



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 Loving Creator God:

We thank You most profoundly for Your blessing us with Jesus. It was so grace-filled to celebrate another Christmas Season as we honored You, the Word made flesh, and the Holy Spirit through whom it all came to be. We pray that we continue to take care of one another following the example of how tenderly, lovingly and gracefully Mary and Joseph cared for the child Jesus.

We are very sad that our lives continue to be affected in unpleasant ways because of COVID-19 and its latest variant. Omicron. Word is that yet another variant has emerged. We pray for our hospital personnel most of all. We ask that somehow they can see relief on the near horizon, given that they are overworked and short-staffed. Other professions, too, struggle to respond as they otherwise would to those under their care. So many segments are not able to fulfill what is expected of them for various reasons out of their control.

We pray more people will take active steps to protect themselves and their loved ones through any means possible to prevent the spread as expressions of their care for one another. Through it all, we pray that we will continue to be a people of peace and joy. Through Christ our Lord. Through Christ our Lord.

~Fr. Roman

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

We celebrated the conclusion of the Christmas Season last Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Last Sunday doubles as the first Sunday in Ordinary Time, given that we are in/about to complete the first week of Ordinary Time. We can't have a Second Sunday in Ordinary time without a first. Confusing? The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America simplifies matters by labeling the Sundays between the Christmas Season and the beginning of Lent as "Sundays after Epiphany." For us, ordinary just means that we number the Sundays. However, there is really nothing ordinary about it, as we easily notice from our scripture passages.

The wedding at Cana, the scene of our Gospel, is more than a celebration of someone's wedding. It provides the situation in which Jesus expresses what we experience when we allow ourselves to be fully conscious of God's presence. The miracle of the wine is a symbol of how much and how plentiful God wants us to experience the joy that is ours just by our accepting it as freely offered by God. Two people marry to help each other become the best possible version of themselves; in the process they bless each other with joy both in good times and in bad.

We pray that our relationship with God really empowers us to be the people God created us to be. God's only interest in relating with us is to have us be God's joyful people. Our relationship with Jesus opens us to the abundant goodness that God offers.

Our first reading relates a similar message by saying that God will call us by a new name. We are no longer forsaken and desolate, but are, rather, God's delight. This makes perfect sense in that we have been created in God's image, created in love. Given that God does not change God's mind, it only follows that God rejoices in us. What would our world be like if more people would image God's interest in us as One who rejoices in us?

Our response to this wondrous reality and relationship is expressed in our Psalm response, namely, to "proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations." The Christmas message of being a light to all the nations echoes in our hearts and minds. We are to empower all lands to sing to the Lord. We are to tell of God's glory among the nations. In doing so, we give to the Lord glory and praise because God, through us, governs the people with equity.

Our second reading reminds us that we can live this way because of the many blessings of the Holy Spirit. We all have been given gifts by the Holy Spirit for the benefit of building up the community of Jesus' followers. The community is known as it radiates a sense of great joy in knowing that we are God's delight. Guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, we do all we can to make known the goodness and kindness of God our Savior.

~Fr. Roman

January 16, 2022

Schedule for the week of January 17th—January 21st

Monday-January 17th

All Day Office Closed, Martin Luther King Day
9:00am Daily Mass Church

Wednesday-January 19th

10:30am Rosary Group Church
12:30pm Games and Gab Hospitality

Friday-January 21st

8:00am Men's Prayer Group M 4

The Parish office will be closed
on Monday, January 17th.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



This weekend, as we return to Ordinary Time and celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. we welcome Deacon Casey Walker, chair of the Sacramento Diocese Committee against Racism. Deacon Casey will share the homily at our weekend Masses.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Last weekend we renewed our Baptismal vows, promising to let our lights shine, and we read the poem "The Work of Christmas".

We now invite you to share ways in which we or our loved ones have lived our baptismal promises in word and in witness; whether by helping family members, friends, neighbors, assisting in the community, personal achievements, volunteer work, etc.

Please send a paragraph with or without photo(s) to jenyearwood@divinesavior.com

FAIR TRADE COFFEE and CHOCOLATE!

THIS weekend, Jan 15th/16th coffee and chocolate will be available for sale in the vestibule after all Masses. Enjoy your favorite blend and benefit fair trade co-ops around the world!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANKS FOR SILVER BELLS GIFTS

We are very grateful for all who made this first-time ministry such a heart-warming venture. As an example of the impact of this ministry, here is one expression of gratitude from a recipient of this ministry,



“Words cannot express my surprise when I received such abundant gifts. All will make me feel so cozy and warm, but most of all loved. I feel estranged by only having Mass virtually but feel at my age its not wise to mingle. I feel hopeful this pandemic will end and we can all be socially and prayerfully gathered.,”

THANK YOU

Our church environment for Christmas was again a glorious sight to behold, truly fitting for celebrating the Christmas Season. We thank the members of the Knights of Columbus as well as Elaine Bauer, Michelle Grotmeyer, Mary Ware and all the other kind folks who helped with creating, removing and returning to storage the many pieces that made up the marvelous décor. ~Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.



2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



The most recent report from the appeal shows that our parish increased participation from 346 in 2020 to 695 in 2021. Consequently, the amount of money offered to this appeal for 2021 was \$142,714 compared to \$113,551 in 2020. That means \$35,678 will be returned to our parish for charitable works compared to the \$28,388 we received in 2020.

Next month we will be participating in the 2022 appeal. We pray we will again do our best in providing funding for the many charitable works of the diocese as well as our parish. ~Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.

JUST FAITH STUDY

The Bartimaeus Group invites you to participate in a study entitled “Faith and Racial Healing,” published by Just Faith Ministries, and facilitated by parishioners Shery Maier and Dolly Winterton. The study will be offered via zoom, Sessions will be on Tuesdays 6-8pm from Feb. 8 through April 5. Signup sheets for eight participants are in the church vestibule Jan. 15/16 and Jan. 22/23. For more info, see the table in the vestibule or contact Shery at 916-990-6735.

SENIOR OUTREACH

BALANCE FOR LIFE

Fun half hour balance training sessions are **returning on Monday February 7th at 1pm in Y-1**. Taught by a certified instructor. For more information contact Kathleen 916-989-7400.



TAI CHI CHIH—Beginners Always Welcome

The Tai Chi Chih class is taking a break for the next 2 weeks. If you would like to join when they return contact Sue at idadene@yahoo.com



CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer will **NOT** meet on January 19 but will resume on Wednesday February 16th.



GAMES and GAB

Continues on Wednesdays at 12:30pm in Hospitality

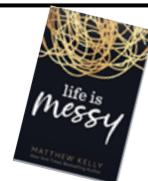


LIFE IS MESSY by Matthew Kelly

The parish has again been gifted with a new book for our parishioners, by Matthew Kelly of Dynamic Catholic. They are available one per household at all the Masses, drive thru Communion and in the office.

Also, a few 2022 Parish Calendars are available.

“All of our efforts to avoid the difficulties of life lead us away from everything that is deeply satisfying.” —Matthew Kelly | Life is Messy



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 15th	4:30pm	Joseph Barbato (D) Rosalie Whiteman (D) Joseph D'Arienzo (D)
Jan 16th	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am	People of the Parish James Wash (D) Lori Zipp (D) Alice Thanjoco James Pappas (D)
Jan 17th	9:00am	Zeny Murphy The Cinco Family
Jan 18th	9:00am	Michael & Trudy Smith The Fung Family
Jan 19th	9:00am	The Muyco Family
Jan 20th	9:00am	Georgia Leonard The Evangelista Family
Jan 21st	9:00am	Linda McAlpine Jeff McAlpine
Jan 22nd	4:30pm	Alvin Baughman (D) Sybil Miller (D)
Jan 23rd	8:00am 9:30am 11:30am	Darlene & Jerry Skou People of the Parish Rigo Berto Caliao Charlie Guidi (D)



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

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

Alvin Baughman
Kenneth Quigley
Elisabeth Schroeder

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, Trevor Engle, 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 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 have them removed.



Dear Divine Savior Community,

We know that COVID-19 has created some unique and significant challenges to what we've defined as "normal" for life in general. Like you, we are watching the spread of COVID-19 and the omicron variant with equal measures of fatigue and wariness. We imagine that you, too, are asking what this variant means for the upcoming winter weeks and what steps each of us can take to protect our friends and families.

The health and safety of our parish community is our highest priority. In these anxious times, nothing else is more important. However, nearly two years into this pandemic, we have the tools, practices and valuable experience that allow us to navigate these times together. Having said that, we want to ensure that each member and ministry is working together in solidarity to do our part to prevent further illness. Through the end of January, we are asking the staff and leaders of each ministry and parish group to thoughtfully consider lessening in-person contact and gatherings as much as possible. As a parish staff, we have already adjusted plans for any upcoming events to accommodate this request.

We also know how important our parish is to all of us, and how meaningful it is to be able to continue worshipping as a community. After too long apart, we are grateful for this and as long as we can do so safely and responsibly, that is exactly what we intend to do.

Precautions we can all take....

- ◆ When gathering indoors, masking is the most effective way to stay safe against COVID. As a result, and consistent with both County and Diocesan guidelines, we are asking each person to wear a properly fitting mask for all Masses and anytime indoors. Please be advised that our ushers and greeters have been instructed to offer masks to those who are not wearing them. We appreciate your cooperation in this effort to keep our clergy, staff and all members in our community safe.
- ◆ We strongly encourage you to get vaccinated and, receive the booster if you are eligible, and wear a properly-fitting face mask in all public settings.
- ◆ Wash hands frequently and scrub thoroughly, using soap and water, for at least 20 seconds. We are wiping down pews and other frequently touched surfaces after all the morning Masses. Hand sanitizer is also available at all entrances.
- ◆ Stay attuned to your health. If you have a thermometer, check your temperature daily. If you develop a fever, cough, or cold symptoms, please remain at home. Remember we have live-stream options at 4:30pm and 9:30am.
- ◆ Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth; avoid close contact with others; practice social distancing (6ft of separation) when possible. Consider sitting in an intentionally distanced manner when at Mass.
- ◆ At the greeting or sign of peace, avoid hugging, handshakes or close contact. Instead give a friendly wave and smile, a kind nod, or a slight bow sending blessings to one another.
- ◆ In an effort to do minimal contact tracing, if you have been at Mass or onsite, and test positive for Covid, please let us know.

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble; in this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering this prayer on behalf of all those in need, the Church and the world. Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in sharing our resources and wise in our choices.

Grant that our community of faith may reflect your love, as we minister to the most vulnerable among us; fill us all with your Holy Spirit as we work to be your healing hands and feet to all in need. Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support our healthcare professionals, be with those who are sick, suffering, lonely or afraid, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:7 reminds us that "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."
Our prayer is that together we continue to live this verse as we faithfully serve and love one another.



YOUR PARTICIPATION NEEDED!

Pope Francis has recently called for a Universal Synod, which will extend into 2023, whose theme has to do with the very nature of the Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. For our part in this global consultation, all parishes are asked to hold listening sessions to assess how well we are doing as a Church which “journeys together.” A “synod” is a “journeying together,” whose purpose is not to change doctrine or ecclesiastical structures, but to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit for our time. In the listening sessions, we want to involve everyone, young and old, in every role and ministry, even those on the margins, who may feel they are not welcomed in the Church community or lack a voice. Each individual

matters and each of our experiences is valid and in need of ears to listen. Nobody is excluded – all are welcome. We are all on this journey of faith together! This is an opportunity to listen to one another in a spirit of prayer and dream about the Church we are called to be. **Our parish will be hosting a few listening sessions**, to begin with via Zoom. Space is limited to a max of 10 participants at a time. **Please click the date below (or use the QR code) for the session you would like to attend.** Please feel free to share this invitation with family members or friends who may have fallen away from the Church.

[January 26th](#) 6:30-8pm Zoom

[January 27th](#) 10-11:30am Zoom



Making Room....January 16-23

Winter Sanctuary is offered in collaboration with local HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) groups, which includes a group of faith communities and volunteers who provide shelter for men & women who are experiencing homelessness in our area during the cold months of winter. This year Winter Sanctuary is scheduled to operate 10 weeks - Sunday December 26, 2021 through Sunday March 5, 2022. Divine Savior is hosting week 4 of this endeavor.

Each evening, a max of 25 guests are thoroughly screened at the intake center in Citrus Heights, prior to being accepted into the shelter program. Guests are transported and arrive to Divine Savior around 6pm. Once onsite, guests will be given a cot and sleeping bag, and then served a hot meal. Volunteers will interact with guests by providing welcome and hospitality, preparing and/or serving the dinner meal, and helping guests to navigate any guest services that may be provided throughout the week.

In the morning, the guests are offered a to-go breakfast before being transported back to the intake site at 7am.

Winter Sanctuary takes the hands and hearts of many....without you, it would not be possible for our parish to be a part of this special project. Thank you to all who have volunteered!

We are still collecting new items for the homeless: boxes/bags of hand and foot warmers, nail clippers, heavy duty rain ponchos, reading glasses (varying strengths) and gloves. There is a box in the vestibule where these items can be placed this weekend. Thank you for your generosity!