## **Everyone:**

## **FYI:**

**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.**

**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.**

**From Jesse Schumaker:**

**Hi Jay. Joe Neuner recently passed away.  He was one of my regular winter Lectors.  He and his wife lived in Kansas. They had not been back in the last 2 years because their age prevented them from traveling.  He had a beautiful voice that I referred to as a "deep radio voice". May he rest in Peace. Amen.**

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**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 4th & 11th. 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 19, 2023**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I’d hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.**

**How do we see what we possess? Jesus’ parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn’t is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus’ success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, *get it out of our possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.**

**You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you’re holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won’t double if you hold on to it.**

*— Father John Muir*

 **NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023**

### **Themes for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### The readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time are a call to do the work of the Kingdom of God with the gifts we have been given. The first reading sings the praises of the worthy wife who uses her talents to labor for good. The psalm tells us that those who follow the Lord are blessed. The second reading reminds us that we are children of light and goodness. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the talents and praises the servants who used their resources wisely.

### **Mass Readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

* **First Reading** – [Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=177&rp=2996): A good wife is invaluable, trusted by her husband and doing good all her life. She’s hardworking and charitable, deserving of praise especially for her fear of the LORD.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 128](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=178&rp=2996): Those who fear the LORD and walk in His ways are blessed. They enjoy fruitful labor, a prosperous family, and lifelong blessings from God.
* **Second Reading** – [1 Thessalonians 5:1-6](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=179&rp=2996): The day of the Lord will arrive unexpectedly. While others may be caught off guard, believers are children of light and should stay alert and sober.
* **Gospel** – [Matthew 25:14-30](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=180&rp=2996): A man going on a journey entrusts his servants with different amounts of money. Two servants invest and double their money, receiving praise and more responsibility from their master upon his return. The third servant hides his money and is chastised for his inaction, losing even what he had.

**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: $62,033 or 45.9 % of annual budget. Last week we collected $3,092.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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:**

**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**

**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****. 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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