January 12th, 2025 - Issue #250 - The Baptism of the Lord

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE EFFECTED BY THE FIRES IN THE LA AREA.**

* **DDF SUNDAY - FIRST COLLECTION IS JANUARY 26TH.**
* **January Special Events:**
* **January 1st – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Not a Holy Day of Obligation.**
* **January 8th – Ladies Guild Luncheon at 11:30 at Catholic Charities.**
* **January 8th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00PM in the Salta Center.**
* **January 9th - FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30**
* **January 11th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **January 26th is the first DDF Sunday collection!!**
  + **February 23rd is the second DDF Sunday collection!!**
  + **March 30th  is the last DDF Sunday collection!!**

**FATHER CONNOLE “EMERGENCY DOOR FUND” UPDATE: We have collected $46,595 towards our goal of $50,000.**

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND COLLECTION ON DECEMBER 22ND WAS $765.00. Thanks again to everyone’s for their generosity.**

**MESSAGE FROM FATHER MARLIN:**

**I want to thank you each one for your very generous Christmas gifts.  I would love to write to each one of you, but the arthritis in my fingers makes that too difficult, so please know that I am so grateful.  As a diocesan priest I am responsible for everything when it comes to maintaining myself. Usually, I use the Christmas donation as a way to add to my back backup account.  As a homeowner, I had a large unexpected expense come up, and due to your generous gifts, I have been able to make the repairs that were needed.  I am so grateful.  I love our Chapel community and would be there every Sunday if I could.  Know that I treasure and love the times we celebrate the Eucharist together.  You all bring energy, love, and spirit.  We are still THE best worshipping community.   It is my GREAT joy to preside at the Eucharist with all of you.  Thank you, thank you again! Fr. Marlin**

**The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, also known as Theophany, originated as a celebration of the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist on the same day as Epiphany:**

* **Origin: The Eastern Church celebrated the Baptism of Jesus and Epiphany on January 6 in 300 AD.**
* **Change in date: In 1969, the date of the feast was changed to the Sunday after Epiphany.**
* **Current date: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on Sunday, January 12.**

**The Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time.**

**It commemorates:**

* **Jesus entering his ministry and acquiring his first disciples**
* **The manifestation of the Triune nature of the Godhead**
* **The baptism as a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God**
* **The significance of baptism as a New Testament ceremony**

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

**January 12, 2025**

**The Baptism of the Lord - Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

**In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn’t in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, “For your penance, I’d like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words ‘You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased’ (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you.” Easy penance, I thought.**

**But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with *me*? He couldn’t be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God’s beloved son.**

**Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus’ baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God’s love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you’re struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.***— Father John Muir*

**January 12th – The Baptism of the Lord**

**Mass Readings for the Baptism of the Lord.**

* **First Reading –**[**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-chosen-servant/)**: God has appointed a servant, who will subtly but surely establish justice worldwide. This servant, a light for all nations, will guide the blind, free the confined, and illuminate darkness.**
* **Alternate First Reading –**[**Isaiah  40:1-5, 9-11**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/comfort-my-people/)**: God promises comfort and redemption to His people, instructing to prepare for His arrival by straightening the path. He will reveal His glory to all, arriving powerfully, rewarding, and gently leading His flock.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 29**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-lords-blessing-of-peace/)**: A call to glorify the Lord for His might and majesty, and the declaration that He reigns eternally. God’s voice over the waters signifies His power and control, ensuring peace to His people.**
* **Alternate Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 104**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/praise-the-lord-my-soul-3/)**: Acknowledgment of God’s greatness in creating and maintaining the world. All creatures depend on Him for sustenance and life. His Spirit renews the earth, affirming His continuous creation.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Acts 10:34-38**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/god-accepts-all-who-fear-him/)**: God shows no favoritism, accepting anyone who fears Him and acts uprightly. Jesus, anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, traveled spreading good and healing those oppressed.**
* **Alternate Second Reading –**[**Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/saved-by-gods-grace/)**: God’s grace saves all, teaching us to live righteously. Jesus sacrificed himself for our deliverance, cleansing a devoted people for Himself. Our salvation, through rebirth and Holy Spirit’s renewal, is due to God’s mercy, enabling us to become heirs of eternal life.**
* **Gospel –**[**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-is-baptized/)**: The people wondered if John the Baptist was the Christ, but he clarified that he baptized with water while someone more powerful would come to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. When Jesus was baptized by John, heaven opened, the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove, and a voice from heaven affirmed Jesus as God’s beloved Son, in whom He is well pleased.**

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

**JUBLIEE YEAR 2025: UPDATE**

**Pope Francis has started the 2025 Jubilee Year with the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope”.**

**The Holy Doors at Sacred Heart Church are the exterior entrance of the Padre Pio Adoration Chapel.**

**In communion with and obedience to those desires promulgated by the Office of the Apostolic Penitentiary, the Diocese of San Bernardino has selected SACRED HEART CHURCH, Palm Desert as a Jubilee site whereat the faithful, having fulfilled the ordinary conditions for the reception of an indulgence, can receive the full remittance of any temporal effects due to sin, opening wide the doors of mercy and hope to an encounter with the risen Lord, in whom our hope “cannot disappoint.” (Spes Non Confundit 1 - Rom 5:5) Jubilee 2025 invites you to be a pilgrim of hope. For Christians, hope is anchored in the encounter with Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection reveals God’s transforming love. Our hope in God is renewed constantly in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Father and the Son, who is given, even now, to the community of believers.**

**For centuries a feature of holy year celebrations has been the indulgence, which the church describes as a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for their sins. "Every sin 'leaves its mark'" even after a person has received forgiveness and absolution through the sacrament of reconciliation, Pope Francis wrote in the document proclaiming the Holy Year. "Sin has consequences, not only outwardly in the effects of the wrong we do, but also inwardly, inasmuch as 'every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death, in the state called Purgatory,'" he wrote, quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church.**

**The norms for receiving an indulgence during the Holy Year were signed by Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, the new head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court dealing with matters of conscience and with the granting of indulgences. The basic conditions, he wrote, are that a person is "moved by a spirit of charity," is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope. Along with a pilgrimage, a work of mercy or an act of penance, a Catholic "will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory."**

**MASS FOR DEACON CHARLIE:**

**Deacon Charlie Alfred Stanton, who served at Sacred Heart until his passing on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at age 82 in Chandler, Arizona. He was a beloved member of the Sacred Heart Church/Community. Some of you might have known him and would like to attend his funeral. He played an important role in the lives of so many of our parishioners and children. It will be at Sacred Heart on January 25th, 2025 at 11:00 AM.**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members:**

**We will be having our next Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday, February 12th 2025 at 11:30 AM.**

**Our menu is TBD. Please email Cindy at**[**chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](mailto:chayward@sacredheartpalmdesert.com)**or call 760-346-0089 to sign up or Cindy will be available after Mass, starting January 26th, to sign up and pay $5 per person. We do plan ahead for the amount of food so please make sure to pay when you sign up.**

**March meeting date is on Wednesday the 12th.**

**REMEMBRANCE WALK – PAVER ORDER INFORMATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:**

**The “REMEMBRANCE WALK” IS LOCATED IS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CHAPEL. (behind the planter)**

**Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!.**

**In 2025 the following will be observed as Holy Days of Obligation:**

* **January 1st - Wednesday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2025.**
* **May 29th - Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**
* **August 15th  - Friday - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
* **November 1st  - Solemnity of All Saints (Saturday)**
* **December 8th – Monday- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**
* **December 25th – Thursday- Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. Also, when December 8th falls on a Sunday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday. While the day remains a solemnity, the faithful are not obligated to attend Mass.**

**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: $101,952\* or 68.0% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 5th was $2,729.**

**\*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 $12,500 per month or $37,500 per quarter. $150,000 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 JANUARY: For the right to an education:  
Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.**

**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.**

**2025**

**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.**

**Mary Ellen Kavanagh has a birthday on January 12th.**

**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 6th, 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.**

**Juan Baca – January 17th, Borther of Jesses Schumaker.**

**Nathaniel Joseph Palomino – January 18th, Nephew of Jesse Schumaker.**

**Max Sosebee – January 20th. Husband of Joyce Sosebee.**

**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 on January 22,2022. Son of Joyce Sosebee**

**Mary Walbridge passed away on January 27th. 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.**

**Joe has lung cancer and will start three months of radiation and chemo on December 12th. We ask for healing prayers, and that the will of Our Lord be done.  Judy Farnan**

**Please pray for my friend Craig Richard who was recently diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Daria Smith.**

**Please pray for Carrie Clay who had an “accident” and broke her leg. Christ of the Desert Community**

**Please pray for Doug and Val. Roxanne Reed**

**Please pray for my daughter, Lisa Gruebel, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer, Suzanne Cummings.**

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

**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**](mailto: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**](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**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43-775+DEEP+CANYON+ROAD,+PALM+DESERT,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)**.**

**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.**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**Palm Desert, CA**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)[**92260**](https://www.google.com/maps/search/43775+Deep+Canyon+Rd.+Palm+Desert,+CA+92260?entry=gmail&source=g)

**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 Remembrance Square Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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