## **October 5th, 2025 - Issue #288 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **SPECIAL ALERT FYI: On Sunday October 5th(races are starting at 8:30AM) there will be a 5K & Half Marathon running event starting and ending at Palm Desert Civic Center Park. Both races will start and end north of Christ of the Desert. Traffic and race participants should have little impact on those attending the 9:30 Mass. For more information go to** [**www.runtravisrun.com**](http://www.runtravisrun.com)

**Subject: Special Collection 9/28/25 - Responding with Mercy to the Gaza Humanitarian Crisis. We collected $996.00.**

**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 5, 2025 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Luke 17:5 – 10.**

**A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, “I was just doing my job.”**

**His words brought to mind Jesus’ teaching this week in Luke 17:10: “So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’” In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.**

**How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us. *— Father John Muir***

**Mass Readings:**

* **First Reading –**[**2 Kings 5:14-17**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/naamans-cleansing-and-conversion/)**: Naaman was healed of leprosy after obeying Elisha’s instruction. He acknowledged the God of Israel and vowed to worship only Him. Elisha refused Naaman’s gift.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 98**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-lords-saving-power/)**: The Lord has shown his saving power and justice to all nations. Sing a new song and praise him for his wonderful deeds and faithfulness.**
* **Second Reading –**[**2 Timothy 2:8-13**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/faithful-to-christ/)**: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead. I suffer for the gospel, but God’s word is free. Endure for salvation in Christ. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful.**
* **Gospel –**[**Luke 17:11-19**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-grateful-leper/)**: Ten lepers asked Jesus for mercy. As they went to show themselves to the priests, they were healed. Only one, a Samaritan, returned to thank Jesus. Jesus praised his faith.**

**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."**

**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 Apple Dump 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: $53,868 or 32.6% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 28th was $1,321.**

**\*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**

**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**

**OCTOBER: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**None submitted**

**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**

**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.**

**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**](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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