**Everyone:**

**Message from Sister Monessa:**

**Dear people at Christ of the Desert Chapel:**

**You have been very present in my healing. Thank you for your prayers, notes, cards, and support from a distance. As you might guess there are ups and downs in recovering.  Happily I do feel progress. I’m told it can take some months to totally heal from a fractured sternum. There have been several health challenges since moving to our Motherhouse. Fortunately, my fellow Sisters are very supportive and I have very good healthcare. I wish for all of you peace, health, and support and love in your lives.  Please know my deep gratitude for you as church, the people of God!   Sister Monessa**

## THIS SUNDAY’S THOUGHTS:

**The readings for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time help us think about the order of things in the Kingdom of God. In the first reading we are encouraged to act with humility. The psalm praises God’s care for those on the margins. In the second reading Paul speaks of the heavenly Jerusalem, a wondrous place. In the gospel Jesus advises that we should not exalt ourselves, but should associate with the poor and under-served.**

* **First Reading** – [Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=213&rp=3636): “Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.”
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 68](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=214&rp=3636): “God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.”
* **Second Reading** – [Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24A](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=215&rp=3636): “You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them.”
* **Gospel** – [Luke 14:1, 7-14](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=216&rp=3636): “Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.”

**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.**

**September Special Events:**

**Diocese of San Bernardino - FALL COMBINED COLLECTION:**

**This year the Fall Combined Collection will take place September 17th and 18th, 2022.**

**The four worthy ministries who benefit are:**

**• Church Among Black & Native Americans**

**• Church in Latin America**

**• Church in Africa**

**• Catholic Home Missions**

**Thank you in advance for your support of the Fall Combined Collection.**

**August Special Events:**

**UPDATE ON OUR MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM:**

**FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program was on Thursday morning August 4th at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 6,150 pounds of food.**
	+ **Our family count is now 18. 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.**

**WEEKLY MASS UPDATE:**

 **August 21ST – Mass (at 9:30) we had 80 people.**

**August 19th – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 37 people.**

 **CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**In addition to the Birthday section, we are adding Wedding Anniversary and Remembrance sections. 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 AUGUST YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**AUGUST BITHDAY SECTION:**

**Jay Mueller had a great birthday on August 8th.**

**Diane Silvas had a birthday on August 12th.**

**Dianna Cook has a birthday on August 25th, she will be 88.**

**Sister Phyllis has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Sister Geneva has a birthday on August 29th.**

**Jean LaBaugh has a birthday on August 28th.**

**Jack Gurr has a birthday on August 28th.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

**AUGUST HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Dave & Connie Bannon celebrated their anniversary on August 17th.**

**Bob & Joanne Dellovo celebrated their 55th anniversary on August 20th.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

**AUGUST REMEMBRANCE SECTION:**

**No one has submitted a remembrance reminder???**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

**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:**

**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”.**

 **CINDY HAYWARD REMINDER SECTION:**

**AUGUST 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, please continue.**

**Those that send in money weekly, please continue.**

**Those that give at Mass, we need your continued support.**

        **See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving.**

         **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 now $9,583 or $28,750 per quarter.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $17,872.**

        **Total 1st quarter collections to date: $17,872.**

* **July collections were: $19,377**
* **August collections are: $7,231**
* **September collections are: TBD**

        **Total 2nd quarter collections: TBD**

        **Total 3rd quarter collections: 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 Serena Swanson and her family as they mourn the passing of Serena’s father.**

**Please pray for my cousin, Kevin, who has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Cindy**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of my friend Jerry who recently passed away. Cindy**

**Please pray for my friend Len who has ALS that is getting worse quickly. Cindy**

**Please pray for John. Cindy**

 **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.**

**“All Drives of the Desert”, Golf Cart Maintenance-to-Customization, Superior Workmanship at a Competitive Price. Call John A. Maldonado 760 636-8266.**

**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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