**Everyone:**

**Prayer for today:**

**The Act of Love or the Act of Charity** is a traditional Catholic prayer that has been used for many centuries. While its precise origins are unknown, it is believed to have developed as a way for Catholics to express their devotion to God and their commitment to living a life of love and service to others.

**The Act of Love** is a simple but powerful expression calling us to love God above all things, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to seek forgiveness and reconciliation with those we have wronged.

## **Act of Love Prayer**

**O my God, I love you above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all good and worthy of all my love.**

**I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you.**

**I forgive all who have injured me
and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.**

**Amen.**

## **Christ of the Desert will be collecting “food” donations for Galilee Center throughout the Lenten season.**

## **We will be collecting food until Easter Sunday (April 9th). Please bring you donation to church on any Sunday or make arrangements with Cindy to bring food to the church office.**

## **Cash donations are always accepted. If donating by check, please make the check out to “Galilee Center”.**

## **The “Donation basket” will be on the table in the back of the Church.**

## **Suggested items include:**

## **Canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, long-life milk and fruit juice, packaged pudding, canned fish/chicken/meat, tea, coffee, jam and soup/cereal**

## **Thanks, in advance, for your generosity.**

**DDF UPDATE: Our 2023 DDF collection, as of 3/23/2023, stands at $20,446.**

**Thanks to everyone for their tremendous generosity.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

* **EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE AT CHRIST OF THE DESERT & SACRED HEART CHURCH:**
	+ **April 2nd - Palm Sunday. Christ of the Desert: Mass at 9:30. Korean Mass at 11:15.**
	+ **April 6th – Holy Thursday. No services at Christ of the Desert.**
	+ **April 6th- Holy Thursday. Sacred Heart Church. Solemn Masses: 5:30PM & 7:00PM Spanish.**
		- **8:00PM to 9:00PM Adoration at Altar of Repose.**
	+ **April 7th - Good Friday. Stations of the Cross at Christ of the Desert, led by Paulette Quaid, at 12:30. No Mass.**
	+ **April 7th – Good Friday - Sacred Heart Church:**
		- **2:00PM – Liturgical Service including Holy Communion.**
		- **6:30PM – Live presentation of the “Way Of The Cross”. (Bilingual)**
	+ **April 8th – Holy Saturday – 6:30PM Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church. No Mass at Christ of the Desert.**
	+ **April 9th - Easter Sunday at Christ of the Desert. Mass at 9:30. Korean Mass at 11:15.**
	+ **April 9th – Easter Sunday Masses at Sacred Heart Church.**
		- **Masses: 6:00AM,8:00AM,9:30AM,11:00AM,12:30PM (Spanish),2:30PM (Latin),5:30PM & 7:00PM (Spanish).**

**REST OF THE MONTH ACTIVITIES:**

* **April 6th is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **April 12th is the monthly (Wednesday) “Christ of the Desert Ladies luncheon” at 11:30.**
* **April 15th Knights of Columbus Recycling collections at 7:30 – 11:30 at SHC. Cans, plastic bottles & glass bottles. No wine bottles!!**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH “LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNERS”. Cost is $15 per person.**

**Dinners include: Salad, Desert & Ice Tea, Lemonade or Water. Beer & Wine are available & sold separately.**

**March 24th menu is: Fish & Chips, Steamed Veggies & Mac & Cheese.**

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

* **March 26th: Father Connole**
* **April 2nd: Father Connole**
* **April 9th : Easter Sunday: Father Connole**
* **April 16t: Father Tripp**
* **April 23rd: Father Connole**
* **April 30th: Father Connole**

**PARISHIONEER RECOGNITION SECTION: We will recognize another long time Parishioner in April.**

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

**The next gathering will be on Wednesday, April 12th 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 March 26th.**

**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**.

### **MARCH 26TH ,2023**

### **Themes for the 5th Sunday of Lent:**

### The readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent are about how God can take us from death to new life. The **first reading** tells us of God’s desire to bring us back to life. The **second reading** tells us if Christ dwells in us, we will have new life as He does. And **the gospel tells** how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

* **First Reading** – [**Ezekiel 37:12-14**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=454&rp=2568): The prophet Ezekiel is given a vision of a valley filled with dry bones, which represent the people of Israel who are dead in their exile. The Lord promises to put his spirit within them and restore them to life, bringing them back to their own land.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [**Psalm 130**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=455&rp=2568): This is a psalm of supplication and trust in the Lord’s mercy and redemption. The psalmist cries out to the Lord from the depths and acknowledges that with the Lord there is forgiveness and plenteous redemption, and encourages Israel to wait for the Lord and trust in his word.
* **Second Reading** – [**Romans 8:8-11**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=456&rp=2568): Paul teaches that those who live according to the flesh cannot please God, but those who live according to the Spirit have the Spirit of Christ within them and will have life. He declares that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells within believers and gives life to their mortal bodies.
* **Gospel** – [**John 11:1-45**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=457&rp=2568): Jesus receives news that his friend Lazarus is seriously ill, but waits to visit him until after he has died. When Jesus arrives, he raises Lazarus from the dead, demonstrating his power over death and prompting many to believe in him.

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

* + **To date we have distributed 14,400 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:**

**March 19th – We had 160 people. Capacity is 185.**

**March 17th – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 52 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????**

**MARCH BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

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

**Saint Patrick had a birthday on March 17th, born in 492.**

**Bonnie Morrisroe had a birthday on March 18.**

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

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

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

**Joe Lehane – March 1st, Husband of Lynn Lehane.**

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

**MARCH HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

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

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

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

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

**Dottie DeWeese, 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.**

**“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 the repose of the soul of Steve Kustura. Roxanne**

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

**Please pray for Bob who is Eisenhower for tests to determine and cure his current 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:**

**APRIL HAS 5 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 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: $123,313. 91.1% 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: $46,287.**
* **January collections: $22,536.**
* **February collections: $13,600.**
* **March collections are: $10,151. March 19th collection amount not available. Amounts will be updated next week.**

        **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.**

**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.**

**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** **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**

**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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