

Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

A key point in this Sunday's Gospel is the reference in the first sentence that Jesus is "making His way to Jerusalem." The Gospel writer Luke wants us to keep that very important detail in mind as the tension between Jesus and those who don't agree with Him becomes more intense as Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem. In our first reading, Jerusalem is referred to as the Lord's holy mountain. Mountains are seen throughout the Bible as a primary location for people to experience the Presence of God, who wants to be in loving relationship with the people that God created. Key figures that had this experience include but are hardly limited to Moses, Elijah and Jesus. We know from our own experience how mountains provide us with a scene in which we praise the awesomeness of God's creation.

Back to our Gospel: in response to the somewhat strange question as to how many people will be saved, Jesus invites us to strive to enter through the narrow gate. Jesus intimates that many will not be strong enough. While the Gospel doesn't say, we would not be far off to consider that Jesus means that we are not strong enough in our relationship with God nor that we have lived out that relationship. Some think that the narrow gate refers to a relatively small gate through which strangers were allowed to enter the Holy City. An example is that one has to remove all the materials a camel is carrying in order for the camel to slowly drag himself through while lying on the ground. Strength might also refer to how fully we can divest ourselves of anything that is not useful in our efforts to make known the goodness and kindness of our Divine Savior.

Jesus uses very strong language to emphasize how useless it is just to have some minor or fleeting connection or relationship with Jesus. What is of utmost importance to Jesus is the degree to which all of us fulfill what Isaiah made clear was the mission that Jesus made His own and that we are to make our own, especially given what is going on in our country these days. As our first reading makes clear, our mission is to go to places that have never heard of God's grandeur and to proclaim in every way possible that very awesomeness of the God of Jesus who loves all the people God created. Our role is none other than to bring all of our sisters and brothers from all the nations and empower them to know the goodness of the Lord by the way that we welcome them and provide for them.

Our fulfillment comes the more we see all people as our brothers and sisters, as the beloved creation of God whose needs we are to take care of. It is not brain surgery to realize how far from this mark are many of the ways in which people coming to our country are treated, especially babies and children. Our psalm for today expresses a similar idea, namely, that we are to "go out to all the world and tell the good news." We have a choice, to do as God wishes, or to find ourselves wailing and grinding our teeth when we see people coming to the Lord's house from all points and we are left outside the heavenly banquet.

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of August 25th—August 30th

<u>Sunday-August 25th</u>		
8:30-1pm 10am-Noon	Ministry Fair Fingerprinting	Gym M.S. room
<u>Tuesday-August 27th</u>		
6:00pm 6:00pm	LUX Young Adults Reflections of the Word	Y 2 St. Cecilia rm.
<u>Wednesday-August 28th</u>		
9:15am Noon	Tai Chi Lectio Divina	Church St. Cecilia rm.
<u>Thursday-August 29th</u>		
9:30am 6:00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet Community Meal	Church Halls
<u>Friday-August 30th</u>		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4

EXCITING NEWS

Beginning September 15th, Divine Savior will offer a Sunday evening Mass at 5:30pm! Please contact elaine@divinesavior.com if you want to participate in the liturgy for this Mass or any of the earlier Masses.

Fr. Roman is away on vacation through Sunday, September 1st.

RECYCLING SUNDAY

Where: behind the gym by the dumpster
When: THIS Sunday, August 25th, after all the Masses
What: ONLY CA CRV Plastic Bottles and Aluminum beverage containers.
We no longer accept any glass bottles/containers or number 1 plastic containers.
Why: Salvatorian Haiti Project



EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Divine Savior invites everyone to Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month, Adoration begins at 9:00am immediately after Mass and continues until 12:00pm.



MASS INTENTIONS

August 24th	4:30pm	Myron Howe (D) Dana Batt (D)
August 25th	7:45am 9:30am	People of the Parish Michaela Jordan P. Josh Burke (D)
	11:30am	Catalina Montenegro (D) Jacqueline Lerma (D)
August 26th	8:30am	Terrey Gonzalez
August 27th	8:30am	Jim & Yolanda Carlson
August 28th	8:30am	John B. Armstrong (D) Sixto Basarte (D)
August 29th	8:30am	Sr. James Zembal Matt Barba
August 30th	8:30am	Joseph Obayashi (D) Celsa Z. Salaverria (D)
August 31st	8:30am 4:30pm	Melchor Virrueta (D) Myron Howe (D)
September 1st	7:45am 9:30am 11:30am	Sr. Jeanne Felion, SSS Patricia Elliott Crespin (D) People of the Parish Laureano Bravo (D) Tricia Carder (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17;
Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19,
22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing. (*Names will appear for 3 weeks unless an extension is requested.*)

Alice Amantea
Bill Amantea
Bill Anderson
Sheldon Anderson Jr
Taryn Benson
Julie Bouse
Pam Chappell
Lauri Comly
Jo Ann Coughlin
Madeleine Crepin
Frank Donner III
Danielle Dulgerian
Dorothy Feldman
Gary Green
Tracy Hass
Michele Kinaan
John Lehane
Angelita Martinez
Vicente Meno
Glen Newton
Patty Nicholson
Nick Ostrogonac
Karen Paddock
Gerrie Parker
Eleanor Peterson
Gladys Reilly
Gerry Ryden
Marilyn Scott
Shari Sigl
Janet Thompson
John Wick

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:
Pat Bettencourt
Patricia Hamilton
John Tollefson

—For these and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



VOCATIONS CROSS

Sunday, August 25th at the 9:30am Mass, Bev Ridge will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas.

Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, Logan Amos, Sean Amos, James Atwood, Andrew Bauer, Jordan Biasotti, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephrem Choi, Elsie Cruz, Matt David, Travis Dardis, Derek Deatherage, David DeLaCruz, Alisen Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst & A.J. Smith, Tom Feyoe, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstad, Erik Hartsell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, Tyler Kenobbie, William Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Charles Philip Lopez, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Bennet D. McGrane, Garrett McMann, Aaron McMurray, Francis Montojo, Joseph M. Paddock, Nathan Paddock, Chris Payant, David Petisor, Darin Pillman, Tim Pillman, Rachael Portoman, Logan Rasmussen, Trey Rasmussen, Tim Reid, Neal Ridge, Tony Rodriguez, Nicholas Roha, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandoval, April Skou, Jacob and Nikki Steeb, James Thatche, Jadyne Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarreal, Danny Walsh, David Wentling, Kyle William and Brian Wright, Alexander Wrinkle.

If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary at 916-988-4984 to have them removed.

Parish Announcements

DID YOU KNOW?

Fr. Roman will be leading one of our Small Faith Groups for the first time. Mark your calendar; on September 14th & 15th sign up for **What the birth of Jesus means to us, his followers**, facilitated by Fr. Roman, or sign up for one of our other amazing Small Faith Groups. Pick up a flyer in the vestibule today and choose a topic, then sign up in September to enjoy fellowship with other parishioners as you engage in your choice of bible studies, spirituality books/videos, special interest studies or prayer groups.

LITURGY CORNER

We need your help! We need lectors, greeters, altar servers, EMs, ushers, sacristans and front and back end techs (screen operators and formatters) for all Masses especially the NEW 5:30pm Mass. Youth, adults, and family teams welcome!

Please prayerfully discern how you may serve your parish family at any of our Masses. You will only be scheduled according to YOUR availability, whether once a week, once a month, or once in a blue moon! **If you are a current minister, please call the office to update your schedule availability to include the 5:30pm Mass if this is an option for you.**

Upcoming Formation sessions:

ALTAR SERVERS – NEW AND CURRENT

On Wednesday August 28th we will have ALTAR SERVER formation/refresher at **9:15am and 6:00pm**. Please plan on attending this important session led by Fr. Marcel. Other times can be arranged to fit your schedule. Please contact fmarcel@divinesavior.com

EM, LECTOR, USHER, GREETER & TECH MINISTERS - NEW AND CURRENT

On Sunday, September 8th at 1pm we will have formation sessions in the church. **Please plan on attending. RSVP**



COMMUNITY MEAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY

- 316 guests (No meal on July 4th)
- 437 meals (average 146/week)

On 7/11 children from the music camp serenaded guests and provided hand-decorated placemats, LifeTeen and EDGE youths helped serve and clean-up. (THANK YOU ALL!) The Giving Garden provided flowers for the tables and guests were able to take flowers as well as vegetables home.

THANK YOU for your generous support of this ministry. If you can help, please contact Julie Rose at juli-erose9211@gmail.com or 916-813-3106.

Parish Announcements

MINISTRY FAIR TODAY!

Sunday, August 25, in the gym
8:30am—1:00pm



Fingerprinting in the MS room
10am till 12noon
This FREE service is provided
for our ministry volunteers.

GIVING GARDEN UPDATE

Thank you to all of you came to the Garden tour at the end of June to see the progress being made. Each week now our gardeners are harvesting produce to be used at the Community Meal. So far we have passed on 20 spaghetti squash, pounds of cucumbers, lots of fresh basil, 51 cantaloupe and boxes of sweet cherry tomatoes. We are also growing flowers to attract the bees which have graced our tables at the Community Meal and will also be used in church. It is a wonderful Divine Savior harvest!



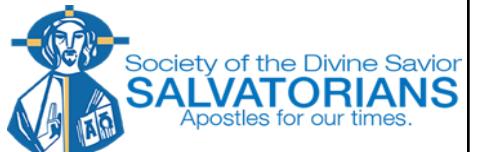
Water = Life!

New well in Tanzania sponsored by Divine Savior

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, over 2,500 people in the village of Namiungo, Tanzania have clean water! See details and photos of the new well on our parish website. <https://www.divinesavior.com>

SAVE THE DATE

Put October 5th on your calendar! Fr. Sal Ragusa, in collaboration with Divine Savior's priests, sisters and lay community, will give a morning presentation that will help us, as Divine Savior parishioners, to name our gifts. If we can articulate the gifts of belonging to a parish administered by Salvatorians, we can clearly proclaim who we are as a parish.



Parish Announcements

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 7	YTD thru Week # 7	Online giving
2019-2020 Year	\$ 12,938	\$ 113,716	\$
2018-2019 Year	\$ 14,681	\$ 114,595	
World Missions	\$ 6,508		

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." When thinking of how we use the gifts of time, talent and treasure, our dealing patiently with circumstances that are difficult or demeaning with an eye to doing God's will can often be as important as the monetary gift we offer.

Ministry Opportunities

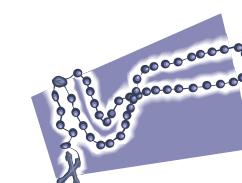
MANNA FROM HEAVEN

Manna provides temporary, supplemental meals, when there is a newborn in the home, or when someone is down and out due to an illness, an injury, or the death of a loved one. Please tell anyone you know who could benefit from this service about Manna. Encourage them to call or offer to call for them. For more information, a meal request, or to volunteer, please call Denise Verbeck at 967-5110 or the parish office at 989-7400.



ROSARY GROUPS

You are invited to join us to pray the rosary at church. **Group Rosary Times:** After 7:45am Sunday Mass at 8:45am by Mary's statue



6:00pm Monday evenings,
in the St. Cecilia room

Daily after morning Mass in
the church.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We always welcome new people into this ministry. The time commitment is very minimal, but the sense of personal fulfillment is great. We take communion to people unable to get to Mass, young and old. Be sure to stop by our table at the Ministry Fair. For further information, contact mtthmaryk@outlook.com.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT TIME!!!
At the church office during the week and online. Please check out our website at divinesavior.com and click on the faith formation tab at the top of the home screen. There you will find more information about all of our programs, as well as online enrollment forms. **Faith Formation will kick off on September 8th! ENROLL NOW!** Any questions?

K – 5th grade email Jen Shaver at jennifer@divinesavior.com
First Communion/Reconciliation preparation email Sharon Laitinen at sharon@divinesavior.com

6th - 8th grade email Denise Hackett denise@divinesavior.com
or Daniel Ardoine at danieljamesardoin@gmail.com

High School and Confirmation preparation email Debbie or Daniel at lifeteen@divinesavior.com

growing in faith together

ENROLLMENT FOR RCIA ADAPTED NOW

Divine Savior is enrolling children/youth wanting to know about Jesus Christ and how Catholics live the Christian faith. Children/Youth, ages 7-17, who are not baptized or older children who haven't made their First Communion, are welcome to enroll in the preparation process called Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for young people. Call Sharon Laitinen, 916-989-7400 or sharon@divinesavior.com.

ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you are thinking of becoming Catholic, there are RCIA sessions, called "Inquiry." In a warm and accepting environment, you are welcome to share your questions. If you are interested, please contact the parish office or sharon@divinesavior.com



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

An Open Door for Returning Catholics

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us as we begin our informal sessions on Thursday, September 12th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today. For additional information, contact Kathleen Hass at 916-989-7400 or kathleen@divinesavior.com