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Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Daily Monday-Friday 9:00am
Holy Days 9:00am & 6:00pm
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3-4pm or by appointment
Anointing of the Sick: Call (916) 989-7400 (any time)

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Mission Statement
We, the people of Divine Savior Catholic Church, empowered by our Baptism, dedicate ourselves to living the Gospel of Jesus. Inspired by the love, justice and mercy of Christ, we are called to share His message in service so that all may know the Savior.

Dear Loving God:

Both our first reading and our Gospel passage use images of nature to help us realize how different life will be the more we allow Your love to do what You so eagerly want. May Your Holy Spirit help us allow Your love to discard any false or distorted images we might have of You.

Help us keep in mind that becoming one of us through the birth of Your Word in the human flesh of Jesus is taking us to the first chapter of the Bible. Help us realize the truth of what our ancestors in the faith reflected in that chapter. All is good! With human beings as part of Your wondrous creation, all is very good.

During this Advent Season, we promise to do our best to ponder often and deeply this weekend's psalm response, "The Lord had done great things for us." We thank You for the joy that is ours in realizing how blessed we are. We will express our thanks by allowing Your love to guide us to be ever more loving of ourselves and one another. Through Christ our Lord.

~Fr. Roman

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors: Luke lists the names of five people directly connected to the Roman Empire as well as the names of two leaders within the Jewish faith. Perhaps his point is that some folks aren't attentive to the Word of God. We pray that during this Advent Season we would spend special time allowing God's Word to have all the effect God intends. Our prayer is that we would be like John and let the Word propel us into a similar action as it did John. Are we ready to make room so that we can hear God's Word with greater clarity than we have before?

Having allowed God's Word to do what God intended, John began his ministry of helping people make room for that same Word that would lead the people to consider how they would allow the Word to change them. As we can tell, their openness to what John proclaimed led them to engage in the ritual of baptism of water. This was a sign that they realized that they would benefit greatly from making more room for the abiding presence of God. This action in turn empowered them to acknowledge their sins and to allow God to renew them with forgiveness.

John connected this wonderful process to what Isaiah had expressed hundreds of years earlier, namely, that a voice was crying out in the desert. The desert was a symbol of the environment that empowers us to review our lives in a rather thorough way. We pray that during the remainder of this Advent Season, we will do what we can to hear the voice of God that will have us prepare the way of the Lord.

Advent is a time for us to repent of any false images of God that might be part of our DNA. The ending of our first reading includes words such as joy, light, mercy and justice; these words express God's nature. Given that many today are struggling with any number of significant challenges, we allow God to help us be people whose lives are rooted in hope. We pray that we see ourselves as wrapped in the cloak of justice. Renewing our faith that the Holy Spirit dwells in the depths of our being, we recommit ourselves to letting the Spirit's wisdom help us develop a deeper trust that God will always be faithful.

Seeing ourselves as God sees us helps us to do our part in helping those who are especially burdened to have a renewed sense of hope that God doesn't abandon any of us but will always be there for all of us. We, of course, play a big part in helping one another to place our security in the goodness and kindness of God. Our second reading reminds us that all we have to do is open ourselves so that love can increase within us, and that we in turn can allow God's abiding Presence to provide us with a joy that will cause others to wonder how we can remain so buoyant even in very troubling, controversial and challenging times.

We pray that we can engage with more people and that we can share how it is that we are as positive and optimistic as we are. We, in turn, will share the words of our psalm response for this weekend: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

~Fr. Roman

December 5, 2021

Schedule for the week of December 6th—December 11th

Monday-December 6th

6:00pm Reflections of the Word St. Cecilia Rm

Tuesday-December 7th

9:40am Going Deeper Church

Wednesday-December 8th

9:00am Holy Day Mass Church

9:45am Tai Chi Chih Vestibule

10:30am Rosary Group Church

12:30pm Games & Gab Hospitality

6:00pm Holy Day Mass Church

Friday-December 10th

7:30am Men's Prayer Group M 4

6:00pm The Hospitality of Jesus Church

Second Collection THIS Sunday for the Campus Development Fund.

FAITH FORMATION

Going Deeper with Fr. Roman
This weeks edition of "Going Deeper"
[Advent Joy, Light, Mercy and Justice](#)



Weekly Words of Wisdom with
Fr. Marcel from [Matthew 7:21, 24-27](#)

Links to the above may be found on our website:
www.divinesavior.com/communications

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary will be celebrated with Masses
at 9:00am and 6:00pm on
Wednesday, December 8th.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOU ARE INVITED – A SPECIAL OCCASION!

On Sunday, December 5, *after* the 11:30 Mass, all are invited to witness, and to celebrate with, 6 of our parishioners officially becoming Lay Salvatorians in a short ceremony.



All are welcome to attend!

Multicultural/Multilingual Mass at 11:30am
NEXT Sunday December 12th, with honoring of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For details [click here](#).

If you are able to read one of the intercessions in a language other than English, email elaine@divinesavior.com.

Please wear cultural clothing if you would like!

Following Mass, head to the halls for a meal prepared by our Our Lady of Guadalupe group,

HAITI PROJECT RECYCLING

NEXT Sunday, December 12th, please bring your recyclables from 7:30am-12:00pm to the BACK PARKING LOT.

Look for a red truck and orange cones. NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE! Thank you!



CHRISTMAS BASKET MINISTRY 2021



Calling all Divine Savior Elves!!! We need 5 more adults for the afternoon shift 11am - 3pm on Saturday December 18th.

[Signup here](#) or reach out to Sheryl Strickland at missymccue@gmail.com or 916-838-6633.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Schedule

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service
December 17th, 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00pm-Mass of Christmas

6:30pm-for Families & Children
all ages welcome

10:00pm-Mass of Christmas in the Night with Posadas

Christmas Day Mass

10:00am-Mass of Christmas



How the Grinch Found Christmas.... An Advent experience for all!

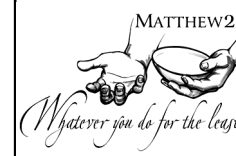
The Grinch is a timeless and popular holiday movie with many spiritual and moral lessons and we'd like to invite all to experience it together as a parish family.

Sunday, Dec. 19th from 3:30-5:30pm in the Church
Come in comfy pjs and share in faith, fellowship and fun!

All are asked to RSVP for this event by Dec. 14 email jenyearwood@divinesavior.com or register using this QR Code:



WINTER SANCTUARY



This weekend our community will learn more about Winter Sanctuary, a homeless shelter and hot meal ministry that Divine Savior will host here January 16-23, 2022.

We will focus our volunteer recruitment efforts for this important endeavor over the next two weekends in Advent. [Click here](#) or use the QR code to view an informative video. Will you join us as we make room in our hearts to serve those in need this winter?



Thank you Divine Savior community for your generous and giving hearts! All of our Silver Bell Seniors have been adopted!

There are still a couple of ways to be involved in this special outreach effort:

- ♦ Purchase and donate bulk items for the goodie bags/baskets: individually wrapped bakery items, individually wrapped packs of: cookies, candy, chips, snacks, individual tissue packs, chapstick, hand lotion, small water bottles. Please place these items in the silver wrapped boxes in the vestibule by December 12th!
- ♦ Serve as one of our elves helping to deliver to our senior friends the week of Christmas (December 20-23, times tbd).
- ♦ Contact jenyearwood@divinesavior.com if you have questions or would like to be involved!

