**Everyone:**

**May 7th is the Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary at the start of 9:30 Mass.**

**“May Crowning” is a catholic devotion that occurs in the month of May, recognizing Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. The act of crowning is attributing a queen symbol to Mary, the Mother of our Lord, Jesus Christ. “We entrust all our intentions to her, and she takes them to her Son, who is King”.**

**It is that time of year that we say good bye and safe travels to our “snowbird” parishioners. See you next Fall. Drop us a note telling us what’s going on back home. You will be missed.**

**This past Sunday Jesse Schumaker remembered the passing of her son, John (who passed away on April 30th, 2017), with the following poem in his honor. However, I think it expresses how we all feel when we lose a loved one.**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY SON JOHN**

**Of all the special gifts of life, however great or small.**

**To have you as my son was the greatest gift of all.**

**A special time, a special son and a special face.**

**I cannot replace.**

**And with aching heart, I whisper low.**

**I love you son, and truly miss you so!!!**

**Border Compassion Mother's Day Celebration, May 10, 2023**

**“Thank you for your tremendous generosity”.** **Sisters Suzanne, Geneva and Phyllis.**  
**Help us to honor and gift each mother living in the shelter.**

**The goal is to provide 200 wallets with $50 in each! “faith communities” from all over the valley are participating in the program.**

**You are invited to donate a wallet or make a cash donation. Bring wallets and donations to Christ of the Desert. Sisters Phyllis and Geneva are coordinating the collection on May 7th.**

**The mission of Border Compassion is to invite faith-communities to Cross-Over at the border to offer a compassionate humanitarian response to families living at the Posada del Migrante Shelter, which houses up to 300 people.**

**Border Compassion is a non-profit, faith-based, grassroots effort to respondto the needs of families who have migrated to the border crossing at Calexico, CA and Mexicali, Mexico.**

**These asylum seekers left their homes to escape violence, poverty and climate disasters.  
Make checks payable to: Border Compassion or donate via PayPal:**

[**www.border-compassion.org**](http://www.border-compassion.org)

**43376 Cook Street, Unit 10, Palm Desert, CA 92211  
Border Compassion is a non-profit 501c3, Tax id 94-1605666**

### **MAY 7TH, 2023**

### **Themes for the 5th Sunday of Eas b b bter:**

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter tell us that we are called to follow Jesus and serve him, even though we don’t know where that might lead us.

The first reading tells how and why the first deacons were chosen.

The psalm reminds us that God “loves justice and right”.

In the second reading Peter calls the people to be “a holy priesthood”.

And in the gospel Jesus tells us to have faith in him.

**THE 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS:**

* **First Reading** – [Acts 6:1-7](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=519&rp=5522): A conflict that arose within the early Christian community in Jerusalem, as the Greek-speaking widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. The apostles responded by appointing seven men to oversee this task, who were filled with the Holy Spirit and were successful in resolving the issue.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 33](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=520&rp=5522): A prayer of praise and trust in God’s mercy, emphasizing the righteousness and faithfulness of the Lord. The psalmist calls on the upright to exult in the Lord, giving thanks and chanting His praises with musical instruments, and declares that the earth is full of the Lord’s kindness. The passage concludes by acknowledging that the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear Him and hope in His kindness, and that He delivers them from death and famine.
* **Second Reading** – [1 Peter 2:4-9](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=521&rp=5522): Jesus is the cornerstone of the Church and Christians are a chosen and royal priesthood. Believers should come to Christ, who is a living stone, and to offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Him. Disciples have been called out of darkness and into God’s marvelous light.
* **Gospel** – [John 14:1-12](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=522&rp=5522): Jesus teaches His disciples, assuring them that He will prepare a place for them in His Father’s house and declaring Himself as the way, the truth, and the life. He also tells them that those who believe in Him will do greater works than He has done, and promises to send them the Holy Spirit to guide them.

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

**MAY ACTIVITIES:**

* **May 4th was the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **May 7th is the Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary before 9:30 Mass.**
* **May 7th after the 9:30 Masses (Christ Of The Desert & Sacred Heart) there will be a reception for Father Tyler at Sacred Heart in the Salta Center.**
* **May 10th is the Border-Compassion Mother’s Day Celebration trip to Mexicali, Mexico.**
* **May 14th Mother’s Day.**
* **May 21st Annual Spring Collection benefiting the following ministries;** 
  + **Catholic Relief Services**
  + **Catholic Communications Campaign**
  + **Peter’s Pence**
  + **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**
* **May 29th is Memorial Day.**

**Who is saying Mass at Christ of the Desert Chapel:**

* **May 7th: Father Connole**
* **May 14th: Father Connole**
* **May 21st: Father Elder**
* **May 28th: Father Connole**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR MAY: FOR CHURCH MOVEMENTS AND GROUPS.**  
**We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in 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.**

**FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program next distribution was, Thursday, May 4th  at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 16,600 pounds of food.**
  + **Our family count is 21. God is helping us to reach out to those in need.**
  + **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 at 9:30.**

**WEEKLY MASS UPDATE:**

**April 30th  – Mass we had 138 people. Capacity is 185.**

**April 28th – Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 54 people.**

**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 MAY & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**MAY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Cathy Oliaro has a birthday on May 5th.**

**Sharon McCoy has a birthday on May 12th.**

**Margaret Abbott has a birthday (we think) on May 16th.**

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

**Hank Omelchenko has a birthday on May 20th**

**Karen Latragna has a birthday on May 22nd.**

**Jimmie Rogers has a birthday on May 30th. He will be 99.**

**NEW SECTION: MAY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Steve Dorniak – May 7th, Father of Mary Anne Dorniak.**

**Jack Parlapiano – May 7th, Father of Margaret McKenzie.**

**Bill Mueller – May 17th, Father of Jay Mueller.**

**Nellie Maldonado – May 30th. Mother of John Maldonado.**

**MAY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Ginny & Wes Wright – May 29th ,1969.**

**NEW SECTION: MAY REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Steve & Frances Dorniak – May 27th. Parents of Maryanne Dorniak**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Stanford Johnson, husband of Rosanne, passed away on May 11th, 1998.**

**Norm Walbridge, husband of Betty, passed away May 18th , 1998.**

**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 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 Jimmy Rogers, my father in law & Crys’ dad, that God answers his pray. J & Crys Mueller**

**Please pray for Bob who is now home recovering from health issues.  Joanne Dellovo**

**The Parish prays for the following parishioners:**

**Marie, Joyce Olsen, Peggy Jones, Jim Carlo & John & Carol Lee Evans.**

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

**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: 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”.**

**REMINDER SECTION:**

**MAY HAS 4 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

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

**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.**

**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 1,2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023 IS NOW $135,000\*.**

**\*MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENT FOR ESTIMATED HIGHER ENERGY COSTS.**

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

        **Our Monthly expenses are $11,250 or $33,750 per quarter. $135,000 annually.**

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

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $152,357. 112.9% of new annual budget.**

**Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass collection plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard.**

* **Total 1st quarter collections were: $40,172.**
* **Total 2nd  quarter collections were: $36,854.**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections to date are: $51,288.**
* **Total 4th quarter collections: $24,043.**
* **April collections: $24,043.**
* **May collections: $TBD.**
* **June collections are: $TBD.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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 East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC Parish Walk Coordinator SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

CELL NUMBER 760-777-3745