

Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church

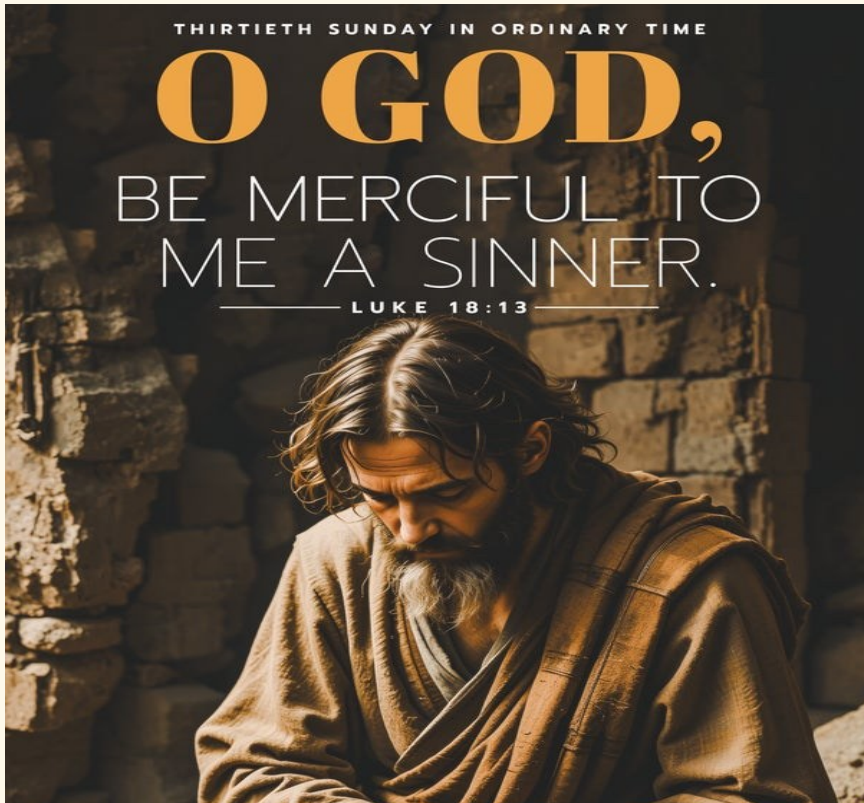
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 26, 2025

Saturdays: Vigil English Mass 4:00pm—Sundays: 7:30am English Mass, 9:30am English Mass, 11:30am Spanish Mass & 2:00pm English Mass. Weekday English Mass 7:30am Monday-Saturday. Adoration on Fridays 8am-7pm; Confessions: Saturdays at 2:30pm or by appointment.

Church is closed at 12 noon, Monday thru Thursday. On Fridays at 7:00pm.
La Iglesia cierra a las 12 mediodía lunes a jueves, los viernes a las 7pm.



The Rosary will be prayed in the Church every evening in October at 5:30pm. Everyone is invited, bring a friend, or make it a family affair. Children are welcome. Please bring flowers.

El Rosario se rezará en la Iglesia todas las tardes de octubre a las 5:30pm. Todos están invitados: traigan a un amigo o conviértanlo en una celebración familiar. Los niños son bienvenidos. Por favor, traigan flores.

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Food Pantry: 760 242-5544, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9am-11:30am.

Our Mission - We, as members of Our Lady of the Desert Church, through the guidance of our Blessed Mother Mary, are a community of believers in Jesus Christ, from whom we have the mission of making His Gospel alive in our parish and in the world. By living out His Gospel, we help to shape a society with greater respect for human life, economic and environmental justice, cultural diversity, and global solidarity, so that we will build a church where everyone feels welcome and through it will find happiness and salvation.

Nuestra Misión - Nosotros, como miembros de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Desierto, con la dirección de Nuestra Madre María, somos una comunidad de creencia en Jesús Cristo, que tenemos la misión de hacer su evangelio vivo en nuestra parroquia y en el mundo. Viviendo su evangelio, ayudamos a formar una sociedad con mayor respecto a la vida humana, a la economía y justicia al ambiente, diversidad cultural, y la solidaridad global, de modo que construyamos una iglesia donde todos se sientan bienvenidos con felicidad y salvación.

This Friday is Halloween. ***All Saints Day falls on Saturday and is not a Holy Day of obligation. All Saints Day falls on Sunday, so All Saints Day will be celebrated at the Saturday Vigil and at the Sunday masses.***

Is the Catholic Church OK with our children, and even us grownups, getting dressed up like witches, devils, vampires, and zombies? Some bishops are recommending that children should dress as saints instead of zombies because Halloween is becoming more pagan and commercialized. It is probably in good taste to avoid too much emphasis on evil. But skeletons and skulls may be a healthy reminder of our own human mortality. But evil was not the original purpose of Halloween. Halloween was derived from the phrase "all Hallows Eve" which is a vigil for All Saints Day, a day of obligation in which the Church honors all the saints, known and unknown.

The following day is All Souls Day in which we honor all the souls of those who have died, which may be in purgatory. In purgatory these souls are being cleansed and purified for heaven. We believe that we can help these souls with our prayers, alms, good deeds, and especially in the sacrifice of the Mass.

What about trick or treat? In the Middle Ages there was a superstition that those who died the previous year without being forgiven by us, would rise to haunt us as ghosts. Their appearance would scare us so we would release them by praying and forgiving them, and by giving them treats.

Moving on then, if you had a choice for a Halloween costumes between a Pharisee or a Tax Collector, which one would you choose?

A Pharisee stood up in the temple and prayed about himself: "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income." His attitude was "I have everything, and I need nothing."

His spiritual pride hardened his heart. It blocked the grace and love of God. It caused him to judge and despise the rest of humanity. And his spiritual pride made him blind to his own sins. He refused to admit he was sinner. He asked God for nothing and so he received nothing.

In contrast the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed: "O God, have mercy on me a sinner." His attitude was "I have nothing, and I need everything." It was an admission of guilt.

He had no spiritual pride. He admitted he was a sinner. And he admitted he needed God's love and forgiveness. His humility opened his heart to receive God's grace, love, and forgiveness. He had the right attitude. Like Jesus who humbled himself to die on the cross like a criminal for our sins, "the one who humbles himself will be exalted." What does it mean for us? It means God will listen to our prayer only if we live our life in a spirit of humility, repentance, and obedience to God.

Este viernes es Halloween. ***El Día de Todos los Santos cae en sábado y no es un día de obligación. Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos cae en domingo, así que se celebrará el Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos en la vigilia del sábado y en las misas del domingo.***

¿Qué dice la Iglesia Católica sobre vestir a nuestros hijos, y a nosotros también, como brujas, diablos, vampiros y zombies? Algunos obispos recomiendan que los niños deben vestirse de santos en lugar de zombies porque Halloween es cada vez más pagana y comercializado. Probablemente es de buen gusto evitar el exceso de énfasis en lo oculto. Pero esqueletos y calaveras pueden recordarnos de nuestra mortalidad humana.

Pero el propósito original de Halloween no era celebrar lo oculto. La palabra Halloween viene de la frase "Noche santa," que es una vigilia del Día de Todos los Santos, un día de obligación en que la Iglesia honra a todos los santos, conocidos y desconocidos.

El día siguiente es el Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos en el que se honra a todas las almas de aquellos que han muerto, que pueden estar en el purgatorio. En el purgatorio las almas están siendo limpiadas y purificadas para el cielo. Creemos que podemos ayudar a estas almas con la oración, la limosna, las buenas obras, y especialmente en el sacrificio de la Misa.

¿Y qué de trick or treat? En la Edad Media había una superstición de que los que murieron el año pasado sin ser perdonado por nosotros, se elevaban para perseguirnos como fantasmas. Su apariencia nos asustaba para que los libremos en orar y perdonar, y dándoles dulces.

Entonces, si tienen la opción de disfraces de Halloween entre un fariseo y un publicano, ¿cuál de los dos escogerían?

El fariseo, de pie en el templo, oraba de si mismo: "Dios mío, te doy gracias porque no soy como los demás hombres: ladrones, injustos y adúlteros; tampoco soy como ese publicano. Ayuno dos veces por semana y pago el diezmo de todas mis ganancias." Su actitud era "lo tengo todo y de nada tengo necesidad." Su orgullo espiritual le endureció su corazón. Bloqueó la gracia y el amor de Dios. Le hizo juzgar y despreciar al resto de la humanidad. Y su orgullo espiritual lo hizo ciego a sus propios pecados. Se negó a admitir que era pecador. Le pidió nada a Dios y por eso recibió nada.

En cambio el publicano, se quedó lejos y no se atrevía a levantar los ojos al cielo. Lo único que hacía era golpearse el pecho, diciendo: "¡Dios mío, ten misericordia de mí, un pecador!" Su actitud era "No tengo nada, y tengo necesidad de todo." Fue una admisión de culpa. No tenía orgullo espiritual. Admitió que era un pecador. Y admitió que necesitaba el amor y el perdón de Dios. Su humildad le abrió su corazón para recibir la gracia, el amor, y el perdón de Dios. Él tenía la actitud correcta. Al igual que Jesús, que se humilló a sí mismo para morir en la cruz como un criminal por nuestros pecados, "el que se humilla será enaltecido." ¿Qué significa para nosotros? Significa que Dios escuchará nuestra oración sólo si vivimos nuestra vida con un espíritu de humildad, de arrepentimiento y de obediencia a Dios.

Parishioners are invited to pray over a Catholic Section dedicated to Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church at Sunset Hills Mortuary, with Fr. Del Haroldson, C.R., at 10:00am on Saturday, November 1st.

Se invita a los feligreses a rezar en la sección católica dedicada a la Iglesia Católica de Nuestra Señora del Desierto en la Funeraria Sunset Hills, con el Padre Del a las 10:00am, el sábado, 1 de noviembre.

Congratulations, You Made a Difference!

Hello Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church! Thanks to your unwavering commitment and the support of your amazing donors, our blood drive on 10/12/2025 was a tremendous success. We collected 38 pints of blood—an incredible achievement that will help us meet our daily goal of 500 donations. Your efforts have truly made a life-saving impact!

Mass Intentions**Saturday, October 25th, 4:00pm Vigil Mass:**

Sally Evans (healing)
George Hamilton †
Nick Halisky †

Sunday, October 26th, 7:30am Mass:

Luz Maria West †
Mr. Joe Green †
Vincent Green †

Sunday, October 26th, 9:30am Mass:

Jennifer Miller (healing)
Regina Duran (healing)
Charlie James Kirk †
Patrick Negrete †
Henry Aguayo †
Diane Keaton †
Jacquelyn McAllister †

Domingo, 26 de octubre, 11:30am misa:

Maria Magdalena Gonzalez †
Rafael Romo †
Padre Francisco Valdovinos †
Rosa Zepeda †
Andres Zepeda †
Pedro Zepeda †
Margarita Rivas †
Francisco Zepeda †
Rosa Hernandez †

Sunday, October 26th, 2:00pm Mass:

Rey Martinez (protection, conversion & health)
Rosemary Gonzalez (healing)

Monday, October 27th, 7:30am Mass:

Luz Maria West †
Parker Hamm (birthday)

Tuesday, October 28th, 7:30am Mass:

Luz Maria West †
AnaMaria Garcia (birthday)
Diego Tadeo Avila (ability to speak)

Wednesday, October 29, 7:30am:

Luz Maria West †
Victor Ramirez Lopez (birthday)
Eleuterio "Terry" Mendoza

Thursday, October 30th, 7:30am Mass:

Luz Maria West †
Hector Carpio †
Patrick Negrete †

Friday, October 31st, 7:30am Mass:

Luz Maria West †
Manuel Sanchez †

Saturday, All Saints' Day, Nov. 1st, 7:30am Mass:

Manuel Sanchez †
Antonio Sanchez †

Ministries

Adoration Fridays 8am-7pm: Arcelia Diaz 760 784-1840

Alpha: Tom Strand 760 242-4463

Altar Servers: Elizabeth Schafer 760 508-9872

Bible Study: (Wednesdays) Jim Chambers 760 242-8310

Bible Study (Thursdays): Margaret Curran
margaret@curraninc.com

Catholic Daughters: Regent Lorena Meza, 760 617-7816,
meetings 2nd Sat. of the month 11:15am

Choir Directors:

Wendy Durke (4:00pm Sat. English Vigil Mass)

Stephen Arment (7:30am English Mass)

Christina Rohrbaugh (9:30am English Mass)

Ramiro Alvizures (11:30am Spanish Mass)

Rhonert Pascual (2:00pm English Mass)

Dance Class: Cicy Rosado 760 219-6022

Deaf/Hard of Hearing: Tina Wilson 818 631-8462 V/Text

Emmaus Spiritual Accompaniment: Anne Bremser,
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Spanish: Jesus & Norma Martinez 909 261-9742909 265-6387

Finance Council: Steve Curran, Sylvia Uranda & Cheryl Oakleaf

Flowers (Church- Altar): Ortencia 714 737-2224

Food Pantry: 760 242-5544, Wed. & Thurs., 9am-11:30am

Knights of Columbus: Art Negrete 760 881-0686

Lectors: Steve Tyrrell 909-224-1500, sttyrrell@gmail.com;
Spanish: Sylvia Felix 909 709-3316

Life Teen: Chris Hoover (760) 792-0731

Linen Ministry: Flo 760-887-1117

Marriage Preparation Classes:

English- Tom & Ilene Gilmore 760 490-4568,

Spanish- Patrick & Lisette Lopez 626 626-1960

OL of Fatima Blue Army Prayer Group: 8:30am,

1st Saturday in Church, Maryellen 760 885-9290

Prayer Line: Cynthia May (682) 970-4115

Pro-Life: MaryAnn Carroll 760 508-2390

SCRIP: Buy after Sunday Mass or Pre-order in the Office

Senior Pot-luck Luncheon Gilda Vincent 760 961-8830

Serra Club High Desert: Diane Seixas 760 596-1333

Sunday Scripture Study: Tuesdays 10am,

Peggy Perring-Mulligan 760 961-2617

Ushers: Robert Wilson 909 695-2020 (Head of Ushers)

Ralph Knipstein (4pm Vigil Mass)

Patrick A. Lopez (7:30am Mass)

Flo Donaldson & Roger Perez (9:30am Mass)

Jose Fernandez (11:30am Spanish Mass)

Robert Cardenas (2:00pm Mass)

Narcotics Anonymous — Call David 760 979-9192,
7:00pm Mondays in the Ministry Building

A.A. Alcoholics Anonymous — Call Nick 760 900-8290,
5:30pm Tuesdays in the Ministry Building

A.C.A Adult Children of Alcoholics - Call Liz 760 242-8310
Mondays 6pm & Thursdays 10am in the Ministry Building

CEA H.O.W Compulsive Eaters - Call Liz 760 242-8310
Saturdays 9:30am in the Ministry Building

November 2nd Jubilee

In the joy of the Great Jubilee Year, Bishop Alberto Rojas invites all elementary and high school students and their families and teachers to join him for the Solemn Evening Prayer for World Education on Sunday, November 2 at 5:30 PM at the historic Holy Rosary Cathedral, 2525 North Arrowhead Avenue in San Bernardino. University students and faculty are especially welcome to join as well. Bishop Rojas will lead Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as a special blessing for all students and educators. A reception will be held after. Thank you for joining Bishop Rojas on this special Jubilee Celebration of friendship and prayer.

Anuncio sobre el Jubileo del 2 de noviembre

En el gozo del Gran Año del Jubileo, el Obispo Alberto Rojas les invita a todos los estudiantes de primaria y secundaria y sus familias y sus maestros/maestras a reunirse con él para la Oración Solemne de las Vísperas por la Educación Mundial el domingo 2 de noviembre a las 5.30 pm en la Catedral histórica del Santo Rosario, 2525 Avenida North Arrowhead en San Bernardino. Los estudiantes y profesores de las universidades también son bienvenidos. El obispo Rojas nos guiará en la Adoración y Bendición con el Santísimo Sacramento como una bendición especial para todos los estudiantes y sus maestros/maestras. Se llevará a cabo una convivencia inmediatamente después. Muchas gracias por acompañar al obispo Rojas en esta celebración de amistad y oración especial del Jubileo.



We PRAY for ALL our brothers & sisters!
¡Rezamos por TODOS nuestros hermanos y hermanas!

Mariano Lopez, Mark Marasco, Nancy LaCivita, Rocio Gonzalez, Johnny Jacob Gonzalez, Ulissus Herrera, Silvia, Irma, Elsa, Rene, Alex, Anthony, Eric, Hans, Victor & Leonor, Maria Luisa, Nando & Yaddy De Leon, Fely Uy Rajan, AB Brand, Jean Wong, Faustina Morales, Pablo Bumanlag, Rhode Ocubillo, Rebecca Sisons, Danny Geronimo, Norma Padilla, RJ Ocubillo, Milagros Agoncillo, Divine Padilla, Christian Warner, Families with Infant deaths, Shelby Spaulding, Ben Ramirez, Anthony Cubberley, Katerina Trotter, Kayleigh Ponce, Christopher Cubberley, Family of Charlie Kirk, George & Carla McCague, Sue Cirillo, Diane Cipriano, Ruth York, Larry Caldera, Steve Rossen, Mark & Camille Yost, Sr. MaryJo Piccione, Jim Huegel, Diane Marasco, Michelle Gonzalez, Fr. Henry Ruszel, CR, Fr. Paul Smith, CR, Shawn & Eddy Anderson, Monique Avalos & Kids, Richard Avalos, Ophelia Savatierra, Ramon Salvatierra & family, Gil Lopez, Joseph Fierro, Erick Vidana, Zaykia Padmore, Jenelsie McLendin, Terry Hinshaw, Susie Ek, Joanne Gray, Sally Evans, Deb Huff, Chris Pullen, Carmine Baffo, Manny Joia, Nicole Cantu, Dan Herman, Gary Alt & family, Lois Piccione, Phil Macaluso, Amalia Montanez, Patrick Carroll, LaVaughn Deal, Mary Jo Obrien, Jenahy Lopez, Ramona Tillitson, Florian Domino.



Fall Boutique

Hosted by Catholic Daughters #2499

PLEASE JOIN US!

CDA#2499 Invites you to explore a **festive & creative** collection of gifts & baked goods!

This event is 1-Day Only!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7:00am - 4:00pm

Our Lady of the Desert - Parish Hall
 18386 Corwin Rd., Apple Valley, CA 92307

Proceeds from the boutique will benefit
 Catholic Daughters of the Americas #2499
 and it's charities

\$ CASH ONLY \$



Online Giving is available visit our website:
oldccav.org.

Click on the Online Giving link and complete registration. *You manage your own account.*
Convenient, Secure & Confidential.

You may call Tech OSV at 1 800 348-2886,
option 2, for assistance.

If you register for Online Giving, check with the office if you are registered to the Church.

Weekly Collection: October (4) 5, 2025

Plate: \$4,749.37

Envelopes: \$8,624.00

Online Giving: \$5,311.00

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/
2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a,
8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk
12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

Las lecturas de la semana del 19 de octubre de 2025

Domingo: Ex 17, 8-13/Sal 120, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 (ver 2)/
2 Tim 3, 14—4, 2/Lc 18, 1-8

Lunes: Rom 4, 20-25/Lc 1, 69-70. 71-72. 73-75/Lc 12,
13-21

Martes: Rom 5, 12. 15. 17-19. 20-21/Sal 39, 7-8. 8-9. 10.
17/Lc 12, 35-38

Miércoles: Rom 6, 12-18/Sal 123, 1-3. 4-6. 7-8/Lc 12,
39-48

Jueves: Rom 6, 19-23/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Lc 12, 49-53

Viernes: Rom 7, 18-25/Sal 118, 66. 68. 76. 77. 93. 94/
Lc 12, 54-59

Sábado: Rom 8, 1-11/Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 13, 1-9

**Limited 2026 Lector Workbooks
available in the office for \$15.00.
First come, first served.**

"REVERSE COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD PANTRY"

At this time in past years, the Food Pantry always held its "Reverse Collection" for Thanksgiving baskets to be given to those in need. Your donations and generosity make this event happen. We ask that you reference the following list of items needed when considering what to

donate, instead of choosing a ticket from the

Reverse Collection telling you what to buy.

Canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned pumpkin, potatoes in a box, cranberry sauce, jello, canned milk, olives, broth, yams, gravy, stuffing mix, cake mix, etc.

Starting the first weekend of November, boxes will be in the church concourse to receive your donations. PLEASE place your gifts in the appropriate marked boxes, if possible, by

November 9th. We also need frozen turkeys that can be dropped off at the office or the Food Pantry

(Wed. or Thur. 9am to 11:30am). Thank you in advance for your loving generosity and kindness in helping our

brothers and sisters in need. If you have any questions, please call the Food Pantry

at (760) 242-5544.

**Hallow's Eve Festival Family Celebration**

Donations of candy and baked goods will be needed for Friday, October 31st from 6pm to 8pm

Note: All Saints' Day this year is NOT a day of obligation.

"Trunk or Treat" sign-up sheets are in the concourse. If you would like to volunteer call Jelly at the office for more information 760 242-4427.

Children and Adults are encouraged to dress as saints. Look them up and learn:

1) ST. MARIA GORETTI (1890-1902)

Known as the patroness of rape victims, Maria Goretti was martyred at age 11. She preferred to die rather than lose her purity. She forgave her attacker before passing away.

2) ST. DOMINIC SAVIO (1842-1857)

A student of St. John Bosco, Dominic Savio stood out for his piety and love of God from an early age. He died at the age of 14 and is known for his quote: "I'd rather die than sin".

3) ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX (1873-1897)

Known as "The Little Flower," Saint Therese of the Child Jesus entered Carmel at age 15 and lived there until her early death at age 24. She is famous for her "Little Way" of love and simplicity.

4) BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI (1901-1925)

Nicknamed "the man of the eight beatitudes," Pier Giorgio was a young Italian passionate about mountaineering, the Eucharist, and charity for the poor. He died at age 24.

5) ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1181-1226)

As a young man, Francis abandoned a life of comfort to live according to the Gospel. He is the founder of the Franciscan Order and is known for his humility and love of creation.

6) BL. CHIARA BADANO (1971-1990)

Dying of cancer at the age of 18, Chiara stood out for her joy and dedication to God's will. She inspired many with her unshakable faith amid suffering.

7) ST. JOAN OF ARC (1412-1431)

St. Joan of Arc, the young peasant woman who became a military leader and heroine in France, was martyred at age 19. She is known for her courage and deep faith.

8) ST. CARLO ACUTIS (1991-2006)

Known as the patron saint of computer programmers and youth, Carlo used technology to evangelize. He developed a website cataloging all the Eucharistic miracles in the world. He died of leukemia at age 15.

9) ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA (1568-1591)

St. Aloysius Gonzaga renounced noble life to become a Jesuit. He is known for his purity and charity, dying at the age of 23 while caring for victims of an epidemic.

IN THE WORDS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II: "DO NOT BE AFRAID TO BE SAINTS." Like these young saints, we are called to lives of love, service, and holiness. May their stories inspire us to respond to that call with respect, humbleness, courage and joy.



Preparation Classes Looking to get married in the Catholic Church?

Our Lady of the Desert has programs to prepare you for a Joy-Filled Marriage! Whether you just got engaged, are married civilly and want to commit to being married in the Church, or are living together with children, we have programs designed just for you. These programs help couples better love each other by following God's abundant plans for marriage. It also helps couples learn practical life skills necessary to live out the rich Catholic vision of marriage that Jesus proclaims for "all the days of your lives."

How Do the Classes Work?

Each couple attends two, 4-hour classes to learn more about each other and God's wonderful plan for their lives together. The classes are interactive, fun, and tailored to each couple's life situation. After successfully completing the class, the couple receives a certificate of completion allowing them to proceed with their marriage plans in the Catholic Church.

NEXT CLASSES:

November 2025: Part 1: November 8, 2025;
Part 2: November 15, 2025, 8 AM to Noon both days
January 2026: Part 1: January 17, 2026, 8AM to Noon;
Part 2: January 24, 2026, 8 AM to Noon both days

CALL TO REGISTER!

How do I find out more?

To schedule a wedding at Our Lady of the Desert:

Call the Imelda at the Church Office: (760) 242-4427
(9 AM to 2 PM Monday-Thursday)

For Spanish Classes: Call Lisette Lopez (626) 626-1960

For English Classes: Call Tom Gilmore at (760) 490-4568
or Ilene Gilmore at (760) 490-4570

CHICKEN CACCIATORE DINNER

A Charitable Fund-Raising Event

Saturday, October 25th at 5:30 pm - Our Lady of the Desert Church Hall

Adults \$25 / Children \$12.50 / Under 6 Free

Sponsored by the O.L.D. Knights of Columbus

Celebrating 35 Years of Service!



The Quilters will be raffling
a Christmas quilt with
sweaters for the Pro-Life
Ministry. Contact
Liz Chambers at
760 242-8310 for more
information.
Tickets are \$2.00 or
6 tickets for \$10.00.



UN MATRIMONIO
lleno de alegría

Clases de preparación ¿Buscas casarte en la Iglesia Católica?

¡Nuestra Señora del Desierto tiene programas para prepararte para un matrimonio lleno de alegría! Ya sea que se acaben de comprometer, estén casados por lo civil y quieran comprometerse a casarse por la Iglesia, o vivan juntos con hijos, tenemos programas diseñados solo para usted. Estos programas ayudan a las parejas a amarse mejor al seguir los abundantes planes de Dios para el matrimonio. También ayuda a las parejas a aprender las habilidades prácticas para la vida necesarias para vivir la rica visión católica del matrimonio que Jesús proclama para "todos los días de sus vidas".

¿Cómo funcionan las clases?

Cada pareja asiste a dos clases de 4 horas para aprender más el uno del otro y el maravilloso plan de Dios para sus vidas juntos. Las clases son interactivas, divertidas y se adaptan a la situación de vida de cada pareja.

Después de completar con éxito la clase, la pareja recibe un certificado de finalización que les permite continuar con sus planes de matrimonio en la Iglesia Católica.

PRÓXIMAS CLASES:

Noviembre de 2025: Parte 1: 8 de noviembre de 2025;
Parte 2: 15 de noviembre de 2025, De 8 a.m. al mediodía ambos días

Enero de 2026: Parte 1: 17 de enero de 2026, de 8 a. m. al mediodía; Parte 2: 24 de enero de 2026, De 8 a.m. al mediodía ambos días

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The Catholic Roots of Halloween: Understanding its Origins and Celebrating with Faith

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When Halloween comes around each year, Catholics may have questions about its origins and how to celebrate in a manner that befits the faith. As much as today's version of Halloween has become commercialized with costumes, candy, and spooky decorations, its beginnings are nonetheless steeped in Catholic tradition.

The very name "Halloween" gives away its relationship to Catholicism, originating from "All Hallow's Eve," meaning the vigil of All Saints' Day, the solemnity which falls on November 1st. The day is reserved to honor all the saints in heaven, both the known and the unknown, those who have lived holy lives and yet do not have a feast day on the liturgical calendar. The word "hallow" means "holy," and Halloween, therefore, originally signified the eve of this sacred feast.

Traditionally, All Saints' Day was on May 13th, when **Pope Boniface IV** consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the martyrs. In the 9th century, however, **Pope Gregory III** moved the feast to November 1st, coinciding with the dedication of a new chapel in Saint Peter's Basilica that was meant to honor all the saints. The displacement enabled the Church to highlight the Communion of Saints, and the faithful were encouraged to seek the intercession not only of canonized saints, but also of obscure saints. Later, **Pope Gregory IV** expanded the celebration to the whole church.

All Saints Day is followed by All Souls Day on November 2nd, a day of prayer for the souls of the faithful departed, particularly those still undergoing purification in purgatory. Taken together, the three successive feasts of October 31st, November 1st, and November 2nd constitute a triduum under the name "**Allhallowtide**" or "Hallowmas," and are also known as the "**Days of the Dead**" or "**Día de Los Muertos.**" This triad of days focuses attention on the Catholic vision of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ, comprising the Church Triumphant (the saints in heaven), the Church Suffering (the souls in purgatory), and the Church Militant (the faithful on earth).

Halloween holds great importance in the Catholic tradition, preparing one for the vigil of this sacred period. The history behind it shows that it was a time of preparation for the feast of All Saints through contemplation of the saints and prayer for souls in purgatory. Wearing costumes and participating in festivities were a few of the customs that developed, originating from paying respects to the dead, warding off evil spirits, and remembering the spiritual combat of good against evil.

We Catholics can reclaim the real meaning of Halloween by stressing its spiritual significance. Families should go to Mass together on All Saints' Day, which is a holy day of obligation, pray for the dead on All Souls' Day, or even host a "saint-themed" party where children dress up as their favorite saints. Not only would that preserve the tradition, but it would also add a deep understanding of our faith.

While Halloween takes on a host of meanings in contemporary culture, its origins are deeply seated in Catholic tradition. By reconnecting to these historical and religious roots, Catholics can celebrate in a manner that honors the saints, prays for the dead, and reminds us of our eternal destiny with God. Embracing the spiritual meaning of Halloween enables us to turn the attention away from the secular and toward the sacred and reminds us of the deeper truths our faith calls us to reflect on during this season.

In summary, Halloween is not merely a secular holiday but a significant part of the Catholic liturgical calendar, deeply intertwined with the remembrance of saints and the faithful departed. It serves as a time for reflection on life, death, and the hope of resurrection.