DIVINE SAVIOR
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

Recycling scheduled for THIS Sunday is cancelled due to rain.

The 2023 parish calendars will be available in the vestibule. Please one per family.

We have been blessed with the donation of a new book from Dynamic Catholic: **Wisdom of the Saints 365 Days of Inspiration**. Pick up copies in the vestibule this weekend to enjoy with your family and friends.

Construction of the outside fountain has begun and is expected to continue through the end of March. For those needing closer access to an entrance please use the East and West doors.

The S.A.V.E. ministry will be showing the documentary "The True Cost" on **Tuesday, January 10th at 9:45am and Friday, January 13th at 6:30pm.** All are invited.

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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9079 Greenback Lane, Orangevale, Ca 95662 **(916) 989-7400** **www.divinesavior.com**

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

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. Please contact Jennifer at **jennifer@divinesavior.com** or check our **Divine Savior website** for more information.

RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

FAITH FORMATION

REFLECTIONS OF THE WORD

Join us on Mondays at 6pm in the St. Cecilia room for Reflections of the Word—this group is for Lectors as well as all who are interested in sharing our faith as we share and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings.

For more information text Elaine at 559-307-4216 or email elaine@divinesavior.com .

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

Matthew 2: 1-12 | The Epiphany of the Lord

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The Greek word Epiphany literally means "an appearance." This term was usually associated with a divine being. So, today's feast celebrates the manifestation of the Son of God in the person of Jesus Christ to all nations.

Among the synoptic Gospels, the Evangelist Matthew is the only one who records the visitation of the Magi. But who were they? Where did they come from?

Matthew offers no details about the visitors' identity. The Evangelist just says that they were seeking for "the newborn king of the Jews." And that they came from the East "to…offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." According to Matthew's account, the Wise Men came after Jesus' birth.

Matthew also says they came seeking and when they found the infant, "they prostrated themselves and did Him homage." By that statement, it seems that they were searchers after the truth. And it was their knowledge that led them to Bethlehem. We also understand that they were foreigners, Gentiles, in search of a King. And it is precisely what the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord teaches us. God has not only manifested Himself to the people of Israel but to all peoples. God's glory is manifested through His only Son, Jesus Christ to all.

And so, the Wise Men came seeking to discover the Christ of God. The Evangelist Matthew presents Jesus as a King, and as the Savior who was born for all who seek for a Savior. Whether you know it or not. Whether you have recognized it or not. It may not be in your conscious mind at all, but somewhere in the depths of your soul is the deep hunger for God.

Nowadays, many people are searching for something and willing to try almost anything to find meaning in their lives. So, if you are searching for something, welcome, you are at the right place. Bring your questions, express your doubts, but do not stop there. Embrace the life of Jesus Christ.

I am sure that today's feast offers us great guidance. Those who are wise always know that their wisdom is incomplete. When we know that we cannot move forward in the wisdom that is ours, we seek wisdom elsewhere, and when we come to the end of our human understanding, if we are wise, we turn to God.

The Magi not only knew that their wisdom was incomplete, but they also knew they could not save themselves, that their salvation was beyond their knowledge. They had not found salvation and meaning in their knowledge. So, in their wisdom, they started looking for the Savior.

And today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the manifestation of God to all peoples, let us follow the example of the Magi and accept Jesus Christ as our Savior. And as St. Paul reminds us in the second reading (Cf. Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6), we all are "coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the Gospel." AMEN.

SCHEDULE for the WEEK of January 9th – January 13th

Monday - January 9th

6:00pm	Reflections	St. Cecilia rm

Tuesday - January 10th

6:00pm	Bridges	

Wednesday - January 11th

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

Thursday - January 12th

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

Friday - January 13th

8:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4

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

Beloved long time parishioner, **Steve Mann** has gone to rest in the arms of our Divine Savior.

Parishioners are invited to attend Steve's Funeral Mass on Wednesday, January 11th at 10:30am. The love and prayers of the entire parish are with Steve's family.

2023 CALENDARS

The 2023 parish calendars are available in the vestibule. Copies of the calendars are limited; one per family please.

THANK YOU for the ways in which our parish community has been a blessing of support and generosity as we reached out to help individuals and families in need this Christmas! Because of you, we were able to provide 108 Christmas Baskets to families and 41 Silver Bells gifts to seniors in our community, bringing light, love and holiday cheer to all who received! Thank you to all our project coordinators, volunteers, sponsors, donors, shoppers, and elves whose hearts and hands made all of this possible!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCITING NEWS

Construction of the outside fountain has begun and is expected to continue through the end of March. For those needing closer access to an entrance please use the East and West doors. If you have any questions please contact Brian or Katie in the Parish Office, 916-989-7400.

HAITI PROJECT RECYCLING

CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN.

NEXT Recycle Sunday, February 12th

If you would be available at about 11:30am on February 12th to help transport the recycling from the church to where it will be sorted, please call Joyce at 916-990-0546.

SAVE THE DATE

The S.A.V.E. ministry will be showing the documentary "The True Cost"

Tuesday, January 10th at 9:45 am and
Friday, January 13th at 6:30pm

All are invited to view this documentary which shows how the clothing we purchase affects the global economy. For more information contact Dolly Winterton at 248-797-5077 or **dollywinterton633@msn.com**

SENIOR OUTREACH

TAI CHI CHIH—Beginners Always Welcome

The Tai Chi Chih class is in the Gym Lobby on Wednesdays at 9:45am. **For more info, contact Sue at idagene@yahoo.com**

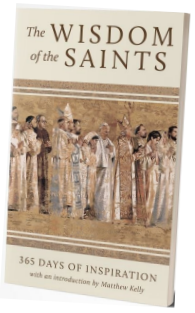
GAMES and GAB

Wednesday at 12:30pm in Hospitality.
For more info, call 916-989-7400 or email kathleen@divinesavior.com.

BALANCE FOR LIFE

Balance training sessions now on Mondays, at 1pm in Y 1. **NO class during the month of January.** For more information, email kathleen@divinesavior.com or call 916-989-7400.

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS 365 Days of Inspiration



We have been blessed with the donation of a new book from Dynamic Catholic. This book will help you to step into a new and ever-deepening friendship with the saints so that you may know, love, and serve God like never before They are available in the vestibule.

WINTER SANCTUARY

Needed items for Winter Sanctuary Week at Divine Savior!

In just a couple of weeks, our parish community will welcome 20-25 homeless guests between January 15-22nd.

Parishioners are invited to donate NEW items from the list below:

Plain, fleece Sweat Pants & Crew Neck Sweat Shirts* (looking for a total 25 sets in various sizes M, Lg, XL, 2XL)
*Black, Navy or Grey preferred

Black or Navy Knit Beanies

Men's/Women's Winter Gloves

Dark or Navy Socks in Men's/Women's Sizing

Bag or Box of Handwarmers/Footwarmers

Heavy Duty Rain Ponchos

Nail Clippers

Please bring donated items to the parish by Sunday, January 15th. There is a drop-off box in the vestibule or email jenyearwood@divinesavior.com to arrange a drop-off. *Any excess items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul/Loaves & Fishes

Thank you to all who have signed up as volunteers you the week! You should be receiving an email confirmation of your day/shift! [email will come from Signup.com]

PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 7th	4:30pm	D'Arienzo & Pyne Families
		Joseph Barbato (D)
Jan 8th	8:00am	Don Dittmer (D)
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Spencer Evanski (D)
		Esther Huffman (D)
	5:00pm	Allan Brandt (D)
		Jubenal Aburto Rocha (D)
Jan 9th	9:00am	
Jan 10th	9:00am	Robert Bates (D)
Jan 11th	9:00am	Steve Mann (D)
Jan 12th	9:00am	Phyllis Walker (D)
Jan 13th	9:00am	Margaret Sybil Miler (D)
		Conchita Bongares (D)
Jan 14th	4:30pm	Esther Huffman (D)
		Sybil Miller (D)
Jan 15th	8:00am	Martin Jennings (D)
	9:30am	Paul & Gerrie Parker
		Carol Ann Phillips
	11:30am	Richard Marrone (D)
		The Mesa Family
	5:00pm	Jubenal Aburto Rocha (D)

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

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

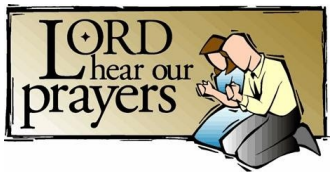
Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

Steve Mann **Joan McCullough***

Eric Ryden

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

**** Funeral on January 25th at 10:30am***



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

Bo Alberghini, Adrienne Aleschus, John Aleschus, Logan Amos, Sean Amos, 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 Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, 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.