**May 11th, 2025 - Issue #267 - Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday**

**HABEMUS PAPUS**

**POPE LEO XIV**

**PLEASE KEEP OUR NEW POPE IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**At the end of Communion on Sunday, Paulette, played “**[**Pope Francis Tribute Song That Will Touch Your Soul "Faithful Servant of the Light"**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxBGMuzD_2Y&pp=ygUfImZhaXRoZnVsIHNlcnZhbnQgb2YgdGhlIGxpZ2h0Ig%3D%3D) **song. Here is the You Tube link to access that song.**[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxBGMuzD\_2Y**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxBGMuzD_2Y)

**Copy and paste the link into your browser to play the song.**

**Why do we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocation Sunday on the same day?**

**Pope St. Paul VI saw a problem toward the end of the Second Vatican Council. Among the numerous challenges the Church faced, one of the most disturbing was a drop-off in the number of men entering seminary and women entering convents. And so, just seven months as Pope, on a Saturday, April 11, 1964, the eve of the Sunday called The Good Shepherd Sunday, he established the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. For this reason, this day is also known in the Catholic Church as Vocations Sunday.**

**In this Pope St Paul VI reminds us WHY we need vocations: namely, because our world is in need of salvation! And thus we need men and women who will radically dedicate 100% of their lives to spreading the Gospel of Jesus. This means we must be ready to leave behind whatever would keep us tied down and prevent us from making a definitive choice.**

**A Call to Action and the Need for Vocations:**

**Thus, Vocation Sunday not just about praying for more priests and nuns, rather, it is a call to action and not a “feast day,” per se. In essence, the Holy Father is saying to all Catholics around the world, “People of God, let us pray for what we need and let us take up this challenge!” We are called to be bold and decisive in seeking God’s plan for our lives and in responding to the Lord’s call involves putting ourselves on the line and facing a great challenge.**

**This call to action of Pope St Paul VI was not for something he saw in the sixties, but it is actually very relevant today. It does take a lot of courage to say ‘yes’ to a vocation especially in today’s culture. But by the same token people are looking for contentment and fulfilment. And where do they go and seek it? That’s the question, and Jesus is saying to you, ‘come to me to the Good Shepherd.’ Will you hear His voice and be His sheep or Shepherd?**

**The Spring Combined Collection will take place next Sunday - May 18th, 2025.**

**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)

**Thank you in advance for your support of the Spring Combined Collection.**

**May Upcoming Events:**

* **May 1st - Thursday FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **May 4th - Crowning of the Blessed Mother Mary prior to the start of 9:30 Mass.**
* **May 7th – Papal Conclave convenes in the Sistine Chapel to elect a new Pope.**
* **May 10th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program & wine bottles. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **May 11th – Mother’s Day**
* **May 12th – Limerick Day**
* **May 13th – Frog Jumping Day**
* **May 14th – Civil Decency Day**
* **May 15th – Peace Officer Memorial Day**
* **May 16th – National BBQ Day**
* **May 13th - Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon at 11:30. Note the luncheon has been moved to Tuesday.**
* **May18th – Father Connole’s 57th anniversary of his Ordination.**
* **May 18th – The Spring Collection Sunday**
* **May 26th - Memorial Day.**
* **May 29th – Ascension of Jesus. Holiday of Obligation.**

**Sacred Heart will be hosting “Forest Lawn for a grief seminar”.**

**Forest Lawn designed “Understanding Grief” seminar to help those who have experienced the loss of a family member or friend.**

**They provide a safe place and the coping skills to help you with your grief.**

**These will help strengthen the hope inherent in grief.**

**While this seminar is not a bereavement group, and you are not required to share your experiences, you will discover that you are not alone in your grief.**

**WHEN & WHERE**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025 · 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Sacred Heart Church**

**43775 Deep Canyon Rd., Palm Springs, CA 92260**

**Reservations are required. Call Galen Goben at 1 (888) 204-3131, ext. 4662**

**Visit forestlawn.com/grief-resources for current information regarding the event.**

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

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**May 11, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday - John 10:27-30**

**A few years back, I felt as if I couldn’t hear God’s voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn’t hear God’s voice? It went on for months.**

**Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God’s closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.**

**This week we hear Jesus say, “My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me” (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God’s voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.** *Father John Muir*

**May 11th – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday:**

 **Mass Readings:**

* **First Reading –**[**Acts 13:14, 43-52**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/paul-and-barnabas-in-antioch/)**: Paul and Barnabas preached to Jews and Gentiles, facing jealousy and persecution but spreading the word of the Lord. They left Antioch, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 100**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/we-belong-to-the-lord/)**: We joyfully serve the LORD, knowing He made us and cares for us. His goodness and love last forever, and His faithfulness continues through all generations.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Revelation 7:9, 14B-17**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/vision-of-the-multitude/)**: I saw a great crowd from all nations worshiping before God’s throne. They are protected and led by the Lamb, who wipes away every tear.**
* **Gospel –**[**John 10:27-30**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-good-shepherds-promise/)**: Jesus promises eternal life to his followers, assuring that no one can take them from him or the Father, as they are one.**

**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.”**

**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."**

**The next Ladies Guild Luncheon is on Tuesday, May 13th. Menu is Ground Turkey Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, and Cherry Dump Cake. Starting April 27th. Cindy will be collecting $5 after Masses to reserve a seat. Or you may email or call her at the office. 760-346-0089. We need to know how many will be joining us so we can plan how much food to prepare for our festive gathering!**

**May 13th is the Last Ladies Guild luncheons until September.**

Special thanks to all that make this monthly gathering happen.

**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**

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**May 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: $171,214\* or 114.4% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 4th was $2,532.**

**\*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 MAY: For working conditions.
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.**

**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 APRIL & 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**

**MAY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Peter Baker has a birthday on May 1st.**

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

**Anne Marie Capitanelli has a birthday on May 9th.**

**Margaret Abbott has a birthday on May 9th.**

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

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

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

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

**Carol Lee Evans has a birthday on May 25th.**

**Jimmie Rogers (Crys Mueller’s Father) has a birthday on May 31st. He will be 101.**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Sharon Keith - May 5th, Wife of Bob Keith.**

**Denny DeWeese – May7th,Brother of Paulette Quaid.**

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

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

**Donald Junga – May 10th, Father of Lee Junga.**

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

**Michael Brauntz – May 24th. Husband of Roseanne Brauntz.**

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

**Jim Grand’s Grand Mother – May 31st.**

**MAY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

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

**MAY REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

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

**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.**

**Sister Kay Wagner – May 28th, 2023. Long time parishioner & spiritual adviser.**

**Forie Watson passed away on May 29th.**

**Roger Gavin passed away on April 29th,2025.**

**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.**

**Hi Jay. Our prayer intentions: 1. For our 3-yr. old grandson, Terran, who is in Seattle Children’s Hospital with a central line infection (which he needs for nutrition and survival), and influenza A. We pray that he recovers with the antibiotics and be released soon.
2. For our good friend Maureen, a holy and devout Catholic, that she recover from her pleurisy and pericarditis and live comfortably (she is only in her 50’s). For these intentions we pray to the Lord. Kathy Stambaugh**

**Please pray for Roger Gavin, new parishioner, who passed away on Tuesday (April 29th) Rest In Peace. Betty Kosic**

**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 pray for Ted and Eva. 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 18 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**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775%2BDeep%2BCanyon%2BRd.%2BPalm%2BDesert%2C%2BCA%2B92260?entry=gmail&source=g)

**Jay Mueller**

**Stay Healthy! Do good work! Keep in touch!!!**

SHC & COD Finance Council Member SHC Remembrance Square Coordinator

SHC & COD Parish Council Member SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator CELL NUMBER 760-777-3745