

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:  
 Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

We might wonder why Jesus would ask His disciples about His identity. Was He simply wondering what His disciples and the people understood about Him? Or was He looking for feedback about how effective He had been about making His identity known through His teaching and actions?

The disciples reported that the people thought He was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. This answer would probably bring some satisfaction to Jesus. However, not to be able to distinguish between John the Baptist and Jesus reflects how little they allowed themselves to know Jesus. To think Jesus was one of the prophets could be a bit more consoling. The role of a prophet then and now is to share with the people how God wants people to be faithful followers of God. A prophet would let people know whether they were on the correct track or not. Jesus certainly was clear about those concerns. Jesus' life was dedicated to making known the goodness and kindness of God our Creator. Another aspect of being a prophet was to call the people to allow God's grace to bring about the transformation of individuals as well as society so that justice was done for all people, especially those who were in desperate situations.

A prophet was to call the people in charge to fulfill their responsibility in terms of seeing that all the people were treated with the dignity in which they had been created. A prophet, in speaking on behalf of God, is a voice that calls for the change of systems so that there is the greatest degree of equity. All people were to be fully active in developing a society where love was the guiding light instead of power, control, and the imbalance of financial resources. Honesty and respect were to be the hallmarks of society. We can ponder how dedicated we are to similar issues.

When Jesus asked the disciples who they say Jesus is, Peter speaks on their behalf. We pray that our response would be similar to what Peter stated. We pray that we see Jesus as the One the Father anointed to reveal all the characteristics of the living God. With Peter answering that Jesus is the Son of the living God, we hope that Peter was clear that in making that statement about Jesus, he was also making a very profound statement about Himself. We pray that we have come to know ourselves as the beloved people of the living God, because it is only with that identity that we are able to reveal to all we interact with who Jesus is for us. We cannot share what we have not experienced ourselves; this is why our faith formation processes from early childhood to the other end of the age spectrum focuses on developing a loving, intimate and personal relationship with Jesus, and through Him with our Creator God and the Holy Spirit.

While Peter was established as leader of the community that Jesus formed, we are all called to build that community. We do that best by the degree to which we can reconcile our differences with one another. We know how crippling life can be when people refuse to let go of what divides and separates. Our world is in great need of people who choose to make viable connections in the name of our Divine Savior.

~Fr. Roman

**PARISH DRIVE-THROUGH  
 SOCIAL HAS BEEN  
 POSTPONED!**

Due to the extreme heat we are experiencing, the drive through social must be postponed until it is a comfortable temperature for volunteers, musicians, and staff to be outside. We remain...

#DivineSaviorStrong!



**Honoring the Dignity of God's People**

Immigration is a part of our family's history, unless we are Native Americans. In the U.S. immigration is a challenging issue. For Catholics, the U.S. Bishops offer three social justice principles to guide our

position: • People have the right to migrate. • A country has the right to regulate its borders. • It must do so, not simply based on self-interest, but on the common good of all involved, i.e. with justice and mercy. Therefore, the Bishops call for a radical overhauling of U.S.

immigration policies. To learn more, go to the bottom right section of this link: [Click here](#)

*"...treat the alien ...no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for him as for yourself, for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt." (Lv. 19:33-34)*



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

Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Talon Bonanno
Julie Bouse	Eduardo Bravo
Bob Collier	Pat Collier
Noreen Davis	Michael W. Donner
Rosemary Dubé	Carol Dziejzic
JoAnn Elder	Reggie Faulk
Dorothy Feldman	Linda Goulet
Bud Green	Riah Gundolff
Piper Hall	Sandra Harris
Melody Hill	Kay Hoffer
Bridgette Hubbard	Martin Jennings
Diane Jones	Carl Larson
Vicente Meno	Mauri Murillo
Allen D. Nelson	Glen Newton
Shirley Newton	Patty Nicholson
Jacque Olson	John Padden
Karen Paddock	Linda Parker
Gladys Reilly	Christopher Revak
Roxanne Rosales	Madeline Rose
Gerry Ryden	Donna Schulte
Tom Sekel	Shari Sigl
Israel Lopez Silva	Daya Vati Singh
Craig Smith	Dorothy Wong
Stella Zipp	

*Please pray for the souls of those who have died:*

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



Golf is one activity we can still play! Have you signed up for the 2020 Knights Charity Through Golf Tournament on Monday,

September 28th? [Click here](#) to learn more about signing up or to sponsor a hole!



## LITURGY

**Please note:** We will be unable to celebrate **outside Mass or outside Communion** this Sunday, August 23th due to the unhealthy air quality from the fires. Masses at 4:30pm and 9am Sunday will be live streamed.

## SOLIDARITY AND ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO BEIRUT EXPLOSION

We know that the recent catastrophic explosion in Beirut killed 150 people, thousands more were injured and the suffering is very extensive. Some of us are in a position to offer prayers for the Lebanese people and/or financial assistance that will go toward rebuilding after the destruction. Donations can be made to [Catholic Relief Services](#).

## PARENT RESOURCES

**All families** juggling their children/teens distance learning with work life and family life, please check out the parish website for great resources/ideas for parents/caregivers during the pandemic. [Parent resources](#). Let us support one another!

## FAITH FORMATION



### SMALL FAITH GROUPS

Fall is upon us and we need your ideas for small faith groups! Check out the [Adult Faith life page](#) on the parish website to find out how to form a small faith group or join one already happening!

## ENROLLMENT FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH

The Faith formation team continues to explore all of the ways that the Holy Spirit can creatively guide our ministries. Whether virtually or in person, know that continuing to form your children/teens in the faith is our utmost priority. To enroll [click here](#).

For more information about children's ministry, including sacrament preparation, please contact Jen Shaver at [jennifer@divinesavior.com](mailto:jennifer@divinesavior.com),

For information about middle school ministry contact Brian Collier at [brian@divinesavior.com](mailto:brian@divinesavior.com)

For information about Confirmation for 8th - 10th grade, please contact Debbie Sultan at [lifeteen@divinesavior.com](mailto:lifeteen@divinesavior.com)

For children ages 7 - 17 who have not been baptized or teens who have not made their First Communion contact Jen Shaver at [jennifer@divinesavior.com](mailto:jennifer@divinesavior.com)

## Deepening Our Christian Faith - a small faith group study with Fr. Marcel

Sundays at 2pm, all are welcome to join Fr. Marcel's book study on [Prayer of Fire, experiencing the Lord's Prayer](#). Email [frmarcel@divinesavior.com](mailto:frmarcel@divinesavior.com) for information.

## Catholics Returning Home

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. For more information [click here](#) or contact [kathleen@divinesavior.com](mailto:kathleen@divinesavior.com) , 916-989-7400.



## Going Deeper with Fr. Roman

Be sure to watch this weeks edition of "Going Deeper" with Fr. Roman: Who do you say that I am? [Click here:](#)