

Dear People of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Happy Palm/Passion Sunday to all! The words of our psalm response as well as the same ones in our Gospel can tear at our hearts, as Jesus cries out, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Jesus was a human being like you and me and, like Him we are to let the divine shine through our humanity. We can imagine the pain Jesus suffered.

Throughout His ministry, Jesus was challenged many times as people, especially the Jewish religious leaders, tried to dishonor Him.

As we glance at today's Gospel passage, we realize how insulting Pilate was to Jesus. The crowds at His trial chose a wretched criminal to be released instead of Him. They yelled that Jesus should be crucified. It is helpful to keep in mind that most of the crowd who called for Jesus to be put to death were not the same people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem a few days before this.

To be stripped of one's clothes, tortured and having a crown of thorns put on His head had to be so humiliating. His clothes were put back on before He walked to Golgotha, but then ripped back off before He was nailed to the cross. Much like one of the symptoms of the corona virus, being crucified made breathing extremely difficult with great pain wracking His body with each breath. To be mocked and reviled while He hang on the cross must have torn at His heart.

Any human being in Jesus' situation would have had the fleeting thought that God had abandoned Him. As we look at the last verse of today's psalm, we see how Jesus had refocused as He promised again to proclaim the name of God to all people. He also invites others to praise God, thus living out His earthly mission to the very end. Later in this psalm Jesus renews the promise of the Old Testament prophets as He reminds the people and us that the poor will be fed, and peoples' hearts will be joyful again as all come to honor the Lord.

In the process of all of this, Jesus fulfills the first and second readings. He, in all His weariness, speaks to those who are weary. Despite the violence He suffered, He did not react in kind. He truly emptied Himself, being obedient to the Father to the very end.

As we deal with the inconveniences of the corona virus, we ask Jesus how, in His humanity He was able to do it. We need to keep in mind the words from our second reading, "He did not regard equality with God something to be grasped." In His humanity He was able to reveal the love of God to the end. Being obedient means that, despite His tortuous outcry of being abandoned, He continued to listen to His Father and ours, no doubt keeping in mind what the Father had said to Him on more than one occasion, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus died for no other reason than that He was faithful to His mission of revealing God's love to the end. That message caused too much disturbance for the Jewish leaders as well as the leaders of the Roman Empire. Kill the messenger and maybe the message will die. We on our part pray that we will find every way possible to reveal God's love for all people, regardless of how we might suffer because of doing so.

~ Fr. Roman

HOLY WEEK

April 5th-April 12th

Please refer to our website for ways you can
CELEBRATE Holy Week while at home.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Until we are able to gather together again, Divine Savior offers an opportunity for you to view Mass on our Parish website. Parish Facebook and YouTube (Divine Savior Orangevale).

Palm Sunday Mass - will be livestreamed, Sat. at 4:30pm and Sun. at 9am. Recordings will be available at 6pm & 11am

Monday-Wednesday Masses - will be livestreamed on Facebook at 9:00am. A recording of the Mass will be available for viewing by noon.

Holy Thursday April 9- Livestreamed via facebook at 7:00pm. A recording will be available for viewing by 10:00pm.

Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion April 10—livestreamed via facebook at 12 Noon and available for viewing at 3:30pm

Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday.

For **funerals, confession, or anointing of the sick**, please call the parish office.



Prayers

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing.

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

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

Jim Anderson
Robert (Bob) Matranga

Stan Ferreira

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

Crab Feed Tickets

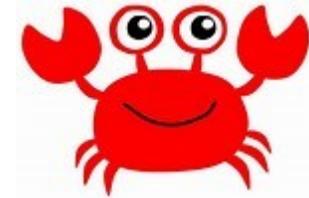
Given where we are in terms of Covid-19, we will not be having a Crab Feed this year. While we would very much like to have some classy gathering with a wonderful meal, we are not sure when we might be able to make that happen, either. Therefore, we ask everyone who is presently holding tickets for the Crab Feed to do one of two things:

1) If you would like to donate the money toward parish fundraising, please email Katie and she will apply it towards your yearly donations. (please dispose of your tickets)

2) If you want a refund, please mail the tickets to the parish office or drop them into the mailbox outside the entrance of the office with a note indicating where you would like the refund mailed. If you have any questions, please email katie@divinesavior.com

Thank you for your generous support of our parish,

Fr. Roman



Food resources during Quarantine

OV Food Bank: 6483 Main Ave. Orangevale
Open Monday 11am-4pm, Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm, and Thursday 10am-12:30pm.

Volunteers needed—If you are under 65 and able to volunteers, please sign up at their website at <https://ovfoodbank.ivolunteer.com/>.

Seventh Day Adventist Food Closet: 5810 Pecan Ave, Orangevale
Tuesdays 9-12
916-967-0405

Meal Distribution for Students in Need During School Closures

San Juan Unified will provide an opportunity for families to pick up two meals daily (lunch and breakfast for the following day) in a mobile walk-up or drive-thru meal service for children 18 and under. For school sites go to the district website.

Link to **Folsom/Cordova (FCUSD)** offering meals: <https://www.fcusd.org/Page/38976>

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

MANY thanks to those who have offered your gifts of treasure to our parish in this last few weeks whether by mail or electronically. Many families have made additional contributions to help defray the costs associated with COVID 19 and we are extremely grateful for your generosity. The staff has been taking this opportunity to make pastoral phone calls to everyone listed in our parish family database. We hope to complete all the calls by next week. We have been mutually blessed by this process and have been hearing daily miracles happening among our parishioners. **What an amazing parish family we have!**

As a reminder, when donating, you can switch from writing checks, by going to the parish website <http://divinesavior.com>, scroll down to the section titled **“Quick Resources”** and choose **“Support our Parish”**. Please notice that we have added a new option for **“text giving.”**
~Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.