## **Everyone:**

## **FYI:**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY TO ALL!!!!!!**

**In the Bible, thanksgiving means devotion, sacrifice, praise, or an offering. Thanksgiving is to glorify God as an act of worship, giving thanks for all things as part of God's providence.**

**In the USA, Thanksgiving Day, celebrates the harvest and other blessings of the past year.**

**Crys and I are very “thankful” for the opportunity to serve such a great community here at Christ of the Desert.**

**There will not be a Thanksgiving Mass in our Chapel. Mass at Sacred Heart is at 9:00AM.**

**However, there will be a Healing Mass on Friday after Thanksgiving.**

**NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

**November 1st – All Saints Day- Holy Day of Obligation**

**November 2nd - FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program, 9:30 to 11AM.**

**November 8th - Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the Catholic Charities.**

**November 8th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the Salta Center.**

**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. 9:00AM Mass at Sacred Heart.**

**November 26th – 1st Collection for Christmas gifts for our priests.**

**UPCOMING TRAFFIC ALERT:**

**If you come to church from the La Quinta area, please be aware there is a Triathlon on Sunday (December 3rd) starting at 7AM. Signs are up everywhere alerting residents of potential congestion. Please plan your route to church accordingly.**

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

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:**

**We have secured additional tables. PLEASE GET TO CINDY ASAP IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND.**

**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.**

**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 18th. 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!**

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR OUR PRIESTS:**

## **Every year we have a special Christmas collection for the priests who provide spiritual guidance every Sunday to our community. This year we are collecting your monetary gift outside the church after Mass. Crys or Cindy will be collecting on Sunday November 26th, December 3rd & 10th. We will give your monetary gifts to the priests on Sunday December 17th at the Christmas luncheon. Cash is always acceptable,. However, if you want to designate your gift to a particular priest, please make the check out to that priest not Christ of the Desert. Thank you in advance for your generosity as our way of thanking them for what they do for us throughout the year.**

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

**November 26, 2023**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, “What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?”**

**I’m a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king’s most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, “this is our king” is to say, “we exist as a community, and we have a future.” Kingship isn’t primarily about the power of one person or family. It’s about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.**

**To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are *one in him.* We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It’s not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let’s be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.**

*— Father John Muir*

 **NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023**

## **Themes for the Solemnity of Christ the King**

### The readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King Year A tell us that the kingship of Christ is one of a caring master who longs for us to live together in harmony in his kingdom.

### The first reading tells of the Lord gathering in his flock and tending to them.

### The second reading reminds us that everything is subject to Jesus Christ, including death.

### And in the gospel Jesus tells of the Judgement of the Nations, where those who served him in this life are separated from those who did not.

### **Mass Readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King:**

* **First Reading** – [Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=189&rp=3006): The Lord God promises to act as a shepherd to his scattered flock. He will rescue, pasture, and give them rest. He’ll seek the lost, return the strayed, heal the sick, and bind the injured. He will also judge between the different kinds of sheep in his flock.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 23](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=190&rp=3006): The LORD is my shepherd who meets all my needs, guiding and sustaining me. I will dwell in his house forever, surrounded by his goodness and kindness.
* **Second Reading** – [1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=191&rp=3006): Christ has risen, initiating the resurrection for all. He’ll reign until all enemies, including death, are defeated. Ultimately, everything will be subjected to God.
* **Gospel** –[Matthew 25:31-46](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=192&rp=3006): Jesus tells his disciples about the final judgment where people will be separated like sheep and goats. Those who helped the needy will inherit eternal life, being told that their good deeds were done unto Jesus himself. Those who neglected the needy will face eternal punishment.

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

**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: $64,825 or 48.1 % of annual budget. Last week we collected $2,792.**

**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****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.**

**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**

**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:**

**Betty Arnout, mother of Crys Mueller - November 4th**

**Bob Dellovo – November 5th**

**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**

**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****. 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

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