## **Everyone:**

**DDF SUNDAY - FIRST COLLECTION IS JANUARY 28TH.**

**January Special Events:**

* **January 1st During the year 2024: Monday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This year, the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated, in accord with the complementary norm to canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America.**
* **January 4th is FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30**
* **January 10th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00PM in the Salta Center.**
* **January 10th – Ladies Guild Luncheon at 11:30 at Catholic Charities.**
* **January 13th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **January 28th is the first DDF Sunday collection!!**
  + **February 25th is the second DDF Sunday collection!!**
  + **March 31st is the last DDF Sunday collection!!**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**January 7th, 2024**

**The Epiphany of our Lord**

A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, “This place is boring. I want to go somewhere.” So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, “Where am I *truly* at home?”

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, **“They were overjoyed at seeing the star.”** This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you’re a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, “Follow me! I will take you home!” Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

*— Father John Muir*

**January 7th – The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord**

**Themes for the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord.**

Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates when Jesus Christ was revealed as the Messiah. The Gospel of Matthew recounts that three wise men from the East visited our savior after his birth and acknowledged him with gifts representing kingship, priesthood, and death.

The readings for the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord tell of the revelation of Jesus Christ to all people.

The first reading tells of a light in Jerusalem which all nations are drawn to.

The psalm foretells kings bringing gifts.

The second reading explains how God’s grace is now known to all generations and the whole world.

The gospel recalls how the Magi came from afar to worship the child Jesus. It also recounts Herod’s jealousy and treachery.

### **Mass Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord.**

* **First Reading** – [Isaiah 60:1-6](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=334&rp=3095): “Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.”
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 72](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=335&rp=3095): “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”
* **Second Reading** – [Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=336&rp=3095): “It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”
* **Gospel** – [Matthew 2:1-12](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=337&rp=3095): “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”

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

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**JANUARY HAS 4 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

**Please make all checks payable to “Christ of the Desert” not Sacred Heart.**

**Total monies collected to date: $86,403 or 64% of annual budget. Last 2 weeks, including Christmas Masses we collected $8,581.**

**Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard.**

**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.**

**Thanks for your continued generosity.**

**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.**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members:**

**We will be having our next Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday, January 10th 2024 at 11:30 am at the Catholic Charities building in the parking lot.**

**Our menu will consist of Beef Stew, rolls and salad with a dessert TBD. Please email Cindy at**[**chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](mailto:chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com)**or call 760-346-0089 to sign up or Cindy will be available after Mass, starting December 24th, to sign up and pay $5 per person. You may pay ahead at sign-up or pay at the door. We do plan ahead for the amount of food so please make sure to pay if you signed up, even if you don’t make it.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR JANUARY: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church**

**Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.**

**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.**

**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 JANUARY & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**DISCLAIMER: If information below is incorrect, please let me know and I will correct the error.**

**JANUARY BITHDAY SECTION:**

**Judy Penny has a birthday on January 2nd.**

**John Maldonado has a birthday on January 5th.**

**John Schumaker has a birthday on January 6th.**

**Linda Olsen has a birthday on January 19th.**

**Carmen Carlo has a birthday on January 19th.**

**Marjorie Sole has a birthday on January 22nd.**

**Carmen Migliaccio has a birthday on January 27th.**

**Lou Latranga has a birthday on January 31st.**

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Frances Dorniak – January 4th , Maryanne Dorniak’s Mother.**

**Steve Kent – January 5th, husband of Dolores Kent.**

**Jim Carlo - January 11th, husband of Carmen Carlo**

**Paul Aragon has a birthday in heaven on January 12th.**

**Mary Mueller – January 16th , Jay Mueller’s Mother.**

**Judith Aragon – January 18th, wife of Paul Aragon.**

**William MacKenzie – January 25th, Margaret MacKenzie’s husband.**

**Arnold Capitanelli – January 26th , Jackie Capitanelli’s Husband.**

**Dan Ryan – January 30th, Kathy Ryan’s husband.**

**JANUARY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Linda & John Olsen have an anniversary on January 28th.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Father Jack McGinnis passed away on January 1, 2022. Beloved friend of the entire Christ of the Desert Community.**

**Dennis DeWeese, who passed away at 50 years old on January 12,2001. Paulette Quaid’s brother.**

**Elsie Junga passed away on January 16, 1991. Family member of Lee Junga.**

**Stephen Dorniak passed away on January 20, 2016. Father of Maryanne Dorniak**

**Max Gregory Sosebee passed away January 22,2022. Son of Joyce Sosebee**

**Max Eugene Sosebee passed away on January 30, 2005. Husband of Joyce Sosebee.**

**Dan Ryan passed away on January 30th. Husband of Kathy Ryan.**

**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 pray for special intentions at Sunday Mass. Please send me those intentions so the entire Parish can pray to the LORD with you.**

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

**Carol Lee Evans.**

**Would you put my friends on the prayer list as they are all ill. Arnie Tom Karen and Mira. Roxanne Reed**

**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”.**

**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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