**OUR 2024 DDF GOAL IS $12,200. WE MET OUR GOAL & THEN SOME!!!!!**

**Thanks for everyone’s commitment in meeting our DDF goal for 2024. We are #1 again!!!**

* **To date we have collected $18,455.**
	+ **All monies collected (above $12,200) will be returned to us with no Diocesan taxation!!**
	+ **These additional funds will enable us to continue our facility improvement projects in 2024.**
* **Make checks payable to “Christ of the Desert”.**
* **Put DDF in lower left memo area. Cash $$$ is always acceptable.**
	+ **Last year we raised $20,746.**
* **REMINDER:**
* **We designate the last Sunday of the month as DDF Sunday (January, February & March). However, you can always donate at any time. Any Sunday (basket will be in the back of the church) or dropping off your donation during the week in the slot in the door on #4 office or sending in your donation.**

**Our mailing address is “Christ of the Desert”: 43775 Deep Canyon Rd.  Palm Desert, CA  92260**

**LOW DESERT VICARIATE EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION
at Sacred Heart Church, 43775 Deep Canyon Rd., Palm Desert**

**March 2, 2024**

**It is our privilege to participate in the
Eucharistic Procession led by Bishop Alberto Rojas
who will also Celebrate the closing Mass.**

**9:00AM - Gathering in Church
            Welcome
            Eucharistic Revival Presentation by the Carmelite Sisters**

**Opening Prayer and Exposition, followed by Procession.**

***Procession will be approximately 1 mile, within the Church property.***

**11:30AM - Benediction**

**12:00PM - Closing Mass**

**Please note that parking lot will close at 9:00AM. Participants may park in surrounding neighborhood.**

**All participants are invited to wear their cultures’ traditional attire.**

**The Procession with the Blessed Sacrament… reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others to go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives.”  *- Pope Francis***

**SPECIAL NOTICE: Priests from all over the valley will be assisting in the Lenten Penance Service.**

**LOW DESERT VICARIATE LENTEN PENNANCE SERVICE AT SACRED HEART ON MARCH 7TH AT 7PM.**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members luncheon is March 13th:**

**March’s luncheon is back to being on the second Wednesday of the month.**

**Our February Ladies Guild Luncheon was a great event. It was held in the Courtyard of the Church and everyone loved the perfect weather as well as the wonderful lunch, cooked by Kathy Ryan and Jan McCoy. We hope to be able to move back to Catholic Charities after the repair and construction has been completed but, weather permitting, we’ll enjoy the sun in the courtyard next month.**

**We’ll be serving a variation on the traditional corned beef and cabbage with Kathy’s homemade soda bread and a dessert (TBD).**

**Cindy will be taking signups starting February 25th, after Mass. You can also make a reservation by calling the office (760-346-0089) or emailing Cindy at** **chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com**

**Hope to see you there!!!**

**March Upcoming Events:**

* **February 29th is the extra day every 4 years “called leap” year.**
	+ **The Earth takes 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds to complete one revolution around the Sun. Thus, scholars, engaged by Roman General Julius Caesar in 46 BC, rounded the year to 365 days. They multiplied the remaining six hours by four to make it 24 hours (one day) and added it to every fourth year.**
* **March 7th is the Thursday FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **March 9th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **March 10th is Day Light Saving Time. Change you clocks before going to bed. Spring forward.**
* **March 13th is the Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon.**
* **March 14th is Christ of the Desert’s Quarterly Finance Council meeting.**
* **March 17th is St. Patrick’s day.**
* **March 20th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00PM in the Salta Center.**
* **March 31st is Easter Sunday.**
* **April 15th the Tax Man Cometh. Taxes are due.**

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

**March 3rd, 2024**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**I am the Lord your God … You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3**

**One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It’s like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.**

**Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to “have no other gods besides me.” This is our “grip.” Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say “yes” to this fundamental question of our spiritual “grip,” then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don’t rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.**

**Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you’re not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this “idol” to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.**

*— Father John Muir*

### March 3rd – 3rd Sunday of Lent.

### The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent help us understand that we must follow God’s commandments and truly live them in our hearts to find life.

### The first reading gives us the Ten Commandments.

### The second reading reminds us that God’s wisdom is not like human wisdom.

### And the gospel tells of Jesus cleansing the temple of the money changers who put their own desires above serving the Father.

### Mass Readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent.

* **First Reading** – [Exodus 20:1-17](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-ten-commandments-given/): God delivers the Ten Commandments: worship only Him, avoid idolatry, respect His name, observe the Sabbath, honor parents, and refrain from murder, adultery, theft, lying, and coveting.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 19](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/life-in-gods-word/): Your perfect laws energize and awaken us, Lord. Your principles and commands guide us in truth, showing the way. Your eternal statutes bring justice and enrich our lives.
* **Second Reading** – [1 Corinthians 1:22-25](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/christ-crucified-power-and-wisdom/): We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. Yet, to the called, He embodies God's power and wisdom, surpassing human understanding and strength.
* **Gospel**– [John 2:13-25](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/cleansing-of-the-temple/): At Passover, Jesus went to Jerusalem and found the temple commercialized. He cleared it, rebuking those who made it a marketplace, fulfilling a prophecy of zeal for God's house. Challenged by Jewish leaders, he spoke of destroying and raising the temple in three days, signifying his resurrection. Many believed in him, but Jesus remained cautious of human nature.

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

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

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

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

**Total monies collected to date: $114,966 or 85.1% of annual budget. Last week collected $3,972\*.**

**\*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 $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.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR MARCH: For the new martyrs.**

**We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.**

**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 MARCH & 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.**

**MARCH BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Tiara McCoy has a birthday on March 8th.**

**Saint Patrick has a birthday on March 17th, born in 492.**

**Bonnie Morrisroe has a birthday on March 18th.**

**Helene Shaunty has a birthday on March 28th.**

**Father Marlin Connole has a birthday on March 28th.**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Daniel Pepper – March 7, 1934, Husband of JoAnn Pepper.**

**MARCH HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**George & Betty Schultz – March 20th.**

**Jim Grand & Stephen Spurgen – March 23rd.**

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

**Lynn Lehane’s Husband, Joe, passed away on March 1st.**

**Joan Warner, twin sister of Jean LaBaugh, passed away on March 4th.**

**Dottie DeWeese, mother of Paulette Quaid, passed away on March 12th, 2011.**

**Steve Lester’s wife, Noralyn, passed away on March 22nd, 1988.**

**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 please add prayers for my friends Arnie, Ted, Karen and Mira!!! Thank you, Roxanne**

**Please pray for Lois Hickey who recently fell and broke her hip. Jay Mueller & the entire community**

**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.**

**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** **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****. 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****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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