**Everyone:**

**NEW PARISHIONEER RECOGNITION SECTION:**

**During the last several months I have lost 6 friends that I played golf with over the past 12 years. My regret is that I took them for granted and thought they would always be around. I never said goodbye. It was always, I will see you later or some other comment.  What I am getting at is that we have a number of people here at Christ of the Desert who have given a lot to make our community what it is today. Some have passed without a proper thanks and God speed. I am going to attempt to correct this situation and with your assistance by recognizing these people while they are still with us.**

**Below are my thoughts about the first person we are recognizing for their service to our community. Please send me your thoughts about the person we are thanking so I can publish them in upcoming bulletins.**

**The first person I would like to thank, on behalf of the entire congregation, is John Evans who has a “heart of gold”. Many of you know John as the oldest “altar person” in the Diocese, Country and the World. John has been doing this spiritual assistance for the Priests for as long as anyone can remember. When John was a little younger, he was always available to assist Betty Walbridge with any repairs she needed around the Chapel property. It is the little things that John has done over the years that quite frankly have gone unnoticed. Like getting the Sacred Heart Bulletins every Thursday so they would be available for Friday and Sunday Masses. Making sure the Chapel is neat and clean. Paying close attention to the Altar to assure it is properly arranged for Mass. John’s biggest project is coordinating the Christmas gift for the Priests. He has been doing this every year for many years and does a “super” job. John has that infectious smile that embodies what our community is all about. Thank you John, for all you have done.**

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR OUR PRIESTS ONE MORE SUNDAY/DECEMBER 18TH:**

**Every year we have a special Christmas collection for the priests who provide spiritual direction every Sunday to our community. This year we are collecting your gift outside the church after Mass. John Evans asked that we have one more Sunday to collect for the Priests. Therefore the Sunday December 18th will be the last Sunday to collect for the Christmas Gift for the Priests’**

**Cash is always acceptable,. However, if you want to designate your present to a particular priest, please make the check out to that priest not Christ of the Desert. Thank you in advance for your generosity as our way of thanking them for what they do for us throughout the year.**

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

**December 4th:  Father Connole**

**December 11th: Father Connole**

**December 18th: Father Connole**

**December 24th: Father Connole at 5:00PM Christmas Eve Mass.**

**December 25th: Father Connole at 9:30AM Christmas Day Mass**

## **Christ of the Desert will be collecting donations for Galilee Center throughout the holiday season.**

## **Galilee Center is a non-profit organization working out of Mecca whose mission is to fulfill the needs of the underprivileged and disadvantaged by providing food, clothing, and other basic needs and affirm their dignity with love, compassion and respect.**

## **We will be collecting food, toys and new/slightly used clothing until the December 18th. If you have a large load, please make arrangements with Cindy to bring them to the church office.**

## **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, soup/cereal, sweets for the holidays. Also, included are toiletries such as deodorant, shaving supplies, toothbrushes and paste, shampoo and soaps.**

## **Please include toys for children of all ages and don’t forget the teens.**

## **Thanks so much for your generosity. We had a terrific collection last year; let’s outdo it this year!**

**“Gifted & Called Section:** **For those of you in our LGBT community and friends and family of that community, please be aware there is a group, “Gifted and Called” that meets and has events in Palm Springs. They are a ministry that serves Catholics in the Diocese of San Bernardino who are seeking faith and spiritual support, accompaniment, and Catholic resources concerning Lesbian and Gay issues. They are affiliated with Our Lady of Guadalupe in Palm Springs on El Segundo. We will be noting some of their meetings and events for those that would like to participate in future bulletins.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: VOLUNTEER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS!!!**

**Pope Francis is asking us to pray for volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.**

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

**No luncheon in December. Next meeting is in January. TBD**

### **Mass Readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent:**

**The readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent challenge us to look beyond our own understanding and have faith.**

**The first reading foretells that a virgin will give birth.**

**The psalm praises the wonders of God.**

**The second reading speaks of the promises of God through the ages and the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

**In the gospel we hear how an angel appeared to Joseph and he did as the angel told him.**

**First Reading** – [**Isaiah 7:10-14**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=318&rp=3710)**: “The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!”**

**Responsorial Psalm** – [**Psalm 24**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=210&rp=3697)**:** **“Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.”**

**Second Reading** –  **[Romans 1:1-7](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=308&rp=3706): “The gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.”**

**Gospel** **–**  **[Matthew 1:18-24](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=309&rp=3706):**  **“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.”**

**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.**

**December Special Events:**

* **Christmas Luncheon was on December 4th after 9:30 Mass at Desert Willow Golf Resort.**
* **December 1st was FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **December 8th, Holy Day of obligation, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
* **“The Spirituality of Imperfection”, retreat by Father David Fitzgerald was on December 10th.**

## **Christ of the Desert will be collecting donations for Galilee Center until December 18th.**

## **December 25th is Christmas day.**

## **December 31st is New Year’s Eve.**

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

**FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program was held on December 1st at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 11,200 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:**

**December 11th – Mass (at 9:30) we had 138 people. Capacity is 185.**

**December 9th – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 35 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 DECEMBER YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**DECEMBER BITHDAY SECTION:**

**Loretta Schutten had a birthday on December 6th.**

**Lee Marie Junga had a birthday on December 8th.**

**Jo Falk had a birthday on December 11th.**

**Germaine Thompson had a birthday on December 12th.**

**Jim Grand had a birthday on December 15th.**

**Jackie Capitanelli had a birthday on December 16th. She will be 91 years young.**

**Jesse Schumaker has a birthday on December 20th.**

**Joyce McIntyre has a birthday on December 21st.**

**Chris Anderson has a birthday on December 25th.**

**JoAnn Pepper has a birthday on December 26th.**

**DECEMBER HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**No names submitted**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Michael Brauntz, Roseanne’s husband passed away on December 8th. No year provided**

**Leslie Zannotti passed away on December 23rd, 2013.**

**Mary Mueller, Jay’ Mueller’s mother, passed away on December 31st, 2005.**

**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:**

**DECEMBER 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 $9,583 or $28,749 per quarter.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $71,891. 62.5% of annual budget,**

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

* **Total 2nd quarter collections are: $31,719.**
* **October collections: $12,253.**
* **November collections: $10,780.**
* **December collections are: $8,686.**

               **Total 3rd quarter collections: TBD**

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**“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 Marie. Roxanne**

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

**Please pray for Linda Olsen’s sister in law (Penny) as she battles stage 4 cancer.**

**Please pray for Linda Olsen’s brother in law (Larry) as he battles complications from previous brain surgery.**

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

**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**](tel: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**](tel: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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