## **August 3rd, 2025 - Issue #279 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Bill Lee’s memorial Service will on Wednesday, August 6th at 9:30 AM. Father Marlin will be the celebrant. Please join us to celebrate Bill’s life.**

## **We welcome our Ukrainian brothers and sisters, who will be celebrating their Mass at Christ of the Desert on Saturday, August 2nd at 1:00 PM. It is a little longer than our Mass, possibly 2+ hours.**

## **If you would like to attend, please join them.**

## **How someone’s poem became the greatest hymn of the Mass.**

## ***Whoever wrote the "Gloria" didn't expect this to happen.***

Every Sunday we sign the “Gloria.” It is an ancient hymn, one that started out very humbly as a personal poem that sought to praise God in imitation of the Psalms.

The initial words of the Gloria are straight from the Bible and part of an angelic hymn to God on that first Christmas night.

**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. (Luke 2:14)**

However, after that line everything else was composed separately. Who composed it? There is no known author, but it can be traced back all the way to the third century. According to Joseph A. Jungmann in [The Mass of the Roman Rite](http://www.amazon.com/dp/0870612743/?tag=aleteia-20), “The Gloria, like the Kyrie, was not created originally for the liturgy of the Mass. It is an heirloom from the treasure of ancient Church hymns, a precious remnant of a literature now almost buried but once certainly very rich.”

Jungmann goes on to explain how the additional lines of the Gloria were part of a “literature of songs … written in the early Church in imitation of the biblical lyrics, especially the Psalms.” Furthermore, these early hymns were called psalmi idiotici, “psalms by private persons” and were not written for any particular liturgical use. Whoever wrote it was likely thinking of only one thing: praising God.

At first it was used in the East as a morning hymn in the Little Hours of the Divine Office and later translated into Latin, according to tradition, by St. Hilary of Poitiers. Similarly it was initially used as a general hymn of thanksgiving and praise used outside of the main liturgical events.

Not surprisingly, one of the first instances of its use during the Mass was at the Mass of Christmas night, and then later it was added to Sundays and feasts of martyrs. As the centuries went by this particular hymn became more and more a central part of the Mass and was obligatory on certain days by the 5th century.

The current *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*explains its vital importance.

**The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb. The text of this hymn may not be replaced by any other.**

It is a glorious hymn, one where we are invited to complete the hymn of the angels and to add our voices in thanksgiving for everything that God has done for us.

Source: <https://aleteia.org/>

**August Upcoming Events:**

* **August 7th is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **August 9th is the next the K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **August 13th  is the next Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.**
  + **September 10th is Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **August 15TH (Friday) – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
* **August: No Ladies Guild monthly luncheon.**

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

**Father John Muir’s weekly column of “Gospel Meditations” is taking the summer off and will return the 1st Sunday Bulletin in October.**

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**Mass Readings:**

* **First Reading –**[**Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-futility-of-life/)**: The Teacher declares everything meaningless. Working hard only to leave the results to someone else is futile. Life is full of pain and worry, and this is also meaningless.**
* **Responsorial Psalm –**[**Psalm 90**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/listen-to-gods-voice/)**: God turns people back to dust, and life is fleeting like grass. Teach us to value our days and show us compassion. May God’s favor be upon us and our work.**
* **Second Reading –**[**Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/seek-what-is-above/)**: Focus on what is above, not on earthly things. Put to death sinful behaviors and renew yourself in Christ. Christ is everything and in everyone.**
* **Gospel –**[**Luke 12:13-21**](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-parable-of-the-rich-fool/)**: Jesus warns against greed and tells a parable of a rich man focused on storing wealth. God calls him a fool, reminding us that life is about being rich toward God.**

**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.**

**The Doors are open daily 6:00AM – 6:00PM.**

**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.”**

**The norms for receiving an indulgence 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."**

**No Ladies Guild luncheons until September.**

**Special thanks to all that make this monthly gathering happen.**

**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. Mass moved to June 1st.**
* **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**

**FINANCIAL SECTION:**

**AUGUST HAS 5 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

**Please make all checks payable to “Christ of the Desert” not Sacred Heart.**

**Total monies collected to date: $20,877 or 12.65% of annual budget. Collection on Sunday the 27th was $1,556.00**

**\*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 $13,750 per month or $41,250 per quarter. $165,000 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 AUGUST: For Mutual Coexistence  
Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.**

**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 AUGUST & 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**

**AUGUST: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Jay Mueller has a birthday on August 8th.**

**Diane Silvas has a birthday on August 12th.**

**Sister Phyllis has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Charlie Ara has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Jean LaBaugh has a birthday on August 28th.**

**Sister Geneva has a birthday on August 29th.**

**AUGUST: BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**John Clay – August 12th  Husband of Carrie Clay.**

**Jack Gurr – August 28th. Long time Friend of the Community.**

**Joe Maldomado – August 30th Father of Joe Maldonado**

**AUGUST: HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Dave & Connie Bannon – August 17th**

**Paul & Kathy Oliaro – August 23rd**

**AUGUST: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Robert & Enedina Sutton - August 6th.**

**Bob & Joanne Dellovo – August 20th**

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

**Bill Kosic, husband of Betty Kosic died on August 22, 2024.**

**Donald Zannotti, husband of Margaret (Peg) Zannotti, died on August 31, 2014.**

**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.**

**Please pray for Ted and Eva. 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 18 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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