**Everyone:**

### **MAY 18TH IS FATHER CONNOLE’S 55TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSAY!!!!**

### **Message from Paulette, our esteemed Music Director:**

**Jay, if I could, I’d like to use our bulletin this week to thank my friends at Christ of the Desert for their prayers, cards, texts and emails. My surgery was a huge success and I continue to recover on schedule taking strength from everyone there who continue to keep me in their prayers and wish me well. I love you all and can’t wait to return to my church family. ♥️Paulette**

### **Thoughts from Father David Romero, SJ on “Tips for Praying”.**

**There is no simple formula for praying, but here are a few tips for preparing yourself to enter into prayer.**

**First, what we do before praying is very important. Usually it’s not helpful to rush into prayer. Perhaps spend a few moments quieting down and settling into a prayerful and comfortable position.**

**Second, finding a good, comfortable space where you are free of distractions can make a real difference. Silence and solitude can help us focus on reading a Scripture passage, or looking back on moments from my day/life, and then reflect on how God may be speaking to me through them. A quiet place can help with that deeper listening to God’s presence, as well as notice our response.**

**Lastly, let’s admit that we might not always be able to set up for a good prayer period. We might not have time to quiet down and find a good, comfortable space. But we can trust that God meets us where we are. That means God can speak to us in the noise and confusion of our day. If you only have time to stop for a moment, call to mind God’s presence, and speak a petition…that’s prayer. And God delights in it!**

**Prayer is about being in relationship with God. It’s not always easy, but it can be full of grace. When we take a long, loving look at the real we have the opportunity to behold ourselves and the world as God does—with tender mercy, compassion, and love. Knowing the truth of God’s love for us in prayer can be a game-changer.**

**God is always reaching out to us. Prayer is our response.**

**SECOND COLLECTION – MAY 21ST : Thank you in advance for your generosity!!**

**Annual Spring Collection benefiting the following ministries;**

* + **Catholic Relief Services**
  + **Catholic Communications Campaign**
  + **Peter’s Pence**
  + **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

**BORDER COMPASSION MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION ON MAY 10THVideo.**

**Sister Suzanne Jabro sent me a video of the “Border Compassion” Mother’s Day celebration on May 10th.**

**To View this 3 ½ minute You Tube either click on the arrow in the middle of the video screen (if it appears) or click on the You Tube video link.** [**https://youtu.be/Z4nPJEVmE8c**](https://youtu.be/Z4nPJEVmE8c)

### **MAY 21st,2023**

### **Traditionally the Ascension of Our Lord was held 40 days after Easter, falling on a Thursday. However in most dioceses in the United States, the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is moved to the following Sunday, superseding the 7th Sunday of Easter.**

### **Themes for the Ascension of the Lord.**

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. He also gave the Great Commission, that all of the world should be saved.

In the first reading the ascension of Jesus is recounted and the Apostles are told they will receive the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading we hear that Jesus Christ rules heaven and earth.

And in the gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to preach the Good News to the whole world.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD READINGS:**

* **First Reading**: [Acts 1:1-11](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=635&rp=6198) – Luke recounts the events that occurred between Jesus’ resurrection and his ascension. Jesus appeared to his disciples, gave them instructions and promises, and was taken up into heaven while they watched.
* **Responsorial Psalm**: [Psalm 47](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=636&rp=6198) – A psalm of praise and exaltation to God as the king over all the earth. It describes God ascending to his throne amidst shouts of joy and trumpet blasts, and calls on all peoples to clap their hands and sing praises to him. The psalm also highlights God’s reign over the nations and his holy throne.
* **Second Reading**: [Ephesians 1:17-23](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=637&rp=6198) – A prayer from Paul for the Ephesian believers, asking God to give them spiritual wisdom and knowledge so that they may understand the hope and inheritance they have in Christ. Paul also emphasizes the power of God that was revealed when Christ was raised from the dead and exalted to the highest place, above all earthly powers and authorities.
* **Gospel**: [Matthew 28:16-20](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=642&rp=6198) – The resurrected Jesus appears to his disciples on a mountain in Galilee. Jesus commissions his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything he has commanded.

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

**MAY ACTIVITIES:**

* **May 4th was the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **May 7th was the Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary before 9:30 Mass.**
* **May 7th after the 9:30 Masses (Christ Of The Desert & Sacred Heart) there will be a reception for Father Tyler at Sacred Heart in the Salta Center.**
* **May 10th is the Border-Compassion Mother’s Day Celebration trip to Mexicali, Mexico.**
* **May 14th Mother’s Day.**
* **May 21st Annual Spring Collection benefiting the following ministries;** 
  + **Catholic Relief Services**
  + **Catholic Communications Campaign**
  + **Peter’s Pence**
  + **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**
* **May 29th is Memorial Day.**

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

* **May 21st: Father Connole**
* **May 28th: Father Connole**
* **June 4th: Father Connole**
* **June 11th: Father Connole**
* **June 18th: Father Elder**
* **June 25th: Father Connole**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR MAY: FOR CHURCH MOVEMENTS AND GROUPS.**  
**We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.**

**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 was, Thursday, May 4th  at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 16,600 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:**

**May 14th  – Mass we had 125 people. Capacity is 185.**

**May 12th – Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 50 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 MAY & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**MAY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Cathy Oliaro has a birthday on May 5th.**

**Sharon McCoy has a birthday on May 12th.**

**Margaret Abbott has a birthday (we think) on May 16th.**

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

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

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

**Jimmie Rogers has a birthday on May 30th. He will be 99.**

**NEW SECTION: MAY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**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.**

**Norm Walbridge – May 13th, Husband of Betty Walbridge**

**Bill Mueller – May 17th, Father of Jay Mueller.**

**Nellie Maldonado – May 30th. Mother of John Maldonado.**

**MAY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Ginny & Wes Wright – May 29th ,1969.**

**NEW SECTION: MAY REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Steve & Frances Dorniak – May 27th. Parents of Maryanne Dorniak**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

**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.**

**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 my brother Bernard (Bernie) Muehlenkamp as his health is declining rapidly. Janice (Jan) Niemeyer Seiden.**

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

**Please pray for Bob who is now home recovering from 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:**

**MAY HAS 4 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

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

**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: $160,554. 118.9% of new annual budget.**

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* **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: $32,240.**
* **April collections: $24,043.**
* **May collections: $8,197.**
* **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**](tel: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**](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.**

**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**

**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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