



DIVINE SAVIOR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

Christmas Blessings to all!

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Sunday Dec. 24th

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, Monday Dec. 25th

10:00am Mass of Christmas

The Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent are Saturday, December 23rd at 4:30pm and Sunday, December 24th at 8am and 9:30am. We will not have an 11:30am or 2pm Mass this Sunday.

The church office will be closed this Friday, Dec. 22nd and Monday, Dec. 25th. Also, Friday, Dec. 29th and Monday, January 1st.

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 &
every Friday 9:30-10:30am or by
appointment through the parish office.

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

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CHRISTMAS 2023

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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.



O Come, Let Us Adore Him



December 24, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Christmas Day

Lk 2:15-20 | The Visit of the Shepherds

If you had good news, whom would you tell first? When something wonderful happens to me, the first people I want to tell are those closest to me, those most important in my life. When God had the best news of the ages, whom did He tell first? Important religious people? Wealthy or powerful folk? Actually, no. God told shepherds. But why didn't God choose the religious leaders? Surely, they would have been excited after waiting for thousands of years to meet the Christ of God. So, why shepherds?

First-century Palestine, shepherds were not quite renowned for their social graces. Shepherds were not seen as honest people. And on top of that, they were not good at observing religious traditions and rules. Yet God issued His invitation to them! So, why shepherds?

God does not limit His love. God was announcing through these angels sent to humble shepherds that Jesus was not going to be the Savior of only the political and social and religious elite. He was to be the Savior of ALL people. He does not give preference to any group or class. He does not discriminate on the basis of intelligence or education or wealth or profession or political power or social standing or good looks, or any of the other qualities that human beings judge by. No, God's love is offered indiscriminately to anyone who will repent and believe, anyone who will humble themselves and trust in Jesus and accept Him as his/her Divine Savior.

God in His infinite love and wisdom chose just the right group of people to entrust the greatest news of eternity. Those humble people took the Good News of Jesus and did just what God wanted them to do – told others, “they made known the message that had been told them about this child.” And their lives were never the same. The shepherds, a group not always known for their spiritual guidance, returned to their flocks offering praise and glory for the hope that has been shown them.

And so, today that we celebrate Christmas, let us rejoice with the shepherds in the Good News of our Divine Savior's birth. Let us join the choir of angels who praise God saying, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.” Amen.



**SCHEDULE for the WEEK of
December 25th – 29th**

Monday - December 25th

All Day Office closed, Christmas Day
10:00am Christmas Day Mass Church

Wednesday - December 27th

9:45am Tai Chi Chih Gym Lobby

Thursday - December 28th

6:00pm Community Meal Halls

Friday - December 29th

All Day Office Closed, New Years Holiday
8:00am Men's Prayer Group M 4
9:00am Daily Mass Church
10:00am Adoration & Benediction Church

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

***Christmas Blessings and
Happy New Year!***

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Friday, December 22nd and
Monday, December 25th.
Also, Friday, December 29th
and Monday, January 1st.



PRIEST AWAY FROM THE PARISH

Fr. Patric will be away from the parish on vacation
beginning Dec. 29th and returning on January 12th.

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!

Thank you to all who have already joined the team!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST....

CHRISTMAS BASKET MINISTRY 2023 experienced a tremendous outpouring of generosity from our DS parishioners making it possible for 107 baskets to be distributed! A total of 464 lives (254 children and 207 adults) were touched by your generosity and commitment to putting the gospel message into action. Families received new items of clothing, household items such as blankets, gifts of toys, crafts, & books, food for a Christmas meal, and additional food supplies and other consumables. Each basket was unique to the receiving family based on the needs they shared with us. In partnership with our Sponsor Families, our Knights of Columbus, the OV Food Bank and all the volunteers who shopped, unloaded cars, checked baskets, loaded baskets into cars, clean-up & all the myriad tasks, this year was another fantastic expression of DS's faith-in-action! Many thanks and grateful appreciation to all who participated!



THANK YOU for the ways in which our parish community has been a blessing of support and generosity as we gifted 41 Seniors for our Silver Bells Project with the gifts of light, love and holiday cheer!

Thank you to all our volunteers, project coordinators, calling team, donors, adopters and elves whose hearts and hands made all of this possible! Blessings for a Merry Christmas & beautiful New Year!



DIVINE SAVIOR....the SPIRIT of GIVING!

We are so blessed by and through the generosity of our parish community for the ways that have made a difference in the lives of those in need...

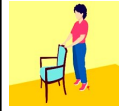
- ◇ 3,384 Meals prepared and served through our Community Meal Ministry as of December 7th.
- ◇ Several sets of towels and toiletries for the mothers of Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home collected by our Knights of Columbus at their Christmas party, along with dozens of diapers, baby wipes, and supplies.
- ◇ 138 Bags & 17 Boxes of Clothing & Shoes for the Underground Clothes Closet serving students in our local area.
- ◇ Backpacks and School Supplies provided to our local HART group for 25 students
- ◇ Participation in the collection of 25,000 pounds of food for the OV Community Food Drive in October.
- ◇ Seven nights of warm shelter, along with a hot meal each night, companionship, and some basic necessities shared with our guests at Winter Sanctuary in January of 2023.
- ◇ And so many other generosity too many to mention. . .

Christmas Blessings

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

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 jennifer@divinesavior.com.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

An Open Door for Returning Catholics

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



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WINTER SANCTUARY 2024

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, hand-warmers, snacks and more! Thank you for accepting the invitation to encounter Jesus through this project!



PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

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)
Dec. 25th	10:00am	Catalina Montenegro (D) Walter Nauer (D)
Dec. 26th	9:00am	Luke Wright-Murphy Sarah Wright-Murphy
Dec. 27th	9:00am	Norma Jennings (D) Rafael & Ann Nuñez (D)
Dec. 28th	9:00am	Bill & Donna Schulte
Dec. 29th	9:00am	Dominic Cairel (D) Thomas Cairel (D)
Dec. 30th	4:30pm	Michael Reagan (D)
Dec. 31st	8:00am	Walter Nauer (D)
	9:30am	Bobby Slakey (D)
	11:30am	Eleanor Van O. Veren (D)
	2:00pm	People of the Parish

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

Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Jackie Labate
Rosana Anthony	Dee Larson
Ligay Apalit	Summer Lemmon
Emily Arno	Georgia Leonard
Mark Bartlett	Rose Lipka
Ed Begley	Jeff McAlpine
Robert Beviacqua	Mary McCormick
Dexter Bezayiff	Linda McKay
Darlene Burger	Candie & George Maisano
John Busby	Betty Marmon
Julie Bouse	Vince Meno
Eduardo Bravo	Glen Mueller
Maryanne Burriesce	Jeff O'Connor
Loida Cabana	Bob & Winifred Neill
Stephanie Capodanno	Gerrie & Paul Parker
Patrick Carter	Linda Parker
Anai Cruz	Gladys Reilly
Larry Culler	Jamie Reynolds
Anja Dangelmaier	Roxanne Rosales
Elizabeth Davis	Gerry Ryden
Noreen Davis	Donna Schulte
Tisha Donahue	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	Marilyn Ulbricht
John Herzog	Denise Verbeck
Eva Kelley	Karen Vincent

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

Margaret Martin

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