**Everyone:**

**CELEBRATING AMERICA’S FREEDOMS – MEMORIAL DAY MAY 29TH.**

**To all who have served this great Nation, “thank you for your service”.**

**The Origins of Memorial Day: (Source of information is from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website)**

**Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared it should be May 30. It is believed the date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C..**

**Local Observances Claim To Be First Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well. Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866.**

**Official Birthplace Declared In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the “birthplace” of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff.**

**By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities. It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.**

**Gen. Logan’s order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 “with the choicest flowers of springtime” urged: “We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. ... Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.” The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those that attend today’s observance, about 5,000 people. Then, as now, small American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones. The origins of special services to honor those who die in war can be found in antiquity.**

**To ensure the sacrifices of America’s fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law “The National Moment of Remembrance Act,” P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission’s charter is to “encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity” by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance. The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: “It’s a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day.”**

**We collected $547 for the Annual Spring Collection benefiting the following ministries: Thanks for your generosity!!!**

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

**The Ministry to Families and Friends with Gay and Lesbian Catholics (MFGLC):**

**You are invited to a Mass & Potluck dinner June 3rd immediately after the 4PM Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart Church.** **All in attendance may bring a snack to share.**

**We thank Fr. Gregory Elder and the wonderful parish community at Sacred Heart & Christ of the Desert for welcoming us and others. We also thank you for helping us spread the word about this Catholic LGBTQ+ ministry event.   
Thank you!**

**Sunny Sanchez  
MFGLC Commission Member**

[**Diocese of San Bernardino**](http://www.sbdiocese.org/)

### **MAY 28th,2023**

### **Themes for Pentecost:**

The Mass readings for Pentecost clearly emphasize the role of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit’s gifts, we are empowered to share the message of Jesus Christ with the world. This important day marks the birth of the Church and is celebrated 50 days after Easter, signifying the end of the Easter season.

### **Mass Readings for Pentecost:**

* **First reading** – [Acts 2:1-11](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=547&rp=700): When the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, they were able to speak in diverse languages, and this enabled people from different nations to comprehend the gospel’s message. This occurrence marked the inception of the Church, and it led to the conversion of thousands of individuals.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 104](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=548&rp=700): A psalm of praise to God for His greatness and His manifold works on earth. The response “Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth” highlights the power of God’s spirit to create and renew all things.
* **Second reading** – [1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=549&rp=700): Paul teaches that there are various gifts given by the Holy Spirit, which are meant to be used to benefit the entire body of Christ. He emphasizes the unity of the Church, explaining that just as the human body is made up of many parts that work together, so too are the members of the Church united as one body in Christ through the Spirit.
* **Gospel**– [John 20:19-23](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=550&rp=700): Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection. He greets them with peace, shows them his wounds, and then breathes on them, giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit and commissioning them to forgive sins.

**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 10th was the Border-Compassion Mother’s Day Celebration trip to Mexicali, Mexico.**
* **May 14th was Mother’s Day.**
* **May 21st was the 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.**

**JUNE ACTIVITIES:**

* **June 1st is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **June 10th is the K of C Monthly Drive -Thru CRV (California Refund Value) recycling program at SHC North parking lot. 7:30 to 11:30.**
* **June 15th is Christ of the Desert Finance Council meeting.**
* **June 18th is Father’s Day.**

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

* **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 POPE’S INTENTION FOR JUNE: FOR THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE:   
We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.**

**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 21th  – Mass we had 110 people. Capacity is 185.**

**May 19th – Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 42 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 JUNE & 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.**

**JUNE BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Steve Lester has a birthday on June 1st.**

**John Olsen has a birthday on June 2nd.**

**Crys Mueller has a birthday June 6th.**

**Jan McCoy has a birthday on June 6th.**

**Sharon Curran has a birthday on June 16th.**

**Lois Hickey has a birthday on June 17th.**

**Paulette Quaid has a birthday on June 23rd.**

**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.**

**NEW SECTION: JUNE BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**None submitted.**

**MAY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

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

**JUNE HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Carol & Chris Anderson – June 6th.**

**Frank & Wanda Rizzo – June 16th.**

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

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

**NEW SECTION: JUNE REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**None submitted.**

**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.**

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

**None submitted.**

**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 George Schultz has he continues to struggle with blood pressure issues. Entire community.**

**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 & Carolee 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:**

**JUNE 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: $162,601. 120.4% 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: $34,287.**
* **April collections: $24,043.**
* **May collections: $10,244.**
* **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

CELL NUMBER 760-777-3745