## Everyone:

## SPECIAL NOTE FROM FATHER MARLIN:

**It's no secret that I LOVE our community at Christ of the Desert.  I so look forward to preaching and presiding at the Eucharist with you. We have such strong connections to each other.  I wish I could thank each of you individually for your generous Christmas gifts, as you were very, very generous!  As I have gotten older and now have arthritis in my fingers on both hands it is too difficult to write individually, so please accept my apologies.  Your generosity is deeply appreciated and I have put your gifts in my 'rainy day fund.'  As a diocesan priest I am responsible for my own maintenance needs.  Your gifts enable me to put monies aside for any future needs I may have and so they are especially appreciated.  Thank you, thank you again.  I pray to be with all of you for many more years to come!!**

**Father Marlin**

**DDF SUNDAY - FIRST COLLECTION IS JANUARY 28TH.**

**January Special Events:**

      **January 1st – Happy New Year!!!.**

      **January 4th - FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30**

        **January 10th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00PM in the Salta Center.**

        **January 10th – Ladies Guild Luncheon at 11:30 at Catholic Charities.**

        **January 13th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**

     **January 28th is the first DDF Sunday collection!!**

o  **February 25th is the second DDF Sunday collection!!**

o  **March 31st is the last DDF Sunday collection!!**

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

**January 14, 2024**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**As a priest, I’m amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: “he wore a blue shirt,” “we ordered brussels sprouts,” “her hair was up in a bun,” and “he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family’s open front door when it was ten degrees below zero,” (that one’s courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it’s all *real*.**

**It’s similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, “...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.” Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that’s the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives.* Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It’s about a *human* relationship.**

**What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn’t empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God’s love for us in our humanity is real.**

*— Father John Muir*

### January 14th – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### Themes for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### The readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to hear God calling and to respond.

### In the first reading, God calls to Samuel and he replies.

### The psalm speaks of waiting for the Lord and answering.

### In the second reading God reminds us we are a Temple of the Holy Spirit.

### The Gospel tells of the call of the first apostles.

### Mass Readings for the 2ND Sunday in Ordinary Time.

* **First Reading** - [1 Samuel 3:3B-10, 19](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/samuels-divine-call/): In the temple, young Samuel hears the Lord's voice thrice but confuses it for Eli. Eli recognizes the divine call and advises Samuel to respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel obeys, and from then on, he grows in God's presence, with his words carrying significance.
* **Responsorial Psalm** - [Psalm 40](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/obedience-over-offerings/): With patient anticipation, I waited for the Lord. He inclined to my plea, gracing me with a new song of praise. I offer not sacrifices, but an open ear to obey. In the scroll, it's written—my joy is in fulfilling Your will, and Your law resides within my heart. I proclaim Your righteousness boldly, my lips unbridled in the assembly.
* **Second Reading** - [1 Corinthians 6:13C-15A, 17-20](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/bodies-as-temples-of-the-holy-spirit/): Remember, our bodies are meant for the Lord, a temple of the Holy Spirit. United with Christ, we must avoid immorality, as it dishonors both ourselves and God. We were bought at a cost, so let's honor Him in our bodies.
* **Gospel**- [John 1:35-42](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/first-disciples-of-jesus-2/): John the Baptist points out Jesus as the Lamb of God. Two of his disciples decide to follow Jesus, and he invites them to see where he stays. Andrew, one of the disciples, excitedly tells his brother Simon Peter that they've found the Messiah, and Jesus gives Peter a new name, Cephas (Peter).

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

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**JANUARY 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: $88,756 or 65.8% of annual budget. Last week collected $5,353.**

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

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

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

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members:**

**We will be having our next Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 at 11:30 am at the Catholic Charities building in the parking lot.**

**Our menu is still in concept phase.  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 January 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.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR JANUARY: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church**

**Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.**

**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 JANUARY & 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.**

**JANUARY BITHDAY SECTION:**

**Judy Penny has a birthday on January 2nd.**

**John Maldonado has a birthday on January 5th.**

**John Schumaker has a birthday on January 6th.**

**Linda Olsen has a birthday on January 19th.**

**Carmen Carlo has a birthday on January 19th.**

**Marjorie Sole has a birthday on January 22nd.**

**Carmen Migliaccio has a birthday on January 27th.**

**Lou Latranga has a birthday on January 31st.**

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Frances Dorniak – January 4th , Maryanne Dorniak’s Mother.**

**Steve Kent – January 5th, husband of Dolores Kent.**

**Jim Carlo - January 11th, husband of Carmen Carlo**

**Paul Aragon has a birthday in heaven on January 12th.**

**Mary Mueller – January 16th , Jay Mueller’s Mother.**

**Judith Aragon – January 18th, wife of Paul Aragon.**

**William MacKenzie – January 25th, Margaret MacKenzie’s husband.**

**Arnold Capitanelli – January 26th , Jackie Capitanelli’s Husband.**

**Dan Ryan – January 30th, Kathy Ryan’s husband.**

**JANUARY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Linda & John Olsen have an anniversary on January 28th.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Father Jack McGinnis passed away on January 1, 2022. Beloved friend of the entire Christ of the Desert Community.**

**Dennis DeWeese, who passed away at 50 years old on January 12,2001. Paulette Quaid’s brother.**

**Elsie Junga passed away on January 16, 1991. Family member of Lee Junga.**

**Stephen Dorniak passed away on January 20, 2016. Father of Maryanne Dorniak**

**Max Gregory Sosebee passed away January 22,2022. Son of Joyce Sosebee**

**January 27th is the one year anniversary of the passing of Mary Walbridge, daughter of Betty ❤**

**Max Eugene Sosebee passed away on January 30, 2005. Husband of Joyce Sosebee.**

**Dan Ryan passed away on January 30th. Husband of Kathy Ryan.**

**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.**

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

**Carol Lee Evans.**

**Would you put my friends on the prayer list as they are all ill. Arnie Tom Karen and Mira. Roxanne Reed**

**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”.**

**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.**

**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 Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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