

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1: 35-42

How might our scripture passages for this Sunday help us deal effectively with the tragedy of January 6th? Whether it happened the way the Gospel writer John described it, his message is clear. When Jesus made His Presence known, John the Baptist calmly referred to Jesus as the Lamb of God. Two of John's disciples heard him refer to Jesus this way. Given the picture that the gospel writer provides, the transition from John the Baptist to Jesus could not have gone any smoother. Perhaps we can yet expect that to happen in our own country. [For more, please click here](#)



Live stream Sunday Masses will continue at 4:30pm Saturday and 10am on Sunday. We will continue to celebrate Mass outside* on Sundays at 12:00pm. Please [RSVP](#) by 3pm Saturday, wear a mask and bring a chair.

*(Rain? if you need windshield wipers to drive or an umbrella to walk, we will not have a 12 noon Mass)

Outside Communion is in the back parking lot under the tent after the 10am live stream Mass. Please enter off of the Filbert Avenue (South) entrance. (rain or shine)

We will continue to offer outside Communion after the 9am live stream daily Mass,

To kick off the new year, a few parishioners donated copies of the book, *I heard God Laugh* by Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic, to distribute to parish families. In the book, the question is asked... are you taking care of your soul. . . feeding it and nurturing it? *I Heard God Laugh* will provide practical wisdom on how to feed and nurture your soul. You can pick up your copy at drive up Communion (daily or on Sundays) or at the 12-noon outdoor Sunday Mass. **We will also distribute the parish calendars in this manner this weekend.**



The Parish office will be closed Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



PRAYER SERVICES FOR ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Tuesday, January 19th, there are two opportunities to join with others to pray:



2pm—5pm - Diocese virtual event, For Information, [Click here](#).

7pm—Divine Savior Prayer Service live streamed from the church on Facebook and YouTube . Go to the [parish website](#) .

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

DIVINE SAVIOR SMALL FAITH GROUPS OFFERED THIS LENT

Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege - 9 virtual sessions (via Zoom) with day or evening options beginning January 28 or Feb. 1st.

This is a program offered through “Just Faith Ministries, a nonprofit organization that forms, informs, and transforms people of faith by offering programs and resources that sustain them in their compassionate commitment to build a more just and peaceful world.” A group of 15 parishioners did this study in the Fall and found it to be life changing! [Click here](#) to learn more & hear from them!

Christian Stewardship Starts at Home - 4 virtual sessions (via Zoom) beginning Wednesday, February 24th

Stewardship is a gift from God, and a way to live as God’s modern-day disciples in this messy, busy, chaotic world. During the pandemic and Lent, this is an opportunity for you and your family to look at stewardship in your own homake inventory of your spiritual house, and look for new ways to show gratitude to God for his many gifts. **Facilitator: Steve Roberts,** steveroberts22@comcast.net

Listening for God in Our Lives - 15 virtual sessions (via Zoom) beginning Thursday, February 18th

Join this Lenten and Easter seasons to explore our Catholic traditions and prayers for experiencing the quiet presence of God in our lives through scripture, our daily activities, and in our hearts. **Facilitator: Bill Stobbe,** bstobbe@companionedprayer.org

Discussion & Reflection on Pope Francis' newest encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*—8 virtual sessions (via Zoom) beg. Tues. Feb. 23rd

In this encyclical, Pope Francis calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and expresses the openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives. Sign up to join this small faith group discussion on Tuesday evenings during Lent. (via Zoom)

Facilitators: Denise Hackett & Elaine Bauer: denise@divinesavior.com or elaine@divinesavior.com

For more information and to sign up for small groups, [click here.](#)

GOING DEEPER WITH FR. ROMAN

This weeks edition of “Going Deeper” [Come and See](#)



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. Please join us for six informal sessions beginning Thursday



February 4th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today. For more information contact kathleen@divinesavior.com or 916-989-7400.

CENTERING PRAYER

Meets in the St. Cecelia Room after morning Mass on the third Wednesday of the month. To join on January 20th, please send an email to Joyce at joycean@sbcglobal.net, so we will have space for you. Chairs will be set up and distanced to allow for 10 people. Please wear a mask.



GAMES AND GAB

Play Bingo and other games. Are there any fun family games you like to play? Let us know.



Where: Hall A

When: Wednesday, January 20th
1130am — bring a sack lunch.
Dessert provided. RSVP to kathleen@divinesavior.com or 916-989-7400.



Due to the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners, we added some special extras to the Christmas Baskets this year. First, they were able to connect to OV Food Bank for supplemental food.

Second, we gave each family a \$75 Winco card. Third, your donations were used to provide an additional grant of \$185 toward either a SMUD or PG&E bill to families who applied for it through the ministry. We want you to know how grateful our receiving families are [Click here](#) to see their comments.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will have blood drives every 3 months starting this month. The process is simple. Vitalant (formerly Blood Source) has created a hyperlink allowing donors the convenience of signing up to donate at a location and time that works for them. When signing up, search for locations by Zip code.

When arriving at the location, please give them the **Knights of Columbus group number (#10)** in order for our Knights of Columbus Council to get credit. [Click here](#) to donate!



PARISH COMMUNICATIONS—Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic we do not have copies of the Breaking Bread 2021 available for use. However, the daily and Sunday Mass readings may be accessed through **myParish app**, the [parish website](#) or the [usccb website](#).



myParish App - If you haven't already **downloaded myParish app** to your Apple or Android phones, it provides quick access to the parish website, Mass times, USCCB daily & Sunday readings, weekly bulletin, online giving and diocesan news. **Click the Download button for instructions.** Then turn on notifications to receive timely parish updates.

Thank you to all who continue to generously donate to the parish! Click on the button to donate online!



SENIOR WORKSHOPS

Senior Care Solutions is now offering their Winter Senior Workshops through Zoom sessions. For more info [click here](#).