**Everyone:**

**FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

**THE “RESERVED” PRIEST PARKING SPOT IS LOCATED NEAR THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES GATE ENTRANCE.**

**THERE IS A SIGN, POSTED ON THE WALL, STATING THIS IS RESERVED FOR PRIEST PARKING.**

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THEIR SPOT!!!!**

**SOMEONE HAS PARKED IN THE PRIEST’S SPOT THE PAST 2 SUNDAYS.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

* **February 26th is the second & final DDF collection Sunday. Collected $12,531 so far.**
* **March 2nd , Thursday, will be the monthly FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **March 15th ,Wednesday, at 11:30 is the next Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon. NOTE: Date has changed!!!**
* **March 12th at 2:00AM Day light saving time officially starts. YEAH!!!!**
* **March 16th , Thursday, Christ of the Desert Finance Council meeting.**
* **March 17th, Saint Patrick’s day!!!**
* **March 18th is Sister Suzanne Jabro’s “Border Compassion” trip to Mexicali. Call her for more details (213-305-6755) or see Sister Phyllis at Mass.**
* **April 9th is Easter Sunday.**

**We collected $677 for the Turkey/Syria earthquake aid. Thank you for your generosity!!!**

**Message from Jessie Schumaker**

**To everyone at Christ of the Desert.  Thank you all for all the beautiful cards, phone calls,  prayers,  good thoughts and well wishes.  I love you all and I know all that has helped in my recovery. We are family.**

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

* **February 26th: Father Connole**
* **March 5th: Father Connole**
* **March 12th: Father Connole**
* **March 19th: Father Alwyn**
* **March 26th: Father Connole**

**WE ACHIEVED OUR 2023 DDF GOAL OF $11,500. We are #1 again in paying our DDF goal first.**

* **We collected an incredible $12,531 in January. Thank you all for your generosity!!!**
* **Our Second collection will be February 26th. We don’t want to stop the momentum.**
	+ **All monies collected (above $11,500) will be returned to us with no Diocesan taxation!!**
	+ **These additional funds will enable us to continue our facility improvement projects in 2023.**
	+ **We will have a DDF basket available for your donation throughout February.**
* **Last year we raised over $17,000. Over $10,000 was returned to us!!!**

**Thanks, in advance, for everyone’s continued DDF support in the February collection.**

**PARISHIONEER RECOGNITION SECTION:**

**Another long time parishioner will be recognized in one of the March bulletins.**

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

**The next gathering will be on Wednesday, March 15th at 11:30. 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 February 26th.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: FOR PARISHES:**

**Pope Francis is asking us to pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR MARCH: FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE:**
**We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering**.

### **FEBRUARY 26TH ,2023**

### **Themes for the 1st Sunday of Lent**

**The readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent get us thinking about sin and temptation.**

**The first reading recounts the story of how Adam and Eve turned away from God.**

* **First Reading** – [**Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=406&rp=2400): “But the serpent said to the woman: “You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.””

**The psalm is a repentant appeal to the goodness of God.**

* **Responsorial Psalm** –  **[Psalm 51](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=407&rp=2400)**: “Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.”

**The second reading reminds us that even though we are sinners, we are saved through the obedience of Jesus Christ.**

* **Second Reading** –    [**Romans 5:12-19**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=408&rp=2400): “For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.”

**And the gospel tells us how Jesus went to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days and resisted the temptations of Satan.**

* **Gospel** –  **[Matthew 4:1-11](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=409&rp=2400)**: “At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”

**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 will be on, Thursday, March 2nd  at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 13,300 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:**

 **February 19th – We had 139 people. Capacity is 185.**

**February 17th – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 51 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 MARCH & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Peggy Jones had a birthday on February 8th.**

**CeCe Bogan had a birthday on February 13th.**

**John Kirsch had a birthday on February 14th.**

**Zelina Ferenz had a birthday on February 20th.**

**MARCH BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Tiara McCoy has a birthday on March 8th.**

**Helene Shaunty has a birthday on March 28th.**

**Father Marlin Connole has a birthday on March 28th.**

**NEW SECTION: FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Andre Binns – February 2nd, Husband of Linda Binns.**

**Diane Berwick – February 16th.**

**Tom Washburn – February 21st, Husband of Carla Washburn.**

**NEW SECTION: MARCH BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Daniel Pepper – March 7, 1934, Husband of JoAnn Pepper.**

**FEBRUARY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Loretta Schutten & Art Pieretti – February 14th. May Art rest in Peace.**

**MARCH HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**George & Betty Schultz – March 20th.**

**Jim Grand & Stephen Spurgen – March 23rd.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Seana Swanson’s son, Travis, passed away on February 2, 2021.**

**Carla Washburn’s Husband, Tom, passed away on February 4th. Year of passing not provided.**

**John Maldonado’s mother, Nellie, passed away on February 17th.**

**Jesse Schumaker’s brother, Juan Baca passed away on February 28h, 2022.**

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

**Lynn Lehane’s Husband, Joe, passed away on March 1st.**

**Joan Warner, twin sister of Jean LaBaugh, passed away on March 4th.**

**Dottie DeWesse, mother of Paulette Quaid, passed away on March 12th, 2011.**

**Steve Lester’s wife, Noralyn, passed away on March 22nd, 1988.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year & Relationship to family member being remembered.**

**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:**

**March HAS 4 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 $115,000.**

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

        **Our Monthly expenses are $9,583 or $28,749 per quarter.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $109,972. 95.6% of annual budget,**

        **Total 1st quarter collections were: $40,172.**

* **Total 2nd  quarter collections were: $36,854.**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections are: $32,946.**
* **January collections: $22,536.**
* **February collections: $10,410.**
* **March collections are: $TBD.**

        **Total 4th quarter collections: TBD**

**“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 Jim Carlo who has been in the hospital for a week now with fluid in his lungs. They are now drained and trying to figure out why. We need prayers. Thanks Carmen**

**Would you please add a petition to pray for the repose of the soul of my sister-in-law (Greg's sister), Denise Balkcom.  She was 66 and passed away last Sunday evening from Multiple Myeloma.  Paulette**

**Please pray for Steve Kustura. Roxanne**

**Please pray for Paul Aragon. Joyce Sosebee**

**Please pray for Marie. Roxanne**

**Please pray for Joyce Olsen. Marlene Evans.**

**Please pray for long time Parishioner, Peggy Jones as she battles cancer. Helene**

**Please pray for John & Carol Lee Evans. Entire parish**

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

 **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.**

**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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