## **October 12th, 2025 - Issue #289 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Trunk Or Treat at Sacred Heart - Saturday, October 25th at 6:00 to 8:00PM**

**Candy donations greatly needed. Please bring Halloween candy to the Chapel for distribution at Sacred Heart. Cindy will be accepting candy donations through Friday, October 24th. We did this last year. The demand is great, please help us have enough candy for all that participate.**

**OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:**

* **October 2rd - FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program, 9:30 to 11AM.**
* **October 8th –   Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **October 9th -   Christ of the Desert Finance Council meeting at 1PM at Sacred Heart Parish Office.**
* **October 11th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **October 15th - Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday at 11:30 AM. Room 1.**
* **October 24th – Last day to drop off candy for Trunk or Treat day at Sacred Heart.**
* **November 1st- November 1st (Saturday) All Saints Day.**
  + **November 1st, 2025, the**[**Solemnity of All Saints**](https://www.google.com/search?cs=0&sca_esv=9d5cec95e536de49&sxsrf=AE3TifPiBq6hMdYIEHfcJoQKmnoviUu2_Q%3A1759251561509&q=Solemnity+of+All+Saints&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjZ5O_i-oCQAxXsPUQIHbljGE0QxccNegQIAhAB&mstk=AUtExfCdKNo4dkubO8TQ7QxbCrMefjf64bOSEmMcnocbYi4_9cLWd_ID5OnI9Khmr7jGEX7jgfj68uHc_vkZA8GREPl_mWFbNCemBqCBiyhhWrw743wlluDB-tTT5r3EUkaG1-mCXW79_7KoS0sqTJwQvyp5LfQGuPxRaN6xuMqt7QeCZWQ&csui=3)**, is not a holy day of obligation in the United States because it falls on a Saturday. While there is no obligation to attend Mass, participation is strongly encouraged to honor the saints.**

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

**October 12, 2025 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Luke 17:11-19**

**Dorothy Day, the great Catholic activist, doubted God’s existence. At least in her early adult years. But something changed when after giving birth to her daughter, she experienced an overwhelming gratitude. She later described how, as she held her daughter, the only appropriate response was a kind of unlimited gratitude. She had done nothing to deserve such a gift — this tiny, miraculous life — but there she was, flooded with gratitude, completely undone by the love of such a Giver.**

**Something similar occurs in Luke 17:19 when Jesus tells a healed leper, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” This man had already received physical healing through his faith. But the moment of an even deeper transformation came when he turned back, fell at Jesus’ feet, and gave thanks. Like Dorothy, this man’s gratitude led him to encounter the Giver.**

**Isn’t that what we want, too? Gratitude to God has the power to break our chains of sadness, bitterness, and disenchantment. It empowers us to step out of the prison of self-pity and into the reality of God’s abundant love. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have received, from what wounds us to what heals us.**

**Where do we learn this? The Mass. The priest prays: “It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks.” Always. Everywhere. Not just when life is easy. Not just when prayers are answered as we expect. Gratitude is not a passive feeling; it is an act of faith. In the eucharist, we remember that Christ himself has given everything for us. And in this act of gratitude, we are healed. *— Father John Muir***

**Mass Readings:**

**First Reading - *2 Kings 5:14-17 -* Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.**

**Responsorial Psalm - *Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4 -* Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.**

**Second Reading - *2 Timothy 2:8-13-* Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.**

**Gospel Reading - *Luke 17:11-19 -* Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.**

**Themes are gleaned from**[**www.loyolapress.com**](http://www.loyolapress.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."**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members**

**We will be having our Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday, October 15th at 11:30 AM. We’ll be serving a trio of salads with cake for dessert. 11:30 am in Room 1.**

**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 28th) 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.**

**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. Mass moved to June 1st.**
* **August 15th - Friday - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
* **November 1st - Solemnity of All Saints (Saturday)**
  + **November 1st, 2025, the**[**Solemnity of All Saints**](https://www.google.com/search?cs=0&sca_esv=9d5cec95e536de49&sxsrf=AE3TifPiBq6hMdYIEHfcJoQKmnoviUu2_Q%3A1759251561509&q=Solemnity+of+All+Saints&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjZ5O_i-oCQAxXsPUQIHbljGE0QxccNegQIAhAB&mstk=AUtExfCdKNo4dkubO8TQ7QxbCrMefjf64bOSEmMcnocbYi4_9cLWd_ID5OnI9Khmr7jGEX7jgfj68uHc_vkZA8GREPl_mWFbNCemBqCBiyhhWrw743wlluDB-tTT5r3EUkaG1-mCXW79_7KoS0sqTJwQvyp5LfQGuPxRaN6xuMqt7QeCZWQ&csui=3)**, is not a holy day of obligation in the United States because it falls on a Saturday. While there is no obligation to attend Mass, participation is strongly encouraged to honor the saints.**
* **December 8th – Monday- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**
* **December 25th – Thursday- Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**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: $58,363 or 35.3% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 5th was $1,713.**

**\*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 $13,750 per month or $41,250 per quarter. $165,000 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 collaboration between different religious traditions:  
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.**

**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.**

**2025**

**OCTOBER: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Nadine Black – October 1st**

**Amanda Velez – October 3rd**

**Susie Baker – October 8th**

**Betty Walbridge – October 8th**

**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:**

**Bill Lee – October 10th**

**Robert Riley – October 26th. Husband of Maryanne.**

**Steve Kutura – October 29th**

**OCTOBER HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**J & Crys Mueller – October 9th ,1988**

**OCTOBER: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Max and Joyce Sosebee - October 4th, 1958**

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

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

**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,1988**

**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.**

**Please pray for Ted and Eva. Roxanne Reed**

## **Prayers for Connie who recently fell and broke her arm. The Bannon’s are long time members of our community.**

**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**](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.**

**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+DEEP+CANYON+ROAD,+PALM+DESERT,+CA+92260?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+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**Palm Desert, CA**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**92260**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)

**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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