



DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

All are invited to join the December Light Night, tonight December 1st from 6:30-7:30pm in the Church. This special evening of prayer, reflection and adoration will focus on the theme of Peace.

Effective this weekend the Spanish Mass Time moves from 5pm to 2pm on Sunday.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated at three Masses: 6:30pm Vigil on Thursday, Dec. 7th, 9:00am and 6:30pm on Friday Dec. 8th.

Due to the overwhelming number of applicants for our Christmas Basket program this season, we are still in need of 15 sponsor families! You may want to consider partnering with another family to sponsor a basket together! Information is in the vestibule and on our website!

See's Candies® orders pick up is next weekend, December 9th & 10th after all Masses in the Mueller Conference room by the flagpole.

Please consider joining us to see **“Journey to Bethlehem”** in Early December. If you are interested, please contact jenyearwood@divinesavior.com. [Click here](#) for the trailer.

For those unable to attend Mass in person, we continue to livestream our 9am Daily Mass and the 4:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evening, with drive-Thru Communion after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the back parking lot.

Prayers for a blessed weekend,

Fr. Octavio, Fr. Patric and Parish Staff



DIVINE SAVIOR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.*

Schedule of Masses:

Saturday Evening	4:30pm
Sunday	8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Sunday Afternoon	2:00pm (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 through parish office.

Anointing of the Sick: Please Call (916)
989-7400 (any time)

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SILVER BELLS

We are looking for individuals or families who would like to adopt a special senior member of our community this holiday season. The holidays can be a very lonely time for some of our parishioners....Please consider adopting one of our "Silver Bells" and blessing them this Christmas with a little extra joy, love, and holiday spirit. Visit the special giving tree in the vestibule to learn more! **Here are 4 ways to get involved:**

- ♦ Take a bell from the tree and adopt a Divine Savior senior.
- ♦ Purchase and donate bulk items for the goodie baskets: individually wrapped bakery/pastry items, individually wrapped: cookies, candy, chips, snacks, individual tissue packs, chapstick, hand lotion, small water bottles.
- ♦ Help assemble our goody baskets/bags.
- ♦ Serve as one of our elves helping to deliver to our senior friends Dec. 19-21st.
- ♦ Contact jenyearwood@divinesavior.com if you have questions!



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

Mark 13: 33-37 | Need for Watchfulness

Today we are celebrating the First Sunday of Advent. Advent marks the beginning of a new season and a new year in the Church. This season is at its maximum length this year, with 28 Advent days before the celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

During the first part of the season, the liturgy of the Word focuses on the end of time when our Divine Savior returns in glory. Then, for the fourth week of Advent, the readings prepare us to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ—Christmas.

In our Gospel reading for this First Sunday of Advent we read that Jesus addresses His disciples and tells them about His second coming by telling them a parable, which is called The Waiting Servants. In the story, He compares the end of times to a lord traveling abroad and putting his servants in charge of his household. It should be noted that before this man leaves on his journey, he orders them to remain alert, and perform all their usual tasks until his return, but he does not tell them when he is coming back.

Jesus uses today's parable to encourage and urge us to be awake and ready for His imminent but unexpected return. In fact, our First Sunday of Advent Collect prayer opens with a call to run forth to meet the Lord. Yet He is not the infant in a manger, "Grant your faithful...almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at His coming." The Lord to whom we run is the One who is to come again, in whom is the fulfillment of all things.

Finally, in our second reading, Saint Paul talks about how God takes care of us until Jesus Christ returns. But in the meantime, what can we do to get ready and be alert for Jesus Christ's return? As modern followers of Jesus, we are called to be attentive to the signs of the times and to strive to carry out the Lord's commands. Although this wait is not a fearful wait that might anticipate a punishment, we are being challenged to wake up, watch out and stay alert for any sign of the presence of Jesus among us today. Amen.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: Please note, effective **THIS Sunday, December 3rd the Spanish Mass will be at 2pm. We will no longer offer a Mass at 5pm.**

SCHEDULE for the WEEK of December 4th – 8th

Monday - December 4th

6:00pm Reflections Mueller Conf. rm

Wednesday - December 6th

9:45am Tai Chi Chih Gym Lobby

12:30pm Games & Gab Hospitality

Thursday - December 7th

6:00pm Community Meal Halls

6:30pm Holy Day Vigil Mass Church

Friday - December 8th

8:00am Men's Prayer Group M 4

9:00am Holy Day Mass Church

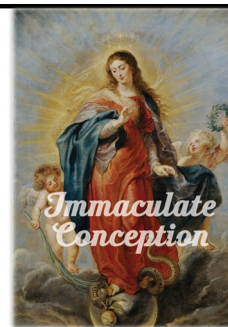
10:00am Adoration & Benediction Church

6:30pm Holy Day Mass Church

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

The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
a Holy Day of Obligation,
will be celebrated at Masses on
Thurs, December 7th at 6:30pm
and

Friday Dec. 8th at 9am and 6:30pm



You DONUT want to miss this!



Please stop by the Hospitality room
following the 8am and 9:30am Masses
for a donut and a cup of coffee hosted by
members of the Community Meal
Ministry!

SCAM ALERT...

If you receive a text or an email from what appears to be Fr. Octavio or Fr. Patric requesting funds, gift cards, or a request for help with some generic problem, please note-this is a SCAM. Do not open, respond or engage!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Our second collection **THIS weekend, December 2nd & 3rd** supports our Campus Development Fund. These funds help cover the cost of facility repairs, maintenance and replacement.

Second Collection

ADVENT IS HERE.

THIS weekend, we enter the season of Advent. To help us reflect during this holy season, we will be offering Advent Reflection Booklets and a calendar of Advent opportunities. We are asking for a donation of \$1.00 per booklet to help offset the cost.

You will also find prayer strips available to write your Advent Prayer Intentions on. . . and then place them in the manger on the table in the vestibule.



SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Please share the gift of warmth with those in need this winter! **SVdP is collecting gently used, warm coats in all sizes through this weekend December 2nd/3rd.** Coats may be placed in the marked bin in the vestibule.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

For your overwhelming support of the See's Candies® and the Tamales fundraisers. **See's Candies will be available for pick up after all the Masses next weekend, December 9th/10th in the Mueller Conference room by the flagpole.** Questions, please contact Katie at the parish office 916-989-7400 or katie@divinesavior.com.

TIS' THE SEASON!

Christmas Basket 2023 is still in need of sponsors for 15 families.



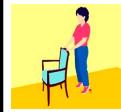
Check out the table in the vestibule after the Masses this weekend to find out how you can support this important annual project as a sponsor, co-sponsor or volunteer! Information may also be found by going to: <https://divinesavior.com/cbm2023>.



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

Wednesdays from 12:30-2:30pm in Hospitality. For more info, call 916-989-7400 or email kathleen@divinesavior.com



RECYCLE SUNDAY

When: NEXT Sunday, Dec. 10th
7:30am - Noon

Where: In the back parking lot
(Look for the red truck & orange cones)

What: CA CRV aluminum cans, water bottles and beverage containers. Glass containers not Accepted.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023 REPORT OF GRATITUDE

As we reflect with gratitude for the many blessings God has given us, Catholics throughout the Diocese are invited to visit scd.org to view the 2023 *Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude."* Our parish receives 25% of any gift made by parishioners here. If you have not yet participated, prayerfully consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. Envelopes are available in the church.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION EVENT

All are welcome to attend our December Family Faith Event following the 11:30am Mass on December 10th.

We are asked to bring a rose to this Mass as Fr. Octavio will bless a portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the conclusion of Mass, followed by a procession to the halls for pozole soup provided by Our Lady of Guadalupe Society. After lunch we will return to the church for a presentation on Posadas. Our event will conclude with a reenactment (in Spanish) of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego.





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Encountering Jesus in Communion

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL VOL. 2-DEC. 2023

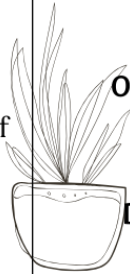
In October, our parish priests and staff, invited all of us to journey through this year of Eucharistic revival. At that time, we shared with our parish the theme: Encountering Jesus through Communion.

“What the world needs is God’s love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in him. The Eucharist is thus the source and summit not only of the Church’s life, but also of her mission.”

(Sacramentum Caritatis, #84) As we continue our journey each of us is invited to be a part of renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist and through communion and community with one another. We are blessed in this Divine Savior community to be able to experience Eucharistic encounters through a variety of liturgies, gatherings, activities, events, projects, celebrations, and more! As we are fed and sustained at the table of the Lord, we are then called to be sent out as bread for the world. We hope each of us will consider this time of Eucharistic Revival as an invitation to enliven and rejuvenate our faith, strengthen, our connection to our parish community, and grow in our relationship with Jesus.

Blessings on this journey- Jen Yearwood

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.



Encounter Jesus in Prayer & Worship...

Eucharistic Adoration Friday Mornings after morning Mass.
(Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th only)

Light Nights-First Friday evenings 6:30-7:30pm
Dec. 1st

Offer prayer intentions during Advent on a prayer strip provided in the Marian Niche (Dec. 2nd-23rd)

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 7th 6:30pm & Dec. 8th 9am, 6:30pm (Bilingual)

Bilingual Mass- Dec. 10th at 11:30am
Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe & Blessing of Image

Parish Reconciliation Service- Dec. 18 6:30pm

Encounter Jesus through Service...

Sponsor a Christmas Basket -sponsors & donations still needed
Volunteer for Christmas Basket Distribution -Dec. 15/16

Adopt a “Silver Bell” Dec. 2 & 3
Be a delivery elf Dec. 18-20

Sign up to Volunteer for Winter Sanctuary Dec. 9 & 10

Volunteer to help at Community Meal- Thursday evenings
Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28

Encounter Jesus through Formation...

Pray & Reflect with the Advent Booklet each day

Faith Event: Presentation on “Las Posadas”
with Fr. Octavio
Dec. 10 @ 1pm-All are welcome!



Encounter Jesus in Community...

Donut Sunday- Dec. 3 after 8am & 9:30am Masses

See’s Candy Pick Up- Dec. 9 & 10

Tamales Pick Up- Dec. 16 & 17

Thank you for supporting these parish fundraisers!
Enjoy seasonal gatherings with family, friends & parish!

The Eucharist... sharing a meal



The Bible is full of stories about meals:

- ▶ celebratory meals, such as the wedding at Cana (Jn. 2)
- ▶ meals of hospitality and friendship (Lk. 10:38-42)
- ▶ miraculous meals feeding thousands (Mk. 6:34-44),
- ▶ simple meals after a long night of work (Jn. 21)
- ▶ meals when humans unknowingly entertained angels (Gen 18)
- ▶ meals when sinners were forgiven and their lives were forever changed (Lk. 19:1-10)
- ▶ meals when God “passed over” households and saved people from death (Ex 12)

Jesus was known for his frequent banqueting— with rich and poor, with educated and powerful Jewish leaders, and with illiterate sinners alike. It was in the context of meals that he formed deep friendships, saw into the hearts and minds of those he was dining with, and offered his compassion, healing, and forgiveness (Lk. 7:36-50). In fact, Jesus spent so much time eating and drinking with friends and outcasts, that he was once accused of being “a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Lk. 7:34)!

It seems natural, then, that Jesus would use the occasion of his last meal with his friends before he died (the Last Supper) to leave a supreme gift. During the meal, Jesus took bread, broke it, and passed it to his disciples saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Since then, Christians have shared a meal together while remembering what he taught, how he lived his life, and how he was killed because the world would not accept his truth.

A Meal and a Sacrifice

In the early church, those gathered shared a full meal together while sharing stories and the teachings of Jesus. Gradually, the meal became the sacrament we know of as the Eucharist (“thanksgiving”), celebrated in the context of Mass. The Eucharist is one way in which Jesus continues to come to us now and enters into our physical bodies. The Eucharist, also called “Communion” is spiritual food for our journey, a journey that no doubt includes a lot of ups and downs over the course of our lives. It is a way in which Jesus still nourishes us and draws close to us. The saying “you are what you eat” is especially relevant here. We consume the Eucharist to become more like Christ.

Besides being a meal, the Eucharist is a memorial of Jesus’ sacrifice. Jesus didn’t die on the cross to appease an angry God. He died because he spoke truth to power and refused to be silent about the social and economic injustices of his day. In celebrating the Eucharist, we are remembering and “representing” his choice to die out of self-giving love for humanity. Jesus gave his life as a free gift for our salvation.

However, the Mass is not just a commemoration of an event that occurred in the past. In a mystical and very real way, every time we celebrate Mass, Jesus’ “sacrifice is made present ever anew”

(Saint John Paul II).



This weekend we enter the season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparing. We hear the call, “Be ready...pay attention!” As we journey through this often hurried season, may we pause frequently to recognize the beauty and blessings around us. In doing so, we can find ourselves better prepared to welcome Jesus, the greatest gift, into our lives and hearts.

PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 2nd	4:30pm	Dorothy Donner
Dec. 3rd	8:00am	Ruth A Chavez (D)
		Ernest P. Chavez (D)
	9:30am	Melva Herrmann (D)
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	2:00pm	People of the Parish
Dec. 4th	9:00am	Mercedes C. Castro Aldan (D)
		Sarah Wright-Murphy
Dec. 5th	9:00am	Dorothy Wilhite (D)
		Luke Wright Murphy
Dec. 6th	9:00am	Rick Biamonte
Dec. 7th	9:00am	Ria Chug
	6:30pm	Gregoria & Benito Hernandez (D)
Dec. 8th	9:00am	Tiffany Reyes (D)
		Leo Rubia, Sr. (D)
	6:30pm	James Turner
Dec. 9th	4:30pm	Joseph, Norman & Robert Soares (D)
Dec. 10th	8:00am	
	9:30am	
	11:30am	
	2:00pm	

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

Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Summer Lemmon
Rosana Anthony	Georgia Leonard
Ligay Apalit	Jeff McAlpine
Emily Arno	Mary McCormick
Mark Bartlett	Candie & George Maisano
Ed Begley	Betty Marmon
Robert Beviacqua	Vince Meno
Dexter Bezayiff	Jeff O'Connor
Darlene Burger	Bob & Winifred Neill
Julie Bouse	Gerrie & Paul Parker
Eduardo Bravo	Linda Parker
Maryanne Burriesce	Gladys Reilly
Stephanie Capodanno	Jamie Reynolds
Patrick Carter	Roxanne Rosales
Anai Cruz	Gerry Ryden
Larry Culler	Donna Schulte
Anja Dangelmaier	Veronica Schwalbach
Elizabeth Davis	Tom Sekel
Noreen Davis	Shari Sigl
Dorothy Feldman	Sue Poppen
Mary Frontiera	Liz Springer
Max Haban	Fran Stricker
Bill Hadwen	Pete Torres, Jr.
Sandra Harris	Carole Travis
Bryan Haupt	Marilyn Ulbricht
Joe Hellen	Denise Verbeck
John Herzog	Karen Vincent
Eva Kelley	
Dee Larson	

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

Alice Amantea Clinton Kepko Jerry Ridge

*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, Tyler Ayala, 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, Kyle Evanski, Tom Feyoe, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Kyle Garcia, Tyler Gedstad, Michael Haug, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, William Krintz, Tyler Krintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayne Landry, Charles Lopez, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Bennet McGrane, Garrett McMann, Aaron McMurray, Joseph 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, Alexander Wrinkle. If your loved one is out of the military, call Mary at 916-802-9404 to have them removed.