

Dear People of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

This weekend, we ponder what we hope for in the future and what that means for the present. Three disciples, James, Peter and John, accompany Jesus on a trek up a high mountain. We know from our own experiences how spending time in the mountains can bring a renewed sense of awe at the majesty of God's creation. Looking out over vastly expansive stretches of land, we realize how blessed we are to be able to enjoy the wonderful handiwork of God our creator. These experiences can, at times, prompt us to make changes in the way that we are living. We might decide to fret less over stuff we have little or no control over. We might accept that we have not been putting our best efforts into our relationships. Surrounded in the mountains by amazing topography, we are often prompted to give thanks for these experiences as well as many others that occur day by day.

The Gospel states that Jesus was transfigured in that His face shone brightly and His clothes were white as light. Those who have experienced near-death experiences describe a similar kind of whiteness and glow. While Jesus' body changed, Moses and Elijah appear alongside Jesus. Moses is a symbol for the law that God gave His people as a guide to come to know the true nature of God. Elijah represented the prophets who called the people to live out the relationship that God had established with them. Much like when we experience something majestic, Peter tries awkwardly to reflect what it means for the three of them to witness these events. Impulsively, Peter wants to make three tents. As often is the case with Peter, he hadn't thought out his ideas before he uttered them. Building three tents put Jesus on the same level as Moses and Elijah, but as the three later realized Jesus took it upon Himself to be the new law and the prophet who would make known in His being the living, loving presence of God.

Peter's idea also was an attempt to freeze-frame the experience, most likely so that the three could continue to ponder such a vivid scene. We know that experiences of grandeur, peace, insight and awe in our lives are often very brief, which means that we need to be very attentive as they take place so that we can reflect on them later. Lent is such a time for us to imagine ourselves in the presence of Jesus. What does that feel like? Are we comfortable, or do we wish that we could hide parts of our lives that we are not thrilled about? Are we left speechless?

Considering the rest of the Gospel passage, we allow Jesus to remind us of who He is as a way for us to be reminded of who we are in God's eyes. In spending time with Jesus, coming to know Him intimately, we pray that we come to understand more fully how we want to live out more and more our identity as God's beloved. Through it all, we allow Jesus to touch us so that we can realize that despite whatever else is going on for us, we can feel accepted in love just as we are. Despite our fears and worries, we allow ourselves to be comforted by Jesus' saying to us with complete love, "do not be afraid." We, in turn, invite others to have similar experiences with Jesus.

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of March 9th—March 13th

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, Location. Rows include Monday-March 9th (Rosary Group, Church), Wednesday-March 11th (Tai Chi, Vestibule; Lectio Divina, St. Cecilia rm.), Thursday-March 12th (Divine Mercy Chaplet, Church; Senior Outreach-Balance for Life, Y 3; Community Meal, Halls), Friday-March 13th (Men's Prayer Group, M 4; Stations of the Cross & Soup, Church).

REMINDER

We have a 5:30pm Sunday evening Mass every week.

FLU/CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We have suspended the sharing of the Precious Blood until further notice due to the prevalence of the flu and onset of the coronavirus.

Those who are gluten intolerant, please be sure to let the presider know before Mass, so arrangements can be made for you to receive from the chalice.

We recommend against holding hands during the Lord's Prayer; for those who choose to, let us respect the wishes of those around us.

For the Sign of Peace, rather than shake hands, we encourage all parishioners to be creative in sharing a gesture of peace with a loving smile or holding our hands on our hearts as we say the words "Peace be with You".

Please go to the parish website for the Center for Disease Control's list of recommended preventative actions to prevent the spread of flu/coronavirus.

Please continue to pray for ALL who are ill, and those who care for them, that God's angels may surround them, and that they be held in the palm of His beautiful hand.

CRAB FEED 2020

SOLD OUT!!!

If you have tickets to sell or would like to be added to the waiting list, please call the church office, 916-989-7400.

MASS INTENTIONS

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Intention. Rows include March 7th (Shirley Myers), March 8th (Vince McMahon, People of the Parish), March 9th (Florencio Jacinto), March 10th (Betty Anderson), March 11th (Albert & Toni Arce), March 12th (Emmett Devine), March 13th (Tracy Hass), March 14th (Virginia Schreiner), March 15th (Clare Zipp).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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, Sheldon Anderson Jr, Sharon Backus, Talon Bonanno, Eduardo Bravo, Lauri Comly, Noreen Davis, Michael W. Donner, JoAnn Elder, Dorothy Feldman, Bud Green, J.J. Hall, Bridgette Hubbard, Michele Kinaan, Vicente Meno, Shirley Newton, John Padden, Gerrie Parker, Eleanor Peterson, Christopher Revak, Madeline Rose, Donna Schulte, Lee "Lucky" Shaver, Patricia Speere, Bill Amantea, Jenny Azbill, Marlena Beyer, Julie Bouse, Pat Collier, Madeleine Crepin, Nenita dela Cruz, Carol Dziedzic, Reggie Faulk, Gladys Gonsalves, Gary Green, Sandra Harris, Martin Jennings, Cookie McCormack, Allen D. Nelson, Patty Nicholson, Karen Paddock, Linda Parker, Gladys Reilly, Roxanne Rosales, Gerry Ryden, Tom Sekel, Shari Sigl, John Wick

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

- Sara Hill, Rosemary Nealy, JoAnn Jarumay, Ron Pustai

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

VOCATIONS CROSS

Saturday, March 7th at the 4:30pm Mass, Nancy Bingham 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, Erek Hartsell, Michael Haug, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, William Kraitz, Tyler Kraitz, 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, Joshua Paige, 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, Davis Wood, Brian Wright and 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

That “**Human Trafficking - Supply and Demand: How This Business Impacts Our Youth.**” is coming back by popular demand. Come learn more in a 30-minute session in the MS Room.

March 22, 2020
After the 11:30 a.m. Mass & again at 4:15 p.m.

LITURGY CORNER—

News about those in the final preparation stage leading to the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

THIS weekend, at all our Masses, we will have the opportunity to write our prayers and words of encouragement and welcome to all those who will become full members of our Divine Savior family at the Easter Vigil. Papers on which to write these words are on the benches.

On Sunday, March 15th during the 9:30 Mass, Sunday March 22nd during the 11:30 Mass and on Saturday March 28th at the 4:30 Mass, we will include special prayers for the people of our parish journeying toward the Easter Sacraments. These prayers help our brothers and sisters gain strength against temptation as they study and reflect on the Word of God during their formation sessions and demonstrate support from their parish community as they prepare to join us at the Eucharistic table at the Easter Vigil.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE Sales will take place **NEXT WEEKEND, March 14th & 15th** at the 4:30, 7:45, 9:30 & 11:30 Masses in the Vestibule.



SPECIALTY CAKES NEEDED FOR THE CRAB FEED DESSERT TABLE

We are looking for specialty dessert bakers to donate their special desserts for inclusion at the Crab Feed Dessert Table. Please call the Parish Office at 916-989-7400 if you can help.



Parish Announcements

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES at DIVINE SAVIOR



THIS Sunday, March 8th the Parish Pastoral Council is hosting a discovery session in Hall A at 1pm (after the 11:30 Mass) as a follow up to our parish survey. All interested parishioners are encouraged to attend and participate as we learn how we as Catholics are called to pursue social justice as a component of our earthly and spiritual journeys. We will: identify and discuss Divine Savior’s existing social justice initiatives, identify and discuss new opportunities to pursue social justice here at Divine Savior, and explore how the PPC can support these efforts. All are welcome. If you have any questions regarding this, please email Denise Hackett at denise@divinesavior.com

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Thank you for helping our neighbors in need

Your gift will make a difference in someone’s life. If you have not yet made a donation, it’s not too late! Envelopes are still available in the church vestibule or in the parish office. Please remember to include the parish name and city as 25% of what you give is returned to our parish to support the mission of our St. Vincent de Paul Society and our Community Meal.



THIS weekend, the Knights are hosting Hospitality after all Sunday morning Masses. Please stop by for some treats!



EASTER CHOIR

Have you always wanted to join choir, but haven’t been sure you could make it each week? How about joining our Easter choir. If you are an experienced singer, it is the perfect opportunity to come and experience Divine Savior music ministry without the stress of commitment for each week. For further details, please reach out to elaine@divinesavior.com.



Parish Announcements

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 35	YTD thru Week # 35
2019-2020 Year	\$ 18,213	\$ 643,052
2018-2019 Year	\$ 17,602	\$ 619,845
Bldg. Fund Feb.	\$13,268	

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 | 6:00pm Hall A
Caring for Your Loved One During Various Stages of Dementia present by Nancy Schier Anzelmo, MSG, Principal, Alzheimer’s Care Associates, LLC

The journey of caregiving can be long and challenging at times; however, understanding this journey from a loved one’s perspective can assist in understanding the stages of the diagnosis and communicating through a person-centered approach can create new connections, resulting in meaningful moments to sustain the relationship of caring for and supporting your loved one. **For more information and to RSVP for this FREE workshop, please call Senior Care Solutions at 916-965-5565.**

Ministry Opportunities

FILIPINO MINISTRY

At Divine Savior parish, we are blessed to be the home of many diverse cultural groups, each unique and powerful in how they celebrate the Eucharist, but all united in Christ. The **Filipino Ministry of Divine Savior** is one of such groups that seeks to continue to share it’s rich Catholic cultural traditions and is welcoming new members to be a part of their ministry. **All are invited to their next meeting on April 19th, at 1:00pm in the MS Room.** Please come and learn about Filipino Catholic traditions and share your ideas for this ministry!

Parish Announcements

ST. PATRICK’S DAY SOCIAL

The 2nd Annual St. Patrick’s Parish Social is on **Sunday, March 15th** —in honor of St. Patrick we will have a parish wide ice cream social with Irish music and games for the entire family. It is a free event in Halls A & B from 4 - 5:30pm. All are welcome!

Come join the fun!



DIVINE SAVIOR’S ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT

Meeting Jesus again as if for the first time reflecting on the gospel of St. John.

March 27- 29 2020
Christ the King Retreat Center, Citrus Heights

Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule. Call the Retreat Center 916-725-4720 or register online at: <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/>

Questions or additional info, call Parishioner, Cathy Conte, 916-962-0302 or email, cathyconte@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE –

Our cultural celebration last year at Pentecost was a wonderful success, so we will again celebrate the rich cultural and ethnic diversity we have in our parish family at a celebration on **Pentecost Sunday, May 31st**. The celebration will begin at the 11:30am liturgy and follow with festivities in the gym. We would like to represent all the various ethnicities, so please join us at our next planning committee meeting on Sunday, April 26th in the large conference room. Also, feel free to contact Fr. Marcel at frmarcel@divinesavior.com if you have any suggestions or ideas to help make this celebration great.



Please join us during Lent for Stations of the Cross with a soup supper to follow. 6:30pm on Fridays in the Church

March 13th hosted by: S.A.V.E. Ministry
March 20th hosted by: CFF/RCIAA
March 27th hosted by: Parish Pastoral Council
April 10th: Good Friday Stations and Soup (contact Elaine if you would like to bring soup, elaine@divinesavior.com)

As an added *positive* action, **BYOD (Bring Your Own Dishes! And non-disposable utensils, cups and cloth napkins!)** to Stations and Soup. In doing so, you serve as protectors of God’s gift to us – the Earth – by reducing the mounds of paper and plastic that pollute our oceans and earth.