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

## This is the last bulletin in this current format until November 12th. iPad technology doesn’t mesh with Microsoft very well.

## 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 to today 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 1, 2023 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, “I can’t stand all these converts to the faith. They’re always rocking the boat.” It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of “us” and “them.” The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don’t we all do that to some degree?**

**This week Jesus’ punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn’t get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. “Which did the will of his father?” asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won’t do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. *Everyone* is called to do God’s will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.**

**This week let’s reject the convenient but damaging categories of “insiders” and “outsiders.” Instead, let’s embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren’t *them*. They are *us.* And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.**

*— Father John Muir*

**Note from Enedina Sutton:**

**Just a note regarding birthdays. Our dear friend Chris Ray passed away a few weeks ago. Please remember her in your prayers.**

**My brother Federico Arias just passed away today (Thursday) at 3:30am.  He was an exceptional human being that lived a full life with his family, one daughter and 3 sons. His birthday was Sept 4th.**

**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: $40,516 or 30 % of annual budget. Last week we collected $2,924.**

**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 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****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 1ST, 2023

### Themes for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

### The readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on staying on the path of discipleship. When we do sin, we need to turn back to God. He will show us the way. It requires a humble heart to admit we have sinned and seek to get back on the right path. Christ is our model of obedience and humility.

### Mass Readings for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

* **First reading** – [Ezekiel 18:25-28](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=77&rp=2935): The Lord responds to those who complain about fairness. God’s ways are just. A virtuous person who turns to iniquity will face consequences, but if they repent, their life will be preserved.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 25](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=78&rp=2935): The psalmist seeks God’s guidance and asks for instruction in truth. Remembering God’s compassion, the psalmist asks for mercy and guidance. The Lord, good and just, leads sinners and the humble in righteousness.
* **Second reading** – [Philippians 2:1-11](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=79&rp=2935): Encouraged by Christ’s love, unity, and compassion, we’re urged to be of one mind, considering others above ourselves. Christ’s selflessness and humility serve as an example, leading to exaltation and acknowledgment of His lordship.
* **Gospel**– [Matthew 21:28-32](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=80&rp=2935): Jesus presents a parable of two sons asked to work in a vineyard. One initially refuses but later obeys, while the other agrees but doesn’t go. The lesson highlights that actions, not words, reveal true obedience and righteousness, and tax collectors and prostitutes enter God’s kingdom due to genuine belief.

**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**

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**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.**

**Request that the memory of Stella Luna be blessed with prayers offered by the Christ of the Desert Family. (Sister of Ed Luna)**

**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****. 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****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 East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC & COD Parish Council Member SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator SHC Parish Walk Coordinator

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