**Everyone:**

**What an incredible experience we all had at Easter Sunday Mass. Not only did we celebrate the “Risen Lord” but the return to full capacity in our Chapel. Our capacity is 178 seats and we had 175 parishioners and visitors in attendance. Are we back to normal? Who knows? It was a great day, for me, to look out into the congregation and see all those happy faces. Made my day!!!**

**GREAT NEWS:**

**Thanks to a parish family, who wishes to remain anonymous, for their generous gift of $10,000. This gift will enable us to purchase new chairs, with arms, for our Chapel.  Below are our thoughts:**

1. **Buy as many chairs, with arms, as possible with the donation.** 
   1. **Somewhere around 100.**
2. **Take inventory of all chairs and remove any chairs that should be taken out of use.**
   1. **These chairs will be disposed of through proper recycling channels.**
3. **Re-purpose the good/extra chairs. We have three meeting rooms that are used a great deal during the week.**
   1. **Currently these rooms use folding chairs.**
   2. **The extra blue chairs will be a nice upgrade to each room.**
4. **Finally, any remaining chairs, in good condition will be donated to Galilee Center.**

**This Sunday’s Thoughts:**

**Sunday's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.**

**Special intention prayers:**

**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.**

**Help wanted from Paulette:**

**I'm looking for someone who is willing to play the music CD on a couple select dates when I cannot be here.  Right now that is the healing mass at 12:30 pm on Friday 5/27 and our 9:30 am Anniversary/Birthday Sunday 5/29.  They need not be mechanically inclined.  I can teach them the music board and I provide a copy of the readings for those days with detailed instructions for when each song is to be played.  I will be at my granddaughter's high school graduation up in Northern California that weekend.  I usually count on a couple of people, neither of whom are available that weekend so additional people willing to help will be most appreciated. See me after Mass if you can assist.**

**April Special Events:**

* **Palm Sunday was April 10th.**
* **Easter Sunday was April 17th-**
* **The CPR/First Aid class is on April 23rd from 9 to 3.**
* **FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program was today.**
  + **550 pounds of food was distributed to 11 families.**
  + **To date we have distributed 1,750 pounds of food.**
  + **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.**

**May Special Events:**

**The Spring Combined Collection will take place on May 15th, 2022.**

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

**Catholic Relief Services,** [**Catholic Communication Campaign**](http://www.archmil.org/giving/Combined-Collections/CCC.htm)**,** [**Peter’s Pence**](http://www.archmil.org/giving/Combined-Collections/Religious.htm) **&** [**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**](http://www.archmil.org/giving/Combined-Collections/CCHD.htm)

**WEEKLY REMINDER:**

**April 17th – Easter Sunday Mass (at 9:30) we had 175 people.**

**April 15th – Good Friday/Stations of the Cross (at 12:30) we had 40 people.**

**STARTING IMMEDIATELY:**

**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 APRIL YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**APRIL BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Send me your approximate age (if you want) and birthday date.**

**Joyce Sosebee had a birthday on the 18th. Rumor has it she will be over 80.**

**Betty Schultz had a birthday on the 17th. No age provided.**

**Jim LaBaugh had a birthday on April 18th. He is now 79.**

**MAY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Shirley Wilburn has a birthday on May 19th.**

**APRIL HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Carl and Lois Hickey celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 17th.**

**Bev & Steve Battaglio had a wedding anniversary on April 23. 61 years together.**

**Jan & Pat McCoy were married on April 30th, 1966. They are celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary.**

**MAY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**My father-in-law & Crys’ dad - Jimmy Rogers will be 98 on May 31st.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

**APRIL REMEMBRANCE SECTION:**

**John Schumaker passed away on April 2nd, 2017**

**Stanford Johnson passed away on April 12th. No year provided. He was the husband of Rosanne Hopkins**

**MAY REMEMBRANCE SECTION:**

**Nothing submitted.**

**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:**

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

**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 1,2021 TO June 30, 2022 IS NOW $115,000.**

        **Our Monthly expenses are now $9,583 or $28,750 per quarter.**

        **Total Q1,Q2 & Q3 monies collected: $103,535 or 90% of our annual budget.**

        **Total 1st quarter collections were: $23,475.We were $5,274 under budget for the 1st Quarter.**

        **Total 2nd quarter collections were: $33,747. We were $4,987 over budget for the 2nd Quarter.**

        **Total 3rd quarter collections to date are: $37,093. We were $8,343 over budget for the 3rd Quarter.**

* **Total 4th quarter collections to date are: $9,220.**
* **April collections are:  $9,220.**
* **May collections are: TBD.**
* **June collections are: TBD**

        **April 17th collections was: $3,535.**

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

**“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 our son-in-law, Flavio, who has heart issues.  Carl and Lois Hickey**

**My husband has been diagnosed with dementia. Please keep him and myself in your prayer as we travel this difficult road ahead. Linda**

**Catherine (Kitty) Occhino asks that we pray for her husband Phil who has cancer.**

**I would like to pray for my friend Gary who is suffering with mouth cancer🙏  Roxanne Reed.**

**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.**

**“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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