

Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

A very wealthy man asked a priest what he can do to cut back on the extravagant Christmas gifts his adult children asked for and expected. The priest suggested that the man give each offspring \$10,000 which they were free to share with their favorite charity(ies). The wealthy man called the priest on Christmas Eve and invited him to his home so that he might rescue the gathering from the very sad, entitled and disappointed family members gathered at his home (a true story). I think Jesus probably got a similar response when He advised the Pharisee host to invite to his lunch or dinner the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. While those in desperate need might not be able to repay the host in an equitable manner, they will nonetheless be a source of great blessing to the host.

We know that this is the case for the volunteers that serve needy people through our St. Vincent de Paul Society as well as our Christmas Basket ministry and Community Meal. Service to the poor can always be a very enriching experience; even if we have no money or food or other assistance to offer. A simple, courteous greeting along with a loving smile can bring great blessings to all involved. Our psalm affirms this notion because behaving this way is following the example of God who provides a home for the poor and forsaken.

Jesus' advice to take the lowest place when we are invited to a wedding banquet is a wildly whacky story that should have us bent over with belly laughs. A wedding banquet is a symbol of how we imagine heaven to be. People are celebrating the love that unites people just as that love can bond all the people God created with God and with one another. A similar image is presented in our second reading when it refers to Mount Zion as the city of the living God where all people are united in the abundant love that God shares. To worry about where we sit for any of these events is very much a laughing matter. We are all loved equally and sharing the food and drink at such a feast is a symbol for what we do when we celebrate Mass. We come together to express our gratitude to God for God's love; we share in the Body and Blood of Jesus as our way of renewing our desire and commitment to honor and to live out our role in this interwoven, vibrant and fulfilling union with one another so that so nourished we can return to our daily responsibilities to transform the world so that more people will be prompted to join in the feast.

This sort of thinking is reflected in our first reading as well. We are to conduct our affairs with humility. This means we do our best to keep in mind that we are who we are by the grace and blessing of our creator God. The more we realize that we are all gifts of our all-loving God, the more likely we will be inclined to feel the pain of those who suffer because of oppression, abuse, poverty and inhumane treatment. We can be the watering that quenches the flaming needs of these people

Schedule for the week of September 2nd—September 6th

Table with columns for time, activity, and location. Includes sections for Monday-September 2nd, Tuesday-September 3rd, Wednesday-September 4th, Thursday-September 5th, and Friday-September 6th.

EXCITING NEWS

Beginning in two weeks on Sunday, September 15th, Divine Savior will offer a Sunday evening Mass at 5:30pm! if you would like to participate in the liturgy for this Mass or any of the earlier



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2019 Labor Day

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Table listing Mass intentions with dates, times, and names of those for whom Mass is offered.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17;

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 Anderson, Sharon Backus, Marlena Beyer, Eduardo Bravo, Pat Collier, Joan Cotton, Mary Crandall, Noreen Davis, Michael W. Donner, Reggie Faulk, Lily Garcia, Stephany Hammer, Bridgette Hubbard, Frank Lanza, Christopher Manuel Lopez, Donald W. McMurchie, Vicente Meno, Ronnie Nichols, Richard Nodlinski, John Padden, Waldi Paige, Kenneth Quigley, Madeline Rose, Donna Schulte, Tom Sekel, Barbara Smith, Casey Wick, Bill Amantea, 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, Rosemary Mealey, Allen D. Nelson, Patty Nicholson, Nick Ostrogonac, Karen Paddock, 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, Tricia Carder, Kathleen Lankas, John Tollefson

VOCATIONS CROSS

Sunday, September 1st at the 9:30am Mass, The Welsh Family will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the



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, Erek 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.

**Parish Announcements**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Divine Savior is offering an Early Childhood Faith Formation at 9:30am in the St. Cecilia Room (during Mass) for our young parishioners ages 3 – Prekindergarten.**

Children have a uniquely strong connection to God. Therefore, we are called to exercise different approaches when supporting the faith of our youngest parishioners. Children at this age cannot be “taught” about God, but rather God is absorbed through all five senses from a properly prepared environment. In this way, the children are supported in their curiosity. In this way there is nothing that can get between God and his beloved children. This is an intimate relationship and love of God that will grow as the children grow. What a gift we can give to our youngest parishioners by simply getting out of the way! For more information regarding this ministry or to learn how you can help with it's development, please con-

**LITURGY CORNER—HELP WANTED**

You are awesome! You have signed up to be lectors, Ems, greeters, altar servers, ushers and sacristans. Yay You!

So while we could use more ministers in every category (like altar servers)... **We desperately NEED TECHS!** Some of our Masses only have one regularly scheduled tech. Please help. If you can follow along closely at Mass and like to be behind the scenes...literally, please call, email or text Elaine at [elaine@divinesavior.com](mailto:elaine@divinesavior.com) or 559-307-4216.

Thank you again so much for your overwhelming show of support of our parish!

Upcoming Formation sessions:

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

**On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** we will have formation sessions in the church.

An additional day has also been added. Formation sessions will also be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am and 6:30pm. **ALL NEW MINISTERS PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING.** Current ministers welcome. **RSVP**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**



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**DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT**

Next weekend, there will be a second collection—the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement. This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to the Diocese. Please consider making a donation. Special envelopes are available in the church vestibule. *Second Collection*

**MOVING ON FELLOWSHIP:** Because of the Labor Day Holiday we will meet on Monday, Sept. 9th; no-host brunch, 10:30am, Annie’s Restaurant (Beech & Greenback). No program, social meet only. We are an informal group of Divine Savior widows and widowers who exist to offer friendship, practical help and prayer to the bereaved in “moving on” to a new, satisfying life. All are welcome. For

**SMALL FAITH GROUPS**

On September 14th & 15th in the parish vestibule, you can choose from ten amazing Small Faith Group topics! Enjoy fellowship as you engage in your choice of bible studies, spirituality books/videos, special interest studies or a prayer group. Fr. Roman will be leading one for the first time. Pick up a flyer that is in the vestibule today.



**SAVE THE DATE**

On October 5th at 9:15am, Fr. Sal Ragusa, SDS, in collaboration with the salvatorian sisters and lay salvatorians, will share the history, charism and mission of the Salvatorian community as it is expressed in our parish ministries. I encourage all parishioners and especially ministry leaders to attend. Lunch provided following the presentation. By October 2nd, please RSVP your attendance for lunch by emailing [sha-](mailto:sha-)



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**Year over Year Plate Collection Performance**

	Week # 8	YTD thru Week # 8	Online giving
<b>2019-2020 Year</b>	\$ 10,790	\$ 124,507	\$ 334
<b>2018-2019 Year</b>	\$ 16,979	\$ 132,405	
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 14,627		
<b>Cap Camp</b>	\$ 1,563		

*In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy as one gesture of thanks to God for God’s blessing us. This sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God.*

**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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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-

**Ministry Opportunities**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

If you have the talent to knit or crochet, please consider joining our prayer shawl ministry. We meet twice a month (1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1-3pm) in the Parish Office. Please contact Nancy Begley at 916-705-5464 for more information.

If you know someone in need of loving comfort who

**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 [mtth-](mailto:mtth-)

**Faith Formation News**



**FAITH FORMATION**

**FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT TIME!!!** Faith Formation will kick off NEXT SUNDAY, September 8th! ENROLL NOW! At the church office during the week and online. Please check out our website at [divinesavior.com](http://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. Any questions?

Early Childhood – 5<sup>th</sup> grade email Jen Shaver at [jennifer@divinesavior.com](mailto:jennifer@divinesavior.com)

First Communion/Reconciliation preparation email Sharon Laitinen at [sharon@divinesavior.com](mailto:sharon@divinesavior.com)

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade email Denise Hackett [denise@divinesavior.com](mailto:denise@divinesavior.com) or Daniel Ardoin at [danieljamesardoin@gmail.com](mailto:danieljamesardoin@gmail.com)

High School and Confirmation preparation email Debbie or

*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

**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

