

Dear Divine Savior parishioners,

Reminder that the parish office is closed on Thursday May 6th for a staff retreat and on Thursday and Friday May 6th & 7th, our parking lots will be sealed and striped. Daily Mass on Thursday and Friday will be by LIVESTREAM ONLY as well as Eucharistic Adoration on Friday after morning Mass.

This weekend, we celebrate all mothers, grandmothers, and those who provide “motherly support” to others. During each Mass, we will offer a special prayer for all the women in our lives.

We continue to ask you to [RSVP](#) for in person participation at all Sunday Masses. Drive up Communion will continue after the 9:30am Mass.

A prayer for all mothers,

Dear God of Love,

It is the time of year when we happily celebrate the gift of our mothers. They have cooperated with You to bless us with our lives. May the example of our mothers' faith and love shine forth to provide us grace and inspiration! As we celebrate our moms, we show our gratitude for our lives by doing our best to accept Your love and to take care of ourselves and one another in ways that fittingly make our gratitude more evident. We pray we find every way to say “thanks mom” for the blessing of our lives.

We pray for women that have wanted children but for whatever reason that did not come to be and for those women who comfort and provide guidance to those who need a “mother” in their lives but their own is unavailable to them. We ask Your blessing on moms who have lost children of any age because of death, especially during this time of pandemic. Please continue to offer special care for those moms who care for special needs children. Bless in special ways moms who may find it difficult to treat their children with the love they need to grow in Your goodness. O Dear Lord, remind those who chose not to carry their babies to term that Your love remains ever constant for them as it does for all of us. Holy Spirit inspire all moms with the wisdom to lead others toward our Divine Savior.

Just as Mary, the mother of Your Son, did her best to walk lovingly with Jesus, we pray that You bless all moms, and watch over them always. Grant that we, their daughters and sons, may honor our mothers with a spirit of profound respect and gratitude. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Have a blessed Mother's Day weekend,

Fr. Roman, Fr. Marcel and parish staff

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Acts 10:25-34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1-4; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

This weekend's Gospel passage continues where last weekend's passage left off. The gift of remaining in Jesus is again highlighted. Jesus promises that if we keep His commandments all will be well, and we will remain in His love. Jesus states that He wants us to imitate Him; just as He has kept His Father's commandments, we are to obey the ones He gave us. We all are quite aware that these commandments include loving God as well as ourselves and one another.

We are also aware that obeying these commandments means that we are living the deepest level of spirituality. Just as we, as branches do not have the option to ask for a different position or a greater amount of grace and nurturance, so obeying Jesus' commandments involves accepting that all people in the world are, in God's eyes, loved in the same way that we are. Judging one another for whatever reason and on whatever basis is simply not part of living out Jesus' commandments. We are graced and called to see within one another the goodness of God in which we have been created. All are welcome; all belong. And this includes any of us who have difficulty loving certain people or being able to recognize goodness within others.

We all know that there are more commandments than the two that Jesus draws our attention to. Some of us need these other commandments and precepts of the church to serve as guides. God gave us those commandments and the church provides its own set of precepts and guidelines for one purpose and one purpose only. They are meant to help us allow God to develop a relationship with us by which we come to realize that to live a full life, we need, in time, to move from relying on these many commandments to base our lives on the two commandments of love.

This was quite an upsetting time for me when I came to this realization. I had thought that obeying the commandments to the best of my ability was the way to earn God's blessings. If I amassed a certain number of blessings, I could feel confident that I would be taken into heaven at the end of this life. Asking myself if this was all there was to living a faithful life, it slowly, painfully, became clear to me that there was indeed so much more. But, letting go felt like such an awful experience because I thought I was losing all my security, but in fact I slowly began to realize that my security could only come from God and not from how faithfully I obeyed the Ten Commandments. I realized, painfully, that I also was called to let go of my sense of superiority as a Catholic and was called by God to choose to accept all people as equally loved by God as I was.

Being united to and remaining in Jesus's love is our only true and real source of security. We might ask why Jesus demands so much of us. As He states in today's Gospel, He wants us to realize that His joy has always been in us, but we won't be able to become aware of it until we choose to observe His two commandments. The more we put our best efforts into doing so, the more our joy will be complete. As He says, we are no longer slaves to commandments that are meant only to guide us to love.

~Fr. Roman



FAITH FORMATION

GOING DEEPER WITH FR. ROMAN
This weeks edition of "Going Deeper"
[Remaining in Love](#)



The Parish Online Book Club is beginning a new book study on May 9th, *St. Francis and the Foolishness of God.* Once a week, the facilitator, Sharon Laitinen, will assign pages



to read with 1-2 questions to get your thought juices running. You may use the chat boxes to respond and comment on the chapters. For more information about this book and to find out how to join [click here](#).

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 Our beloved parishioner **Haydee Gaffney** has gone to rest in the arms of our Divine Savior. **Parishioners are invited to attend Haydee's Funeral Mass on Thursday, May 13th at 12:00pm.** The love and prayers of the entire parish are with Haydee's family.

Our beloved parishioner **Jim Anderson** has gone to rest in the arms of our Divine Savior. **Parishioners are invited to attend Jim's Funeral Mass on Saturday, May 15th at 10:30am.** The love and prayers of the entire parish are with Jim's family.

CENTERING PRAYER

Meets in the St. Cecelia Room after morning Mass on the third Wednesday of the month. To join on May 19th, please send an email to joycean@sbcglobal.net. Chairs will be set up and distanced to allow for 10 people.



Why do we DO that during the Mass?

Mass is what we mean when we talk about Liturgy, right?

Yes, And.... Mass IS a Liturgy, but the word Liturgy literally means work of the people. In the Catholic Church, a liturgy is any public act of worship. By worshipping together, praying together, sharing and celebrating together, we are drawn into engagement with one another and a deepening of our relationship with our Divine Savior, our brother, our friend Jesus, the Christ. Thanks Nathan for the question!

Submit your questions and we will provide an answer next week!



***Second Collection* for the Catholic
Communication Campaign NEXT Sunday.**

Donations help fund the efforts of the Church to reach out to Catholics and others through print, television, internet, and radio. Please visit www.usccb.org/ccc for more information.

Congratulations to Neymar Garcia Cruz who celebrates his First Communion this weekend!

This weekend, we will celebrate Mass at 4:30pm Saturday, 8am, 9:30am and 11:30am Sunday. **The Spanish Mass will resume on the second Saturday of the month beginning on June 12th at 6:00pm.** All Masses will be in the church. **(Only the 4:30pm, 8am & 9:30am Masses will be livestreamed.)** [RSVP HERE](#) for all weekend Masses.

Please continue to wear a facial covering and social distance at all Masses.

Drive up Communion will continue in the back parking lot behind the gym after the 9:30am Mass. Please enter off of the Filbert Avenue (South) entrance.

Daily Mass will continue Monday—Friday at 9:00am.



We are so grateful for the many years of dedicated service that married couples in our parish have given to our engaged couples. They have walked with them through the process of preparing for marriage, investing their time and wisdom and guiding couples to ask questions and stay in dialogue with one another. Husbands and wives reflect the relationship of Christ and His Church – with love, compassion, commitment, and by sharing that with their children and with the world! If you feel that you and your spouse could help guide young couples, please see the updated [Marriage Preparation](#) web page, and contact Caroline Easton to explore ways you can serve!

WANT TO HELP MAKE DECISIONS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PARISH?

Become a member of Divine Savior 's Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

PPC is a 12-member selected body that provides ideas and resources to the pastor and staff to help accomplish our mission of being a vibrant faith community that worships at mass together and shares Christ's message in service so that all may know the Savior!

This spring, 3 of the members will end their 3-year term so we will be selecting new members this month. If you or a fellow parishioner have ideas and gifts to share that will help the parish live out this mission, please fill out a nominee form and submit it to

denise@divinesavior.com or drop it off at the parish office by May 24th. If you would like more information on the time commitment or involvement, you can contact one of the current PPC members. The names and contact information for the PPC officers are on the [Divine Savior website](#).



PARISH COUNCIL

HAITI PROJECT RECYCLING

THIS Sunday, May 9th, 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!

Thank you!



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you for your generous response thus far. In this ministry we take communion (Eucharist) to the homebound, both in private homes and in



7 assisted living facilities. The pandemic has resulted in our need for more volunteer ministers. **Personal coaching** is provided.

Facilities have begun to open up to us again, assuring us of safety due to their testing and vaccination protocols. Please email Mary at mthmaryk@outlook.com for more info, and I will promptly respond.

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