**October 6th, 2024 - Issue #236 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SAD NEWS TO REPORT: On Tuesday morning, I received a text from Sharon McCoy asking for prayers for her daughter Jennifer who had just passed away. Please keep Sharon and her family in your prayers during this difficult time. These are the only details I have at this time.**

**Trunk or Treat at Sacred Heart - Saturday, October 26th at 6:00 to 8:00PM**

**Candy donations greatly needed. Please bring Halloween candy to the Chapel for distribution at Sacred Heart. We (Cindy) will be accepting candy donations through Friday, October 25th. We did this last year. The demand is great, please help us have enough candy for all that participate.**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**The Christmas luncheon is set for December 15th at Desert Willow Golf Course (again) right after Mass. The Parishioner cost is $40 per person. Actual cost is $50 per person. Christ of the Desert Finance Council voted on September 26th to cover the difference. Several Parishioners have approached me stating they are willing to cover the costs to attend, for any Parishioner who wants to attend, but is not financially able. As I stated at Mass over the years, I never want to hear anyone say again, “I wanted to go to the luncheon but could not afford it”. We are a community that takes care of everyone. If you fall into this category, please see Cindy privately so she can sign you up to attend.**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members**

**We will be having our Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday, October 16th at 11:30 AM. Menu is BBQ pulled Chicken sandwich, potato salad and BBQ baked beans. Dessert is apple spice cake.**

**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 September 29th) 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.**

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

**The “REMEMBRANCE WALK” IS LOCATED IS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAIN ENTR**

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**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!!.**

**OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:**

* **October 3rd - FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program, 9:30 to 11AM.**
* **October 9th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **October 12th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **October 16th - Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the Catholic Charities.**

**In 2024 the following will be observed as Holy Days of Obligation:**

1. **Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Solemnity of the Ascension. The Solemnity replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter.**
2. **Thursday, August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
3. **Friday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints**
4. **Please Note: In 2024, December 8 occurs on a Sunday and will be observed in the Roman Calendar as the Second Sunday of Advent. The liturgical observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9, 2024. However, the obligation to participate in Mass for the Immaculate Conception is not transferred.**
5. **Wednesday, December 25 – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**
6. **Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**October 6th– Themes for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time highlight the importance of unity, family, and following God’s will. They remind us of the value of marriage, the role of children, and Jesus’ teachings on these topics.

* **Unity in Marriage**: God creates woman as a partner for man, showing that marriage is meant to be a union of equals. This unity is blessed by God.
* **Importance of Family**: The readings emphasize the family as the basic unit of society. Jesus’ love for children highlights the importance of nurturing and caring for family members.
* **God’s Plan for Marriage**: Jesus teaches that marriage is a sacred bond. He reminds us that this bond should not be broken lightly.
* **Innocence of Children**: Jesus shows special care for children. He teaches that we should have a childlike trust and openness to enter the Kingdom of God.
* **Respect for Women**: The creation of woman as a partner for man shows the respect and value given to women. This teaches us to respect and honor women in our lives.
* **Jesus’ Teachings on Divorce**: Jesus addresses the issue of divorce, urging us to respect the commitment made in marriage. He calls for fidelity and commitment in relationships.
* **Christ’s Humility and Suffering**: In Hebrews, we see Jesus’ willingness to suffer for humanity. This calls us to follow His example of humility and sacrifice.

The themes for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time guide us to appreciate marriage, value family, and follow Jesus’ teachings. They remind us to live with unity, respect, and commitment in our relationships.

**Mass Readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

* **First Reading –**[**Genesis 2:18-24**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/creation-of-woman/)**: God created animals and birds for man to name, but none was suitable. God then made a woman from man’s rib. Man recognized her as his equal and partner.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 128**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/blessed-by-the-lord/)**: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and follow his ways. They will enjoy prosperity, family blessings, and peace. May the Lord bless us throughout our lives.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Hebrews 2:9-11**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/perfect-through-suffering/)**: He was made lower than the angels to taste death for everyone. By God’s grace, he leads many to glory, becoming perfect through suffering and calling us “brothers.”**
* **Gospel –**[**Mark 10:2-16**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-on-marriage-and-children/)**: The Pharisees tested Jesus about divorce, and he emphasized God’s original design for marriage. He also welcomed children, stating the importance of receiving the kingdom of God like a child.**

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

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**OCTOBER 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: $37,144 or 24.8% of annual budget. Last week’s collection was: $1,388\*.**

**\*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 OCTOBER: For A Shared Mission**

**Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.**

**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 OCTOBER & 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.**

**OCTOBER: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Nadine Black – October 1st**

**Amanda Velez – October 3rd**

**Betty Walbridge – October 8th**

**Bill Lee – October 10th**

**Chici Rayo – October 11th**

**Frank Rizzo – October 12th**

**Connie Bannon – October 13th**

**Pat Hogan – October – 24th**

**Kathy Stambaugh – October 27th**

**Noah McCoy – October 29th.**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Steve Kutura – October 29th**

**OCTOBER HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**J & Crys Mueller – October 9th**

**OCTOBER: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**None submitted**

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

**Frances Dorniak, mother of Maryanne, passed away on October 3rd**

**William Reid, husband of Sandy Reid, passed away on October 3rd**

**Bill Mueller, father of Jay Mueller, passed away on October 5th**

**Montana Lester, wife of Steve Lester passed away on October 7th**

**Dan Ryan, husband of Kathy Ryan, passed away on October 15th**

**Ellie Shepard, long time member of our community, passed away on October 25th**

**Robert Riley, husband of Mary Ann Riley, passed away on October 30th**

**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 Bob, Lee, Karen & Mira. Roxanne Reed**

**Please pray for my daughter, Lisa Gruebel, who has been recently 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 15 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.**

**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 Remembrance Square Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

CELL NUMBER 760-777-3745