**Everyone:**

## **Christ of the Desert will be collecting “food” donations for Galilee Center throughout the Lenten season.**

## **There is a tremendous “food insecurity” need in the East Valley: Help us help other in need!!!**

## **Galilee Center is a non-profit organization, working out of Thermal/Mecca area, whose mission is to fulfill the needs of the underprivileged and disadvantaged by providing food, clothing, and other basic needs and affirm their dignity with love, compassion and respect.**

## **We will be collecting food until Easter Sunday (April 9th). Please bring you donation to church on any Sunday or make arrangements with Cindy to bring food to the church office.**

## **Cash donations are always accepted. If donating by check, please make the check out to “Galilee Center”.**

## **The “Donation basket” will be on the table in the back of the Church.**

## **Suggested items include:**

## **Canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, long-life milk and fruit juice, packaged pudding, canned fish/chicken/meat, tea, coffee, jam and soup/cereal**

## **Thanks, in advance, for your generosity.**

**DDF UPDATE:**

* **Our 2023 DDF collection, as of 3/16/2023, stands at $20,446.**
	+ **All monies collected (above $11,500) will be returned to us with no Diocesan taxation!!**
	+ **These additional funds will enable us to continue our facility improvement projects in 2023.**
	+ **We are still collecting for DDF.**
	+ **If you wish to contribute, there will be a DDF basket, on the table, in the back of Church.**
* **At the moment, we are keeping nearly $9,000!! WOW!!!**

**Thanks to everyone for their tremendous generosity.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

* **March 2nd , Thursday, was the monthly FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **March 11th ,Saturday Sew & Serve Packet pick up at Sacred Heart Church from 8:30 to 9:30 in parking lot near the School.**
* **March 15th ,Wednesday, at 11:30 is the next Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon. NOTE: Date has changed!!!**
* **March 12th at 2:00AM Day light saving time officially starts.**
* **March 17th, Saint Patrick’s day!!!**
* **March 18th is Sister Suzanne Jabro’s “Border Compassion” trip to Mexicali. Call her for more details (213-305-6755) or see Sister Phyllis at Mass.**
* **April 9th is Easter Sunday.**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH “LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNERS”. Cost is $15 per person.**

**Dinners include: Salad, Desert & Ice Tea, Lemonade or Water. Beer & Wine are available & sold separately.**

**March 17th menu is; Blackened Mahi-Mahi, Basmati Rice, White Clam Chowder & Texas Toast.**

**March 24th menu is: Fish & Chips, Steamed Veggies & Mac & Cheese.**

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

* **March 19th: Father Alwyn**
* **March 26th: Father Connole**
* **April 2nd: Father Connole**
* **April 9th Easter Sunday: Father Connole**
* **April 16t: Father Tripp**
* **April 23rd: Father Connole**
* **April 30th: Father Connole**

**PARISHIONEER RECOGNITION SECTION: We will recognize another long time Parishioner in April.**

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

**The next gathering will be on Wednesday, April 12th at 11:30. Cost is $5 and if you are unable to afford the lunch, please see Crys Mueller or Cindy privately and we will take care of the cost for you. We don’t want anyone to miss out!**

**Cindy will be at the NEW sign up location, after Mass, outside the main entrance to the Chapel starting March 26th.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR MARCH: FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE:**
**We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering**.

### **MARCH 19TH ,2023**

### **Themes for the 4th Sunday of Lent:**

### **The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent are about sight and blindness.**

**The first reading is the story of the choosing of David as God’s anointed one. Samuel is told that God does not see us as we do.**

* **First Reading** –   [**1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=442&rp=2533): “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.”

**The Psalm reminds us that “the LORD is my Shepard”.**

* **Responsorial Psalm** –  **[Psalm 23](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=443&rp=2533)**: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

### **The second reading is a reminder that we must live in the light, not it darkness.**

* **Second Reading** –  **[Ephesians 5:8-14](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=444&rp=2533)**: “Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.”

**The gospel is the story of the man born blind, whom Jesus cured.**

* **Gospel** –    [**John 9:1-41**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=445&rp=2533): “This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind.”

**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.**

**FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program was on, Thursday, March 2nd  at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 14,400 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:**

**March 12th – We had 170 people. Capacity is 185.**

**March 10th – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 43 people.**

 **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????**

**MARCH BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

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

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

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

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

**NEW SECTION: MARCH BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Joe Lehane – March 1st, Husband of Lynn Lehane.**

**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.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**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 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 the repose of the soul of Steve Kustura. Roxanne**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Aragon who passed away on February 25th. Joyce Sosebee & our entire community.**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of my sister-in-law (Greg's sister), Denise Balkcom.   Paulette Quaid**

**Please pray for Jimmy Rogers, my father in law & Crys’ dad, that God answers his pray. J & Crys Mueller**

**Please pray for Bob who is Eisenhower for tests to determine and cure his current health issues.  Joanne Dellovo**

**Please pray for my brother-in-law, Larry, is having another brain surgery on March 17th. Please pray all goes well and that this will be the last one that is needed.**

**Please pray for Marie. Roxanne**

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

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

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

**Please pray for Jim Carlo. Carmen Carlo.**

**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”.**

**REMINDER SECTION:**

**March HAS 4 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 & weekly, please continue.**

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

 **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.**

**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 NOW $135,000\*.**

**\*MID-YEAR ADJUSTMENT FOR ESTIMATED HIGHER ENERGY COSTS.**

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

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

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

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $123,313. 91.1% of new annual budget.**

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

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

* **Total 2nd  quarter collections were: $36,854.**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections to date are: $46,287.**
* **January collections: $22,536.**
* **February collections: $13,600.**
* **March collections are: $10,151.**

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

 **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.**

**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.**

**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

CELL NUMBER 760-777-3745