



# DIVINE SAVIOR

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

Recycle Sunday THIS Sunday, December 11th in the back parking lot 7:30am—Noon.  
**If it is raining recycling will be cancelled.**

The Parish Reconciliation Service is THIS Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30pm in the church. All are invited to join us as we prepare our hearts and lives to receive the Ultimate Gift the Gift of Jesus.

**Discovering Las Posadas with Fr. Octavio on Friday, December 16th at 6:30pm in the church.** Come and learn more about this special tradition. The evening will culminate with some piñata fun!

Please consider helping with the Christmas Basket distribution in Saturday, December 17th. For more information email Jacquie at [jacquiechristmas2022@gmail.com](mailto:jacquiechristmas2022@gmail.com)

There are additional Advent resources on our website at <https://www.divinesavior.com/advent-reflections-2022>.

For those who are unable to attend Mass in person we continue to livestream our 9am Daily Mass, 4:30pm Mass on Saturday evening and 9:30am Mass on Sunday morning, with drive thru Communion after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the back parking lot behind the gym.

Prayers for a blessed weekend,

Fr. Octavio, Fr. Patric and Parish Staff



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### Masses:

Saturday Evening 4:30pm  
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am &  
5:00pm (Spanish)

Daily Monday-Friday 9:00am  
Holy Days 9:00am & 6:30pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm &  
First Fridays 9:30-10:30am or by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call (916) 989-7400 (any time)

### 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.

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## FAITH FORMATION

### NEW—B.L.A.S.T.

Building Lives Around Solid Truth video series with Fr. Patric continues this weekend! Catch this week's video on **JOY** as we continue our Advent journey. Video links are available on our website and our YouTube channel, [Divine Savior Orangevale](http://DivineSaviorOrangevale.com).

### PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Experience God's love | Tuesday, Dec. 13th 6:30pm

Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do. Advent is an ideal time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Divine Savior offers us.

### ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you are thinking of becoming Catholic, there are RCIA sessions, called "Inquiry." In a warm and accepting environment you are welcome to share your questions. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer at [jennifer@divinesavior.com](mailto:jennifer@divinesavior.com) or check our [Divine Savior website](http://DivineSavior.com).



**Additional Advent Resources on our website:** <https://www.divinesavior.com/advent-reflections-2022>

## Fr. Octavio Trejo-Flores, S.D.S.

Matthew 11:2-11 | Jesus' Testimony to John

This Sunday we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, which was traditionally known as "Gaudate Sunday." The third candle of the Advent wreath is rose-colored, and the Priest presider may wear rose-colored vestment. Rose-colored vestment may be used only on two Sundays of the liturgical year: the *Gaudate* Sunday, and the fourth Sunday of Lent, known as *Laetare* Sunday.



The Latin word *gaudate* means "joy" or "rejoice." So, the color rose is intended to introduce the theme of joy as Christmas Day approaches. The invitation to rejoice remains part of the Advent liturgy and it is certainly present in the first reading, "The desert ... will rejoice and bloom." (Cf. Is 35:1-6a, 10).

In our Gospel reading for today, we, again, meet John the Baptist. However, he is now imprisoned. Last Sunday, we heard the stirring words of John at the Jordan River concerning the One who is to come, and now, from prison, he sends his disciples to Jesus with a question, "Are you the one who is to come?"

But nevertheless, we know that Jesus is the Messiah of God. It seems like John the Baptist is just checking it out because he clearly has contact with his disciples who he sends to Jesus with the question about His identity.

I could paraphrase John's question. Is Advent over or not? Jesus' response to John about the signs of the kingdom taking place recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. As a matter of fact, the beneficial and healing activity of Jesus is fulfilling the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah. So, Jesus is the one "who is to come."

Finally, salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God.

In a sense, Advent hasn't ended. Hence, let us follow the advice of James who tells us in our second reading, "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." (Cf. Jas 5:7-10). Amen.



## SCHEDULE for the WEEK of December 12th – December 17th

### Monday - December 12th

1:00pm Balance for Life Y 1  
6:00pm Reflections St. Cecilia rm

### Tuesday - December 13th

6:00pm Catholics Returning Home Office  
6:30pm Advent Reconciliation Serv. Church

### Wednesday - December 14th

9:45am Tai Chi Gym Lobby  
12:30pm Games & Gab Hospitality

### Thursday - December 15th

10:00am Rosary Group Church  
6:00pm Community Meal Hall

### Friday - December 16th

8:00am Men's Prayer Group M 4  
6:30pm Discovering La Posadas Church

**The church office is closed Mon - Fri  
from 12:30 - 1pm for lunch.**

## Christmas 2022

**Advent Reconciliation Service**

**Tuesday, December 13th 6:30pm**

### Mass Schedule

#### **Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Mass of Christmas

6:30pm for Families and Children of all ages

10:00pm Candlelight Mass of Christmas in the  
dark of night beginning with Las Posadas

#### **Christmas Day**

9:30am Mass of Christmas\*

11:30am Bilingual Mass of Christmas

## **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, Dec 31st 4:30pm Vigil

Sunday, Jan 1st 8:00am, 9:30am\* & 11:30am

**\*Drive thru Communion in the back  
parking lot after the 9:30am Mass.**



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our second collection NEXT weekend supports the Retirement Fund for Religious.** Your donation helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for senior retired religious. Please give generously. Envelopes are available in the vestibule and checks should be made payable to Divine Savior.

*Second Collection*

## CELEBRATE FAITH, FAMILY, ADVENT and OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

Divine Savior's Family Faith Formation ministry alongside the Our Lady of Guadalupe ministry welcomes all to **celebrate Mary and Advent uniquely with food and fellowship THIS Sunday! Come to the 11:30am Mass and then process to the halls together.** Any questions? Email Jen at [jennifer@divinesavior.com](mailto:jennifer@divinesavior.com)

Nos vemos pronto!



## SEEKING BABY JESUS



**Do you have a baby who would like to be Baby Jesus at one of our Christmas Masses?** If so, please call the parish office or email [elaine@divinesavior.com](mailto:elaine@divinesavior.com).

## ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN

The Christmas Eve Children's Mass is at 6:30pm on December 24th. We would like you to join us as an actor, singer, or a reader for this special night! **We need children to fill the following parts: angels, shepherds, stable animals, wise men, singers, & readers.**

Please RSVP Jen at [jennifer@divinesavior.com](mailto:jennifer@divinesavior.com) or call 916-989-7400.



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## TIS' THE SEASON!

We are recruiting volunteers for the Christmas Basket Distribution Day, NEXT Saturday, December 17th. To volunteer please contact Jacquie Cubre [jacquiechristmas2022@gmail.com](mailto:jacquiechristmas2022@gmail.com)



## BLUE CHRISTMAS

**Blue Christmas** is a quiet, contemplative service for those who struggle to navigate the holidays or for whom this season may not be entirely jolly. Please join us on **Sunday, Dec. 18th at 2:30pm in the Church.** Please extend an invite to others who may find peace in a service of this kind. For more information please contact [jenyearwood@divinesavior.com](mailto:jenyearwood@divinesavior.com)



## PARISH COOKIE MAKING PARTY!

Parishioners are invited to join members of our parish youth ministry as we make a variety of holiday cookies together on **Sunday, December 18th at 4pm.** Some of the cookies we prepare will be shared with the guests at our Community Meal that week. If you plan to participate in the cookie party, please you are asked to bring holiday sprinkles and mini candies for

decorating! Hope to see you all in Hall A & B on the 18th!



**We are also looking for some individuals who will help bake our sugar cookies on Friday, December 16th at 10am in the Parish Kitchen.** If you can help, please contact Brian at

[brian@divinesavior.com](mailto:brian@divinesavior.com) or Jen Yearwood at [jenyearwood@divinesavior.com](mailto:jenyearwood@divinesavior.com).

**THANK YOU** to all who have adopted one of our Divine Savior Silver Bells! Reminder— all gifts need to be in to the parish office (or dropped in the marked box in the vestibule by Dec. 14th! **We are also seeking support for this project in a few other ways:**

- ♦ Purchase and drop off by 12/14 bulk items for the goodie baskets: individually wrapped bakery/pastry items, individually wrapped: cookies, candy, chips, snacks, individual tissue packs, chapstick, hand lotion, small water bottles.
- ♦ Serve as one of our elves helping to deliver to our senior friends Dec. 19-21st. Sign up in the vestibule this weekend!
- ♦ Help assembling our goody baskets/bags. (date tbd)
- ♦ Contact [jenyearwood@divinesavior.com](mailto:jenyearwood@divinesavior.com) if you have questions!





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### WINTER SANCTUARY

Divine Savior will host Winter Sanctuary, a homeless shelter and hot meal ministry here January 15-22, 2023. And we need YOUR HANDS and HEARTS to share the gifts of compassion & service! Sign up in the vestibule this weekend or use this link: <https://signup.com/go/GvTWmQN>

### DIVINE SAVIOR ONLINE BOOK CLUB

As we celebrate this season of Advent and begin a new liturgical year, you are invited to begin a new adventure by joining the **Divine Savior Online Book Club**. This is a private book club for men and women. Just copy and paste this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2106074739539139> to join. If you are not already a Facebook member you may need to join Facebook and then paste this link.



As part of our Advent journey, we will be reading *"I'm Still here: Black Dignity In A World Made For Whiteness"* by Austin Channing Brown. Online sharing will begin in January. If you have any questions, please email Sue at [sschuttinger@gmail.com](mailto:sschuttinger@gmail.com).

## PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

### MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 10th	4:30pm	Walter F. Hanagan (D)
Dec 11th	8:00am	Don Dittmer (D)
	9:30am	Thomas Phuc Nguyen (D)
	11:30am	Michele Yannaconne (D)
	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Dec 12th	9:00am	Mary Creswell (D)
		Aurea Macugay (D)
Dec 13th	9:00am	Thomas Phuc Nguyen (D)
		Lydia Castro (D)
Dec 14th	9:00am	
Dec 15th	9:00am	Mary Creswell (D)
Dec 16th	9:00am	
Dec 17th	4:30pm	People of the Parish
Dec 18th	8:00am	Henry Kalani Wong, Sr. (D)
	9:30am	Alvin Baughman (D)
	11:30am	Thomas Cairel (D)
		Dominic Cairel (D)
	5:00pm	Jubenal Aburto Del Gado (D)

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

**Ed Clark      Rosa Hernandez**  
**Glen Newton      Henry Kalani Wong, Sr.**

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

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

Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Rachael Lopez
Robert Beviacqua	Diane Lyons
Nancy Bingham	Jeff McAlpine
Julie Bouse	Bernard McHale
Eduardo Bravo	Candie & George Maisano
Patrick Carter	Steve Mann
Maura Clark	Betty Marmon
Jeff Coward	Vince Meno
John Ray David	Cathy Mikitka
Elizabeth Davis	Mauri Murillo
Noreen Davis	Shirley Newton
John Deatherage	Jeff O'Connor
James DeVous	Karen Paddock
Reggie Faulk	Linda Parker
Dorothy Feldman	Debbie Polsky
Jackie Feliciano	Gladys Reilly
Richard Forsyth	Angela Ridge
Esther Garcia	Roxanne Rosales
Barbara Hamilton	Madeline Rose
Sandra Harris	Gerry Ryden
Joe Hellen	Donna Schulte
John Herzog	Tom Sekel
Bridgette Hubbard	Shari Sigl
Tim Johnston	Susan & Mike Taylor
Katie Larkins	Pete Torres, Jr.
Georgia Leonard	Marilyn Ulbricht
	Dorothy Wilhite