**EASTER SUNDAY: CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!!!**

"**Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life**."

**Easter stands at the pinnacle of the Christian liturgical year, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, a cornerstone of faith promising redemption and eternal life to humanity. At the heart of this jubilant time is Easter Sunday, a day brimming with the joy of the Risen Lord, which also begins the Easter Octave—eight days of unbroken celebration, each treated as though they are one and the same day. This period invites us into deep reflection and joy over the life-giving mysteries of Christ's triumph over death.**

**The Octave of Easter is an extended season of joy, underscoring the central truth of Christian faith: Christ's victory over death and sin. Throughout this time, daily Masses resonate with Easter's hopeful and renewing message, culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday. This special day highlights God's endless mercy and love.**

**Easter and the ensuing Octave are not just remembrances of a past event but are invitations into a more profound, personal encounter with the Risen Christ today. This season ushers in a time of new beginnings and divine grace, offering a pathway to spiritual renewal and deeper connection with the essence of our faith.**

**HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE AT CHRIST OF THE DESERT & SACRED HEART CHURCH:**

* + **March 24th - Palm Sunday. Christ of the Desert: Mass at 9:30. Korean Mass at 11:15.**
	+ **March 24th – Palm Sunday Masses at Sacred Heart Church.**
		- **Masses: 6:00AM,8:00AM,9:30AM,11:00AM,12:30PM (Spanish),2:30PM (Latin),5:30PM & 7:00PM (Spanish).**
	+ **March 28th – Holy Thursday. No services at Christ of the Desert.**
	+ **March 28th- Holy Thursday. Sacred Heart Church. Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 6:00PM.**
		- **Adoration at Altar of Repose following 6:00PM Mass.**
		- **No 7:45 AM Mass on Holy Thursday.**
	+ **March 29th - Good Friday. Stations of the Cross at Christ of the Desert, led by Paulette Quaid, at 12:30. No Healing Mass.**
	+ **March 29th – Good Friday - Sacred Heart Church:**
		- **No 7:45AM Mass.**
		- **2:00PM – Liturgical Service including Unveiling & Veneration of the Holy Cross & Holy Communion.**
		- **6:30PM – Live presentation of the “Way Of The Cross”. (Bilingual) in the Salta Center Gym.**
	+ **March 30th – Holy Saturday – 8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church (Bilingual).**
		- **No 7:45AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church.**
		- **No Easter Vigil Mass at Christ of the Desert.**
	+ **March 31st - Easter Sunday at Christ of the Desert. Mass at 9:30. Korean Mass at 11:15.**
	+ **March 31st – Easter Sunday Masses at Sacred Heart Church.**
		- **Masses: 6:00AM,8:00AM,9:30AM,11:00AM,12:30PM (Spanish),2:30PM (Latin),5:30PM & 7:00PM (Spanish).**

**OUR 2024 DDF GOAL WAS $12,200.**

**To date, we have collected $23,620. We are #1 again!!!**

**Thanks for everyone’s commitment in meeting our DDF goal for 2024.**

* **Last year we collected $20,746.**

**REMINDER:**

* **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 until the end of March.**

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

**Message from long time parishioner Carrie Clay:**

**Jay I need some prayers please.  2 weeks ago I had a freak accident and broke my knee cap.  I have to be using the wheelchair for the next 6 weeks and if it doesn’t heel I would need a knee replacement.**

On Easter Sunday, stop by the table outside the entrance the chapel before or after Mass to receive your free Literary gift donated by one of our parishioners.

**ATTENTION: Next Ladies Guild Members luncheon is April 10th:**

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

**The next gathering will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 11:30. Menu TBD. 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 taking signups starting March 24th, after Mass. You can also make a reservation by calling the office (760-346-0089) or emailing Cindy at** **chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com**

**APRIL Upcoming Events:**

* **April 4th - Thursday FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **April 13th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **April 10th - Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon at 11:30.**
* **April 20th - Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00PM in the Salta Center.**

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

**March 31, 2024**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

**Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, “Oh my God!” Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.**

**As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn’t joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn’t peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples’ shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.**

**We all have our own places of the dead, too, don’t we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our “cemeteries” where we don’t expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!**

*— Father John Muir*

**March 31st – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.**

The Easter readings focus on the goodness, power, and saving work of God throughout history, culminating in the ultimate victory of Jesus over sin and death through his Resurrection. They also emphasize the importance of faith and trust in God, dying to sin and being raised to new life through baptism, and seeking heavenly things rather than earthly ones.

Easter, as the central feast in the Christian liturgical calendar, encompasses several profound themes that underscore its significance. These themes not only reflect on the resurrection of Jesus Christ but also on the wider implications for humanity and individual believers.

**Mass Readings for** **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.**

* **First Reading:** [Acts 10:34a, 37-43](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-ministry-and-resurrection/): The message of Peter to Cornelius and his household, in which he proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ, his life, teachings, death, and resurrection. Peter affirms that Jesus is the Lord of all, and that those who believe in Him receive forgiveness of sins and new life.
* **Responsorial Psalm:** [Psalm 118](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/rejoicing-in-gods-creation/): Acknowledging the LORD's goodness and eternal love, we witness His power and salvation. The once-rejected cornerstone now holds supreme importance, a marvel of divine orchestration. Let's celebrate this day, a testament to the LORD's magnificent work.
* **Second Reading:**[Colossians 3:1-4](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/live-in-christ/) : Christians should focus on the things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, and to set their minds on heavenly things rather than earthly things.
* **Alternate Second Reading:** [I Corinthians 5:6b-8](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/celebrate-in-purity/): Believers in Corinth must get rid of the old leaven of malice and wickedness and to become a new batch of dough without yeast, as they are truly unleavened.
* **Gospel**: [John 20:1-9](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-empty-tomb-witnessed/): Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb open and empty, leading Peter and the beloved disciple to investigate. They found only linen wrappings and the head cloth folded, sparking belief in Jesus' resurrection despite not fully understanding the prophecy.

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

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**APRIL 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: $131,148 or 97.1% of annual budget. Last week collected $2,430\*.**

**\*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 APRIL: For the role of women.**
**We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.**

**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.**

**APRIL BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Bob Ruhl - April 3rd.**

**Mary Lindstrom – April 3rd.**

**Betty Schultz - April 17th.**

**Joyce Sosebee - April 18th.**

**Jim LaBaugh - April 18th.**

**Carol Anderson – April 21st.**

**Howard Lincoln- April 23rd**

**Dave Bannon – April 30th.**

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Jamie Rogers – April 3rd, Brother of Crys Mueller**

**Jackie Capitanelli - April 7th. Matriarch of the Capitanelli Family.**

**APRIL HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Carl & Lois Hickey – April 17th.**

**Jan & Patrick McCoy – April 30th.**

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

**Christine Smith, mother of Daria Smith, passed away on April 1st.**

**Larry Bean, husband of Louella, passed away on April 13th.**

**Daniel Pepper, husband of JoAnn, passed away on April 22nd, 2018.**

**John Schumaker, son of Jesse Schumaker, passed away on April 30, 2017.**

**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.**

**Please pray for Patrick McCoy, Jan’s husband, who recently fell which required surgery.**

**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 East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC & COD Parish Council Member SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator SHC Parish Walk Coordinator

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