Galilee Center until December 18th.**

## **December 25th is Christmas day.**

## **December 31st is New Year’s Eve.**

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

**FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program was held on November 3rd at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 11,200 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:**

 **December 4th – Mass (at 9:30) we had 135 people. Capacity is 185.**

**December 2nd – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 39 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 DECEMBER YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**DECEMBER BITHDAY SECTION:**

**Loretta Schutten had a birthday on December 6th.**

**Lee Marie Junga had a birthday on December 8th.**

**Jo Falk has a birthday on December 11th.**

**Germaine Thompson has a birthday on December 12th.**

**Jim Grand has a birthday on December 15th.**

**Jackie Capitanelli has a birthday on December 16th. She will be 91 years young.**

**Jesse Schumaker has a birthday on December 20th.**

**Joyce McIntyre has a birthday on December 21st.**

**Chris Anderson has a birthday on December 25th.**

**JoAnn Pepper has a birthday on December 26th.**

**DECEMBER HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**No names submitted**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Michael Brauntz, Roseanne’s husband passed away on December 8th. No year provided**

**Lesile Zannotti passed away on December 23rd, 2013.**

**Mary Mueller, Jay’ Mueller’s mother, passed away on December 31st, 2005.**

**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:**

**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:**

**DECEMBER 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 $9,583 or $28,749 per quarter.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $68,454. 59.5% of annual budget,**

        **Total 1st quarter collections were: $40,172.**

* **Total 2nd quarter collections are: $28,282.**
* **October collections: $12,253.**
* **November collections: $10,780.**
* **December collections are: $5,249.**

               **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 brother, Bruce, who had surgery and then caught Covid at the rehab facility. Cindy**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul Art Pieretti, Loretta Schutten’s husband. Who passed away November 22, 2022,**

**This request is for the family of our parishioner, Chuck Adams. His nephew, whom he was very close to, has passed away while waiting for a kidney donation. Chuck, his mother, sister and the rest of his family are in need of prayers to get them through this time of sorrow. Cindy.**

**Please pray for Marie. Roxanne**

**Please pray for Joyce Olsen. Marlene Evans.**

**Please pray for Linda Olsen’s sister in law (Penny) as she battles stage 4 cancer.**

**Please pray for Linda Olsen’s brother in law (Larry) as he battles complications from previous brain surgery.**

**Please pray for long time Parishioner, Peggy Jones as she battles cancer.**

**Please pray for Stephen Kent who recently passed away and for Dolores Kent who mourns his passing.**

**Please pray for my cousin, Kevin, who has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Cindy**

**Please pray for my friend Len who has ALS that is getting worse quickly. Cindy**

**Please pray for John & Carol Lee Evans. Entire parish**

 **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.**

**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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