**June 1st, 2025 - Issue #270 - Sixth Sunday of Easter & Ascension Sunday**

**What does the Ascension of Jesus mean to Catholics?**

**The Ascension of Jesus, a key event in Christianity, describes Jesus' return to Heaven after his resurrection, 40 days after Easter. This ascent, witnessed by his disciples, signifies his entrance into the divine realm and a new relationship with God. The ascension is celebrated as a Feast of Ascension and is important because it demonstrates God's omnipotence and Jesus' permanent presence with God.**

**Here's a more detailed look:**

* **Scriptural Basis:**

**The New Testament, specifically in the Book of Acts, details the ascension, describing Jesus being taken up into the clouds and hidden from sight.**

* **Significance:**

**The ascension is understood to be a definitive departure of Jesus from his earthly interactions, with a promise of his return.**

* **Relationship to the Holy Spirit:**

**Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit after his ascension is a crucial aspect, as the Holy Spirit is believed to empower and guide believers.**

* **Celebration:**

**The Feast of Ascension, observed 40 days after Easter, commemorates this event and emphasizes the kingship of Christ.**

**St. Katharine Drexel Route from Indianapolis to Los Angeles**

**Revival is here.**

**During the summer of 2024, an unprecedented National Eucharistic Pilgrimage moved from the four  
corners of the United States to Indianapolis, culminating in the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. Given the outpouring  
of stories involving our Eucharistic Lord's healing, conversion, unity, and peace along the 2024 pilgrimage routes, we  
have decided to keep the momentum going in 2025!**

**As the three‐year National Eucharistic Revival in the United States draws to a close on the Solemnity of the  
Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, we are excited to launch the St. Katharine Drexel Route from  
Indianapolis to Los Angeles and invite you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament along the way.**

**Sacred Heart Church, Palm Desert has been selected to receive the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage!  
Saturday, June 14 ‐ 5:30PM Mass followed by Praise and Worship as we await the arrival of the  
Pilgrims, we will then proceed with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Sunday, June 15 ‐ Bishop Rojas will Celebrate the 8:00AM Mass  
Following the Mass we will WALK WITH THE FATHER (Blessed Sacrament) to the Palm Desert Civic Park.**

**June Upcoming Events:**

* **June 1st is Ascension of Jesus Sunday**
* **June 5TH is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **June 11th is Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6PM to 9PM in the Salta Center.**
* **June 12th is Christ of the Desert Finance Council meeting.**
* **June 14th is the K of C Monthly Drive - CRV (California Refund Value) recycling program at SHC North parking lot. 7:30 to 11:30.**
* **June 15th is Father’s day.**

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**June 1, 2025 - 7th Sunday of Easter & Ascension of Jesus - John 17:20-26**

**The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I’m not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father “that they may be brought to perfection as one” (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?**

**I’d wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.**

**Let’s apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did?** *Father John Muir*

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**Mass Readings:**

* **First Reading:**[**Acts 1:1-11**](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1CHBD_enUS883US884&cs=0&sca_esv=a983052df2b98a8d&sxsrf=AE3TifPwiaUmEyZtxglL1F5E4yCYRObKgQ%3A1748371763616&q=Acts+1%3A1-11&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwih54ivqMSNAxVQI0QIHQzHGmgQxccNegQICRAB&mstk=AUtExfA9_fuOFReVKhvfXW-wDWm7lbwm4RH81BsNL1i6JRu7X8n9FiHVAEWTVBTk-aBckrezVQvox6X2YWNbYzopDyJjv6bL7lRZ9A2DCzhOpDrCkNqExPjzTaigtDNAET2eugMsK0DQDHLVFKVxEO2GOWbGTVUx2Cq_1W0YiZ1QbQze1vupc1FyML1MKfQ2qfFd4SnGBIryJ81YKEsf4hrBLZ7mLWWR1dK4-QVhhIXfY0oiY8nIwLdwI5jYOTMuWQ6cYX9fw02AlRgPHUDW7Q80ggiD&csui=3)**(The Ascension of Jesus to heaven)**
* **Responsorial Psalm:**[**Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9**](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1CHBD_enUS883US884&cs=0&sca_esv=a983052df2b98a8d&sxsrf=AE3TifPwiaUmEyZtxglL1F5E4yCYRObKgQ%3A1748371763616&q=Psalm+47%3A2-3%2C+6-7%2C+8-9&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwih54ivqMSNAxVQI0QIHQzHGmgQxccNegQIDhAB&mstk=AUtExfA9_fuOFReVKhvfXW-wDWm7lbwm4RH81BsNL1i6JRu7X8n9FiHVAEWTVBTk-aBckrezVQvox6X2YWNbYzopDyJjv6bL7lRZ9A2DCzhOpDrCkNqExPjzTaigtDNAET2eugMsK0DQDHLVFKVxEO2GOWbGTVUx2Cq_1W0YiZ1QbQze1vupc1FyML1MKfQ2qfFd4SnGBIryJ81YKEsf4hrBLZ7mLWWR1dK4-QVhhIXfY0oiY8nIwLdwI5jYOTMuWQ6cYX9fw02AlRgPHUDW7Q80ggiD&csui=3)**(The Lord will ascend with joy)**
* **Second Reading:**[**Ephesians 1:17-23**](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1CHBD_enUS883US884&cs=0&sca_esv=a983052df2b98a8d&sxsrf=AE3TifPwiaUmEyZtxglL1F5E4yCYRObKgQ%3A1748371763616&q=Ephesians+1%3A17-23&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwih54ivqMSNAxVQI0QIHQzHGmgQxccNegQIDBAB&mstk=AUtExfA9_fuOFReVKhvfXW-wDWm7lbwm4RH81BsNL1i6JRu7X8n9FiHVAEWTVBTk-aBckrezVQvox6X2YWNbYzopDyJjv6bL7lRZ9A2DCzhOpDrCkNqExPjzTaigtDNAET2eugMsK0DQDHLVFKVxEO2GOWbGTVUx2Cq_1W0YiZ1QbQze1vupc1FyML1MKfQ2qfFd4SnGBIryJ81YKEsf4hrBLZ7mLWWR1dK4-QVhhIXfY0oiY8nIwLdwI5jYOTMuWQ6cYX9fw02AlRgPHUDW7Q80ggiD&csui=3)**or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 (Christ's exaltation and the Church)**
* **Gospel:**[**Luke 24:46-53**](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1CHBD_enUS883US884&cs=0&sca_esv=a983052df2b98a8d&sxsrf=AE3TifPwiaUmEyZtxglL1F5E4yCYRObKgQ%3A1748371763616&q=Luke+24%3A46-53&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwih54ivqMSNAxVQI0QIHQzHGmgQxccNegQIEBAB&mstk=AUtExfA9_fuOFReVKhvfXW-wDWm7lbwm4RH81BsNL1i6JRu7X8n9FiHVAEWTVBTk-aBckrezVQvox6X2YWNbYzopDyJjv6bL7lRZ9A2DCzhOpDrCkNqExPjzTaigtDNAET2eugMsK0DQDHLVFKVxEO2GOWbGTVUx2Cq_1W0YiZ1QbQze1vupc1FyML1MKfQ2qfFd4SnGBIryJ81YKEsf4hrBLZ7mLWWR1dK4-QVhhIXfY0oiY8nIwLdwI5jYOTMuWQ6cYX9fw02AlRgPHUDW7Q80ggiD&csui=3)**(The Lord's descent into heaven)**

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

**JUBLIEE YEAR 2025: UPDATE**

**Pope Francis has started the 2025 Jubilee Year with the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope”.**

**The “Holy Doors” at Sacred Heart Church are the exterior entrance of the Padre Pio Adoration Chapel.**

**The Doors are open daily 6:00AM – 6:00PM.**

**In communion with and obedience to those desires promulgated by the Office of the Apostolic Penitentiary, the Diocese of San Bernardino has selected SACRED HEART CHURCH, Palm Desert as a Jubilee site whereat the faithful, having fulfilled the ordinary conditions for the reception of an indulgence, can receive the full remittance of any temporal effects due to sin, opening wide the doors of mercy and hope to an encounter with the risen Lord, in whom our hope “cannot disappoint.”**

**The norms for receiving an indulgence are that a person is "moved by a spirit of charity," is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope. Along with a pilgrimage, a work of mercy or an act of penance, a Catholic "will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory."**

**No Ladies Guild luncheons until September.**

Special thanks to all that make this monthly gathering happen.

**REMEMBRANCE WALK – PAVER ORDER INFORMATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:**

**The “REMEMBRANCE WALK” IS LOCATED IS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CHAPEL. (behind the planter)**

**Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!**

**In 2025 the following will be observed as Holy Days of Obligation:**

* **January 1st- Wednesday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2025.**
* **May 29th - Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Mass moved to June 1st.**
* **August 15th  - Friday - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
* **November 1st  - Solemnity of All Saints (Saturday)**
* **December 8th – Monday- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**
* **December 25th – Thursday- Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**June HAS 5 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

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

**Total monies collected to date: $177,333\* or 118.2% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 25th was $1,287.**

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

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

        **Our Monthly expenses are budgeted at $12,500 per month or $37,500 per quarter. $150,000 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.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR JUNE: That the world might grow in compassion.  
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.**

**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 APRIL & 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.**

**2025**

**JUNE BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Steve Lester has a birthday on June 1st.**

**Maureen Caron has a birthday on June 4th.**

**Crys Mueller has a birthday June 6th.**

**Jan McCoy has a birthday on June 6th.**

**John Kurnik has a birthday on June 9th.**

**Marlene Evans has a birthday June 9th.**

**Sharon Curran has a birthday on June 16th.**

**Lois Hickey has a birthday on June 17th.**

**Pamela Lieb has a birthday on June 20th.**

**Paulette Quaid has a birthday on June 23rd**

**Tom Lieb has a birthday on June 28th.**

**Jan Seiden has a birthday on June 28th.**

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Marie Hopkins – June 3rd - Mother of Roseanne Brauntz.**

**John Olsen – June 2nd – Husband of Linda Olsen.**

**JUNE HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Carol & Chris Anderson – June 6th.**

**Frank & Wanda Rizzo – June 16th.**

**Howard & Sandra Lincoln – June 16th.**

**JUNE REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Arnold & Jackie Capitanelli – June 30th Parents of the Capitanelli children.**

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

**John Evans, husband of Carol Lee, passed away on June 4th, 2023.**

**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.**

**Please pray for Ted and Eva. Roxanne Reed**

**Please pray for my daughter, Lisa Gruebel, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer, Suzanne Cummings.**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

**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 18 years.**

**John Maldonado is a Mortgage Loan Originator with First West Financial, Corp & a member of Christ of the Desert congregation.**

**"Your Home Loan Made Simple" We help you buy your dream home by simplifying the mortgage financing process with personalized loan options that save you time and money. If you need assistance with any type of loan, I am here to help.**

**For every loan that closes, I will make a donation to Christ of the Desert.**

**Contact: John A. Maldonado at** [**jam@firstwestfinancial.com**](mailto:jam@firstwestfinancial.com) **or call 760 636-8266. Mortgage Loan Originator,**

**NMLS #1995783,**[**WWW.firstwestfinancial.com**](http://www.firstwestfinancial.com/)

**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**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43-775+DEEP+CANYON+ROAD,+PALM+DESERT,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)**.**

**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.**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**Palm Desert, CA**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**92260**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)

**Jay Mueller**

**Stay Healthy! Do good work! Keep in touch!!!**

SHC & COD Finance Council Member SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

SHC & COD Parish Council Member COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC Remembrance Square Coordinator

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