



DIVINE SAVIOR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

THIS SATURDAY all are invited to an “Evening of Encounter: Listening Hearts Called to Serve in Justice and Love” this **Saturday, February 18th at 6:30pm in the Church.**

The office will be closed on Monday, February 20th, President’s Day.

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. **Please RSVP by tonight, Friday February 17th at DivineSaviorParishLife@gmail.com**

Join us during Lent on Monday evenings at 6pm in the church and on Tuesday mornings at 9:45am, after morning Mass for The Chosen season three episodes 3 - 8, full episodes and reflection.

Prayers for a blessed weekend,

Fr. Octavio, Fr. Patric and Parish Staff

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

To foster a spirit of repentance and unite ourselves more closely to Christ, Church law requires the observance of Abstinence and Fasting (CIC - Code of Canon Law, 1249-1253) during Lent.

1. Abstinence: All persons, 14 years and older, are obliged to **abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.** When considering your meals, keep in mind that only fish and shellfish are not considered meat. Beef, pork, chicken and turkey are meat.

2. Fasting: Everyone from ages 18 to 59 is obliged to **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. Fasting is generally understood to mean that one full meal may be eaten. Two other small meals may be eaten, but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. If in doubt, one’s parish priest or confessor should be consulted. Airport workers, travelers, and others while on board ships or airplanes are dispensed from the laws of fast and abstinence for the duration of their journey (except on Good Friday). It is desirable that they perform some other pious act instead.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.



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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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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

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](http://DivineSavior.com) for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

THE CHOSEN IS BACK

Join us on Mondays at 6pm in the church for The Chosen. As a follow up to our Divine Savior outing to see The Chosen Season 3 (Ep 1 & 2) in the theater this past November, and our wonderful reflection series last year, we will offer opportunities for viewing and reflection of the remainder of season 3 episodes, one each week, in their entirety, **Monday evenings at 6pm in the church and on Tuesday mornings at 9:45am, after morning Mass.**

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

THE CHOSEN

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

Matthew 5: 38-48 | Love Your Enemies

Our Gospel reading for today is a challenging one for us. We heard that Jesus says: “love your enemies.” (Cf, Mt. 5: 44a). I think that the immediate reaction that people probably had back then, in which I know people might have today, was “how can I love someone who has done evil to me? And so, what does Jesus mean by that?”

I think that this statement is probably difficult to comprehend for us as modern people because in modern English language the word “love” has become so wrapped up with our emotions, our passions, and our feelings toward another person or things. For example, when we say: “we love someone,” what we mean is that we have good feelings towards somebody. So, there is an emphasis on feelings when we talk about love. To say nothing of the fact that love is often associated with romantic love.

Now, how can we have romantic love for our enemies? I mean, it makes no sense, does it? But Jesus is not using the word “love” in the way that we would use it with the primary emphasis on a connotation of feelings.

So, exactly, how does Jesus want us to love? What are the actions that would express love? If we look, Jesus unpacks what loving your enemies looks like with very specific instructions.

First, loving my enemies implies good actions. So, if we love an enemy, we will do good to someone who hates us. Even though they hate us, we don’t return evil with evil. That is, if they give us evil, we return it with a good action: love. So, the first way we show love for our enemies is to do good to them. It doesn’t say anything about my feelings, the emphasis is on actions.

Another way to do good to others is “to pray for those who persecute you.” (Cf, Mt. 5: 44b). Perhaps you may be wondering, how can I pray for a person who has treated me cruelly or unfairly? But my friends, even if we don’t get into contact with someone who is an enemy or who hates us, we can always pray for them.

And so, what is a prayer? A prayer is for God to bless a person. So, we are asking for good to be done to someone who wishes evil to us. That is also loving our enemies. It might sound contradictory, but Jesus is asking us to pray for those who hate or mistreat us.

Frankly, we know that it is not going to come naturally to us. To say, this person that I know is an enemy, this person that I hate, I am going to spend some time in prayer. We don’t wish to pray for people who betrayed us, or stole our jobs, or destroyed our life, or whatever it might be. So, to pray is an expression of love because it is to will good of another.

To act in such a way is to bring good to another. And it is not primarily rooted in our emotions. It is rooted in the will, it is rooted in the choices that we make: to do good, and to pray for our enemies.

Those are two things that Jesus is asking us to do in our Gospel reading for today, as He is teaching us how we should love our enemies. Amen.

February 19, 2023

SCHEDULE for the WEEK of February 20th – February 24th

Monday - February 20th

All Day ***Office Closed***
9:00am Daily Mass Church

Wednesday - February 22nd

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

Thursday - February 23rd

9:30am Rosary Group Church
6:00pm Community Meal Hall

Friday - February 27th

8:00am Men’s Prayer Group M 4

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



The office will be
closed on
Presidents’ Day

Monday, February 20, 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 22, 2023

Liturgy of the Word & Ash Distribution

7:00am & 12:00pm

Mass & Ash Distribution

9:00am & 6:30pm

and forty nights...

Parishioner, **Eric Ryden**, son of long-time parishioners **Gerry and Karl Ryden** has gone to rest in the arms of our Divine Savior.



Parishioners are invited to attend the Funeral Mass on Saturday, February 25th at 10:30am. The love and prayers of the entire parish are with Eric’s family.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

**Today we join together
through the Annual Catholic Appeal**

THIS weekend, February 18th/19th We may not all be social workers, yet through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the whole Catholic community leans in to help our Catholic charities...and our own parish...to sustain programs and ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of the hardships of poverty.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Last year, 380,000 people were helped by Appeal-funded charitable works. 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.



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.



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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 idadene@yahoo.com

GAMES and GAB

Wednesday at 12:30pm in Hospitality.

For more info, call 916-989-7400 or email

kathleen@divinesavior.com.



SENIOR CARE SOLUTIONS

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

IT'S MARDI GRAS

LET'S CELEBRATE at Divine Savior!

FAT TUESDAY
FEB. 21 (6:00 - 8:00 PM)

FREE!

Family friendly games
Raffle & Door Prize

Pancake & sausage breakfast for dinner
RSVP at DivineSaviorParishLife@gmail.com
by 2/17 to receive an extra ticket for the door prize drawing.



**Please join us during Lent for
Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm in the Church
with a soup supper to follow in the Hall.**

February 24th: Newly published Salvatorian Stations

March 3rd: Social Justice Stations

March 10th: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mary's Stations

March 17th: Children & Youth Stations

March 24th: Adult Faith Life Stations

March 31st: Reconciliation Service—NO Stations or Soup

As an added *positive* actin, **BYOD (Bring Your Own Dishes! And non-disposable utensils, cups and cloth napkins!)** to Stations and Soup. In doing so, you serve as protectors of God's gift to us – the Earth – by reducing the mounds of paper and plastic that pollute our oceans and earth.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



DIVINE SAVIOR GOES TO THE MOVIES . . .

Join us for a Lenten outing to go see *The Jesus Revolution* on Sunday, Feb. 26th 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. 20th. Please include the number of tickets you would like; tickets are first-come, first served.

PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 18th	4:30pm	Adan & Sofia Carrazco Barbara Fouret
Feb 19th	8:00am	Thomas Binner (D)
	9:30am	Joshua Jordan Zenalda Arcenas (D)
	11:30am	Jeanine Kasprick (D) Judy Shoop (D)
	5:00pm	Sofia Carrazco
Feb 20th	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco Joshua Jordan
Feb 21st	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco Sandy Campbell (D)
Feb 22nd	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco
	6:30pm	Thomas Binner (D)
Feb 23rd	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco
Feb 24th	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco William E. Devine (D)
Feb 25th	4:30pm	Sofia Carrazco Dorothy Donner
Feb 26th	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	
	11:30am	Alfredo Borja (D)
	5:00pm	Sofia Carrazco

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
Noreen Davis	Karen Prentiss
John Deatherage	Barbara Puchi
Reggie Faulk	Michael Reagan
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
Christina Korepanow	Susan Taylor
Katie Larkins	Pete Torres, Jr.
Georgia Leonard	Marilyn Ulbricht
Rachael Lopez	Emma White
Jeff McAlpine	Dorothy Wilhite

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

**Dennis Curran Ann Downey Julie Fair-Coon
Bernice Lanza Diane Lyons* Eric Ryden**

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

***Diane Lyons' funeral is on February 28th at 10:30am.**



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