

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

Christmas Blessings and a Happy New Year!

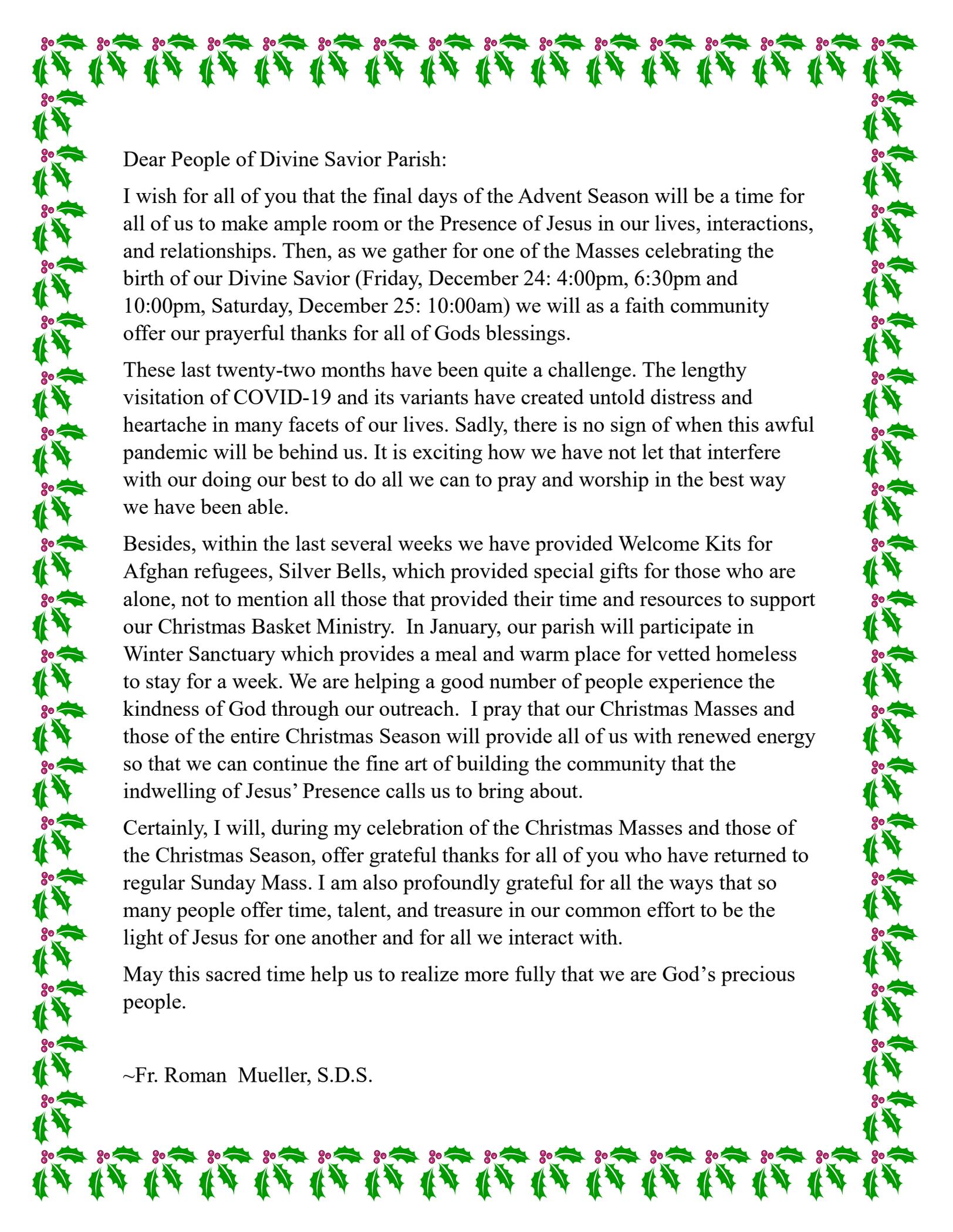
Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Mass times for the Christmas Season are listed in the bulletin as well as on our website

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

On Sunday, December 26th Fr. Marcel will leave for Nigeria to visit his family. He will return to the parish on Sunday, January 30th.

Prayers for a blessed weekend,

Fr. Roman, Fr. Marcel and parish staff



Dear People of Divine Savior Parish:

I wish for all of you that the final days of the Advent Season will be a time for all of us to make ample room for the Presence of Jesus in our lives, interactions, and relationships. Then, as we gather for one of the Masses celebrating the birth of our Divine Savior (Friday, December 24: 4:00pm, 6:30pm and 10:00pm, Saturday, December 25: 10:00am) we will as a faith community offer our prayerful thanks for all of God's blessings.

These last twenty-two months have been quite a challenge. The lengthy visitation of COVID-19 and its variants have created untold distress and heartache in many facets of our lives. Sadly, there is no sign of when this awful pandemic will be behind us. It is exciting how we have not let that interfere with our doing our best to do all we can to pray and worship in the best way we have been able.

Besides, within the last several weeks we have provided Welcome Kits for Afghan refugees, Silver Bells, which provided special gifts for those who are alone, not to mention all those that provided their time and resources to support our Christmas Basket Ministry. In January, our parish will participate in Winter Sanctuary which provides a meal and warm place for vetted homeless to stay for a week. We are helping a good number of people experience the kindness of God through our outreach. I pray that our Christmas Masses and those of the entire Christmas Season will provide all of us with renewed energy so that we can continue the fine art of building the community that the indwelling of Jesus' Presence calls us to bring about.

Certainly, I will, during my celebration of the Christmas Masses and those of the Christmas Season, offer grateful thanks for all of you who have returned to regular Sunday Mass. I am also profoundly grateful for all the ways that so many people offer time, talent, and treasure in our common effort to be the light of Jesus for one another and for all we interact with.

May this sacred time help us to realize more fully that we are God's precious people.

~Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.



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 Beloved Creator of us All:

The only words that seem appropriate are "Thank You!" We are super happy that this year we can join in our church dedicated to the One whose birth we celebrate. However, we are wary about when and how we can say that COVID-19 will no longer cause us concern. In the meantime, we want to celebrate Your nature as tender, loving, and intimate.

Some of us were raised with a very different image of You. Through this year's celebrations of the five feasts of the Christmas Season, we make room in our hearts, lives and relationships so that you have full freedom to have Your endless love break through and apart any and all remnants of our false and inadequate images of You.

We pray that as we reflect on how every baby grows and prospers through love, we would allow You to nurture us, wrap us in goodness, and keep us warm in heart by the continual renewal of Your love in our lives. Through Christ our Lord.

~Fr. Roman

PASTOR'S CORNER

December 26, 2021

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

For Christmas: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

We are grateful for the hope that is renewed in us as we reflect on the scripture passages for this solemn feast. Caesar Augustus, considered a divine child and savior of his people, decreed that the whole world be enrolled. The big difficulty is that this so-called salvation and peace came about through the brutality of armed conflict. Hundreds of years before Isaiah called the people of his day there was a different way. The yoke that burdened the people, the demands of the taskmaster are to be smashed. The boots of battle and cloaks soaked with blood would be burned.

Isaiah called the people to cooperate with God and live peaceably. Making room for God will bring about light in the darkness as well as abundant rejoicing. Like the people of that day, we acknowledge our mutual gifts from God that empower us to be peaceful people.

Contrasting the power of Caesar were the simple people from Nazareth who, in the small town of Bethlehem, brought forth the child who would call us to fulfill Isaiah's promise. Caesar might have decreed an enrollment of the whole world, but this child would be good news of great joy for all the people. As people renewed in His light, we make the Christmas message real as we allow the light of hope to shine so all can experience through us the goodness of God our Savior.

For Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

In these scripture passages we see again simple people offering thanks and praise to God for how God has blessed them. We too offer thanks and praise for all the ways God has blessed us. Hannah, in our first reading, expresses thanks to God for the gift of her child, Samuel. She prayed for this child, and in response to being granted her wish, she gave him to the Lord, a symbol of how Hannah recognized that God cannot be outdone in responding to someone as humble as Hannah. We, too, express thanks to God for the gift of our lives and all other blessings. By doing so, we acknowledge, per our second reading, that, we are the beloved children of God.

In our Gospel passage, Joseph and Mary celebrate with the community the on-going freedom that God blesses them with. Jesus exercises that freedom as He remains in Jerusalem in the temple. As Mary stated, Jesus' choice caused great anxiety. We pray that like Mary, we keep in our hearts all significant experiences so that we can reflect on them later. Hopefully, Mary and Joseph could in time realize how much they helped Jesus grow in his ability to listen, to engage the temple teachers in conversation, and to ask them questions that caused the bystanders to be astounded. We offer thanks for those in our past who have guided us and those who presently guide us to believe in the name of Jesus Christ and to love another as He commanded us to do through the Holy Spirit.

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of December 27th—December 31st

Monday-December 27th

All Day Office Closed, Christmas Holiday
9:00am Daily Mass Church

Tuesday-December 28th

9:40am Going Deeper Church

Wednesday-December 29th

9:45am Tai Chi Chih Vestibule
10:30am Rosary Group Church

Friday-December 31st

All Day Office Closed, New Years Day
8:00am Men's Prayer Group M 4
9:00 am Daily Mass Church

Second Collection NEXT Sunday for the Campus Development Fund.



The church office will be closed on
Friday, December 31st, New Years Eve and
Monday, January 3rd, New Years Holiday

*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
1Thes. 5: 16-18*

FAITH FORMATION

Going Deeper with Fr. Roman

This weeks edition of "Going Deeper"

The Message of Christmas



Weekly Words of Wisdom with
Fr. Marcel from Luke 1: 46-56

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Blessed, Holy and Joyful Christmas to All

How glorious it is for us to celebrate God's most profound gesture of endless love for all of us. Our second reading for the Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that we are God's beloved and cherished people. There are no qualifications that we need to meet for God to view us in this light. God's goodness and kindness are gifts. We joyfully accept them with profound gratitude. I pray that despite some of the major concerns we continue to face these days, all will be renewed in grace and truth as we celebrate the birth of our namesake, our Divine Savior. In the name of our Parish Staff, our Parish Pastoral Council and our Parish Finance Council, let us all be renewed in the love made known by Jesus.

~Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.



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

Thank You! The 2021 Christmas Basket Ministry was a resounding success!

On December 18th, we provided gifts and food to **88** families, thanks to the generosity by our wonderful parishioner core team, approximately 70 volunteers, Scout Troops #310 and 311, and several businesses that sponsored one or more baskets. Many thanks to Orangevale-Fair Oaks Food Bank for supplementing our baskets with pantry foods again this year, our Knights of Columbus, Fr. Neil Seidl Council who provided extra hams, and Mary Ann Povey and the Orangevale Chamber of Commerce for their promotional efforts on Facebook.

Thanks to the monetary contributions to the ministry, we were also able to supplement our Christmas Basket families this year with a grocery gift card and a credit toward their SMUD bill. This community truly rallies to support those in need – we are so very grateful! We are part of a network that reaches far and wide to the greatest possible degree to support our neighbors in Orangevale!



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!

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, 10:00pm and 10:00am Masses will be in person as well as live streamed. Drive thru Communion is in the back parking lot behind the gym after the 10:00am Christmas Mass.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Nidoy (D)
11:30am Sarah Wright Murphy
Catalina Montenegro (D)
Dec 27th 9:00am Zeny Murphy
Walter Yeggy (D)
Dec 28th 9:00am Luke Wright Murphy
David Wright Murphy
Dec 29th 9:00am Thomas Cairel (D)
Jack Ridge (D)
Dec 30th 9:00am Georgia Leonard
Sarah Wright Murphy
Jan 31st 9:00am Joseph De Leon
Michael Donner (D)
Jan 1st 9:00am
4:30pm Elisabeth Schroeder (D)
Jan 2nd 8:00am People of the Parish
9:30am Doris Schieber (D)
Harold Hass (D)
11:30am



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

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

Alvin Baughman
Spencer Evanski
Kenneth Quigley
Elisabeth Schroeder

For these and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,

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, Erik Hartsell, Michael Haug, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, William Krantz, Tyler Krantz, 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 have them removed.