**Everyone:**

**DDF SUNDAY - FIRST COLLECTION IS JANUARY 29TH.**

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

**January 1st: Father Connole**

**January 8th: Father Connole**

**January 15th: Father Elder**

**January 22nd: Father Connole**

**January 29th: Father Connole**

**NEW PARISHIONEER RECOGNITION SECTION:**

**We have a number of people, here at Christ of the Desert, who have given a lot to make our community what it is today. Some have passed without a proper thanks and God speed. I am going to attempt to correct this situation, and with your assistance, by recognizing these people while they are still with us.**

**Below are thoughts from Anne Marie Capitanelli about the second person we are recognizing for their service to our community, her Mother Jackie Capitanelli.**

**Giacomina “Jackie” Capitanelli is one of the “founding” members of Christ of the Desert church. Together with her husband Arnold and several other parishioners, they initiated not only the renovation of a broken-down apartment building into a welcoming worship center but the warm atmosphere of Christ’s love that has drawn so many to our little chapel.**

**Jackie continually supported the church events with her art of Italian cooking; preparing meals for everything from First Friday prayer dinners to nourishment for our priests with a bowl of spaghetti and meatballs. Rarely a holiday celebration went by without an impromptu invitation to any and all who were looking for a place to call home.**

**Back in the day when Pathfinder retreats were a part of the church’s programs, Jackie was a group leader and integral part of the core team. She did not hesitate to share her life’s challenges in hopes it would help someone find their faith and courage when facing trials of their own.**

**Jackie’s uninhibited enthusiasm of praise during mass (of course from her usual seat front and center of the altar) has long been an emphasis of encouragement for others to release their passion for God. Jackie’s heart continues to be her prayer life. At the ripe age of 92, she continues to focus her prayers on all her family; birth and church family alike.  Not a day goes by without her lifting up those who seek the blessings of our Lord’s healing touch.**

**Of course, this barely scratches the surface over the last 40 years. As the wife of the church’s music minister – Arnold and Jackie ate, drank, and sang their daily tireless devotion to all that is Christ of the Desert.**

**Although Jackie has not been in regular attendance since Covid, her love for the Christ of the Desert community is engraved into her soul.**

**Thank you Anne Marie for sharing your thoughts about your Mother and our friend Jackie on her contributions to our wonderful community. May GOD bless her!!!!**

**Please send me your thoughts about the person you wish to recognize in upcoming bulletins.**

**MESSAGE OF HOPE FROM SISTER MONESSA ABOUT “BORDER COMPASSION”:**

**“My hope would be some parishioners would feel a call to this mission after reading the information below.”**

**Donations are in great need. Please refer to the contact information below for ways to assist this worthy cause.**

**Think of you often.  Peace and love in the New Year and prayer for a path to solve the crisis at the border.**

**Sister Monessa**

**Background:**

**Sister Suzanne Jabro, who lives in Palm Desert, is the Founder of Border Compassion and a part time member of the Christ of the Desert Community. She and the entire CSJ community (Sisters Monessa, Geneva & Phyliss ) were tirelessly supporting those seeking asylum in the Coachella Valley and when they could no longer enter the USA, Border Compassion was founded. Below is their Mission and some information about their cause. Please go to their website for more information about this humanitarian endeavor.** [**www.border-compassion**](http://www.border-compassion)**.**

## **Our Mission:**

***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.***

***Our primary task it to ensure that the residents of the shelter have food, medicines and clothing. We also attempt to improve the infrastructure and have secured washing machines, stoves, emergency exit doors and fire alarms.
Conditions at the Posada del Migrante Shelter are rudimentary: the kitchen is outdoors, there is limited refrigeration, there is limited hot water and air conditioning though summer temperatures exceed 115 degrees, and the facilities far exceed capacity.***

***Border Compassion is an all-volunteer organization inviting, coordinating and guiding faith communities to cross-over. We stand at the border with the asylum seekers, and form a flexible, nimble, and efficient web of compassion.***

**Contact information:**

**Sister Suzanne Jabro, CSJ**

**Chief Inviter and Cross Over Guide**

**Founder of Border Compassion**

**Email Address:** **sjabro@csjla.org**

**213-395-6755**

**Christ of the Desert Women’s Guild: Update!!!**

**Wednesday, January 11th is the next Ladies Guild Luncheon from 11:30 to 1:30. This month’s menu is soup & sandwich. We do have some extra funds for those that might not be able to afford the cost. Please see me privately or call me.**

**Please make sure to RSVP by emailing Cindy at** **chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com** **or at the Friday Healing Mass or at Sunday’s Mass or call the office at 760-346-0089 by January 9th. Cost for this event is $5.00 per person, please pay when you register.**

**“Gifted & Called Section:** **For those of you in our LGBT community and friends and family of that community, please be aware there is a group, “Gifted and Called” that meets and has events in Palm Springs. They are a ministry that serves Catholics in the Diocese of San Bernardino who are seeking faith and spiritual support, accompaniment, and Catholic resources concerning Lesbian and Gay issues. They are affiliated with Our Lady of Guadalupe in Palm Springs on El Segundo. We will be noting some of their meetings and events for those that would like to participate in future bulletins. Contact Bill Litchfield at 760-285-0406 or** **wclitchfield@outlook.com** **for more information.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR JANUARY: FOR EDUCATORS**

**Pope Francis is asking us to pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.**

### **Themes for January 8th readings for the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. for January**

**Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates when Jesus Christ was revealed as the Messiah. The Gospel of Matthew recounts that three wise men from the East visited our savior after his birth and acknowledged him with gifts representing kingship, priesthood, and death.**

**The readings for the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord tell of the revelation of Jesus Christ to all people.**

**The first reading tells of a light in Jerusalem which all nations are drawn to.**

**The psalm foretells kings bringing gifts.**

**The second reading explains how God’s grace is now known to all generations and the whole world.**

**The gospel recalls how the Magi came from afar to worship the child Jesus. It also recounts Herod’s jealousy and treachery.**

**A discussion of what gifts we could bring to the service of the Lord is appropriate. Also, the international aspect of the three Kings speaks to our common humanity and issues such as racism and immigration.**

* **The journey to get closer to God**
* **Associating with people of different cultures**
* **Following the guideposts in our lives**

**JANUARY 8th, 2023 READINGS:**

**First Reading** –   [**Isaiah 60:1-6**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=334&rp=3095): **“Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.”**

**Responsorial Psalm** –  **[Psalm 72](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=335&rp=3095)**: **“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”**

**Second Reading** –  [**Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=336&rp=3095): **“It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”**

**Gospel** **–**  **[Matthew 2:1-12](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=337&rp=3095)**: **- “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”**

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

**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.**

**JANUARY Special Events:**

* **January 5th will be the FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon is January 11th.**
* **Christ of the Desert Finance Council meeting is January 19th.**
* **January 29th is the first DDF collection Sunday.**

**UPDATE ON OUR MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM:**

**FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program was on January 5th at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 12,250 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:**

 **January 1st – we had 160 people. Capacity is 185.**

**December 30th – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 45 people.**

 **CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**In addition to the Birthday section, we are adding Wedding Anniversary and Remembrance sections. 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 DECEMBER YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**JANUARY BITHDAY SECTION:**

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

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

**Jim Carlo has a birthday on January 11th.**

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

**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.**

**NEW SECTION: BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

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

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

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

**JANUARY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**No information provided**

**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**

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

**Please provide Month, Date & Year & Relationship to family member being remembered.**

**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:**

**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”.**

**CINDY HAYWARD REMINDER SECTION:**

**January HAS 5 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

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

**Those that send in the monetary support monthly, please continue.**

**Those that send in money weekly, please continue.**

**Those that give at Mass, we need your continued support.**

        **See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving.**

         **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 $115,000.**

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

        **Our Monthly expenses are $9,583 or $28,749 per quarter.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $81,929. 71.2% of annual budget,**

        **Total 1st quarter collections were: $40,172.**

* **Total 2nd quarter collections were: $36,854.**
* **January collections: $4,903.**
* **February collections: $TBD.**
* **March collections are: $TBD.**

        **Total 4th quarter collections: TBD**

**“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 Maryanne Dorniak’s brother in law as he begins chemo for prostrate cancer on January 11th.**

**Please pray for my brother Bernard Muehlenkamp who is in the end stages of his life.  For him I pray to the Lord.  Jan Seiden**

**We pray for our 16 month old grandson, Terran Mercury Smith, who was born missing 90% of his small intestine. Kathy & Roger Stambaugh.**

**Prayers for healing for Denise and Leroy Balkcom, my sister-in-law and her husband, both of whom have terminal cancer! Paulette Quaid**

**Prayers for healing for Rosalind, Krissy, Mollie, Barbara and Tracy. Paulette Quaid**

**Please continue to pray for Linda Olsen’s brother in law (Larry) as he continues to recover from brain surgery.**

**Please pray for Paul Aragon. Joyce Sosebee**

**Please pray for Marie. Roxanne**

**Please pray for Joyce Olsen. Marlene Evans.**

**Please pray for Linda Olsen’s sister in law (Penny) as she battles stage 4 cancer.**

**Please pray for long time Parishioner, Peggy Jones as she battles cancer.**

**Please pray for John & Carol Lee Evans. Entire parish**

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

 **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****) 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****. I live in Sun City Palm Desert community.**

**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 Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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