**Everyone:**

**Today marks my 5th year of being cancer free from prostrate cancer. Thank you Lord!!!!**

**DDF SUNDAY - FIRST COLLECTION IS JANUARY 29TH.**

**Our goal is $11,500 up from $7,500 last year. We are back to pre Covid19 quotas.**

**Thanks in advance for your generosity in meeting this year’s Goal and being 1st in the Diocese to do so.**

**Every dollar above $11,500 is returned to Christ of the Desert!!!**

**Last year we raised over $17,000.**

**Thank you notes from Fathers Connole & Thorne.**

**I want to give a BIG thank you for the very, very generous Christmas gift you gave me.  I would love to personally thank you for your great generosity but God has blessed me with arthritis in my fingers, especially two fingers on my left hand.  This makes writing by hand difficult to say the least.  I can type easily enough but I cannot hand address envelopes.  I have also been to Seattle twice now since Christmas to preside at funerals for friends. My not thanking you personally is just too difficult for me and does not mean that I am not grateful.  I love our community at Christ of the Desert and consider my time with all of you as one of the truly great blessings God has given to me.  Thank you for your understanding, love and care. Father Connole**

**Please pass on my thanks to the Christ of the Desert Community for their generous Christmas gift to me. Prayers for all for a healthy & blessed 2023!!! Father Tom Thorne**

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

**January 22nd: Father Connole**

**January 29th: Father Connole**

**PARISHIONEER RECOGNITION SECTION:**

**Another long time parishioner will be recognized in one of the February bulletins.**

**MESSAGE FROM SISTER SUZANNE JABRO REGARDING THE “BORDER COMPASSION” PROGRAM:**

**Hi Jay,**

**Thanks so much for introducing the “BORDER COMPASSION” program to the Christ of the Desert Community.**

**I wanted to reach out to you regarding our next Mexicali Cross Over. Last year, Sacred Heart went down for Children’s Day.**

**Please join us! We car share the ride to the border. The trip is Saturday, March 18. Donations are always welcome and the dire need is for food and medication. We like to purchase these items in Mexico. We usually leave from Palm Desert at 8 am and return about 6 pm.  It is a 2 hour drive to the border and we walk across. People will need a passport either active or expired. For US citizens, it does not matter. Every person must bring one.**

**In Solidarity with our Brothers and Sisters at the Border waiting in a shelter to cross.**

**Sister Suzanne CSJ, a Sister of St Joseph of Carondelet.**

**Contact information:**

**Sister Suzanne Jabro, CSJ**

**Chief Inviter and Cross Over Guide**

**Founder of Border Compassion**

**Email Address:** [**sjabro@csjla.org**](mailto:sjabro@csjla.org)

**213-395-6755**

**Christ of the Desert Women’s Guild: Update from Cindy!!!**

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15th and we’ll be serving White Chili and cornbread. 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! I (Cindy) will start taking sign-ups on Sunday, January 22nd.  Please sign and pay ahead if possible so we can plan on how much food to provide. Thank you very much.**

**“Gifted & Called Section:** **For those of you in our LGBT community and friends and family of that community, please be aware there is a group, “Gifted and Called” that meets and has events in Palm Springs. They are a ministry that serves Catholics in the Diocese of San Bernardino who are seeking faith and spiritual support, accompaniment, and Catholic resources concerning Lesbian and Gay issues. They are affiliated with Our Lady of Guadalupe in Palm Springs on El Segundo. We will be noting some of their meetings and events for those that would like to participate in future bulletins. Contact Bill Litchfield at 760-285-0406 or** [**wclitchfield@outlook.com**](mailto:wclitchfield@outlook.com) **for more information.**

**Announcement: Knights of Columbus – Saint Padre Pio Council 17203**

**Support the K of C Drive thru CRV recycling Program:**

**Saturday, February 11th from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the North parking lot behind the Salta Pastoral Center**

**Please bring your CRV aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles. NO WINE BOTTLES.**

**To limit contact, we ask that you put your items in your trunk, the Knights will collect your recyclables in the designated Drive-Thru area.**

**Pick up service is also available for anyone wishing to participate. Contact Frank Rayo at 760 772 2024.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR JANUARY: FOR EDUCATORS**

**Pope Francis is asking us to pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.**

### **JANUARY 22nd, 2023**

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

**The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary inspire us to understand that Jesus has saved us and we are called to spread that good news to others.**

**In the first reading we hear that Jesus ushers in a new era of freedom and salvation.**

* **First Reading** – [**Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=358&rp=2271): “You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils.”

**The psalm reaffirms that the Lord is our salvation.**

* **Responsorial Psalm** –  **[Psalm 27](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=359&rp=2271)**: “The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

**In the 2nd reading Paul reminds us that we must be united in our efforts to evangelize.**

* **Second Reading** – [**1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=360&rp=2271): “For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.”

**In the Gospel we hear Jesus calling Simon Peter and Andrew to join him in spreading the Good News.**

* **Gospel** –  [**Matthew 4:12-23**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=361&rp=2271): “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.”

**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.**

**JANUARY Special Events:**

* **January 5th was the FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon was on January 11th.**
* **Christ of the Desert Finance Council meeting is January 19th.**
* **January 29th is the first DDF collection Sunday.**
* **Next Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon is on February 15th.**

**UPDATE ON OUR MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM:**

**FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program was on January 5th at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 12,250 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:**

**January 15th – we had 170 people. Capacity is 185.**

**January 13th  – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 56 people.**

**CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**In addition to the Birthday section, we are adding Wedding Anniversary and Remembrance sections. 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????**

**JANUARY BITHDAY SECTION:**

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

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

**Jim Carlo had a birthday on January 11th.**

**Paul Aragon had 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.**

**NEW SECTION: BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

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

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

**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:**

**No information provided**

**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**

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

**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:**

**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”.**

**CINDY HAYWARD REMINDER SECTION:**

**January HAS 5 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, please continue.**

**Those that send in money weekly, please continue.**

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

        **See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving.**

         **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: $90,874. 79.1% of annual budget,**

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

* **Total 2nd  quarter collections were: $36,854.**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections are: $13,848.**
* **January collections: $13,848.**
* **February collections: $TBD.**
* **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 successful right knee replacement surgery on Friday, January 20th for Jessie Schumaker. Maryanne Dorniak.**

**Please pray for my great grandson Cash - who is only one month old and in a special hospital for infants in San Jose.  He has some type of virus (not Covid ) is on oxygen to try to keep his lungs clear- so he can breathe.  Please dear god heal him.   Joyce Sosebee**

**Please pray for my Granddaughter, Tiara, that her number is called for entrance into nursing school. Sharon McCoy**

**Please pray for Steve Kustura. Roxanne**

**Please pray for Maryanne Dorniak’s brother in law as he begins chemo for prostate cancer on January 11th.**

**Please pray for my brother Bernard Muehlenkamp who is in the end stages of his life.  For him I pray to the Lord.  Jan Seiden**

**We pray for our 16 month old grandson, Terran Mercury Smith, who was born missing 90% of his small intestine. Kathy & Roger Stambaugh.**

**Prayers for healing for Denise and Leroy Balkcom, my sister-in-law and her husband, both of whom have terminal cancer! Paulette Quaid**

**Prayers for healing for Rosalind, Krissy, Mollie, Barbara and Tracy. Paulette Quaid**

**Please continue to pray for Linda Olsen’s brother in law (Larry) as he continues to recover from brain surgery.**

**Please pray for Paul Aragon. Joyce Sosebee**

**Please pray for Marie. Roxanne**

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

**Please pray for Linda Olsen’s sister in law (Penny) as she battles stage 4 cancer.**

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

**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.**

**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 East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC & COD Parish Council Member SHC Parish Walk Coordinator

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

CELL NUMBER 760-777-3745