



# **DIVINE SAVIOR**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

The Advent Reconciliation Service is **THIS** Monday, December 18th at 6:30pm.

**Special Collection this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection benefits the senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests.**

**Tamales pick-up is THIS weekend, December 16th & 17th at the roll-up door on the backside of the gym.**

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

**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



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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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**St. Vincent de Paul**....916-743-0196

## 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



## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday, December 18th

6:30pm

### 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT, DEC. 24th

4:30pm Vigil Mass (Dec. 23rd)

8:00am & 9:30am Mass\*

\*No 11:30am or 2:00pm Mass on Sunday.



December 17, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

John 1: 6-8, 19-28 | *Gaudete* Sunday

This Third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete* Sunday—the Sunday of Joy. And you may be wondering why. In a few more days, we will be celebrating Jesus' birth. And so, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near!" (Cf. Phil. 4:4-5).

On this Sunday, the theme of *Gaudete*, the sound of rejoicing, still flows forth. And today's Gospel clearly tells us that it is time to rejoice, our period of preparation and waiting is approaching its end. The Lord is near! The promise of God certainly reached its peak in the promise of the Christ, the Messiah. God always provides the means to find the light.

The scene was set for the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. Like the great prophets of earlier generations, John was sent to bring the light of God to a people in darkness. And the darkness of the people of Israel in John's time was the oppression of the Roman empire.

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally a time to rejoice for the long journey, our patient waiting is coming to an end. A new day will soon begin. Indeed, St. Paul echoes this powerful theme: "Rejoice always."

We must rejoice as St. Paul advises because the Lord is near! There is a light at the end of the tunnel. And all of us must pass through the darkness in the journey of life to reach the light. As we experience our challenges, we must constantly seek the light, but we know that the light is only found at the end of a tunnel. We must never fear to go forward, and we have to embrace the challenges that come our way. We learn the most and greatest lessons in life from engaging in problematic situations. It is true that sometimes we will fail, but other times we will be successful. But each time, we will learn some important lessons of life. For example, our Lord Jesus embraced His cross without regard to its humiliation. Surely, there is no need for us to look for obstacles and problems because they will certainly come our way. But we should not run away when they find us.

In order to successfully go across this darkness, we have to continually seek the light. Advent is a time when we take a journey from the darkness, which is the absence of God to the birth of the light, which is Jesus. Today's Gospel tells us it is time to rejoice for the light, the Lord is near!

And so, we can have total confidence that whatever covers us in darkness, whether it be loneliness, sickness, losing a job, or problems with faith, it can be dissipated by the coming of the light—our Lord Jesus Christ. As we continue our Advent journey, let us get rid of darkness and seek the light. My friends, it is time to rejoice. The Lord is near! Amen.

**SCHEDULE for the WEEK of  
December 18th – 22nd**

**Monday - December 18th**

6:00pm Reflections Mueller Conf. rm

6:30pm Advent Reconciliation Service Church

**Tuesday - December 19th**

9:40am Centering Prayer St. Cecilia rm.

**Wednesday - December 20th**

9:45am Tai Chi Chih Gym Lobby

12:30pm Games & Gab Hospitality

**Thursday - December 21st**

6:00pm Community Meal Halls

**Friday - December 22nd**

8:00am Men's Prayer Group M 4

10:00am Adoration & Benediction Church

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

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE and  
CHOCOLATE**

**THIS 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](mailto:lsmft1023@gmail.com)



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thank you to those who generously donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society special collection on Thanksgiving! Your assistance is especially needed and appreciated during the Holiday Season.



**Parish FUNDRAISER**

We are planning for our big parish fundraiser, a Pasta Feed with Silent Auction and Raffle, for March 16, 2024. Please consider joining our planning team—please email [jenyearwood@divinesavior.com](mailto:jenyearwood@divinesavior.com)! Thank you to all who have already joined the team!

## 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 THIS 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 so much to all who ordered Tamales!

Your participation in this fundraiser yielded \$4,140. for our parish! **Orders may be picked up this weekend following all the Masses at the roll-up door behind the gym.**



A very special THANK YOU to our own Violeta, who put together a team including our Our Lady of Guadalupe Society members and friends who made over 1,772 tamales. Also, thanks to Marcus Arnold and the OV Food Bank for their help with procurement.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

### CENTERING PRAYER

The Divine Savior Centering Prayer group is meeting on **Tuesday, December 19th after morning Mass in the St. Cecilia room.** If you have questions or would like to participate in this form of prayer, contact Joyce at [joycean@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joycean@sbcglobal.net) or 916-990-0546.



### KNIGHTS CORNER

If you would like to join or have any questions, please contact Bill Manos, [wjmanos@gmail.com](mailto:wjmanos@gmail.com)



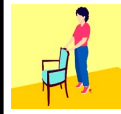
### WINTER SANCTUARY 2024

What a wonderful and overwhelming amount of volunteer signups we had last weekend for this important outreach effort that our parish will host Jan. 14-21st. If you missed being able to sign up or spots were filled, don't worry—there is still a way to support Winter Sanctuary. The first 2 weeks of January, we will be asking for donations of sweat pants and sweat shirts (men/women), mini pillows, warm socks, hats, gloves, handwarmers, snacks and more! Thank you for accepting the invitation to encounter Jesus through this project!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kathleen@divinesavior.com)



### 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](mailto:jennifer@divinesavior.com).



### CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

#### An Open Door for Returning Catholics

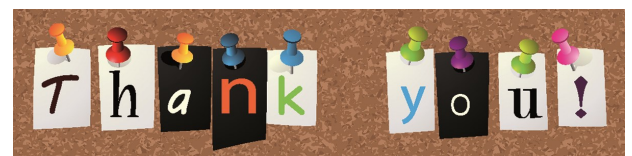
Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?

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](mailto:kathleen@divinesavior.com)





## PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

### MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 16th 4:30pm Roberta Costa (D)  
 Dec. 17th 8:00am Enriqueta Castillo Buan (D)  
             9:30am Thomas Phuc Ho Nguyen (D)  
             11:30am Gordon Boe (D)  
             2:00pm People of the Parish  
 Dec. 18th 9:00am Sarah Wright-Murphy  
 Dec. 19th 9:00am Luke Wright-Murphy  
 Dec. 20th 9:00am Sarah Wright-Murphy  
             Lisa Richards  
 Dec. 21st 9:00am Alexander G. Belonia (D)  
             Fortunato Pichardo (D)  
 Dec. 22nd 9:00am Lujie Wright-Murphy  
 Dec. 23rd 4:30pm James E. Donahue, Sr. (D)  
             Catalina Montenegro (D)  
 Dec. 24th 8:00am Lorna Christensen (D)  
             Martin Jennings (D)  
             9:30am Delfin Pelagio  
             4:00pm Spencer Evanski (D)  
             Henry Gomes (D)  
             Robert Mueller (D)  
             6:30pm Bob & Pat Collier (D)  
             Kathleen Koregelos & Family  
             10:00pm Dominic Cairel (D)  
             Thomas Cairel (D)

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

Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Jackie Labate
Rosana Anthony	Dee Larson
Ligay Apalit	Summer Lemmon
Emily Arno	Georgia Leonard
Mark Bartlett	Jeff McAlpine
Ed Begley	Mary McCormick
Robert Beviacqua	Linda McKay
Dexter Bezayiff	Candie & George Maisano
Darlene Burger	Betty Marmon
John Busby	Vince Meno
Julie Bouse	Glen Mueller
Eduardo Bravo	Jeff O'Connor
Maryanne Burriesce	Bob & Winifred Neill
Loida Cabana	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
Tisha Donahue	Tom Sekel
Dorothy Feldman	Shari Sigl
Mary Frontiera	Sue Poppen
Max Haban	Liz Springer
Bill Hadwen	Fran Stricker
Sandra Harris	Pete Torres, Jr.
Bryan Haupt	Carole Travis
Joe Hellen	Marilyn Ulbricht
John Herzog	Denise Verbeck
Eva Kelley	Karen Vincent



***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, 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.