## Everyone:

## EMAIL UPDATE FROM IRELAND FROM FATHER DEREK:

**Jay, a very, very happy new year and every blessing for the year. And all my good wishes to Christ of the Desert.**

**Jay, thank you very much for asking me how I am. I was sick until the day before Christmas and on Christmas Day. I felt well enough to join my brother and sister-in-law and their children and since then it’s been a positive recovery I’m no longer dizzy thank God, and I feel as if I’ve come out of a coma back to myself.**

**I hope you had a very good Christmas and may I wish you and all those at Christ of the Desert all the best, all the very best for the New Year.**

**Thank you so very very very much for your kindness.**

**With appreciation and every good wish.**

**Derek**

**Dr Derek Smyth MIAHIP**

**DDF SUNDAY - FIRST COLLECTION IS JANUARY 28TH.**

**January Special Events:**

      **January 1st – Happy New Year!!!.**

      **January 4th - FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30**

        **January 10th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00PM in the Salta Center.**

        **January 10th – Ladies Guild Luncheon at 11:30 at Catholic Charities.**

        **January 13th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**

     **January 28th is the first DDF Sunday collection!!**

o  **February 25th is the second DDF Sunday collection!!**

o  **March 31st is the last DDF Sunday collection!!**

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

**January 21, 2024**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It’s understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only *say* it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It’s amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I’m faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.**

**How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: “Repent!” We tend to think it means “stop doing bad things” but it doesn’t. It literally means “go beyond the mind you have.” Think in a new way. It’s painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, “I’m done lying,” and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that’s why at Mass we together proclaim, “I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words…*” Repentance and truth-telling work together.**

**Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn’t being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.**

***— Father John Muir***

### January 21st – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### Themes for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to be transformed by the call of Jesus.

### In the first reading, Jonah hears God’s call and sets off for Nineveh.

### The psalm asks God to show us the path he desires for us.

### The second reading tells us that the world as we know it is passing away.

### The Gospel recounts Jesus call for repentance and the call of Simon Peter and Andrew.

### Mass Readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

* **First Reading** – [Jonah 3:1-5, 10](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/nineveh-heeds-jonahs-warning/): Jonah, obeying God, warned Nineveh of impending destruction. The city's inhabitants, from all ranks, sincerely repented, leading God to spare Nineveh from the foretold disaster.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 25](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/guidance-in-gods-ways/): I seek the Lord's guidance in His truths and paths. Remembering His mercy and love, I ask for His teaching, as He leads the humble in justice and righteousness.
* **Second Reading** – [1 Corinthians 7:29-31](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/transient-nature-of-the-world/): Live with the awareness that our earthly experiences, whether in marriage, sorrow, joy, or material dealings, are fleeting. The world's present form is passing, emphasizing a transient existence.
* **Gospel** – [Mark 1:14-20](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/calling-the-first-disciples/): After John's arrest, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching God's imminent kingdom and urging repentance and belief in His message. By the Sea of Galilee, He called Simon and Andrew, fishermen, to follow Him and become 'fishers of men.' They promptly did. Next, Jesus summoned James and John, who also instantly left their father and work to follow Him, illustrating the compelling nature of Jesus' call and message.

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

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**JANUARY 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: $91,327 or 67.6% of annual budget. Last week collected $2,571.**

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

**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.**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members:**

**February 14th is both Valentine’s Day and Ash Wednesday so we are moving the luncheon to Wednesday the 21st.**

**We will be serving a lunch with an  “Italian Flair” including salad and bread, and of course, dessert. Please put February 21st on your calendar and call, email (760-346-0089 or** [**chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](mailto:chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com) **) or sign-up with Cindy at Mass starting January 28th.  We have been having a wonderful time socializing and getting to know each other. We encourage everyone to come, especially if you are new to our parish.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR JANUARY: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church**

**Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.**

**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 JANUARY & 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.**

**JANUARY BITHDAY SECTION:**

**Judy Penny has a birthday on January 2nd.**

**John Maldonado has a birthday on January 5th.**

**John Schumaker has a birthday on January 6th.**

**Linda Olsen has a birthday on January 19th.**

**Carmen Carlo has a birthday on January 19th.**

**Marjorie Sole has a birthday on January 22nd.**

**Carmen Migliaccio has a birthday on January 27th.**

**Lou Latranga has a birthday on January 31st.**

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Frances Dorniak – January 4th , Maryanne Dorniak’s Mother.**

**Steve Kent – January 5th, husband of Dolores Kent.**

**Jim Carlo - January 11th, husband of Carmen Carlo**

**Paul Aragon has a birthday in heaven on January 12th.**

**Mary Mueller – January 16th , Jay Mueller’s Mother.**

**Judith Aragon – January 18th, wife of Paul Aragon.**

**William MacKenzie – January 25th, Margaret MacKenzie’s husband.**

**Arnold Capitanelli – January 26th , Jackie Capitanelli’s Husband.**

**Dan Ryan – January 30th, Kathy Ryan’s husband.**

**JANUARY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Linda & John Olsen have an anniversary on January 28th.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

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

**Father Jack McGinnis passed away on January 1, 2022. Beloved friend of the entire Christ of the Desert Community.**

**Dennis DeWeese, who passed away at 50 years old on January 12,2001. Paulette Quaid’s brother.**

**Elsie Junga passed away on January 16, 1991. Family member of Lee Junga.**

**Stephen Dorniak passed away on January 20, 2016. Father of Maryanne Dorniak**

**Max Gregory Sosebee passed away January 22,2022. Son of Joyce Sosebee**

**January 27th is the one year anniversary of the passing of Mary Walbridge, daughter of Betty ❤**

**Max Eugene Sosebee passed away on January 30, 2005. Husband of Joyce Sosebee.**

**Dan Ryan passed away on January 30th. Husband of Kathy Ryan.**

**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 put my friends on the prayer list as they are all ill. Arnie Tom Karen and Mira. Roxanne Reed**

**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.**

**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.**

**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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