## **Everyone**

## **The Liturgy of the Word ends with “the Apostles’ Creed” or “Nicene Creed” and the Prayers of the Faithful:**

## **The Apostles’ Creed Origin:**

Biblical scholars do not know who wrote the Apostles’ Creed, nor exactly when it was written. Writing in Greek somewhere around the year 200 C.E., [**Irenaeus**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irenaeus) describes a creed that has some similarities to the Apostles' Creed and may have been a precursor. He presented his creed not as something new, but as something the Church had been using for a long time.

## **Emerging beliefs in the early Church and the Apostles’ Creed:**

As the Christian Church spread throughout the Roman world in the first century and as the first leaders died out, there was a practical need for local churches to have a basic statement of beliefs. It is likely that some of these churches had some New Testament writings in some form. But none of the churches had all of the New Testament. They needed a standard to judge whether a teaching was truth or heresy.

The early Christians also realized that new people didn't have to know everything before they could be baptized and accepted as believers. How much should they know and accept before being admitted into the Church? This was another reason that early Churches wanted a brief statement of what they believed to be most essential.

Churches in different cities and regions made their own lists, which had many points in common since all the Churches had traditions tracing back to the apostles in one way or another. The small differences were eventually eliminated as Church leaders discussed and argued these things with one another. It is likely they shared not only the scriptures they had, but also their statements of faith.

When, in the fourth century, Christianity became the legal religion of the Roman Empire, this process became easier. Churches throughout the empire agreed on which books should form the New Testament and they agreed on several basic statements of faith. **Discussion of the Nicene Creed will appear in the July 27th bulletin**.

## **Development of the Apostles’ Creed:**

One of the [doctrinal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doctrine) lists commonly used in the early Church was called the [**Apostles' Creed**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apostles%27_Creed)**.** The word [**creed**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Creed)comes from the Latin word, credere, meaning: "to believe". It was called "Apostles" creed not because the apostles themselves wrote it (although some people may have thought this) but because the Creed was believed to be an accurate summary of what the apostles taught.

The Creed was useful in several ways:

* The Creed was a public statement of faith, a standardized way in which new people could profess their faith in Jesus Christ.
* The Creed anchored Christian faith to a tradition, to make it difficult for people or churches to be led astray by strange doctrines.
* The Creed was a preaching and teaching tool, giving an outline for further discipleship.
* The Creed was memorized through frequent repetition, which helped the many believers who could not read.
* The Creed provided a doctrinal basis for different churches to accept one another and to reject those who did not accept the basic truths.

**FATHER DEREK UPDATE:**

**Please continue to pray for Father Derek: He was scheduled to be released from the hospital on Friday July 14th.**

**You can send you prayers and love to him using the following email address.** [**derekdublin@gmail.com**](mailto:derekdublin@gmail.com)

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members**

**Next luncheon is in September. Date TBD.**

**FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program next distribution is, Thursday, August 3rd at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 19,500 pounds of food.**
  + **Our family count is 23. 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.**

**JULY 23rd, 2023**

**Themes for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

The readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time are focused on the Kingdom of God.

The first reading reminds us that God desires justice and has shown us the way of kindness.

### The second reading tells us that the Spirit aids us in our weakness.

### And in the gospel Jesus gives us several parables related to the Kingdom of God, including the parable of the weeds in the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast.

### **Mass Readings for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

* **First Reading** – [Wisdom 12:13, 16-19](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=37&rp=2834): There is only one God who cares for all, exercising justice, and demonstrating might. God teaches us that power is accompanied by kindness and provides hope through the possibility of repentance.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 86](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=38&rp=2834): God is good, forgiving, and kind to those who call upon Him. All nations will worship Him for His wondrous deeds. He is merciful, patient, faithful, and gives strength to His servants.
* **Second Reading** – [Romans 8:26-27](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=39&rp=2834): The Spirit assists us in our weaknesses, especially when we struggle with prayer. The Spirit communicates for us with deep emotions. God, who knows all hearts, understands the Spirit’s intentions, who advocates for us in alignment with God’s will.
* **Gospel** – [Matthew 13:24-43](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=40&rp=2834): Jesus tells a parable about a farmer who sowed good seeds in his field, but an enemy also sowed weeds among them. When the weeds grew, the farmer chose to let them coexist with the wheat until the harvest. Jesus explains that the wheat represents the righteous, while the weeds symbolize the wicked, and they will be separated in the end. He also shares parables of the mustard seed and yeast, illustrating the small beginnings and transformative power of God’s kingdom.

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

**JULY ACTIVITIES:**

* **July 4th was Independence Day.**
* **July 6TH was the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
  + **Next K of C is on August 12th.**
* **July 8th was the K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **July 12th was the second Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.** 
  + **Third Bingo date is August 9th.**
* **July 12th was the Ladies Guild monthly luncheon.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR JULY: For a Eucharistic life:We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.**

**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.**

**WEEKLY MASS UPDATE:**

**July 16th  – Mass we had 100 people. Capacity is 185.**

**July 14th – Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 38 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 JULY & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**JULY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

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

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

**Carl Hickey had a birthday July 5th.He will be 87 years old.**

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

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

**JULY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

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

**Elise Junga, mother of Lee Junga, birthday in heaven was July 17th.**

**Donald Junga, father of Lee Junga, birthday in heaven was May 10th .**

**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 would have celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on July 29th.**

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

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

**Anthony 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 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 keep my nephew Nathaniel Palomino in your prayers.  He committed suicide on July 11, 2023. Jesse Schumaker**

**I want to pray for healing for too many of my loved ones (friends and family), who are struggling with cancer and other terminal illnesses, including but not limited to, Krissy, Mollie, Leroy, Cheryl, Roween, Mary-Jo, Tracy. Paulette Quaid**

**The Parish prays for the following parishioners:**

**Marie, Peggy Jones, Jim Carlo & 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:**

**JULY HAS 5 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 ANNUAL process. Thanks for your continued generosity.**

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

        **Our Monthly expenses are budgeted at $11,250 per month 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: $8,652. 6.4 % of annual budget.**

* **Total 1st quarter collections are: $8,652.** 
  + - * **July collections: $8,652.**
      * **August collections:**
      * **September collections:**
* **Total 2nd  quarter collections: TBD**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections: TBD**
* **Total 4th quarter collections: TBD**

**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 15 years.**

**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.**

**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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