

GUEST SPEAKER: Deacon Jesus Mercado



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A Ministry to Catholic Women

Palm Desert Chapter Prayer Meal
Saturday, December 12, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Woodhaven Country Club
41555 Woodhaven Drive, East
Palm Desert, CA 92211

A Lifelong "Yes" to Mary Responding to God's Call

When Deacon Jesus Mercado was five years old, his father brought him to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Seeing the Tilma made a powerful impression on him and became the first thread in a lifelong connection to the Blessed Mother.

As a young boy, Deacon would line up his Saint cards by his bed like old friends. He also felt Mary's peaceful presence sitting behind him in church. Deacon soon developed a special devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows and Saint Michael. He met Pope John Paul II at age ten and as an adult he was entrusted with a chalice blessed by him.

Today, Deacon Jesus serves as a deacon at Sacred Heart Church. He is completing his master's degree in theology at St. Mary of the Lake in Chicago and will graduate in May 2028. Deacon also works as a hospice chaplain and leads the community in consecrations to Mary.

For Deacon Jesus, conversion is a daily event—a choice to carry the cross, help others, and walk alongside the dying as they meet Christ. He is a loving husband, father, and grandfather whose life bears witness to a quiet, steady faith—one that continues to flourish each day.

**Join us to learn how Deacon Jesus bears daily
witness to a lifelong journey of faith.**

Early Registration \$35 by 12/5/26.
Late Registration \$40.



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Mail Registration Form for Deacon Jesus Mercado

Your Name _____

Guest Name _____

Additional Guest names may be written on back of this form.

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Parish** _____

E-Mail _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ reservations.

Mail Reservation Form and check to:

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42-215 Washington St., Ste. A #403

Palm Desert, CA 92211

- Int'l Ministry based on "The Visitation" Luke 1:39
- Diocesan Approval by Bishop Alberto Rojas
- Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Mike Barry, SS.CC.
- Breakfast meal, praise, testimony and prayer
- Praise and Worship Music
- All Clergy & Religious are Complimentary. Call Louise at 760-702-0068 to confirm your attendance.
- Your check (payable to Magnificat) is your receipt.
- Your name tag is your ticket and will be at the door.
- **OPEN SEATING - Plan to arrive about 8:30am.**
- **Self-parking is encouraged. Help will be provided for those needing assistance.**
- Donation to help someone attend \$ _____