**May 4th, 2025 - Issue #266 - Third Sunday of Easter**

**At the end of Communion on Sunday, Paulette, played “A Tribute to Papa Francesco (Pope Francis)” song. Here is the You Tube link to access that song.** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YNCDTzKMEw**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YNCDTzKMEw)**. Copy and paste the link into your browser to play the song.**

**Each year Jesse Schumaker writes a moving thought, either through an essay or poem, to express her thoughts on losing her son, John, eight years ago.**

**JESSE’S ESSAY ON THE MEANING OF “GRIEF” AS READ AT THE END OF SUNDAY’S MASS.**

**I had my own notion of grief. I thought it was the sad time that followed the death of someone you loved. And you had to push through to get to the other side. But I am learning grief has no other side. There is no pushing through, but rather there is the absorption, adjustment, and acceptance.**

**Grief is not something you can complete. But rather you must endure.**

**Grief is not a task to finish and move on.**

**Grief is an element of your self – an alteration of your being.**

**Grief is a new way of seeing a new dimension of yourself.**

**Grief never ends but it changes. It is a passage not a place to stay.**

**Grief is not a sign of weakness – nor a lack of faith.**

**It is the price of Love.**

**I love you my son, Mom.**

**Goodbye to our winter parishioners:**

**It’s that time of year that we are saying goodbye and safe travels to our “snowbird” parishioners. See you next Fall. Drop us a note telling us what’s going on back home. You will be missed.**

**BORDER COMPASSION CROSSOVER - May 13th, 2025 in Mexicali, Mexico.**

**Border Compassion 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration.**

**On May 13th, 2025, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (L.A.), along with partners, are hosting a Mother’s Day celebration in Mexicali, Mexico. They plan to be a prayerful presence for our migrant brothers and sisters living in at a migrant shelter.**

**HELP SUPPORT FAMILIES WHO NO LONGER HAVE AN OPTION TO APPLY FOR ASYLUM.**

**We plan to travel the day before on Monday, May 12th . We’ll spend the night at a local hotel in CA. The next day we cross to Mexicali and visit our migrant brothers and sisters at the migrant shelter.**

**This time we are only taking cash donations as the numbers have diminished and those left need cash for their day to day needs until they figure out next steps.**

**Make Donations by May 10th**

**Donate online:**

[**https://border-compassion.org/**](https://border-compassion.org/)

**Make Checks Payable to:**

**Border Compassion**

**43376 Cook Street, Unit 10**

**Palm Desert, CA 92211**

**For information, contact:**

**Sr. Suzanne Jabro** [**sjabro@csjla.org**](mailto:sjabro@csjla.org) **or**

**Maria Elena Perales** [**mperales@csjorange.org**](mailto:mperales@csjorange.org)

**The Spring Combined Collection will take place on 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 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.**

**OUR 2025 DDF COLLECTION IS $24,970 to date!!**

**Thanks to everyone for their 2025 DDF support.**

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

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**May 4, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - John 21:1-19**

**I eat breakfast. If I don’t have something substantial, I’m fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.**

**Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday’s remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, “Come, have breakfast” (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.**

**Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: “Come, have breakfast!” Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.** *Father John Muir*

**May 4th – Third Sunday of Easter:**

**Mass Readings:**

* **First Reading –**[**Acts 5:27-32, 40B-41**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/obeying-god/)**: The apostles, questioned by the high priest, insisted on obeying God and rejoiced in their suffering for Jesus.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 30**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/praise-for-rescue/)**: The LORD saved me from my enemies and from death. I will thank and praise Him forever, for His mercy and favor bring joy and healing.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Revelation 5:11-14**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/praise-to-the-lamb/)**: I saw countless angels praising the Lamb, and every creature joined in worship, giving honor and glory to God and the Lamb forever.**
* **Gospel –**[**John 21:1-19**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-reveals-himself/)**: Jesus appeared to his disciples, guiding them to a miraculous catch. He shared breakfast and asked Peter three times if he loved him, instructing him to care for his followers.**

**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."**

**Ladies Guild Members: DATE CHANGE. NOW TUESDAY THE 13TH. Last meeting till Fall.**

**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!**

**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: $156,642\* or 104.4% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 27th was $1,414.**

**\*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:**

**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.**

**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 recently had a stroke. Betty**

**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, Sandy, may she rest in Peace 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 15 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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