**October 13th, 2024 - Issue #237 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Pope Francis called for a global day of prayer and fasting on Oct. 7 to mark the one-year anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel amid escalating violence in the region. He personally went to Rome’s Basilica of St. Mary Major on Sunday (October 6th) to pray the rosary on the eve of the anniversary “to invoke the gift of peace through the intercession of Most Holy Mary.”**

**What is the “Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major”.**

**Crys and I were able to tour this unbelievable Basilica while in Rome in August.**

**The Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major has dominated over the city of Rome for 16 centuries as the Marian shrine par excellence and the cradle of artistic civilization. Located at the summit of the Esquiline Hill, it is one of Rome’s four Papal Basilicas. According to tradition, the Virgin Mary indicated and inspired the construction of her abode on the Esquiline Hill. She appeared in a dream to the aristocrat, Giovanni, and to Pope Liberius, asking for the construction of a Church in her honor, in a place that She would miraculously reveal.**[**The Miracle of the Snows**](https://www.basilicasantamariamaggiore.va/en/polo-museale/loggia-sala-dei-papi-e-scala-del-bernini.html)**is recalled each year with a solemn celebration. During the liturgy, a shower of white petals falls from the ceiling, creating an almost perfect union between the congregation and the Mother of God.**

**The Basilica houses the most important Marian icon, the *[Salus Populi Romani](https://www.basilicasantamariamaggiore.va/en/basilica/storia-e-arte/salus-popoli-romani.html)*. Tradition attributes the image to Saint Luke the Evangelist, the Patron Saint of painters. Pope Francis entrusts his Apostolic Journeys to the protection of the *Salus Populi Romani*, which he visits before every departure and after every return.**

**The relic of the**[**Holy Crib**](https://www.basilicasantamariamaggiore.va/en/basilica/storia-e-arte/sacra-culla.html)**, the manger in which Baby Jesus was laid to rest, highlights the importance of Saint Mary Major as the “Bethlehem of the West”. The first Christmas night Mass was celebrated here and Pontiffs have been keeping this tradition alive for centuries.**

**Among the Basilica’s most important relics are the remains of Saint Matthew and Saint Jerome.**

**Seven Popes are buried in the Basilica.**

**The many treasures housed in the Basilica make Saint Mary Major a place where art and spirituality blend in a perfect pairing, giving visitors the unique emotions that transpire from man’s great works of art, inspired by God.**

**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:**

**Our Holiday Luncheon will be December 15th, 2024 after the 9:30 Mass. The luncheon will be held at Desert Willow Golf Resort at 38995 Desert Willow Drive in Palm Desert, right off Country Club between Portola and Cook.**

**The luncheon buffet consists of Caesar Salad and French Onion Soup, Bruschetta Chicken and Grilled Salmon with Tomato Confit Steamed Vegetables and Forbidden Rice Risotto and dessert. Beverages provided include Coffee, Iced Tea and Water. There is a no host bar available.**

**Cost per person is $40 inclusive. 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.**

**You may make your reservation with Cindy after Masses on Friday and Sunday, with payment at time of reservation. If you would like to make a reservation at a different time, please call the office to make an appointment. (760) 346-0089.  If you would like to have a table reserved for a group, please collect the names and payment for the group as a whole and sign all in at one time.**

**We hope you all will join us for this fun, holiday filled event. We had a great time last year and this should be even better!**

**This event is open to all. Spouses and any family members are welcome!!!!**

**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.**

**UPCOMING LADIES GUILD DATES: NOVEMBER 11TH, NO DECEMBER GATHERING, JANUARY 8TH & FEBRUARY 12TH.**

**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**

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

**October 13, 2024**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**This week we hear of the man who inquires of Jesus how to obtain eternal life. He rejects Jesus’ invitation to sell his goods, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. Mark tells us this devastatingly sad line, “At this saying, his countenance fell and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions” (Mark 10:22). The man’s heart wasn’t centered on Jesus, but on his possessions. Perhaps Jesus intuited this. Now, we don’t know if Jesus intended to actually make him go through with it, like God’s call to test Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice Isaac. But sadly, in this case the willingness was not there to entrust everything to Jesus. And this made the man deeply sad.**

**For most of us, the literal dispossessing of our goods is not our call. But as Christians, a consistent *renouncing* of them is. This week, especially if you’re noticing a persisting sadness, I invite you to hear Jesus calling you to acknowledge that none of your possessions are finally *yours.* They are God’s and on loan to you. We get so addicted to that stuffy and sad word, “mine.” At Mass, we rehearse this attitude of joyful detachment by giving bread, wine, and money to the Lord, as if to say, “Lord, all I have is yours.” And what we get back is a sadness-defeating joy beyond all description: knowing that He is ours, and we are His.**

**What possessions are pre-occupying you at the moment? Write them down. Intentionally offer them to the Lord at the next Mass you attend.** *— Father John Muir*

**Mass Readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

* **First Reading –**[**Wisdom 7:7-11**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/wisdoms-gift/)**: I prayed for wisdom, valuing her above riches, health, and beauty. With her, I received all good things and countless riches.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 90**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/filled-with-gods-love/)**: Teach us to value our days, fill us with your love, and show your glory to us and our children. Establish and bless the work of our hands.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Hebrews 4:12-13**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/gods-living-word/)**: God’s word is powerful, discerning our deepest thoughts and intentions. Nothing is hidden from his sight; everything is exposed, and we are accountable to him.**
* **Gospel –**[**Mark 10:17-30 or Mark 10:17-27**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-rich-young-man/)**: A man asked Jesus about inheriting eternal life. Jesus told him to follow the commandments and to sell his possessions. The man left sad. Jesus taught how difficult it is for the rich to enter God’s kingdom but affirmed that all things are possible with God.**

**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: $42,292\* or 28.2% of annual budget. Last week’s Sunday collection was: $1,283.**

**\*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**

**Susie Baker – 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:**

**Louise & Jack McCall – October 3rd**

**J & Crys Mueller – October 9th**

**OCTOBER: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**None submitted**

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

**Jennifer McCoy, daughter of Sharon McCoy, passed away October 1, 2024.**

**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.**

**Prayers for Asheville. Full blown catastrophe. Kate and Geof and Gigi have no water or power. And they’re among the very well off.  Still have a roof. Geof Kirsch**

**Please add Jeff Gunn to our prayer list. He is recovering from a very serious surgery Tuesday of last week.  Patrick McCoy**

**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

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