**May 18th, 2025 - Issue #268 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Please join us, on May 18th (Sunday) at the 9:30 Mass, to celebrate Father Connole’s 57th anniversary of his Ordination. Thanks to Father Elder/Imelda for scheduling Father Connole to be with us on this Special Day.**

**The Spring Combined Collection will take place next Sunday - May 18th, 2025.**

**The four worthy ministries that benefit are:**

* **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)

**Thank you in advance for your support of the Spring Combined Collection.**

**St. Katharine Drexel Route from Indianapolis to Los Angeles**

**Revival is here.**

**During the summer of 2024, an unprecedented National Eucharistic Pilgrimage moved from the four corners of the United States to Indianapolis, culminating in the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Given the outpouring of stories involving our Eucharistic Lord's healing, conversion, unity, and peace along the 2024 pilgrimage routes, we  
have decided to keep the momentum going in 2025!**

**As the three‐year National Eucharistic Revival in the United States draws to a close on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, we are excited to launch the St. Katharine Drexel Route from Indianapolis to Los Angeles and invite you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament along the way.**

**Sacred Heart Church, Palm Desert has been selected to receive the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage!  
Saturday, June 14 ‐ 5:30PM Mass followed by Praise and Worship as we await the arrival of the Pilgrims, we will then proceed with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Sunday, June 15 ‐ Bishop Rojas will Celebrate the 8:00AM Mass  
Following the Mass we will WALK WITH THE FATHER (Blessed Sacrament) to the Palm Desert Civic Park.**

**May Upcoming Events:**

* **May 1st - Thursday FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **May 4th - Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary prior to the start of 9:30 Mass.**
* **May 7th – Papal Conclave convenes in the Sistine Chapel to elect a new Pope.**
* **May 8th-  Pope Leo XIV elected on the 4th ballot as our new Pope.**
* **May 10th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program & wine bottles. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **May 11th – Mother’s Day**
* **May 13th - Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon at 11:30. Note the luncheon has been moved to Tuesday.**
* **May18th – Father Connole’s 57th anniversary of his Ordination.**
* **May 18th – The Spring Collection Sunday**
* **May 26th - Memorial Day.**
* **May 29th – Ascension of Jesus. Holiday of Obligation.**

**Sacred Heart will be hosting “Forest Lawn grief seminar”.**

**Forest Lawn designed “Understanding Grief” seminar to help those who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend.**

**They provide a safe place and the coping skills to help you with your grief.**

**These will help strengthen the hope inherent in grief.**

**While this seminar is not a bereavement group, and you are not required to share your experiences, you will discover that you are not alone in your grief.**

**WHEN & WHERE**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025 · 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Sacred Heart Church**

**43775 Deep Canyon Rd., Palm Springs, CA 92260**

**Reservations are required. Call Galen Goben at 1 (888) 204-3131, ext. 4662**

**Visit forestlawn.com/grief-resources for current information regarding the event.**

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

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**May 18, 2025 - 5th Sunday of Easter - John 13:31-35**

**I’ve always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words “I love you” or “I will always love you” (a la Dolly Parton’s song). Why doesn’t Jesus say, “I love you”?**

**Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, “As the Father loves me, so I love you” (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, “Love another as *I have loved you*” (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How *has* he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren’t there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great “I love you” to us.**

**His love is also hedged in a command: “Love one another.” So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: “Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.” The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII’s practical method of following Jesus’ great commandment of love. It’s a splendid way to say, “I love you.”** *Father John Muir*

**May 18th – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Mass Readings:**

* **First Reading –**[**Acts 14:21-27**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/paul-and-barnabas-strengthen-churches/)**: Paul and Barnabas revisited cities, encouraging disciples and explaining hardships in God’s kingdom. They appointed church leaders, entrusted them to the Lord, and shared their mission success in Antioch, emphasizing God’s outreach to non-Jews.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 145**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/everlasting-mercy-and-kingdom/)**: The Lord’s compassion and mercy extend to all, slow to anger and full of love. His works praise Him, and His followers speak of His eternal kingdom and majestic power.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Revelation 21:1-5A**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/vision-of-the-new-jerusalem/)**: John describes a new heaven and earth, with the old gone. He sees a splendid New Jerusalem and hears God proclaim His eternal dwelling with people, erasing all pain and making everything new.**
* **Gospel –**[**John 13:31-33A, 34-35**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-teaching-on-love/)**: Jesus spoke of his imminent glorification, intertwining his honor with God’s. He shared a new commandment with his disciples: to love one another as he loved them. This mutual love among his followers would be the defining mark of their discipleship.**

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

**JUBLIEE YEAR 2025: UPDATE**

**Pope Francis has started the 2025 Jubilee Year with the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope”.**

**The “Holy Doors” at Sacred Heart Church are the exterior entrance of the Padre Pio Adoration Chapel.**

**The Doors are open daily 6:00AM – 6:00PM.**

**In communion with and obedience to those desires promulgated by the Office of the Apostolic Penitentiary, the Diocese of San Bernardino has selected SACRED HEART CHURCH, Palm Desert as a Jubilee site whereat the faithful, having fulfilled the ordinary conditions for the reception of an indulgence, can receive the full remittance of any temporal effects due to sin, opening wide the doors of mercy and hope to an encounter with the risen Lord, in whom our hope “cannot disappoint.”**

**The norms for receiving an indulgence are that a person is "moved by a spirit of charity," is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope. Along with a pilgrimage, a work of mercy or an act of penance, a Catholic "will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory."**

**No Ladies Guild luncheons until September.**

Special thanks to all that make this monthly gathering happen.

**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!!.**

**In 2025 the following will be observed as Holy Days of Obligation:**

* **January 1st- Wednesday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2025.**
* **May 29th - Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**
* **August 15th  - Friday - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
* **November 1st  - Solemnity of All Saints (Saturday)**
* **December 8th – Monday- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**
* **December 25th – Thursday- Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**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: $173,451\* or 115.6% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 11th was $1,207.**

**\*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 $12,500 per month or $37,500 per quarter. $150,000 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 working conditions.  
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.**

**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 APRIL & 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.**

**2025**

**MAY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Peter Baker has a birthday on May 1st.**

**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.**

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

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

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

**Carol Lee Evans has a birthday on May 25th.**

**Jimmie Rogers (Crys Mueller’s Father) has a birthday on May 31st. He will be 101.**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Sharon Keith - May 5th, Wife of Bob Keith.**

**Denny DeWeese – May7th,Brother of Paulette Quaid.**

**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. Husband 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**

**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.**

**Sister Kay Wagner – May 28th, 2023. Long time parishioner & spiritual adviser.**

**Forie Watson passed away on May 29th.**

**Roger Gavin passed away on April 29th 2025.**

**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.**

**Please pray for Ted and Eva. Roxanne Reed**

**Please pray for my daughter, Lisa Gruebel, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer, Suzanne Cummings.**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

**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 18 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**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43-775+DEEP+CANYON+ROAD,+PALM+DESERT,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)**.**

**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.**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**Palm Desert, CA**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**92260**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)

**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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