## What’s going on at Christ of the Desert?

**Trunk Or Treat at Sacred Heart -  Saturday, October 28th at 6:00PM**

**Candy donations greatly needed. Please bring Halloween candy to the Chapel for distribution at Sacred Heart. We (Cindy) will be accepting candy donations through Friday, October 27th. We did this last year. The demand is great, please help us have enough candy for all that participate.**

## SAVE THE DATE:

**The Christmas luncheon is set for December 17th at Desert Willow Golf Course (again) right after Mass. The Parishioner cost is $35 per person. Actual cost is $45 per person. Christ of the Desert Finance Council voted on September 21st to cover the difference. Several Parishioners have approached me stating they are willing to cover the costs to attend, for any Parishioner who wants to attend, but is not financially able. As  I stated at Mass recently, I never want to hear anyone say again, “I wanted to go to the luncheon but could not afford it”. We are a community that takes care of everyone. If you fall into this category, please see Cindy privately so she can sign you up to attend.**

**October 8, 2023 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Jesus’ parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.**

**Usually, we hear this parable and assume it’s an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees’ interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.**

**If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved* *inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable’s violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God’s kingdom on earth, even if others think we’re nuts?  This week let’s seek God’s kingdom with a passionate confidence in God’s desire to give the good things we don’t deserve.**

*— Father John Muir*

**FINANCIL SECTION:**

**OCROBER 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: $43,251 or 32.1 % of annual budget. Last week we collected $2,935.**

**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**

**We will be having our next Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday, October 11th at 11:30 am at the Catholic Charities building in the parking lot.**

**Your lunch ladies have a special surprise for you after the October 11th Women’s Guild lunch. Please clear your schedules to allow for extra time to spend with us!!**

**We will have Chicken Chili and Loaded Cornbread with dessert (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 to sign up and pay $5 per person. You may pay ahead at sign-up or pay at the door. We do plan ahead for the amount of food so please make sure to pay if you signed up, even if you don’t make it.**

### OCTOBER 8th, 2023

### Themes for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

### The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on discipleship and our choice to follow Jesus or not.

### In the first reading Israel is warned that they must be faithful.

### The psalm begs God to return to the vineyard and care for it once again.

### The second reading encourages Christians to continue along the path that Jesus has shown us.

### And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the tenants, who rejected the landowner.

### Mass Readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

* **First Reading –**[Isaiah 5:1-7](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=105&rp=2944): “: A friend cultivates a vineyard with great care but gets wild grapes. He questions what more he could have done and decides to abandon the vineyard, letting it turn into a wasteland. This vineyard is an allegory for the house of Israel, where expected justice turns to chaos.
* **Responsorial Psalm**– [Psalm 80](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=106&rp=2944): God planted a vine from Egypt, cleared the land, and let it flourish. Then, its walls were broken, making it vulnerable to beasts and trespassers. A plea is made for divine care and restoration so that the vine, representing Israel, will thrive and its people will be saved.
* **Second Reading**– [Philippians 4:6-9](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=107&rp=2944): Don’t worry, but instead bring your concerns to God through prayer. When you do, God’s peace will guard your heart and mind. Focus on things that are true, honorable, just, pure, and lovely. By following this guidance and emulating good examples, you’ll find peace.
* **Gospel**– [Matthew 21:33-43](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=108&rp=2944): A landowner leases a vineyard but the tenants mistreat his servants and kill his son. When asked, the elders agree that the owner will evict these tenants and find new ones. Jesus warns that those who reject the cornerstone will lose the kingdom of God.

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

**OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:**

* **October 5th -  FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program, 9:30 to 11AM.**
* **October 11th - Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the Catholic Charities.**
* **October 11th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **October 14th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: For the Synod:  
We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.**

**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 OCTOBER & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**OCTOBER: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Nadine Black – October 1st**

**Amanda Velez – October 3rd**

**Betty Walbridge – October 8th**

**Bill Lee – October 10th**

**Chici Rayo – October 11th**

**Frank Rizzo – October 12th**

**Connie Banno – October 13th**

**Pat Hogan – October – 24th**

**Kathy Stambaugh – October 27th**

**Noah McCoy – October 29th.**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Steve Kutura – October 29th**

**OCTOBER HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**J & Crys Mueller – October 9th – 35 years**

**OCTOBER: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**None submitted**

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

**Frances Dorniak. mother of Maryanne, passed away on October 3rd**

**William Reid, husband of Sandy Reid, passed away on October 3rd**

**Bill Mueller, father of Jay Mueller, passed away on October 5th**

**Montana Lester, wife of Steve Lester passed away on October 7th**

**Dan Ryan, husband of Kathy Ryan, passed away on October 15th**

**Ellie Shepard, long time member of our community, passed away on October 25th**

**Robert Riley, husband of Mary Ann Riley, passed away on October 30th**

**“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:**

**Marie, Jim Carlo & Carol Lee Evans.**

**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 Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC & COD Parish Council Member SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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