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

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Mass on Sunday the 12th.

Off to London tomorrow and home on the 7th.

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## The Bulletin will have a new format until November 9th.

## Two technologies don’t seem to mesh. Sorry for the bland look.

SAD NEWS TO REOPRT:

Roxanne Reed sent me a note that Marie Angrisani passed away in early October. We have not seen Marie since the pandemic started but she was in our prayers every week. She always sat in the front row near the lectern. Her smile was so wonderful and made everyone around her feel her loving spirit. May she rest in Peace.

In mid October Jim Carlo passed away after having health complications for the last several months. I have known Jim for more than 15 years when he was a volunteer for the Duroville food distribution program as well as packing at FIND. God speed Jim. Please keep his wife Carmen and the entire family in your prayers as they morn his passing. May he rest in Peace.

Other news:

Christmas food and gift drive for Galilee Center is starting. More details in the November 12th bulletin. Flyers are in the back of the Church for more details.

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated from November 5 to the 11th. 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 cause.

JoAnne Thompson sent me an email about her birthday in October. Happy Birthday JoAnne. Somehow, I lost your email with the exact date.

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## 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.**

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

**November 5, 2023 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: “Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven’?” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad’?” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.**

**We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).**

**The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.**

***— 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: $53,224 or 39.4 % of annual budget. Last week we collected $1,642.**

**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, November 8th at 11:30 am at the Catholic Charities building in the parking lot. We will have hearty soup, salad, rolls and 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.**

### NOVEMBER 5TH, 2023

### Themes for the 31st  Sunday in Ordinary Time:

### The readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time are a call to humility and holiness.

### The first reading demands that we listen to God and love one another.

### The psalm reminds us to find our peace and rest in God.

### The second reading tells us that we work to proclaim the Good News.

### And in the gospel, Jesus calls out those who lay heavy laws on others but do not practice what they preach.

### Mass Readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1. **First Reading** – [Malachi 1:14B-2:2B, 8-10](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=153&rp=2982): “Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?”
2. **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 131](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=154&rp=2982): “In you, Lord, I have found my peace.”
3. **Second Reading** – [1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=155&rp=2982): “Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.”
4. **Gospel** – [Matthew 23:1-12](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=156&rp=2982): “For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them.”

**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.**

**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**

**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:**

**Bob Dellovo – November 5th**

**NOVEMBER HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Becky and Mike 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 Schutten, husband of Loretta Schutten, passed away on November 23rd**

**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

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COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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