**Everyone:**

**Please keep, in your prayers, the entire Covenant School community as they mourn the loss of 6 members of their family.**

## **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.**

**From Jay’s desk:**

**This issue marks the beginning of the 4th year of “What’s going on at Christ of the Desert” bulletin. What started as a means to keep everyone inform during the pandemic. It has now evolved into all-inclusive informative interactive communications vehicle to keep everyone in the loop as we go about our weekly activities at Christ of the Desert. I have really enjoyed being the editor of the “bulletin”. It has allowed me to be in touch with all of our parishioners each week. The “bulletin” now goes out to more than 350 (we started with 20 parishioners) full time, snowbird and occasional visitor/drop in parishioners.  Thanks to everyone (especially Cindy) for your input for “our” weekly communications.**

## **Christ of the Desert will be collecting “food” donations for Galilee Center throughout the Lenten season.**

## **We will be collecting food until Easter Sunday (April 9th). Please bring you donation to church on any Sunday or make arrangements with Cindy to bring food to the church office.**

## **Cash donations are always accepted. If donating by check, please make the check out to “Galilee Center”.**

## **The “Donation basket” will be on the table in the back of the Church.**

## **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 and soup/cereal**

## **Thanks, in advance, for your generosity.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

* **EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE AT CHRIST OF THE DESERT & SACRED HEART CHURCH:**
	+ **April 2nd - Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday. Christ of the Desert: Mass at 9:30. Korean Mass at 11:15.**
	+ **April 6th – Holy Thursday. No services at Christ of the Desert.**
	+ **April 6th- Holy Thursday. Sacred Heart Church. Solemn Masses: 5:30PM & 7:00PM Spanish.**
		- **8:00PM to 9:00PM Adoration at Altar of Repose.**
	+ **April 7th - Good Friday. Stations of the Cross at Christ of the Desert, led by Paulette Quaid, at 12:30. No Mass.**
	+ **April 7th – Good Friday - Sacred Heart Church:**
		- **2:00PM – Liturgical Service including Holy Communion.**
		- **6:30PM – Live presentation of the “Way Of The Cross”. (Bilingual)**
	+ **April 8th – Holy Saturday – 6:30PM Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church. No Mass at Christ of the Desert.**
	+ **April 9th - Easter Sunday at Christ of the Desert. Mass at 9:30. Korean Mass at 11:15.**
	+ **April 9th – 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).**

**REST OF THE MONTH ACTIVITIES:**

* **April 6th is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **April 12th is the monthly (Wednesday) “Christ of the Desert Ladies luncheon” at 11:30.**
* **April 15th Knights of Columbus Recycling collections at 7:30 – 11:30 at SHC. Cans, plastic bottles & glass bottles. No wine bottles!!**
* **May 21st Annual Spring Collection benefiting the following ministries;**
	+ **Catholic Relief Services**
	+ **Catholic Communications Campaign**
	+ **Peter’s Pence**
	+ **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

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

* **April 2nd: Father Connole**
* **April 9th : Easter Sunday: Father Connole**
* **April 16t: Father Tripp**
* **April 23rd: Father Connole**
* **April 30th: Father Connole**

**PARISHIONEER RECOGNITION SECTION: We will recognize another long time Parishioner in April.**

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

**The next gathering will be on Wednesday, April 12th at 11:30.  The menu will consist of assorted croissant sandwiches with tortellini and Caesar salad with mini strawberry scones 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 at the NEW sign up location, after Mass, outside the main entrance to the Chapel starting April 2nd.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR APRIL: FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE:**
**We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.**

### **APRIL 2 ,2023**

### **Themes for Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday:**

* **The readings for Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)** focus on the stark contrast between the crowds love for Jesus and then their act of abandonment. **The reading for the procession** **of the palms** tells how Jesus was greeted by a joyous crowd when he entered Jerusalem. **The first reading** speaks of the suffering servant. **The psalm** reflects Jesus’ words on the cross, but ends as a song of praise. **The second reading** reminds us that Jesus is lord of all. **And in the gospel** , we hear the narrative of Jesus’ crucifixion and his willing sacrifice for us.
* **Procession**– [**Matthew 21:1-11**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=468&rp=5375): Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where he rode on a donkey and was greeted by crowds of people who praised him as the Son of David and King of Israel.
* **First Reading** – [**Isaiah 50:4-7**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=464&rp=5375): The prophet Isaiah speaks of a servant of God who is a skilled teacher and obedient to God’s will, even in the face of persecution and suffering. The servant trusts in God’s protection and ultimately prevails over his oppressors.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [**Psalm 22**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=465&rp=5375): This psalm describes the anguish of a suffering individual who feels abandoned by God and is mocked and persecuted by others. Despite this, the speaker expresses trust in God’s ultimate protection and proclaims God’s glory to others.
* **Second Reading** – [**Philippians 2:6-11**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=466&rp=3191): This passage describes the selfless humility of Jesus Christ, who, despite being divine, chose to become human and submit to a humiliating death on a cross. As a result of his obedience, God exalted him and gave him a name above all others, that every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
* **Gospel**– [**Matthew 26:14 – 27:66**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=469&rp=5375): The Passion reading describes the events leading up to Jesus’ crucifixion and death. It includes Jesus’ betrayal by Judas Iscariot, his arrest and trial before the high priest, his denial by Peter, his sentencing by Pilate, his crucifixion and death, and his burial in a tomb.

**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.**

**FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program next distribution is, Thursday, April 6th  at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 14,400 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:**

**March 26th – We had 190 people. Capacity is 185. OOPS**

**March 24th – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 52 people.**

 **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 April & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**APRIL BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Betty Schultz has a birthday on April 17th.**

**Joyce Sosebee has a birthday on April 18th.**

**Jim LaBaugh has a birthday on April 18th**

**Carol Anderson has a birthday on April 21st.**

**NEW SECTION: APRIL BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

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

**APRIL HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Carl & Lois Hickey – April 17th.**

**NEW SECTION: APRIL REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**JoAnn & Daniel Pepper – April 29th,1958**

**Jan McCoy – April 30th ,1966.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Daniel Pepper, husband of JoAnn, passed away on April 22nd, year not provided.**

**John Schumaker, son of Jesse Schumaker, passed away on April 30, 2017.**

**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 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 Jimmy Rogers, my father in law & Crys’ dad, that God answers his pray. J & Crys Mueller**

**Please pray for Bob who is Eisenhower for tests to determine and cure his current health issues.  Joanne Dellovo**

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

**Marie, Joyce Olsen, Peggy Jones, Jim Carlo & John & Carol Lee Evans.**

**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”.**

**REMINDER SECTION:**

**APRIL HAS 5 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 & weekly, please continue.**

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

 **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.**

**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 NOW $135,000\*.**

**\*MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENT FOR ESTIMATED HIGHER ENERGY COSTS.**

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

        **Our Monthly expenses are $11,250 or $33,750 per quarter. $135,000 annually.**

**Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $128,314. 95.1% of new annual budget.**

**Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass collection plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard.**

* **Total 1st quarter collections were: $40,172.**
* **Total 2nd  quarter collections were: $36,854.**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections to date are: $51,288.**
* **Total 4th quarter collections: TBD**
* **April collections: $TBD.**
* **May collections: $TBD.**
* **June collections are: $TBD.**

 **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.**

**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.**

**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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