

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

Please bring your recyclables THIS Sunday, February 12th from 7:30 - Noon to the back parking lot. If you would be available at about 11:30am on Feb. 12th to help transport the recycling from the church to where it will be sorted, please call Joyce at 916-990-0546.

Want to delve deeper, share and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. Join us on Mondays at 6pm in the St. Cecilia room for Reflections of the Word.

All are invited to an "Evening of Encounter: Listening Hearts Called to Serve in Justice and Love" on Saturday, February 18th at 6:30pm in the Church.

Let's Celebrate together on **Fat Tuesday**, **Feb. 21st 6-8pm in the Hall** with family friendly games, raffle and door prize. **FREE** pancake and sausage breakfast for dinner.

The 2022 end of year tax statements have either been emailed or mailed to you. If you have not received one, please contact Katie at 916-989-7400.

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.

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)

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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 <a href="mailto:jennifer@divinesavior.com">jennifer@divinesavior.com</a> or check our <a href="mailto:Divine Savior">Divine Savior</a> website for more information.

**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.

#### **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.

## February 12, 2023

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

Matthew 5: 17-37 | Teaching About the Law

A couple of Sundays ago the Gospel of St. Matthew started with the Beatitudes. Jesus Christ gives us a different understanding about how we, Christians, should behave in the world. Jesus not only exhorts us to obey the Law, but also, He asks us that if we want to inherit the Kingdom of God, we must show love to our neighbors.

In our Gospel reading for this sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus explains that He came to fulfill the Law. (Cf. Mt 5:17). The Torah is the first five books of the Old Testament. So, for the Jewish People, it represents their identity and dignity as the People of God.

Etymologically speaking the Hebrew word Torah means 'teaching' or 'instruction.' The Law was given to Moses as an ordinance for the People of God in order for them to live morally and religiously well according to the will of the LORD. The teachings of Jesus complete the instructions from the Law. However, Jesus requests us to go beyond what the Law says. That is, He asks us to reflect and put into practice the love of God the Father for our brothers and sisters.

The teachings of Jesus connect the Mosaic Law with the purpose and the will of God toward His People. Through the Law, God has revealed His will to His People, but the Law was not complete yet. That is why Jesus speaks directly to His People. Inexplicitly says: "I have come..." (Cf. Mt 5:17). That is, God unveils Himself in the person of Jesus. So, Jesus has been sent by His Heavenly Father and whatever Jesus does is always in the name of His Heavenly Father to bring together the old and the new. Jesus also clarifies that the old does not necessarily have to be abolished. On the contrary, Jesus Christ declares that He is the culmination of the Law in order to make it perfect.

Here we find one of the most remarkable statements of Jesus Christ. That is, He is the culmination of the Law. So, Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law. It is evident that Jesus is referring to fulfilling the Law of God. However, the teaching of Jesus contrasted with the teachings of the Scribes and Pharisees. According to them, the Law gave them a unique identification and dignity for being chosen by God. As previously mentioned, Jesus states that He has "come not to abolish the Law." That is, God decided to reveal that the People of Israel would be the light of the nations. Also, through the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension) God made eternal His covenant with His People and perfected the Law.

Finally, it is true that the Christian life is lived through faith in Jesus Christ because He is the center of our lives. However, our faith should be reflected through our good actions. The Law is still effective not only for the Jews, but also for all Christians because it helps us to love our neighbors and to fulfil God's will. It also has to do with ourselves if we want to inherit the Kingdom of God because the Law helps us not to fall into sin.

The Gospel of St. Matthew teaches that the Law is fulfilled in Jesus Christ and His followers, Christians, through the teachings of our Divine Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **SCHEDULE for the WEEK of** February 13th – February 17th

**Monday - February 13th** 6:00pm Reflections St. Cecilia rm. Wednesday - February 15th Centering Prayer St. Cecilia rm. 9:30am 9:45am Tai Chi Gym Lobby Mueller Conf. rm. 12:30pm Games & Gab **Thursday - February 16th** Rosary Group 9:30am Church 6:00pm Community Meal Hall Friday - February 17th

Beloved long time parishioner, Ann Downey has gone to rest in the arms of our Divine Savior.

Men's Prayer Group

Parishioners are invited to attend the Visitation for Ann on Monday, February 13th from



8:00am

11:30am-12:30pm with the Rosary beginning at 12:30pm and the Funeral Mass following at 1:00pm. The love and prayers of the entire parish are with Ann's family.

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#### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

Bring God's tender care to others through the Annual Catholic Appeal

NEXT weekend, February 18th/19th we will have the opportunity to accompany those who are suffering through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Twenty-five percent comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone's life. Each year our parish supports the outreach efforts of ministries such as our Community Meal, St. Vincent de Paul, FO-OV HART.

Laundry Love, Winter Sanctuary and other social justice projects as they arise! Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year.



#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HAITI PROJECT RECYCLING



#### THIS Sunday, February 12th

Please bring your recyclables from 7:30 - Noon to the BACK PARKING LOT. Look for a red truck and orange cones.

Plastic water bottles Aluminum cans

Large plastic gallon containers —Arizona tea, almond milk, distilled water. NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE! **Please Note:** The lids on the plastic bottles need to be removed.

#### **CENTERING PRAYER**

The Divine Savior centering prayer group is meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 9:30am in the St. Cecilia room. Please join us if you would like to participate in



this form of prayer. Questions? Call Joyce at 916-990-0546.



In honor of Black History Month, let us gather in prayer, story, song and reflection of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter

from Birmingham Jail, written in response to criticism of the nonviolent protests in Birmingham, Alabama in April 1963. All are invited to an "Evening of Encounter: Listening Hearts Called to Serve in Justice and Love" on Sat, Feb. 18th at 6:30pm in the Church.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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 Mueller Conference room this week. For more info, call 916-989-7400 or email <u>kathleen@divinesavior.com</u>.



#### SENIOR CARE SOLUTIONS

<u>Click here</u>, call 916-965-5565 or email Senior Care Solutions <u>info@seniorcs.com</u> for information on their upcoming seminars.



#### **SUGGESTION BOX**

The Parish Council initiated the Suggestion Box in the Spring of 2022 to enhance the communication channels and draw on the resources of the entire parish to identify needs, wants, and additional ways to hear from our parishioners. This can be accessed electronically on our website or through hard copy at the box in the vestibule. Here's a list of the topics we have received thus far:



Expressions of gratitude & thankfulness for the parish (Appreciation)

Request for information on services available for people facing domestic abuse (Outreach)

Ministry which assists seniors with using their computers, phones, etc. (Suggestion)

Religious book exchange (Suggestion) Additional faith formation offering on Pro Life (Suggestion)

Suggested hand rail for the alter (Safety)

Name tags available for each of our functions (Hospitality)

Request to refresh batteries in our clocks (Maintenance) Adding outdoor seating (Campus Development)

If one of these topics interests you, or you have other items you'd like to share with us, please reach out to us by contacting one of the PPC members or by submitting your comments & ideas via our <u>online suggestion box</u> or placing remarks in the box in the vestibule. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### DIVINE SAVIOR GOES TO THE MOVIES ...

Join us for a Lenten outing to go see The Jesus Revolution on Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Century Greenback. Jonathan Roumie, star in "The Chosen" series plays a significant role in this movie based on a counterculture movement that becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American history. If you are interested, please email jenyearwood@divinesavior.com no later than Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. Please include the number of tickets you would like; tickets are first-come, first served.

#### PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS		
Feb 11th	4:30pm	Kay Jennings (D)
		Gloria Reyes (D)
Feb 12th	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Long Ha (D)
		Truyen Ha (D)
	11:30am	Lisa Noelle Case (D)
	5:00pm	Sofia Carrazco
		Gloria Viscarra (D)
Feb 13th	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco
		Catalina Ramos (D)
Feb 14th	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco
		Brian Gabbard D)
Feb 15th	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco
		Marilou Ilustrisimo (D)
Feb 16th	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco
Feb 17th	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco
Feb 18th	4:30pm	Adan & Sofia Carrazco
		Barbara Fouret
Feb 19th	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Zenalda Arcenas (D)
	11:30am	Jeanine Kasprick (D)
	5:00pm	Sofia Carrazco

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

**Dennis Curran James DeVous Ann Downey Diane Lyons** Eric Ryden\*

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

\*Eric Ryden's funeral is on February 25th at 10:30am.

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

Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Bernard McHale
Terri Ault	Candie & George Maisano

Robert Beviacqua Betty Marmon Pat Biasotti Vince Meno Nancy Bingham Cathy Mikitka Julie Bouse Mauri Murillo Eduardo Bravo Shirley Newton Patrick Carter Jeff O'Connor Maura Clark Karen Paddock

Jeff Coward Gerrie & Paul Parker

John Ray David Linda Parker Elizabeth Davis Debbie Polsky **Karen Prentiss** Noreen Davis John Deatherage Barbara Puchi Julie Fair-Coon Michael Reagan Reggie Faulk Gladys Reilly Dorothy Feldman Angela Ridge Jackie Feliciano Roxanne Rosales Richard Forsyth Madeline Rose Esther Garcia Gerry Ryden Sandra Harris Donna Schulte

Joe Hellen Veronica Schwalbach

Tom Sekel

John Herzog Bridgette Hubbard Shari Sigl Tim Johnston Susan Taylor Christina Korepanow Pete Torres, Jr. Katie Larkins Marilyn Ulbricht Emma White Georgia Leonard Rachael Lopez Dorothy Wilhite

