## **Everyone:**

**National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated from November 5 to the 12th. This week is dedicated to promote vocation for both men and women throughout the world and especially our Diocese where they are so sorely needed. My special weekly prayer.**

**Memorial services for Marie Angrisany will be Saturday November 25th at 9:30.**

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**The Christmas luncheon (What a great way to start the holiday season.) 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. Only 10 spots left.**

**You may make your reservation with Cindy or her assistants after Masses on Friday and Sunday, with payment at time of reservation. If you would like to make a reservation at a different time, please call the office to make an appointment. (760) 346-0089.  If you would like to have a table reserved for a group, please collect the names and payment for the group as a whole and sign all in at one time.**

**This event is open to all. Spouses and any family members are welcome!!!!**

**The luncheon will be held at Desert Willow Golf Resort at 38995 Desert Willow Drive in Palm Desert, right off Country Club between Portola and Cook.**

**Buffet includes**

**Spinach Salad and Tortilla Soup**

**Miniature Beef Steak W/ Shallot Sauce and Grilled Salmon**

**Steamed Vegetables and Garlic Mashed Potatoes**

**Assorted Fruit Pies**

**Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaf coffee, Ice Tea & water**

**No host bar**

**We hope you all will join us for this fun, holiday filled event. We had a great time last year and this year should be even better!**

## **Christ of the Desert will be collecting donations for Galilee Center throughout the holiday season.**

## **Galilee Center is a non-profit organization working out of Mecca whose mission is to fulfill the needs of the underprivileged and disadvantaged by providing food, clothing, and other basic needs and affirm their dignity with love, compassion and respect.**

## **We will be collecting food, toys and new/slightly used clothing until the December 17th. If you have a large load, please make arrangements with Cindy to bring them to the church office.**

## **Suggested items include:**

## **Canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, long-life milk and fruit juice, packaged pudding, canned fish/chicken/meat, tea, coffee, jam, soup/cereal, sweets for the holidays. Also, included are toiletries such as deodorant, shaving supplies, toothbrushes and paste, shampoo and soaps.**

## **Please include toys for children of all ages and don’t forget the teens.**

## **Thanks so much for your generosity. We had a terrific collection last year; let’s outdo it this year!**

**There will not be a Thanksgiving Mass in our Chapel. However, there will be a Healing Mass on Friday after Thanksgiving.**

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

**November 12, 2023**

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lately I’ve been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today’s parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling “wise and foolish virgins icon” and you’ll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart’s deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.**

**I’m serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it’s a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn’t typical, either. It’s a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus’ parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.**

**The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look *exactly* the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We’ll *always* end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” Watch, remain, don’t spiritually shop. It is *always* better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let’s consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.**

***— Father John Muir***

**FINANCIL SECTION:**

**NOVEMBER 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: $58,941 or 43.6 % of annual budget. Last week we collected $5,717.**

**We also received $10,000 from a parishioner family, who wish to remain anonymous. This money will be deposited in our restricted funds and will be used to finance future parish improvements. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.**

**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: No December luncheon!!**

**We will be having our next Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday, January 10th 2024 at 11:30 am at the Catholic Charities building in the parking lot. Menu 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.**

### **NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023**

### **Themes for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time remind us to always be alert and ready. The first reading speaks of seeking wisdom and being ready for her at dawn. The psalm reminds that union with God is our truest desire. The second reading tells us that death is not the end and that we will rise in Christ Jesus. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins, five who were ready when their master arrived and five who were not.

### **Mass Readings for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

* **First Reading** – [Wisdom 6:12-16](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=165&rp=2988): Wisdom is radiant and doesn’t fade, easily found by those who seek her. She eagerly meets those who watch for her and brings freedom from worry to the worthy.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 63](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=166&rp=2988): I seek and thirst for God, finding greater good in His kindness than in life itself. I find satisfaction and joy in meditating on Him and calling upon His name.
* **Second Reading** – [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=167&rp=2988): Don’t grieve without hope for those who’ve died. If we believe in Jesus’ resurrection, the dead will also rise. At Jesus’ return, both the dead and living will meet Him.
* **Gospel** – [Matthew 25:1-13](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=168&rp=2988): Jesus shares a parable about ten virgins waiting for a bridegroom. Five are wise and bring extra oil, while five are foolish and don’t. When the bridegroom arrives, only the wise ones can join him in the wedding feast, as they are prepared. The message stresses readiness and vigilance.

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

**NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

1. **November 1st – All Saints Day- Holy Day of Obligation**
2. **November 2nd - FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program, 9:30 to 11AM.**
3. **November 8th - Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the Catholic Charities.**
4. **November 8th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the Salta Center.**
5. **November 11th - K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**

**Thanksgiving is November 23rd. There will not be a Thanksgiving Mass in our Chapel.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For the Pope:**  
**We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.**

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

**NOVEMBER: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Marge Poston – November 1st**

**John Trzaska – November 3rd**

**Bob Dellovo – November 5th**

**Dee Howard – November 8th**

**Jim Bell – November 9th**

**Roger Stambaugh – November 12th**

**John Kline – November 15th**

**George Schultz – November 18th**

**JoAnne Thompson – November 23rd**

**Chuck Adams – November 24th**

**Cindy Hayward – November 24th**

**Michelle Bell – November 25th**

**Becky Swanson – November 26th**

**Lorraine Hewitt- November 28th**

**Alice Kluzak – November 29th**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**None submitted**

**NOVEMBER HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Becky Swanson – November 19th**

**NOVEMBER: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**None submitted**

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

**Betty Arnout, mother of Crys Mueller, passed away on November 4th**

**Art Pieretti, husband of Loretta Schutten, passed away on November 22nd**

**Margaret Parlapiano, mother of Margaret MacKenzie, passed away on November 29th**

**“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:**

**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 & COD Parish Council Member

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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