**Daylight Saving Time ends for the year on Sunday, November 3, 2024.**

**Set your clocks back one hour! The change will take place at 2 a.m. on those fall and spring mornings. Daylight Saving Time always ends on the first Sunday in November and starts on the second Sunday in March the following spring (that’ll be March 9 in 2025).**

**Why 2 a.m.?**

**The thought behind the early-morning swap is pretty simple: According to [LiveScience](https://www.livescience.com/32176-why-does-daylight-saving-time-begin-at-2-am.html" \t "_blank), most people are expected to already be at home and in bed, and that time won’t bother many bars or restaurants. It also likely doesn’t affect those who have early shifts at work.**

**Friday, November 1stis a Holy Day of Obligation. Please join us at 12:00 NOON (instead of 12:30 PM) to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints Day. Please note, there will no Healing Mass on the 1st.**

**Masses at Sacred Heart are:**

**October 31st - Vigil Mass at 5:30PM.**

**November 1st - 7:45AM, 9:00AM, 12:10PM, 5:30 PM & 7:00PM (Spanish)**

***National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated from November 3 to the 9th.***

***This week is dedicated to promoting vocations for both men and women throughout the world - especially for our Diocese where they are so sorely needed. My special weekly prayer.***

**Sacred Heart Church is having a Pre-Advent Parish Retreat**

**Say “Yes” to God - *“The unfolding of Divine Love”***

**When: Saturday, November 9th – 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

**Where: Sacred Heart Salto Center - 43775 Deep Canyon Rd. Palm Desert, CA**

**Cost: $25.00 includes breakfast & Lunch**

**Presented by Ellie Ragonese, singer songwriter & retreat leader.**

**Ellieragonese.com – 213-369-5650 (info)**

**Explore Themes of:**

* **Growing in intimacy with God**
* **Discerning God’s will for your life**
* **Living as a vessel of God’s love**

**Through meditation, prayer, music, reflection & discussion**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF JENNIFER McCoy CELEBRATION:**

**Saturday, November 16th – 11:00AM**

**Christ of the Desert Chapel**

**Please join the family of Jennifer McCoy celebrating her life and legacy.**

**Your presence and support during this difficult time means a great deal to our family.**

**Bright colored clothes are encouraged.**

**Lunch will be provided after the service at Mario’s Italian Café at 73155 on Hwy 111 in Plam Desert.**

**\*\* RSVP to Tiara McCoy (442-529-6811 \*\***

**Forever in our hearts, Jennifer McCoy will be dearly missed but always remembered.**

**Martha’s Village & Kitchen**

**Thanksgiving 5K Run**

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

**5K Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Kids Zone, Face Painting, Champions Booth Volunteers, Set Up Crew, Tear Down Crew, Packet Pickup Team, Registration Team, Hydration Station, Pet Water Station & More!**

**To Learn More Contact:**

**Marisol Garcia**

**760-347-4741 Ext. 114**

[**MGarcia3@marthasvillage.org**](mailto:MGarcia3@marthasvillage.org)

**83791 Date Ave. Indio, Ca 92201**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Our Holiday Luncheon will be December 15th, 2024 after the 9:30 Mass. 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.**

**The luncheon buffet consists of Caesar Salad and French Onion Soup, Bruschetta Chicken and Grilled Salmon with Tomato Confit Steamed Vegetables and Forbidden Rice Risotto and dessert. Beverages provided include Coffee, Iced Tea and Water. There is a no host bar available.**

**Cost per person is $40 inclusive.**

**You may make your reservation with Cindy 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.**

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

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

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members:**

**Wednesday. November 13 at 11:30 AM we will have our monthly luncheon in the courtyard (weather permitting). It's "All About Turkey and Pumpkin" that day.**

**Cost is $5 and we are limiting attendance the first 25 sign-ups. Space is limited in Room 1 (in case of heat, wind or rain).  Cindy will take sign-ups after Masses on Fridays and Sundays. We cannot take your name without payment as we plan the amount of food by how many sign up. Please join us for fun and fellowship. Thanks to Kathy Ryan and Jan McCoy for their continued service in providing all the cooking and preparation for these lunches.**

**UPCOMING LADIES GUILD DATES: NO DECEMBER GATHERING, JANUARY 8TH & FEBRUARY 12TH.**

**Christmas food and gift drive for Galilee Center is starting. More details in the November 10th bulletin.**

**Flyers will be in the back of the Church for more details.**

**REMEMBRANCE WALK – PAVER ORDER INFORMATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS:**

**The “REMEMBRANCE WALK” IS LOCATED IS LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAIN ENTR**

**ANCE TO THE CHAPEL. (behind the planter)**

**Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!.**

**NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

* **November 1st –   All Saints Day- Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 12PM at Christ of the Desert.**
* **November 3rd -   Daylight Saving Time ends. Turn you clocks back one hour.**
* **November 7th -  FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program, 9:30 to 11AM.**
* **November 9th -   K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **November 9th –   Pre-Advent Retreat at Sacred Heart – Salta Center 8:30AM – 3:30PM**
* **November 13th - Ladies Guild Luncheon on Wednesday at 11:30 AM at the Catholic Charities.**
* **November 13th – Bingo at Sacred Heart. 6:00 – 9:00 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **November 16th – Jennifer McCoy’s celebration of life at 11AM at Christ of the Desert Chapel.**
* **November 28th – Thanksgiving Day**

**In 2024 the following will be observed as Holy Days of Obligation:**

* **Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Solemnity of the Ascension. The Solemnity replaces the Seventh Sunday of Easter.**
* **Thursday, August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
* **Friday, November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints**
* **Please Note: In 2024, December 8 occurs on a Sunday and will be observed in the Roman Calendar as the Second Sunday of Advent. The liturgical observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9, 2024. However, the obligation to participate in Mass for the Immaculate Conception is not transferred.**
* **Wednesday, December 25 – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**
* **Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

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

**November 3, 2024**

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.**

**In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, “And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’” Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with “all your mind.” Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.**

**How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.**

*— Father John Muir*

**Mass Readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

* **First Reading** – [Deuteronomy 6:2-6](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/love-and-obey-the-lord/): Moses instructed the people to fear and obey the LORD, promising growth and prosperity. Love the LORD with all your heart, soul, and strength, and take these words to heart.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 18](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/god-my-strength/): I love you, Lord. You are my strength, rock, and refuge. You save me and keep me safe. Blessed be my savior, who gives victories and shows kindness.
* **Second Reading** – [Hebrews 7:23-28](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/jesus-our-eternal-high-priest/): Jesus is our eternal high priest who intercedes for us. He is holy and offered himself once for all. He is perfect forever.
* **Gospel** – [Mark 12:28b-34](https://young-catholics.com/read-types/the-greatest-commandments-3/): A scribe asked Jesus about the greatest commandment. Jesus answered, saying to love God completely and love your neighbor as yourself. The scribe agreed, and Jesus affirmed his understanding.

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

**FINANCIAL 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: $46,300\* or 30.8% of annual budget. Last week’s Sunday collection was: $2,170.**

**\*Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard, Weddings & Funerals.**

**This information is important for our community in order to understand where are financially throughout the year.**

        **Our Monthly expenses are budgeted at $12,500 per month or $37,500 per quarter. $150,000 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.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For anyone who has lost a child  
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from 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????**

**DISCLAIMER: If information below is incorrect, please let me know and I will correct the error.**

**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**

**Dolores McKean – November 16th**

**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 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**

**Steve Kent, husband of Dolores Kent, passed away on November 26th, 2022**

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

**Please provide Month, Date & Year & Relationship to family member being remembered.**

**“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.**

**Please add Jeff Gunn to our prayer list. He is recovering from a very serious surgery. Patrick McCoy**

**Please pray for Val, Bob, Lee, Karen & Mira. Roxanne Reed**

**Please pray for my daughter, Lisa Gruebel, who has been recently diagnosed with lung cancer, Suzanne Cummings.**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

**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.**

**John Maldonado is a Mortgage Loan Originator with First West Financial, Corp & a member of Christ of the Desert congregation.**

**"Your Home Loan Made Simple" We help you buy your dream home by simplifying the mortgage financing process with personalized loan options that save you time and money. If you need assistance with any type of loan, I am here to help.**

**For every loan that closes, I will make a donation to Christ of the Desert.**

**Contact: John A. Maldonado at** [**jam@firstwestfinancial.com**](mailto:jam@firstwestfinancial.com) **or call 760 636-8266. Mortgage Loan Originator,**

**NMLS #1995783,**[**WWW.firstwestfinancial.com**](http://www.firstwestfinancial.com/)

**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** CELL NUMBER 760-777-3745

SHC & COD Finance Council Member SHC Remembrance Square Coordinator

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

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator