



DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

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

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

All are welcome to attend our December Family Faith Event following the 11:30am Mass THIS SUNDAY, which will include: blessing of the portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed by a procession to the halls for pozole soup, a presentation on Posadas and conclude with a reenactment of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego.

Tamales Pick up will be NEXT weekend, December 16th & 17th at the roll-up door on the backside of the gym.

Please consider joining us to see “ **CHRISTMAS with the CHOSEN: Holy Night**” on the afternoon of December 17th. If you are interested, please contact jenyearwood@divinesavior.com. [Click here](#) for the trailer.

There are still Advent Reflection booklets available in the vestibule. These are a great tool for daily reflection and prayer along our Advent Journey. We are asking a \$1.00 donation per booklet to help offset costs. Please stop by and pick one up this weekend!

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

THANK YOU to all who have adopted one of our Divine Savior Silver Bells! Reminder– all gifts need to be in to the parish office (or dropped in the marked box in the vestibule by December 14th!

We are also seeking support for this project in a few other ways:

- ♦ Purchase and drop off by December 11th bulk items for the goodie baskets: individually wrapped bakery/pastry items, individually wrapped: cookies, candy, chips, snacks, individual tissue packs, chapstick, hand lotion, fuzzy socks (men/women)
- ♦ Serve as one of our elves helping to deliver to our senior friends December 18-20th. Sign up in the vestibule this weekend!
- ♦ Help assembling our goody baskets/bags. (date tbd)
- ♦ Contact jenyearwood@divinesavior.com if you have questions would like to help!

December 10, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mark 1:1-8 | The Preaching of John the Baptist

Our Gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Advent is the beginning of Mark's Gospel, but instead of opening his Gospel with the story of Christmas, Mark announces "the beginning of the Gospel [Good News] of Jesus Christ the Son of God."

In contrast, last Sunday's Gospel, Mark warned us to be prepared and attentive to the coming of the Lord. Yet, this Sunday, he introduces us to the adult Jesus at the very beginning of His public life.

Note that the Evangelist Mark immediately tells us who Jesus actually is: He is the Christ (the anointed one) of God. He also reveals to us Jesus' divine nature, He is the "Son of God."

Then, the Evangelist Mark introduces John the Baptist. He describes him as clothed in camel's hair and eating grasshoppers. John's life had no distractions from his goal. His life was very simple. He was also connected to Jesus from even before he was born. With very few words Mark manages to introduce John the Baptist as a prophet who was the messenger who prepared the way for Jesus. And as we read in today's Gospel, John's message focuses on "repentance for the forgiveness of sins."

By quoting the prophet Malachi, Mark calls us to "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." We know that straightening the paths of the Lord is not comfortable or easy, it is actually hard. And the path we are straightening is not for us to travel, but for God to use to come meet us. The Lord is already seeking us out, we just need to be ready for His arrival.

And so, our liturgy of the Word for this Second Sunday of Advent encourages us to prepare a space for the Lord in our lives during this time of Advent, which leads us to celebrate the birth of our Divine Savior. Amen.

**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.

**SCHEDULE for the WEEK of
December 11th – 15th**

Monday - December 11th

6:00pm Reflections Mueller Conf. rm

Wednesday - December 13th

9:45am Tai Chi Chih Gym Lobby

12:30pm Games & Gab Hospitality

Thursday - December 14th

6:00pm Community Meal Halls

Friday - December 15th

8:00am Men's Prayer Group M 4

10:00am Adoration & Benediction Church

Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 18th 6:30pm

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 24th

4:30pm Vigil Mass

8:00am & 9:30am Mass*

Christmas 2023

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Mass of Christmas

6:30pm for Families and Children of all ages

10:00pm Mass of Christmas with
Carols beginning at 9:30pm

Christmas Day

10:00am Mass of Christmas

*Drive thru Communion in the back parking lot
after the 9:30am Mass.



SCHEDULE CHANGE: Please note, the Spanish Mass is now at 2pm on Sundays. We will no longer offer a Mass at 5pm on Sundays.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated coats to the SVDP Winter Coat Drive! Your gift of warmth will be much appreciated!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious NEXT weekend. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

Second Collection

Thank You

Thank you so much to all who ordered See's Candy! Your participation in this fundraiser yielded \$2028 for our parish!

Orders may be picked up this weekend following the Masses in the Mueller Conference Room (entrance is between the gym lobby doors and the office doors, close to the flagpole).

RECYCLE SUNDAY

When: THIS 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.



ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN!

The Christmas Eve Children's Mass is at 6:30pm on December 24th and we would love to have your help as we bring the Gospel to life! **Please consider joining us as an actor, singer, or reader.** For more info, contact Jen Shaver at jennifer@divinesavior.com or call the office.



THINKING of BECOMING CATHOLIC

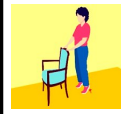
Do you have questions regarding Catholicism and what it takes to become a Catholic? If so, join us in a warm and accepting environment as we answer your questions. For more information or to join in a session contact Jen at jennifer@divinesavior.com.



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 idadene@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



FAIR TRADE COFFEE and CHOCOLATE

NEXT weekend, Dec. 16th/17th, Fair Trade coffee and chocolate will be available for sale in the vestibule after Mass.



Questions, please contact Lisa & Bill Smith at lsmft1023@gmail.com

DIVINE SAVIOR GOES TO THE MOVIES

We are planning an outing to go see the movie "Christmas with the Chosen: Holy Night" on the afternoon of 12/17 at a local theater, with a movie start time somewhere between 1:15-3:45pm. If you would like to join, please email jenyearwood@divinesavior.com by December 10th with your headcount.



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

An Open Door for Returning Catholics

Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?

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 for six informal sessions beginning in January.

The sessions will include

sharing, and updates on the Church today. For additional info, contact Kathleen at 916-989-7400 or email kathleen@divinesavior.com



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER SANCTUARY

This weekend our community will hear about Winter Sanctuary, a homeless shelter and hot meal ministry that Divine Savior will host here January 14-21, 2024. And we need YOUR HANDS and HEARTS to share the gifts of compassion & service!

We will focus our volunteer recruitment effort in the vestibule for this important endeavor THIS WEEK-END! You can also sign up via this link <https://signup.com/group/1152531090056>. Questions, please contact jenyearwood@divinesavior.com.



PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 9th	4:30pm	Joseph, Norman & Robert Soares (D)
Dec. 10th	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Priscilla Pichardo (D)
	11:30am	John Herzog
		Karen Vincent
	2:00pm	People of the Parish
Dec. 11th	9:00am	Lisa Smith
		Sarah Wright-Murphy
Dec. 12th	9:00am	Luke Wright-Murphy
Dec. 13th	9:00am	Elizabeth Huss (D)
		Thomas Phuc Ho Nguyen (D)
Dec. 14th	9:00am	
Dec. 15th	9:00am	Rosa Hernandez (D)
Dec. 16th	4:30pm	Roberta Costa (D)
Dec. 17th	8:00am	
	9:30am	Thomas Phuc Ho Nguyen (D)
	11:30am	
	2:00pm	

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

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

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

Jerry Ridge

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

