



DIVINE SAVIOR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Diocesan Parish staffed by the Salvatorians

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

The parish schedule for Holy Week and Easter is shown below and on our website www.divinesavior.com

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

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| April 14th | Holy Thursday, 7:00pm |
| April 15th | Passion Liturgy, 12:00pm
Outdoor Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm, soup to follow in Hall B
Tenebrae Service, 8:30pm |
| April 16th | Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, 8:00pm. NO 4:30pm Mass |
| April 17th | Easter Sunday, 6:00am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am |
| April 22nd | Stations of the Resurrection and Soup |

For those who are unable to attend Mass in person we continue to provide drive thru Communion after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the back parking lot behind the gym.

Prayers for a blessed weekend,

Fr. Roman, Fr. Marcel and parish staff



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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)

Pastor....Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.

Parochial Vicar....Fr. Marcel Emeh, S.D.S.

Faith Formation.... Jen Shaver.....Jennifer@divinesavior.com

Faith Formation, 1st Communion, Confirmation & RCIA

Pastoral Care....Caroline Easton.....Caroline@divinesavior.com

Baptism, Marriage Preparation & Funerals

Catholics Returning Home....Kathleen Hass....Kathleen@divinesavior.com

St. Vincent de Paul....916-743-0196

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, Word of Life, and Inspiring Spirit:

How good it is to celebrate Easter! We so want to have a renewed sense of hope. The last two years or so have had us rely on You to do our best in negotiating the various challenges life sent our way. And significant challenges continue. We are grateful that with Your guidance, we can go about the treasured activity of reconnecting with one another. Our children and youth, especially, have suffered much throughout the pandemic.

The tragic obscenity of what is going on in Ukraine and other parts of the world as well as other issues call us to renew our hope as we reflect on what Your love is capable of bringing about. Facing some of these challenges is like the people looking into Jesus' empty tomb. Now what?

A word in the Gospel passage for the Easter Vigil Mass comes to mind: remember. We remember all the times in the past when hope seemed on short supply, but Your loving care not only saw us through, but helped us to grow in trust of You, allowing You to do something new for us. And so, we give thanks for the awesome gift of Your love that blesses us abundantly this Easter to be a renewed people of hope, peace, and joy. Happy Easter to one and all!

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

April 17, 2022

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

EASTER VIGIL: Luke 24:1-12

There are several other scripture passages proclaimed during the Easter Vigil. Because of limited space, we reflect here only on this Gospel passage. Luke portrays the efforts of the women as if they had not understood what Jesus meant about the power of love. Special messengers of God, in addition to causing terror, use a word that Luke favors, namely, “remember”. The women at the tomb as well as all of us are called to recall all the ways that we have experienced God doing something new in our lives.

We know that this something new is simply the love revealed by Jesus, a love God has for all people. Like the reaction of the eleven, some today think this talk of love is nonsense. Like Peter, we pray that we will allow ourselves to be amazed at the realization that God is love and that Jesus lived and died as one to reveal that love. We, in imitating Jesus, choose to see love as our greatest gift, the love in which we have been created, a love that we have the privilege of making known in our world today.

EASTER SUNDAY: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; I Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9

Today's Gospel reflects how our appreciation and limited understanding of resurrection is a life-long process. Like Jesus' followers portrayed in this passage, we benefit greatly from allowing God's love to transform us according to God's plan and not our own. We tend to be rather inclined to control matters, including the workings of grace and love in our lives. The more we trust in God's goodness, the more we can allow ourselves to realize that love is God's only gift, a gift we are invited to accept. Together, we do our best to let love lead us into the fullness of life. Then, at the end of our earthly lives, we will realize and be able to celebrate how we are united in Christ, a reality we will allow to be real and effective for all eternity.

Our first reading displays the kind of transformation that love can bring about. Peter had been reflecting that some foods were considered unclean, but wondered why given that God created everything. Then, a Roman centurion asks Peter to visit his home and family. Peter shares how He has experienced the love Jesus revealed; in doing so, he comes to realize that the Holy Spirit has no boundaries as he becomes aware that the Spirit was truly present in the centurion's home and family. At the centurion's request, Peter celebrated Baptism with this family as a way of acknowledging that they indeed are God's beloved people. Afterwards, there was a feast that included foods that Peter has previously thought were unclean, but this time he graciously ate whatever was served.

Our second reading calls us to allow love to be like yeast. We are called, as was Jesus, to be instruments of making love known in all ways and means as the love of God prompts us to.

HAPPY EASTER!

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of April 18th—April 22nd

Monday-April 18th

6:00pm Reflections St. Cecilia Rm.
7:00pm The Chosen Church

Tuesday—April 19th

9:30am Going Deeper Church
6:00pm Bridges LGBTQ Ministry

Wednesday-April 20th

9:30am Centering Prayer St. Cecilia Rm.
9:45am Tai Chi Chih Vestibule
10:30am Rosary Group Church
12:30pm Games & Gab Hospitality

Friday-April 22nd

8:00am Men's Prayer Group M 4
6:30pm Stations/Soup Church/Hall B



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Divine Savior Parish Pastoral Council will be kicking off its Nomination & Discernment Process for new members next weekend! Stay tuned for more info which will be shared at all the Masses and in the bulletin!

FAITH FORMATION

Going Deeper with Fr. Roman

This week's edition of "Going Deeper"

EASTER



Weekly Words of Wisdom with Fr. Marcel from Matthew 26: 14–25



Links to the above may be found on our website: divinesavior.com under "Explore & Grow"

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

I pray that all of us allow God to saturate our being with love. How do we ever say thank you to God for such a gift that blessed us with life and has blessed ever since our birth? As if that were not enough, God sent the Word to take on human flesh in the person of Jesus. He in turn revealed love that God wants to be made known to all people. And we have the privilege of continuing the mission of Jesus.



While we have been through a lot over the last number of months, we know that changes continue to take place. We human beings sometimes don't do well with change. The parish will undergo a significant one in a bit more than two months with a change of pastor. Again, I thank all of you for how you have walked with me as I have allowed my relationship with Jesus to grow. I pray that all of us are in a position to say thanks to God that love continues to bless us as we contemplate those changes and so many more.

It might feel like it did for Mary of Magdala as she looked into the empty tomb. Now what? What next? Easter is a time to remember times in our lives when we have experienced personally the love of God, especially when that gift helped us through a difficult time. We pray that this remembering will help us to renew our trust that God's love will continue to have similar effects in our futures. Being aware of God's accompanying Presence blesses us with deep joy. I pray that all who make up the blessed community of Divine Savior Parish will this Easter be renewed with the deepest joy as we renew our hope that because we are connected with each other, we will confidently await the abundance of New Life that Easter promises us.

Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

NEXT weekend of April 23/24 we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information may be found at www.usccb.org/homemissions. Envelopes are available in the vestibule.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER - Drive-thru Dinner

Divine Savior's Boy Scout Troops 310 & 311 are holding a drive-thru dinner Fundraiser on Friday, April 29th. Tickets must be purchased before the event. The Meal includes BBQ pork, chicken, cole slaw, corn and a cookie from Texas Roadhouse. Only \$20. a ticket. Just drive up, present your ticket and pick up your meal. For questions or tickets please contact Erin Frey at 916-849-3133 or email Sacfreys@yahoo.com



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?

Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?

Email at kathleen@divinesavior.com or 916-989-7400 for additional information.

We will meet once a week for 6 weeks after Easter.



CENTERING PRAYER

Centering prayer is a method of prayer that helps develop a relationship with God by being still and listening. A Centering Prayer group meets at Divine Savior in the St. Cecilia Room on the third Wednesday of the month after morning Mass. Join us this Wednesday April 20th. For more info email joycean@sbcglobal.net.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Healthy Conversations About Race: Are you experiencing awkwardness or uneasiness in conversations with family, friends, and community people these days? You are not alone! Plan to come to a workshop focusing on how to have conversations on topics which may be sensitive or uncomfortable. Jason Javier-Watson, VP at St. Francis High School, will be our presenter. He has presented on the topic for other parish groups, the diocese at large, and most recently at the Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat. **Bring a sack lunch, dress comfortably, and come to Room Y-3 for the workshop on April 23rd, beginning at 10:00am and ending at 2:30pm.** There will be a 30 minute lunch break, and time to converse with others about the components of his presentation. This event is sponsored by the Bartimaeus Group of the parish. RSVP to Jan Bencken at jbencken@pacbell.net or text or call 916-712-4500 by April 20.

PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 16th	8:00pm	Lorna Christensen (D) Martin Jennings (D)
Apr 17th	6:00am	Francisco & Marita Marasigan (D)
	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Long Ha (D) Scott Vistica (D)
	11:30am	Elaine Paddock
Apr 18th	9:00am	Mark Bartlett
Apr 19th	9:00am	Mark Bartlett
Apr 20th	9:00am	Kalia Arce Gil Dizon (D)
Apr 21st	9:00am	Mark Bartlett
Apr 22nd	9:00am	
Apr 23rd	4:30pm	Catalina Montenegro (D)
	8:00am	Lorna Christensen (D) Martin Jennings (D)
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Donald Britt (D) Deanna Gardener (D) Leslie Jacobson (D)

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

Dan & Mary Alves	Candie Maisano
Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Steve Mann
Kathleen Arceo	Vince Meno
Robert Beviacqua	Carolina Miller
Nancy Bingham	Mauri Murillo
Julie Bouse	Glen & Shirley Newton
Eduardo Bravo	Karen Paddock
Bridget Byrne	Linda Parker
Patrick Carter	Josefina Perez
Elizabeth Davis	Alex Quiroz
Noreen Davis	Gladys Reilly
James DeVous	Dan Rieman
Ryan Eyman	Roxanne Rosales
Reggie Faulk	Bob Rose
Dorothy Feldman	Madeline Rose
Kristie Greiss	Gerry Ryden
Richard Hale	Donna Schulte
Hall Family	Sandra Shumway
Sandra Harris	Tom Sekel
John Herzog	Shari Sigl
Bridgette Hubbard	Roberta Sly
Mark Kolar	Fr. Joe Ternullo
Christina Korepanow	Pete Torres, Jr.
Katie Larkins	Vargas Family
Diane Lyons	Dorothy Wilhite
Jeff McAlpine	

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

Lorna Christensen Dorothy Goodwin Mary Scott

*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, 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, Tom Feyoe, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Kyle Garcia, Tyler Gedstad, Michael Haug, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, William Krintz, Tyler Krintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayne Landry, Charles Philip Lopez, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Bennet D. McGrane, Garrett McMann, Aaron McMurray, Joseph M. Paddock, Nathan Paddock, Joshua Paige, Chris Payant, Freddie Perez, David Petisor, Darin Pillman, Tim Pillman, Rachael Portoman, Logan Rasmussen, Trey Rasmussen, Tim Reid, Neal Ridge, Tony Rodriguez, Nicholas Roha, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandoval, A.J. Smith, Jacob and Nikki Steeb, James Thatche, Jadyne Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarreal, 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.

CARE FOR CREATION—Week Two: Laudato Si and Water

The work “water” is cited forty-seven times in Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si’. This demonstrates the great value and concern Pope Francis places on water as a sacred and essential part of life. “We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7).” the pope says in the second paragraph of Laudate Si’, our very bodies are made up of here elements, we breath her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.”



Water is essential to life but most of us take it for granted.

The care for water is **a critical issue** of our time.



Pope Francis identifies five key problems related to water:



*the lack of access to clean drinking water “indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems” [28];

*the challenges for food production due to droughts and disparities in water availability and “water poverty” [28];

*the continued prevalence of water-related diseases afflicting the poor [29];

*the contamination of groundwater [29];

*the trend toward privatization and commodification of a resource to which the pope describes access to as a “basic and universal human right” [30].

“Greater scarcity of water will lead to an increase in the cost of food and the various products which depend on its use.” Pope Francis says. “Some studies warn that an acute water shortage may occur within a few decades unless urgent action is taken. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people and species; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century.” [31]



Water is sacred. In Laudato Si’ Pope Francis courageously names the disparities in access, quality, and use of water between the wealthier, industrialized countries and poorer countries as moral, ethical issues.

He calls us to protect the sacredness of water, the element used in the sacrament of Baptism to symbolize the grace of God which cleanses us and give us life. Pope Francis makes clear the need for access to water to be a right without restriction for all people. Water should not be an instrument of suffering for anyone, especially marginalized members of society. “Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity.” [30]

-Excerpted from an article by Maryknoll Lay Missioner Flavio Rocha.

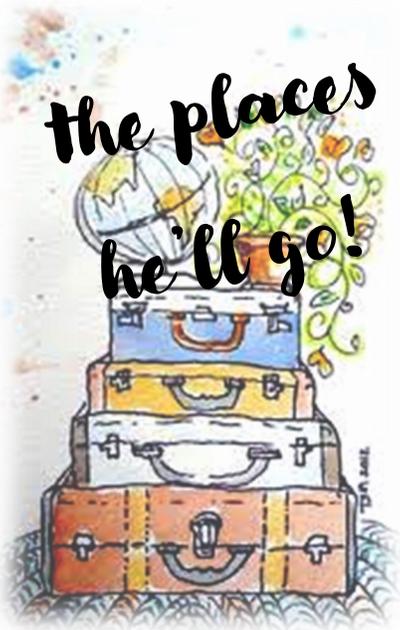
DID YOU KNOW? Water = Life

The villages of the Morogoro and Masasi areas of Tanzania, in southeastern Africa, are in critical need of clean and safe drinking water. Villagers often collect water from standing ponds, which are fraught with disease-causing organisms. These ponds are the same used by local wildlife for everything imaginable. In 2019, Divine Savior helped sponsor a well in Tanzania with the support of generous parishioners Mary Jo and Mark Verke, who have regularly traveled (for 19 years) to Tanzania to follow up with the wells in villages in that area. This year, they are planning to visit again and hope to bring the promise of yet another well for fresh water! After all Masses on April 23-24, Mary Jo and Mark will gladly answer questions about this project and accept donations in the church vestibule. For more information please contact Mary Jo at maryjoverke@gmail.com or 916-878-9337.



Oh,

the places
he'll go!



All are invited to celebrate our beloved Pastor,
Fr. Roman, as he retires!

Open House

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Divine Savior 1:00-3:00pm

Please RSVP with your headcount
to the parish office by May 27th !

All are invited to participate in two special (surprise) projects:

*Contribute PICTURES that span Fr. Roman's 18 years in ministry here at Divine Savior or the 48 years of his priestly ministry.

Pictures should be emailed to jenyearwood@divinesavior.com or dropped off at the parish office to be scanned. Original pictures will be returned.

Photos must be received in the office no later than
Monday, May 17th.

**If you have a Gmail account, you may also contribute to the online photo album using <https://>*



*Create a personal VIDEO MESSAGE using the following website:

<https://share.vidday.com/r-rnkavi>
or scan the QR code below.

The Video message should be limited to 1 minute in length please. Videos must be submitted by Monday, June 20th at noon.



Your presence alone is a gift to Fr. Roman as he begins the next part of his journey!

Fr. Roman's stated preference for a gift is that we all do our best to maintain and build on the many wonderful elements of our Divine Savior Community!

However, many are asking about other gifts for Fr. Roman.

For those who want to make monetary gifts of cash or check, the IRS and Diocesan policy do not allow these gifts to go through the parish account and therefore, the parish will not include them in donations to the parish or as part of your year-end statement. The process of making monetary donations calls for:

**Checks to be made payable to: Society of the Divine Savior
with Fr. Roman's name written on the memo line of the check.**

Katie Karras, in our parish office, will happily process all checks and cash gifts to be deposited into Fr. Roman's account. **Please do NOT make checks payable to the parish.**

You may also contribute online via link below or QR code

<https://bit.ly/ThankYouFrRoman>

Looking forward to celebrating our beloved Pastor with you!

We will also celebrate Fr. Roman on June 25th and 26th with a special presentation at all Masses with refreshments to follow.

