February 16th, 2025 - Issue #255 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**February Special Events:**

* **February 2nd was “Ground Hog’s Day”.** **Punxsutawney Phil’s prediction is 6 more weeks of winter.**
* **February 6th - FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **February 8th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **February 12th - Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon. (see details below).**
* **February 12th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00PM in the Salta Center.**
* **February 14th is Valentine’s Day.**
* **February 23rd is the second DDF collection Sunday.**
* **March 30st is the last DDF Sunday collection. (if needed)**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dee Howarth who passed away on Friday January 31st.**

**OUR 2025 DDF GOAL IS $13,100. $9,979 collected so far!!**

**REMINDER:**

**We designate the last Sunday of the month as DDF Sunday. However, you can always donate at any time. Each Sunday we will have a collection basket available after Mass.**

**You can also drop off your donation during the week, into the slot of door #4 office.**

**You can also send us your donation at any time. Our mailing address is “Christ of the Desert”: 43775 Deep Canyon Rd.  Palm Desert, CA  92260**

**Make checks payable to “Christ of the Desert”. Put DDF in lower left memo area.**

**Cash $$$ is always acceptable.**

* **Our Second scheduled collection will be February 23rd.**
* **Our Third scheduled collection will be on March 30th.**
	+ **All monies collected (above $13,100) will be returned to us with no Diocesan taxation!!**
	+ **These additional funds will enable us to continue our facility improvement projects in 2024.**
* **Last year we raised $39,025. Over $26,825 was returned to us!!!**

**Thanks, in advance, for everyone’s continued DDF support in the February & March collections.**

**FATHER CONNOLE’S “EMERGENCY DOOR FUND” UPDATE: We have collected $48,460 towards our new goal of $58,000.**

**MESSAGE FROM SEW AND SERVE MINISTRY**

**Since February 2024, the “Sew and Serve Ministry” has sent over 1,000 handmade dresses to the following places; Galilee Center, Martha’s Village, Mexico, Guatemala City, Nicaragua, and the Philippines.  Thank you for providing our Ministry with funds to make dresses that make a difference in the lives of girls.  Anne Tufo**

**SAD NEWS FROM BETTY WALBRIDGE:**

**I just heard that daring Midge Nordella passed away on the evening of February 11th. She was a long time member of our community and the leader our “Bereavement Group”. She had been in declining health for the last 5 or 6 years. Please keep her your prayers as we mourn her passing.**

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

**February 16, 2025 - 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Luke 6:17, 20-26**

**I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I’d strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.**

**Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week’s Gospel of Saint Luke’s “woes”: “Woe to you who are rich…who are filled now…who laugh now…who are well-spoken of” (cf. Luke 6:24-26).  How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The “woes” the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the *purpose*of your life, you’ll be miserable. He is saying, “You’ll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does.”**

**To some degree, we’re all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four “woes.” How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let’s admit what is causing our “woes.”***— Father John Muir*

**February 16th – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

 **Mass Readings for the 6Th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

* **First Reading –**[**Jeremiah 17:5-8**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/trust-in-the-lord-3/)**: Those who trust in people are like barren bushes in the desert. Those who trust in the LORD are like fruitful trees by the water.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 1**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-blessed-and-the-wicked/)**: Those who avoid the wicked and delight in God’s law are blessed and prosper. The wicked are like chaff blown away by the wind. God watches over the righteous.**
* **Second Reading –**[**1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/christs-resurrection-and-our-faith/)**: If Christ is not raised, our faith is useless and we remain in sin. But Christ is risen, the first of those who have died.**
* **Gospel –**[**Luke 6:17, 20-26**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-blessings-and-woes/)**: Jesus blesses the poor, hungry, and sorrowful, promising them future joy and rewards in heaven. He warns the rich, well-fed, and joyful of future sorrow, highlighting how ancestors treated true and false prophets.**

**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.”**

**Jubilee 2025 invites you to be a pilgrim of hope. For Christians, hope is anchored in the encounter with Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection reveals God’s transforming love. Our hope in God is renewed constantly in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Father and the Son, who is given, even now, to the community of believers.**

**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."**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members:**

**We will be having our next Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday, March 12th 2025 at 11:30 AM.**

**Our menu is TBD. Please email Cindy at****chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com****or call 760-346-0089 to sign up or Cindy will be available after Mass, starting February 223rd, to sign up and pay $5 per person. We do plan ahead for the amount of food so please make sure to pay when you signed up. March meeting date is on Wednesday the 12th.**

**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**
* **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**

**Lent begins March 5th, Palm Sunday is April 13th and Easter Sunday is April 20th.**

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**FEBRUARY 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: $124,052\* or 82.7% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 9th was $2,267.**

**\*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 FEBRUARY: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.**

**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 FEBRUARY & 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**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**CeCe Bogan has a birthday on February 13th.**

**John Kirsch has a birthday on February 14th.**

**Dolores Kent has a birthday on February 19th.**

**Zelina Ferenz has a birthday on February 20th.**

**Nancy Tapick has a birthday on February 26th.**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Andre Binns – February 2nd, Dear friend of Jay & Crys Mueller.**

**Diane Berwick – February 16th.**

**Max Sosebee – February 20th.**

**Tom Washburn – February 21st, Husband of Carla Washburn.**

**FEBRUARY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**None submitted**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Seana Swanson’s son, Travis, passed away on February 2, 2021.**

**Carla Washburn’s Husband, Tom, passed away on February 4th 2017.**

**John Maldonado’s mother, Nellie, passed away on February 17th.**

**Joyce Sosebee’s partner, Paul Aragon, passed away on February 26th 2023.**

**Jesse Schumaker’s Brother, Juan Baco, passed away on February 28th, 2022**

**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.**

**Joe has lung cancer and will start three months of radiation and chemo on December 12th. We ask for healing prayers, and that the will of Our Lord be done.  Judy Farnan**

**Please pray for my friend Craig Richard who was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Daria Smith.**

**Please continue to pray for Carrie Clay who is recovering from a broke her right hip. Christ of the Desert Community**

**Please pray for Doug and Val. 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 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** **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****. 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****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%2BDEEP%2BCANYON%2BROAD%2C%2BPALM%2BDESERT%2C%2BCA%2B92260?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%2BDeep%2BCanyon%2BRd.%2BPalm%2BDesert%2C%2BCA%2B92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**Palm Desert, CA**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775%2BDeep%2BCanyon%2BRd.%2BPalm%2BDesert%2C%2BCA%2B92260?entry=gmail&source=g)**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

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