

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

Please join us every Friday evening during Lent at 6:30pm in the church for the Stations of the Cross and a soup supper in the Hall.

Please stop by the vestibule this weekend and pick up a copy of our parish Lenten Reflection Booklet. [One per family please]. The purple cover on the booklet contains dates/info for many opportunities to "live Lent" this year.

Join us beginning this Monday, February 27th 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.

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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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.

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 jennifer@divinesavior.com or check our Divine Savior website for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

THE CHOSEN IS BACK

Join us beginning this Monday, February 27th 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 view and reflect on the remainder of the season 3 episodes, one each week, in their entirety, Monday evenings at 6pm and Tues. mornings at 9:45am, after morning Mass.

It would be important to watch episodes 1 and 2 of Season 3 prior to Monday. <u>Click here</u> for a link to Season 3 episodes 1 & 2. For more information email <u>elaine@divinesavior.com</u>.



February 26, 2023

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

Matthew 4: 1-11 | The Temptation of Jesus

In our Gospel reading for the first Sunday of Lent, the Evangelist Matthew tells us that "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert." Once there, He fasted during for (the) forty days, and at the end of them, He was hungry. Then, He was tempted by the devil. (Cf. Mt 4:1-2).

Perhaps some of you are wondering: why did the devil tempt Jesus in this particular way? We know that Jesus is God, then, can He really be tempted? Were the temptations of Jesus real? So, let's walk together through our Gospel for today to answer these questions.

Temptation number one. "The tempter approached and said to Him" turn stones into bread. It was a reasonable response to Jesus' hunger. Let us keep in mind that Jesus is fully human and fully God. So, His natural desire of (in) His human nature would be to satisfy His hunger with food. But Jesus resisted that desire by quoting the Old Testament. Jesus knew that He was sent to use His gifts to do the work of His Father. (Cf. Mt 4:3-4).

Having failed to tempt Jesus with his stones to bread routine, the devil takes a different strategy. Satan leads Jesus to the holy city, Jerusalem. Then, he has Him stand on the highest point of the temple. Here, Matthew introduces the second temptation, which is very interesting because in it the devil quoted Scripture (Psalm 91) as well.

So, is this a real temptation? Yes. What the devil is basically doing here is trying to push Jesus to commit the sin of "Pride." The devil said to Him: if you are the Son of God, prove it! Here once again Jesus quoted the Old Testament. (Cf. Mt 4:5-7).

And finally, the devil took Jesus "up to a very high mountain" and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. And so, the last temptation that Matthew records is the temptation to seek after "personal" power and glory. Satan offered Jesus all the people of the world. And all Jesus would have to do would be to worship him. It was an easier way for Jesus to accomplish His mission, and thus, to avoid the Cross, which means, no suffering. And yet, what was the response of Jesus? He once again quoted the Scripture. (Cf. Mt 4:6-10).

There is something about temptation that we need to understand. Temptation is real. Everyone has to deal with temptation. But with the help of God, and with the help of a really close friend, we can resist temptations.

The biggest lie that the devil tells us is that we are helpless when dealing with temptation. It is true that we may not have the strength that Jesus Christ had to resist temptation. That is why we need the help of God. The ultimate key to lessening temptation's hold on our life is to love God with all our heart and with all our mind.

So, what is it that is tempting you today? What temptation has your life and your faith in confusion right now? Whatever it is bring it to Jesus. He is Emmanuel, God with us. He is on our side. Amen.

SCHEDULE for the WEEK of February 27th – March 3rd

Monday - February 27th				
6:00pm	The Chosen	Church		
	Tuesday - February 28	<u>th</u>		
9:45am	The Chosen	Church		
Wednesday - March 1st				
9:45am	Tai Chi	Gym Lobby		
12:30pm	Games & Gab	Hospitality		
Thursday - March 2nd				
9:30am	Rosary Group	Church		
6:00pm	Community Meal	Hall		
Friday - Maarch 3rd				
8:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4		
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross	Church		
followed by Soup in the Hall				
The church office is closed Mon - Fri				

from 12:30 - 1pm for lunch.



Beloved parishioner, **Diane Lyons**, has gone to rest in the arms of our Divine Savior.

Parishioners are invited to attend the Funeral Mass on Tuesday,

February 28th at 10:30am. The love and prayers of the entire parish are with Diane's family.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

All are invited to in-person or livestream Eucharistic Adoration following daily Mass on Friday, March 3rd. Adoration begins after Mass and continues until 10:30am.



CONFESSION

Confession is also available in the Reconciliation Room on First Fridays from 9:30 - 10:30am, in addition to every Saturday from 3 - 4 pm.

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection NEXT weekend supports our Campus Development Fund.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need through the Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need through the Annual Catholic Appeal Gifts that have already been made to the Appeal will make a difference in the lives of those who suffer physical, material and spiritual poverty. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Donate online at www.scd.org/acagive. Envelopes are also available in the church or parish office. 25% is returned to our parish for our own ministry to people in our community. Your gift matters.

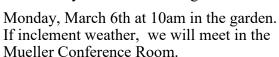
THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the recyclers, collectors, truck drivers, and sorters for February - after a 3 month hiatus there was a lot to do last week! \$700. in recyclables were

turned in. The Haiti Project will put all the money to good use feeding school children.

GIVING GARDEN—first spring meeting!

Inviting all parishioners to join us to learn about how we are raising produce for the Community meal and our neighbors.



Contact Shery at <u>sheryannmaier@comcast.net</u> for more information.



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 Hospitality. For more info, call 916-989-7400 or email kathleen@divinesavior.com.



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.

Please pray for the following seekers who will be celebrating the sacraments of initiation during the Easter season:

Amanda Brambila Annabelle Brambila

Gabriel De Paz Soto Ben Martin
Evan Powers Ava Stinson

Judy Casey Elfigo De Paz
Emilano De Paz Jalissa Gutierrez
Rae Ann Hall Dominic Lamons

Jake Lowe Cooper McCoy

Andre Reyna

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.

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* action, *BYOD* (Bring Your Own Dishes! And non-disposable utensils, cups and cloth nap-kins!) 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.



PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS			
Feb 25th	4:30pm	Sofia Carrazco	
		Dorothy Donner	
Feb 26th	8:00am	People of the Parish	
	9:30am	Mary Hamon (D)	
	11:30am	Helen Bajos	
		Alfredo Borja (D)	
	5:00pm	Sofia Carrazco	
Feb 27th	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco	
		Jeannette Devine (D)	
Feb 28th	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco	
Mar 1st	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco	
		Yolanda Yribe (D)	
Mar 2nd	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco	
		Rosalinda Fabella	
Mar 3rd	9:00am	Sofia Carrazco	
		Jose Victor Sta Ana (D)	
Mar 4th	4:30pm	Sofia Carrazco	
		Catalina Montengro	
Mar 5th	8:00am	People of the Parish	
	9:30am	Jeff Marston (D)	
	11:30am	Pat Collier (D)	
	5:00pm	Sofia Carrazco	

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

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.

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

Sheldon Anderson Jr. Jeff McAlpine Ligay Apalit Bernard McHale

Terri Ault Candie & George Maisano

Robert Beviacqua Betty Marmon Vince Meno Pat Biasotti Cathy Mikitka Nancy Bingham 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 Barbara Puchi Michael Reagan John Deatherage Reggie Faulk Gladys Reilly Dorothy Feldman Angela Ridge Jackie Feliciano Roxanne Rosales Richard Forsyth Madeline Rose Mary Frontiera Gerry Ryden Esther Garcia Donna Schulte

Sandra Harris Veronica Schwalbach

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



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.

^{*} Eric's funeral in Saturday, February 25th at 10:30am