

Dear People of Divine Savior and Our Cherished Visitors:

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4. 13-15, 22-24; I John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

We celebrate the Second of Seven Sundays of Easter. Our Gospel passage presents several points that can at first be difficult to wrap our minds around. We recall verse 30 of chapter 19 of John's Gospel that we reflected on Good Friday; it reads, "When Jesus had taken the wine, He said, 'it is finished.' And bowing His head, He handed over the spirit." One way to unpack the fullness of that verse is that death, resurrection and imparting the Holy Spirit was all one action at a very specific time. [FOR MORE, PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

GRATITUDE FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

It was wonderful to see that all services for Holy Week and Easter Sunday were filled to capacity according to pandemic guidelines. How grateful we are that we could again celebrate these very holy days within our Church building.

Not only was this something to celebrate, but we are very thankful for the many volunteers who helped make our celebrations prayerful. Our music ministers spent many hours rehearsing as well as many hours providing the music for the various services. We thank Gerry Rheault for his work in providing additional instruments for Holy Thursday and for all the Easter Masses.

Our great people who welcomed those who came to services provided smiling faces that prepared all to participate as fully as possible. Once inside the doors, our very capable ushers did such a great service in helping seat people, all the while maintaining proper distancing of people.

Our tech people showed their dedication by not only projecting the appropriate material on the church screens, but they also oversaw that those participating by livestreaming were able to take part with the excellent transmission of the services.

Our environment creators made their talents evident by switching décor from one day to the next and for providing a delightfully beautiful Easter display.

We thank our very able sacristans as well as our lectors and eucharistic ministers. Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus who have been helping so effectively with setting up for our outdoor Masses as well as guiding people who come for drive through communion.

If the gifts of gratitude to God in our offertory collection is an indication of NEW LIFE, we are truly on the way to creating a NEW NORMAL, all in honor of our

RISEN DIVINE SAVIOR. ALLELUIA!!!

Giving thanks, Fr. Roman



Many of our local assisted living facilities are now open to visitors. Please consider going to visit your friends and fellow parishioners who have been unable to visit in person with anyone for months. For more information, please call the parish office 916-989-7400



Our beloved parishioner **Mel Hicks** has gone to rest in the arms of our Divine Savior.

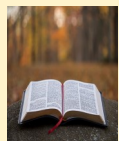
Parishioners are invited to attend Mel's Funeral Mass on Saturday, April 10th at 11:00am. The love and prayers of the entire parish are with Mel's family.

Our beloved parishioner **Maurice McKowen** has gone to rest in the arms of our Divine Savior.

Parishioners are invited to attend Maurice's Funeral Mass on Saturday, April 10th at 1:00pm. The love and prayers of the entire parish are with Maurice's family.

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 on **Thursdays beginning April 15th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** For more info contact 916-989-7400 or kathleen@divinesavior.com



Weekly Words of Wisdom with Fr. Marcel
from [**Matthew 28: 8-15**](#)

OUTSIDE MASSES

Beginning next Sunday, April 18th, the 11:30am and 1:00pm Masses will move inside the church.

CENTERING PRAYER

Meets in the St. Cecelia Room after morning Mass on the third

Wednesday of the month. To join on April 21st, 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.



CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Next Sunday we will have the opportunity to support Catholic Home Missions. Because of the shortage of priests, sisters and brothers, there are many places in the United States, especially in rural and mountainous locations, where the Catholic Church struggles to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith. This appeal helps build community within the Church and works for the common good of Catholics in the United States. A portion of the collection also supports the effort by the Church for Black and Native American Indians. Please [click here](#) for more information.



Second Collection

BLOOD DRIVE

Time for the Knights of Columbus April Virtual Blood Drive. The process is simple. Vitalant (formerly Blood Source) has created a unique virtual blood drive 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 as there is no group code.

When arriving at the location, you must give them the **Knights of Columbus group number (#10)** in order for our Knights of Columbus Council to get credit. For plasma and platelet donations, Vitalant donates money to the K of C which in turn gives that money to the parish. Please [click here](#) to sign up to donate!



HAITI PROJECT RECYCLING

PLEASE NOTE: This Sunday, April 11th, please bring your recyclables from 7:30 - Noon to the BACK PARKING LOT. Look for a red truck and orange cones.



Please wear a mask, come through one at a time and place rinsed out plastic bottles and aluminum cans in plastic bags in the designated areas. NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE!

12th Annual Knights Charity through Golf Tournament Monday, May 10th at Serrano Country Club.



Looking for players and sponsors!

[Click here](#) to learn more!



PLANT SALE – Saturday, April 17th from 1 to 3 PM

(In back church parking lot.)

Spring holds dreams of great gardens -- so we have plants for you! Parish gardeners are holding a plant sale – funds to benefit the Giving Garden (cash only). Options include small flowering trees, succulents, perennials, potted arrangements, geraniums, ferns, Christmas cactus, spider plants, ground cover and low growing plants. If

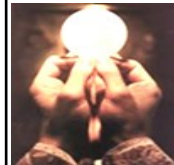


you'd like to help in the garden, please contact Sr. Sheila at snovaksds@gmail.com.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

In this ministry we take communion (Eucharist) to the homebound, whether in private homes or in 7 assisted living facilities.

The pandemic has resulted in our present need for more volunteer ministers. *Personal coaching* is provided for anyone interested. Due to the frequency of testing and the increase of vaccinations within the facilities we serve, facilities have begun to open up to us again, with the assurance of safety. The need is imminent. Please email Mary at mtthmaryk@outlook.com for more info, which will help you discern whether this is how you may want to serve!



TAI CHI CHIH

The Tai Chi Chih class will be back in the church beginning Wednesday, April 21st at 9:45am. If you would like to join, contact Sue at idagene@yahoo.com.



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