

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

We are in need of some additional Christmas Elves to help deliver to our Silver Bell recipients! Help is needed between 9-1 on next Monday through Wednesday (12/20-12/22). Please contact Jen Yearwood (jenyearwood@divinesavior.com) immediately if you can join in sharing the Christmas Spirit!

Fair Trade coffee and Hot Chocolate will be available to purchase after all Masses this weekend.

Don't miss **How the Grinch Found Christmas** this Sunday in the church from 3:30pm—5:30pm. Fun for the whole family.

Prayers for a blessed weekend,

Fr. Roman, Fr. Marcel and parish staff



DIVINE SAVIOR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Masses:

Saturday Evening 4:30pm
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Daily Monday-Friday 9:00am
Holy Days 9:00am & 6:30pm

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 All Generous God:

Compassionate God may our love for you bind us to each other. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb. Treasures spilling over, secrets pouring out in sheer delight. The women hugging as the baby leaps for joy! Holy Spirit, fill us too, with yourself. Teach us to love and let us cry out in joy, since the Lord has come to be within us and within all humankind. Let our spirits jump for joy!

O Jesus, make our strength, like Bethlehem's, lovingly quiet within your presence. Behold, we come to do your will. Not holocausts and sin offerings, but a perfect yes to God. One body, once for all. Christ, our Divine Savior, you are humankind's most sublime Amen to the Father, and most wondrous gift to all of us. Help us to learn to love you and to love one another, with the same relational, mutual, and unconditional love that exists among the Trinity. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

~Fr. Marcel

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Luke makes it seem as if Mary's journey from her home to Elizabeth's home was nothing out of the ordinary. In actuality, it usually was a four-day walk. A woman would indicate she had low morals if she were to walk alone. A woman would never consider taking this trip if she were not accompanied by one or more male family members. The typical way to make this kind of journey was in a caravan of folks. Doing it in this way was the best way to avoid tragedy brought on by bandits and other troublemakers.

Luke is probably smiling at the paragraph above because what he was most concerned about was portraying clearly how women, especially in a very male-oriented society and culture, were quite capable of relating with each other and in the process being good news ladies. It is no wonder that from their time in the womb, both John the Baptist and Jesus experienced the deep faith of their mothers as they related with each other.

We don't know what words Mary used in greeting Elizabeth. It no doubt was a very tender affirmation of Elizabeth who was well along in age as well as with her pregnancy. Mary's greeting caused the baby within Elizabeth to leap with joy. Joy is one of Luke's multiple themes throughout his Gospel. Another is the number of times that he refers to the Holy Spirit. Here it is Elizabeth who is filled with the Holy Spirit; the Spirit prompts her to respond to Mary's greeting in a way that is also such a beautiful way to address the mother of our Divine Savior.

We pray that in all of our interactions we do our best to greet each other before engaging in any conversation. Just as Mary and Elizabeth acknowledged each other in the positive ways that they did, we can only imagine the kind of environment we can create when we allow the Holy Spirit to provide words of grace, joy, and connection with one another.

We can hardly miss that Elizabeth uses the word "blessed" three times in these few verses. We begin to realize that Luke's concern is to display without doubt that women can be and are fully capable of being instruments of good news, of calling forth from one another the goodness of God's presence expressed in the way these two women interacted with each other.

We can only imagine the joy that Mary experienced as her much older relative drew attention to the faith she exhibited in her accepting the ministry of bringing Jesus into our world. We are called to do no less. We help each other to be as clear as possible of how God wants us to use our time, talent and treasure, in cooperation with each and with God, to build the community that these two women acknowledged in their mutual greeting.

Our second reading underscores the importance and necessity of interacting the way Mary and Elizabeth did. We, too, realize that the way to honor God is to do God's will in bearing within us the sacred presence that empowers us to realize how sacred all of life is and the ways we can best honor and give thanks for the abundant blessings from God.

Our first reading helps us to realize that all, regardless of what we think of our significance, are called to do what we can to celebrate and live out that we are not only to live in peace but that we are to be peace.

Christmas Wishes

Like Mary in this Sunday's Gospel, some of us like to travel at this time of the year. In the name of our Parish Staff, our Parish Pastoral Council as well as our Parish Finance Council, I want to wish the best of Christmas Blessings to all who will be worshipping in other parishes for the sacred feast of Christmas. Safe travel! May you and all of us be renewed in the goodness and kindness of God made evident in the birth of Jesus.

~Fr. Roman

December 19, 2021

Schedule for the week of December 20th—December 24th

Monday-December 20th

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

Tuesday-December 21st

9:40am Going Deeper Church

Wednesday-December 22nd

9:45am Tai Chi Chih Vestibule

10:30am Rosary Group Church

Friday-December 24th

All Day Office Closed, Christmas Eve

4:00pm Christmas Mass Church

6:30pm Christmas Mass Church

10:00pm Christmas Mass Church

Second Collection THIS weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many religious communities are struggling to provide for their aging members. Your gift to this weekend's collection helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be generous. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

FAITH FORMATION

Going Deeper with Fr. Roman

This weeks edition of "Going Deeper"

[The Encounter of Mary and Elizabeth](#)



**Weekly Words of Wisdom with
Fr. Marcel from Luke 7: 18b-23**

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

The church office will be closed on

Friday, December 24th
Christmas Eve and
Monday, December 27th
Christmas Holiday

Christmas Blessings

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Financial Christmas Donations

We know that during the last fiscal year from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, our parish was able to make it through that segment of the pandemic in part because of a significant number of special financial donations, some of which were of large amounts. As I review our financial standing at the end of November, it will again be a great blessing and help if we were to be similarly blessed. While God doesn't need our gifts, we know how good we feel when we express our thanks to God by offering special financial gifts to God in the name of our parish and other charities at a sacred time such as Christmas. It is a time to offer stocks as well as a portion or the whole amount of what must be withdrawn from IRA funds. Be assured that all these gifts will be used in the most responsible ways.

~Fr. Roman

Annual Catholic Appeal 2021

Report of Gratitude

You are invited to view the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude" at www.scd.org/gratitude. See how together as Catholics parishioners have allowed 18 Northern California charities to provide an instant and meaningful response to more than 314,000 men, women and families in need. Our parish receives 25% of any gift made by parishioners here. If you have not as yet participated, prayerfully consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. Envelopes are in the church.



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



Sunday, December 19th | 3:30-5:30pm in the Church. The Grinch is a timeless holiday movie with many spiritual and moral lessons throughout. We would like to invite all to experience it together as a parish family.

Come in comfy pjs and share in faith, fellowship and fun! (enjoy snacks, a Christmas craft & a special appearance by the Grinch!)

All are Welcome!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Season Schedule

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

The 4:00pm, 6:30pm and 10:00am Masses will be livestreamed. There will be drive thru Communion after the 10:00am Christmas Mass, behind the gym.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 25th Vigil Mass 4:30pm

Sunday, December 26th 8am, 9:30am & 11:30 am Masses

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st at 9:00am

Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1st Vigil Mass 4:30pm

Sunday, January 2nd 8am, 9:30am & 11:30 am Masses



<https://divinesavior.com/christmas-mass-times>

FAIR TRADE COFFEE and CHOCOLATE!

THIS weekend, Dec 18th/19th coffee and chocolate will be available for sale in the vestibule after Mass. Enjoy your favorite blend and benefit fair trade co-ops around the world!



MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

This ministry, whose mission it is to take the Eucharist to the homebound, would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy and peace-filled Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! For information about this ministry email mary at mtthmaryk@outlook.com



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 18th 4:30pm Joseph, Robert &
Norman Soares (D)
Dec 19th 8:00am Walter Yeggy (D)
Venice Perkins (D)
9:30am O'Connor, Courtney &
Higgins Families
11:30am People of the Parish
Dec 20th 9:00am Luke Wright Murphy
Stephen Pogozelski
Dec 21st 9:00am Ruben Yoingco, Sr. (D)
Mary Angela McDonnell (D)
Dec 22nd 9:00am Arthur & Connie Bal (D)
Ray & Margie Bal (D)
Dec 23rd 9:00am Joan Lantz (D)
Jim Little (D)
Dec 24th 4:00pm Robert Mueller (D)
Robert Costa (D)
6:30pm Bob, Pat & David Collier (D)
10:00pm Alex Quiroz
Dec 25th 10:00am Henry Gomes (D)
James Bortolotto (D)
4:30pm Ardene-Grace Ibanez (D)
Dec 26th 8:00am People of the Parish
9:30am Fernando & Teresita Nido (D)
11:30am Sarah Wright Murphy
Catalina Montenegro (D)

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

Dan & Mary Alves	Glen & Shirley Newton
Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Karen Paddock
Matt Barba	Linda Parker
Julie Bouse	Kenneth Quigley
Eduardo Bravo	Alex Quiroz
Patrick Carter	Gladys Reilly
Elizabeth Davis	Dan Rieman
Noreen Davis	Roxanne Rosales
James DeVous	Bob Rose
Reggie Faulk	Madeline Rose
Dorothy Feldman	Bob Ryan
George Guerrero	Gerry Ryden
Richard Hale	Donna Schulte
Sandra Harris	Mary Scott
John Herzog	Tom Sekel
Bridgette Hubbard	Shari Sigl
Martin Jennings	Roberta Sly
Diane Jones	Brian Smith
Mark Kolar	Liz Springer
Carl Larson	Joe Taylor
Diane Lyons	Fr. Joe Ternullo
Jeff McAlpine	Pete Torres, Jr.
Linda McAlpine	Bob Vogel
Deannie McHale	Dorothy Wilhite
Vicente Meno	Mary Wilson
Mauri Murillo	

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

Spencer Evanski
JoAnn Marchese

*For these and all
the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.*



Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas.

Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, Logan Amos, Sean Amos, James Atwood, Andrew Bauer, Jordan Biasotti, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephrem Choi, Elsie Cruz, Matt David, Travis Dardis, Derek Deatherage, David DeLaCruz, Alisen Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst & A.J. Smith, Tom Feyoe, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Tyler Gedstad, Erek Hartsell, Michael Haug, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, William Krintz, Tyler Krintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Charles Philip Lopez, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Bennet D. McGrane, Garrett McMann, Aaron McMurray, Francis Montojo, Joseph M. Paddock, Nathan Paddock, Joshua Paige, Chris Payant, David Petisor, Darin Pillman, Tim Pillman, Rachael Portoman, Logan Rasmussen, Trey Rasmussen, Tim Reid, Neal Ridge, Tony Rodriguez, Nicholas Roha, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandoval, April Skou, Jacob and Nikki Steeb, James Thatche, Jadyne Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarreal, Danny Walsh, David Wentling, Kyle William, Davis Wood, Brian Wright and Alexander Wrinkle. If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary at 916-988-4984 to