**Everyone:**

**WE ACHIEVED OUR 2023 DDF GOAL OF $11,500. We are the 1st parish to meet our DDF goal.**

* **Our 2023 DDF collection, as of 3/2/2023, stands at $20,446.**
* **We collected $12,531 in January.**
* **We collected $ 7,915 in February.** 
  + **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.**
* **At the moment, we are keeping nearly $9,000!! WOW!!!**

**Thanks to everyone for their tremendous.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

* **March 2nd , Thursday, was the monthly FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **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. YEAH!!!!**
* **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.**

## **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”**

## **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.**

**Message from a new parishioner Barbara Travis**

**Such a blessing to attend Mass at Christ of the Desert Chapel.  As a “newbie”, I feel so welcome and am so grateful for all the spiritual strength I have experienced.  PS: God bless Father Connole. He is precious!!!**

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

* **March 5th: Father Connole**
* **March 12th: Father Connole**
* **March 19th: Father Alwyn**
* **March 26th: Father Connole**

**PARISHIONEER RECOGNITION SECTION: This month we are recognizing our Music Director, Paulette Quaid**

**Paulette  Quaid, her husband Greg and her Paralegal Consulting business moved to the Desert in early 2003 from Orange County.  As is the case with many of our parishioners, she stopped by Christ of the Desert Chapel one Sunday morning to check out the Music Ministry she had recently heard about.  She was pleasantly surprised to witness Arnold Capitanelli’s last of the season C.A.P.S. Praise and Worship singers before mass. BTW, C.A.P.S. stands for Catholic Action for Peace Through Songs (Arnold’s non-profit corporation).  After mass, Paulette asked Arnold about singing with them. She officially joined group when they resumed singing in the Fall of 2003.  Paulette’s tenacity and musical/singing skills enabled her to quickly meld into becoming a valued member of C.A.P.S. Paulette and Arnold realized that they’d both previously lived in Fairlawn, NJ, and Fort Lauderdale, FL, they agreed that meeting up in Palm Desert, CA, was true destiny.**

**Up until 6 or 7 years ago, C.A.P.S.  performed every Sunday morning before mass during season. The church was always packed by 9AM for the 9:30 Mass. Paulette was part of the pre mass Music Ministry and the group singing hymns during mass, Always the joiner, she started assisting in the Friday healing mass.**

**She participated in all the concerts the C.A.P.S. performed on the holidays at the various alcohol and drug rehab facilities in the Valley. Paulette has been a member of a 12-step program since 1977 and found this part of her Ministry so rewarding—these were her people!  Paulette hoped that it would never stop but of course, EVERYTHING CHANGES.  The Music Ministry that was a special part of our community ended. The founder retired and others moved away or became involved in other activities. So after some convincing, Paulette accepted the position, calling herself the “Music Director by Default.”**

**Then the pandemic hit and our Church closed its doors for about 1-1/2 years, attempting to reopen a couple times only to close again.  In February of  2021, we finally reopened permanently but nothing was the same.  We were limited to a small number of parishioners, who had to make a reservation for a seat, masks were required, extra chairs were piled up against the walls and we weren’t allowed to sing!  Paulette, the “music producer” was born. Thinking outside the box, she recorded all the music needed for Friday and Sunday Mass. Without Paulette stepping up and understanding the new needs of Music Ministry post Pandemic we would not be treated, each Friday and Sunday, to the wonderful uplifting sounds of spiritual music. She still spends hours recording the hymns and some mass parts sung on Sunday and Friday healing masses.**

**Paulette considers herself on the Fr. Marlin/Cindy Hayward/John Evans team so if, Fr. Marlin or Cindy or John needs her, she’s there to provide music for a funeral mass, lend a helping hand with the mass set-up, give John rides—whatever.  Paulette calls herself the busiest retired lady she knows.  After the pandemic with nowhere to go, nothing to do, nobody to see, she welcomed the return of her commitments and our community.**

**Our community is truly blessed to have such a dedicated and hard working Spiritual Music Leader.  Thank you Paulette.**

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

**The next gathering will be on Wednesday, March 15th 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 February 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 5TH ,2023**

### **Themes for the 2nd Sunday of Lent:**

### **The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent focus on our personal encounter with God.**

### **The first reading tells of how Abraham encountered God and trusted in the call he heard.**

* **First Reading** –  **[Genesis 12:1-4a](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=418&rp=2423)**: “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

### **The psalm echoes the theme of trust heard in the first reading.**

* **Responsorial Psalm** –  **[Psalm 33](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=419&rp=2423)**: “Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.”

### **The second reading reminds us that God is always present in our lives, giving us strength.**

* **Second Reading** –     [**2 Timothy 1:8b-10**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=420&rp=2423): “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.”

### **And in the gospel recounts the story of the Transfiguration, when Peter, James, and John encountered Jesus in all of his glory.**

* **Gospel** –   [**Matthew 17:1-9**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=421&rp=2423): “Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.”

**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:**

**February 26th – We had 194 people. Capacity is 185. First time this year we were over capacity!!!**

**February 24th – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 51 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:**

**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**

**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.**

**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 $115,000.**

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

        **Our Monthly expenses are $9,583 or $28,749 per quarter.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $113,162. 98.4% of annual budget,**

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

* **Total 2nd  quarter collections were: $36,854.**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections to date are: $36,136.**
* **January collections: $22,536.**
* **February collections: $13,600.**
* **March collections are: $TBD.**

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

**“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 Paul Aragon who passed away on February 25th. Joyce Sosebee & our entire community**

**Please pray for Jim Carlo who has been in the hospital for a week now with fluid in his lungs. They are now drained and trying to figure out why. We need prayers. Thanks Carmen**

**Would you please add a petition to pray for the repose of the soul of my sister-in-law (Greg's sister), Denise Balkcom.   Paulette**

**Please pray for Steve Kustura. Roxanne**

**1stPlease 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**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

**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**](tel: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**](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 me at** [**rom1942@msn.com**](mailto: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

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