

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

WELCOME SPRING!

The Giving Garden Plant Sale is THIS Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day, from 1 - 4pm in the Main parking lot. Monetary donations accepted.

Beginning THIS weekend, April 22nd/23rd we will journey together through the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching beginning with the principle of Caring for God's Creation.

Please Note: Recycling in May will be on the first Sunday, May 7th from 7:30am - Noon in the back parking lot.

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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CATHOLICS

RETURNING

HOME

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FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

An Open Door for Returning Catholics

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. **Please join us on Tuesday, April 25th, from 6:00 - 7:30pm** in the Small Conference room. For additional information contact **kathleen@divinesavior.com** or call 916-989-7400.

FAITH FORMATION

ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Do you have questions regarding Catholicism and what it takes to become a Catholic?

If so, join us in a warm and accepting environment as we answer your questions.

For more information or to join in a session contact Jen at jennifer@divinesavior.com or check out our website at DivineSavior.com.



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

Luke 24: 13-35 | The Disciples on the Road to Emmaus

In our Gospel reading for this Third Sunday of Easter we read that the Evangelist Luke recounts that after the crucifixion of Jesus, two disciples were heading to a town called Emmaus, 7 miles from Jerusalem. During their journey, Jesus Himself joined them on the road. But they could not recognize Him because they were sorrowful at what had happened to Him. They mourned the death of Jesus.

Luke emphasizes that point because they did not believe in the resurrection of Jesus yet. They heard that "some women ... were at the tomb early in the morning and they saw angels who announced that Jesus was alive." But they didn't believe that Jesus was risen from the tomb.

The Evangelist also wants to highlight that in their confusion and sadness they forgot the teachings and promises of Jesus. It was then that Jesus explained to them what the Scriptures spoke of Him. Then, in the moment of breaking the bread, the two disciples were able to recognize Jesus.

We, like these two disciples, are on our journey to the holy city, we would like to get to the heavenly kingdom. Yet sometimes we doubt our Divine Savior's promise, and in our confusion, we forget His teachings.

That is, Jesus has promised us eternal life and that He would be with us until the end of the age. The Risen Lord, indeed, has not abandoned us. He is with us, in His Word, in our neighbor, and in the Sacraments, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

It is true that in our journey to the heavenly kingdom, we, like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, experience disappointment and frustration; sufferings and fears come our way and they make us unable to see the risen Lord walking right next to

In today's Gospel, we read that the disciples recognize Jesus as He breaks the bread. Please allow me to explain something to you, the Sacrament of the Eucharist is divided into two main parts: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the Liturgy of the Word, the Scriptures tell us of Jesus. And in the Gospel, Jesus Himself talks to us. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we truly believe that bread and wine become the Body and Blood of our Divine Savior. Sounds familiar? It is just what we read in today's Gospel.

My brothers and sisters, our Risen Lord is present to His Church in many ways, but most especially through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Lord Jesus says to us today, "How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke."

And so, as we move to the liturgy of the Eucharist, let us remember the words of our Divine Savior who is on the road with us. So, let us place our hearts on fire so we can recognize the Risen Lord in the moment of breaking the bread. And we can invite Jesus to "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." Amen.

SCHEDULE for the WEEK of

April 24th – April 28th					
Monday - April 24th					
6:00pm	Reflections	Church			
	Tuesday - April 25tl	<u>1</u>			
6:00pm	Returning Catholics S	Sm. Conf. rm.			
Wednesday - April 26th					
9:45am	Tai Chi	Gym Lobby			
12:30pm	Games & Gab	Hospitality			
	Thursday - April 27t	<u>h</u>			
9:30am	Rosary Group	Church			
6:00pm	Community Meal	Hall			
	Friday - April 28th				
8:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4			
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The church office is closed Mon - Fri from 12:30 - 1pm for lunch.

REFLECTIONS OF THE WORD

Join us on Mondays at 6pm in the Mueller Conference 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 contact Bob Healy at bobhealvca@sbcglobal.net or the church office at info@divinesavior.com



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Are you or your child looking for an opportunity to serve our parish? Please consider helping as a liturgical minister at Mass. We are in need of altar servers, ushers and sacristans at all our Masses, and always welcome all liturgical minister volunteers. One on one formation is available to fit your schedule.

Come and see! All are welcome! Interested, contact info@divinesavior.com or call the church office 916-989-7400.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

SPRING SERIES

Beginning THIS weekend, April 22nd/23rd we will journey together through the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, focusing



on one principle per week through the bulletin, website, Facebook page, pre-Mass announcements, and Mass. Catholic Social Teaching has been a part of our Catholic moral compass, since 1891.

This week our focus will be on the principle of Caring for God's Creation. The environment is both a gift and a responsibility. For more information, click here **USCCB Catholic Social Teaching**.

Please see the display in the vestibule to learn more of how you can care for God's creation!

We are also looking to offer a new Just Faith Reflection Series beginning in May or June. The focus of this series is: Sacred Land: Food & Farming. Goals of this series include:

Celebrating our sacred connection to the land and the nourishment it provides

Learning about how food and farming practices affect marginalized communities and the climate crisis

Developing tools for supporting sustainable food and farming practices in order to build healthy communities and a healthy planet.

Please email <u>jenyearwood@divinesavior.com</u> or <u>joycean@sbclobal.net</u> if you are interested in participating.

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions."

-(211) Pope Francis's encyclical letter on ecology.

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

"NEW" Men's Caregiver Support Group. Call Senior Care Solutions for more information 916-965-5565 or email info@seniorcs.com. Click here, to register for their upcoming zoom seminar, Planning on Aging on May 10th at 1pm,.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Attend a Meet and Greet for Divine Savior's newest ministry for Single, Divorced, and Widowed Catholics. Join us at 10:30am or 6pm in the Hospitality room. The four tenets of SDW are Faith, Fellowship, Friendship, and Fun! Contact La Harris at hockeygal@myyahoo.com for more info.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

The Ministry to the Homebound is a most rewarding way to volunteer. If you are interested in more information, contact Mary at mtthmaryk@outlook.com.



DID YOU KNOW? Water = Life

The villages of the Morogoro and Masasi areas of Tanzania, in southeastern Africa, are in critical need of clean and safe drinking water. Villagers often collect water from standing ponds, which are fraught with disease-causing organisms. These ponds are the same used by local wildlife for everything imaginable. Last year, Divine Savior

helped sponsor wells in Tanzania with the support of generous parishioners Mary Jo and Mark Verke, who have regularly traveled (for 20 years) to Tanzania to follow up with the wells in villages in that area. This year, they are planning to visit again and hope to bring the promise of yet another well for fresh water! Mary Jo and Mark will gladly answer questions about this project and accept donations in the church vestibule THIS weekend April 22nd/23rd. Checks should be made out to S.W.L.D. and are tax deductible. For more information please contact Mary Jo at maryjoverke@gmail.com or 916-878-9337.



PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS				
Apr Apr	22nd 23rd	4:30pm 8:00am	Teresa & Alfonso Arellano (D) Manuel Treano (D)	
			Richard Christopher Wright (D)	
		9:30am	Frances Fritze	
			Eric Chabot (D)	
		11:30am	Stacey Simms (D)	
			Carmen Greenlea (D)	
		5:00pm	People of the Parish	
Apr	24th	9:00am	Stephen Pogozelski (D)	
Apr	25th	9:00am	David Wright Murphy	
Apr	26th	9:00am	David Wright Murphy	
Apr	27th	9:00am	Stephanie Hart (D)	
			Carol Makely (D)	
Apr	28th	9:00am	David Wright Murphy	
Apr	29th	4:30pm	Catalina Montenegro (D)	
			Dr. Rudy Ramirez, MD	
Apr	30th	8:00am		
		9:30am	Fr. Octavio Trejo-Flores, SDS	
		11:30am		
		5:00pm	People of the Parish	

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or				
recovery, or in need of spiritual healing.				
Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Georgia Leonard			

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Ligay Apalit	Rachael Lopez
Laurel Lea Beeler	Jeff McAlpine
Robert Beviacqua	Bernard McHale
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Pat Biasotti Candie & George Maisano

Nancy Bingham
Julie Bouse
Eduardo Bravo
Gigi Ann Cairel
Patrick Carter

Betty Marmon
Vince Meno
Joyce Mueller
Jeff O'Connor
Karen Paddock

Maura Clark Gerrie & Paul Parker

Jeff Coward Linda Parker Debbie Polsky Elizabeth Davis Noreen Davis Barbara Puchi Michael Reagan John Deatherage Reggie Faulk Gladys Reilly Dorothy Feldman Bev Ridge Mary Frontiera Roxanne Rosales **Pedro Gomes** Madeline Rose William Hadwen Gerry Ryden Joe Hellen Donna Schulte

John Herzog Veronica Schwalbach

Bridgette Hubbard Tom Sekel
Christopher Johnston Shari Sigl
Tim Johnston Pete Torres, Jr.
Christing Korapanovy Marilyn Ulbrid

Christina Korepanow
Summer Lemmon

Pete Toffes, Jr.

Marilyn Ulbricht
Dorothy Wilhite

Please pray for all the souls of those who have died
Rodolfo "Rudy" Ramirez Camille Pangle
For those and all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.



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.



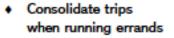
SOCIAL JUSTICE SPRING SERIES

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING PRINCIPLE: CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION WE HOLD THE HEALTH OF OUR EARTH IN OUR HANDS!

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions. -(211) Pope Francis's encyclical letter on ecology.

Divine Savior Friends....Please consider these earth friendly actions that we can take as individuals:

Around Town:





- If you can, plan your errands when there is less traffic to save car idling
- Remember to bring your own grocery and produce bags when shopping

More Around the House:



- Turn off lights and the TV when leaving a room (Lighting accounts for around 15% of an average home's electricity use)
- Change to LED light bulbs (they use 75% less energy)
- Unplug electronic devices, including televisions, microwaves, scanners, and printers, when you go on vacation. These devices use standby power to save warm-up time. (About a quarter of all residential energy consumption is used on devices in idle power mode, according to a study of Northern California by the Natural Resources Defense Council). Use power strips for these devices to simplify plugging and unplugging.
- Give away useable household items/clothing instead of throwing them away
- Purchase used household items and furniture

Around the House:





- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth
 - Remember, most dishwashers don't require extensive pre-washing
- Eat more vegetables (growing plants takes less water than producing meat)
- If you use the bathroom during the night consider the old phrase "If it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown, flush it down!"
- While waiting for water to get hot from the faucet/ shower, keep a bucket or pitcher nearby to capture the water and use it for other things
- Consider installing a recirculating pump on your water heater to save water waiting for it to get hot.
- Wash clothes in cold water and don't wash them unless it's truly needed
- Use biodegradable soap and cleaning supplies
- Wool balls in the dryer cuts down on drying time

"If the simple fact of being moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty toward nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith" (#64)

-Encyclical by Pope Francis "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home."



In Our Yards:

- Consider removing lawns and planting drought tolerant plants that attract pollinators
- Plant native plants and more trees for shade and to clean the air
- Use drip irrigation and mulch to hold moisture
- Compost or consider a worm bin for creating natural fertilizer
- Limit use of pesticides. Bugs have important jobs to do in nature!
- Leave an area of leaf litter in your garden where bugs/pollinators can over-winter (you can clean it up in late Spring or leave it as mulch)
- Plant food producing plants in your yard for you, your neighbors and God's creatures
- Capture roof run-off for non-edible plant watering

"The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations."

- From Fraul II

Animal Life:

- Use live traps to relocate undesirable creatures
- Remember: Poisons that kill creatures can have a secondary effect when another creature eats the dead one
- Install "bat houses" to control mosquitoes
- In the hottest months put out fresh water for creatures and insects
- Remember antifreeze dripping from a car can kill creatures
- Protect/support precious animal habitat



Overall:

Support renewable energy sources
Support local farmers and sustainable food systems
Support products with less packaging
Recycle, Reduce and Reuse at every opportunity!

To learn more visit: https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm