**July 6th, 2025 - Issue #275 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!!!!**

**Independence Day (**[**colloquially**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colloquial)**the Fourth of July) is a**[**federal holiday in the United States**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_holiday_in_the_United_States)**commemorating the**[**Declaration of Independence**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence)**, which was ratified by the**[**Second Continental Congress**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Continental_Congress)**on July 4, 1776, establishing the**[**United States of America**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States)**.**

**The**[**Founding Father**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Founding_Fathers_of_the_United_States)**delegates of the Second Continental Congress declared that the**[**Thirteen Colonies**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirteen_Colonies)**were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the**[**monarch of Britain**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monarchy_of_the_United_Kingdom)**,**[**King George III**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_III_of_the_United_Kingdom)**, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress voted to approve independence by passing the**[**Lee Resolution**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Resolution)**on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, on July 4TH.**

**Independence Day is commonly associated with**[**fireworks**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fireworks)**,**[**parades**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parade)**,**[**barbecues**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barbecue)**,**[**carnivals**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Traveling_carnival)**,**[**fairs**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Funfair)**,**[**picnics**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Picnic)**,**[**concerts**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Concert)**,**[**baseball games**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baseball)**,**[**family reunions**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family_reunion)**and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the**[**national day**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_day)**of the United States.**

**As we celebrate the 4th of July, let’s take a moment and prayer for our Great Nation.**

## **A Prayer for Our Nation**

Heavenly Father, Lord of all people  
We place our nation in your loving care.  
In your mercy, forgive our sins  
Both past and present.

Heal our divisions and bind our wounds.  
Bring us together for the common good.  
Teach us to love one another  
So that we may truly be the United States.

Renew in us a commitment  
To the dignity of all human life.  
Let us respect the unborn, the prisoner,  
The immigrant, the aged, the poor,  
The marginalized, the discarded.

Help us to remember to be grateful  
For our freedom and resources.  
Inspire us to want to share these  
With those who are less fortunate.

Grant that we may be a nation  
Inspired to work for your kingdom  
And the day when all of your children  
Live together in love, freedom, and unity.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God forever and ever. Amen.

**Father Connole Emergency Exit Door Project Update:**

**We had to change vendors in May. The new vendor and the Diocese have finally produced an agreement that works for both parties. Materials will be ordered with the expectation that the work begins in late July or early August. Not sure how long it will take to receive the three doors. Completion in early to mid-September.**

**July Upcoming Events:**

* **July 3rd is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **July 4th (Friday) is Independence Day.**
* **July 9th NO Bingo night at Sacred Heart.** 
  + **August 13th is Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.**
  + **September 10th is Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **July 12th is the K of C Monthly Drive/Thru CRV (California Refund Value) recycling program at SHC North parking lot. 7:30 to 11:30.**

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

**Father John Muir’s weekly column of “Gospel Meditations” is taking the summer off and will return the 1st Sunday Bulletin in October.**

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**Mass Readings:**

* **First Reading –**[**Isaiah 66:10-14C**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/gods-comfort-and-blessings-for-jerusalem/)**: The joy and comfort that the Lord will bring to his people, using metaphors of a nursing mother, a comforting mother, and a flowing river. The Lord promises to extend peace to his people like a river, and his people will rejoice and be glad, with their hearts flourishing like grass.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 66**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/sing-joyfully-to-god/)**: All people on earth should cry out to God with joy and proclaim his tremendous deeds. The author praises God for his works and his kindness, and calls on all who fear God to listen to their testimony.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Galatians 6:14-18**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/boasting-in-the-cross/)**: The cross of Christ is important as the means of salvation and new life for believers. Paul declares that he will boast only in the cross of Christ, which has made him a new creation, and he encourages the Galatians to avoid the false teachers who seek to impose circumcision and other works of the law on them, instead urging them to embrace the new creation in Christ.**
* **Gospel –**[**Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-sends-out-the-seventy-two/)**: Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples to go ahead of him and proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, instructing them to rely on God’s provision and hospitality, and to shake off any dust from towns that reject them. The disciples return with joy, reporting that even demons were subject to them in Jesus’ name, and Jesus rejoices that their names are written in heaven.**

**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. Mass moved to June 1st.**
* **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:**

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

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

**The $197,339 is the most money ever collected in one fiscal year. Thanks to everyone for your generosity!!!!**

**Total monies collected to date: $197,339\* or 131.6% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 29th was $1,077.\***

**\*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 JULY: For Formation in Discernment  
Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.**

**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 JULY & 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**

**JULY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Bob Becker has a birthday on July 2nd.**

**Peg Zannotti has a birthday on July 3rd.**

**Carl Hickey has a birthday on July 5th.He will be 89 years old.**

**Jude Jackson has a birthday on July 8th.**

**Kathy Ryan has a birthday on July 22nd.**

**Carrie Clay has a birthday on July 24th.**

**MaryAnn Riley has a birthday on July 27th,**

**JULY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Michael Brauntz, husband of Rosanne, birthday in heaven is July 12th.**

**Elise Junga, Mother of Lee Junga, birth day in heaven is July 17th.**

**Arnold Capitanelli’s birthday in heaven is July 28th.**

**JULY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Lou & Karen Latragna – July 19th.**

**JULY REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**John & Carol Evans on July 29th.**

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

**Michael Brauntz/ husband of Rosanne passed away on July 6th 2018.**

**Nathaniel Joseph Palomino, nephew of Jesse Schumaker, passed away on July 11th, 2023.**

**Fred Ray, husband of Chris Ray, passed away on July 16th, 2017.**

**Chris Ray, son of the Chris Ray, passed away on July 30th, 2015.**

**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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