



DIVINE SAVIOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Divine Savior Parishioners,

Blessings for the New Year to all!

We will have daily Mass but will not have Adoration or Confessions this Friday, December 29th.

The church office will be closed this Friday, December 29th and Monday, January 1st.

The 2024 parish calendars will be available in the vestibule beginning this weekend. Please one per family.

Join us for a peace filled evening of prayer, reflection and adoration at our next Light Night on Friday, January 5th from 6:30 - 7:30pm. The theme is "The Gift of Life".

Season 4 of **THE CHOSEN** is coming to Cinemark in February. Please email jenyearwood@divinesavior.com by January 3rd if you are interested in this movie outing. More information in the bulletin.

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 &
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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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



December 31, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Luke 2:22-40 | Feast of the Holy Family

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family today, we know that the land where our Divine Savior was born is coping with war. The violence from both sides is affecting thousands of innocent families.

With violence ravaging our world, we might ask ourselves, what face do we put on hope? Our Gospel for today presents us with two good examples, Simeon and Anna. They ~~have~~ had waited for years for the coming of the Messiah.

Simeon knows that the Christ would be a light to the Gentiles and glory to the people of Israel. Anna, for her part, was awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. But no matter how beautiful it may sound it seems to be very far from our reality.

A few days ago, we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ. So, when we think about the birth of a baby it is always an amazing miracle to witness and hope comes with the promises for life. It also promises suffering, and as Simeon says to Mary, "you yourself a sword will pierce." And the mother of our Divine Savior is familiar with this suffering that parents may face daily.

As parents, you know that suffering will always accompany growth. For some, the suffering comes with the resentment that some children show towards their parents. Other times suffering comes with illnesses (both physical and mental) or addictions. Sometimes suffering comes without any cause, it just happens.

Today's Gospel ~~today~~ invites us to have courage and not give up on God. Simeon and Anna are a clear example of faith. They both believed in the promises that God made to them. Like them, let us have faith in God and trust in God's promises, and the way in which Jesus leads us to live through the Gospel.

The faith of Simeon and Anna must be models for us to follow in family life. For all the disappointments and joys, the hope and the despair, there is one way forward and that is in hope. Our hope is in the Lord who made heaven and earth! Amen.



SCHEDULE for the WEEK of January 1st – 5th

Monday - January 1st

All Day Office closed, New Years Day
9:00am Mass, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Wednesday - January 3rd

9:45am Tai Chi Chih Gym Lobby
12:30pm Bingo Hospitality

Thursday - January 4th

9:45am Rosary Group St. Cecilia rm.
6:00pm Community Meal Halls

Friday - January 5th

8:00am Men's Prayer Group M 4
9:40am Adoration & Benediction Church
6:30pm Light Night Church

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

Happy New Year!

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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 13th. In Fr. Patric's absence Fr. Dominic and Fr. Amarnath from St. John the Evangelist Parish will assist with the weekend Masses.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

PLEASE NOTE: We will not have Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions on the Fridays when the church office is closed.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Our second collection **NEXT weekend, January 6th & 7th** supports our Campus Development Fund. These funds help cover the cost of facility repairs, maintenance and replacement.

Second Collection

DIVINE SAVIOR MOVIE OUTING

Divine Savior Goes to the Movies....Season 4 of **THE CHOSEN** is coming to Cinemark in February. Witness every triumph and betrayal on a larger-than-life screen.

Purchase tickets for each block of episodes (Episodes 1-3, 4-6, and 7-8) OR see all 8 episodes for just \$30 with a Season 4 Ticket Bundle. We are determining how many might be interested in doing the ticket bundle for \$30 to see the entire season in the theater in February and early March. Please check out this [website](#) for more information and then please email

jenyearwood@divinesavior.com by January 3rd if you are interested in this. We will likely schedule some

THE CHOSEN reflection and sharing sessions to go along with this.



KNIGHTS CORNER

A phrase the Knights have used for years: "You get more out of it than you put in". Your time is valuable, but the time you donate is more precious because it's **GIVEN TO OTHERS**.

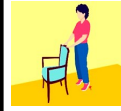


The Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented organization helping bring communities together. If **you would like to join or have any questions, please contact Bill Manos, wjmanos@gmail.com** or speak with any Knight at Mass wearing a Knights of Columbus green badge.

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



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!

WINTER SANCTUARY 2024

Divine Savior will host Winter Sanctuary, a homeless shelter and hot meal ministry here January 14-21, 2024.

We are collecting sweat pants and sweat shirts (in black, navy or gray—for men and women); warm socks; handwarmers; waterproof gloves (non-knit); individually packaged snacks and 30 mini pillows (approx 9"x13"). Items may be placed in the gray tub in the vestibule of the church.

Thank you for accepting the invitation to encounter Jesus through this project!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION....10 Week Personal Ignatian Retreat Experience

This personal retreat will include time each day spent with scripture, prayer, and reflection which includes elements of the Ignatian Examen! Please consider this wonderful opportunity to explore Ignatian spirituality, grow your faith, strengthen your prayer life and relationship with Jesus, along with others who will be making this journey as well!

Please contact jenyearwood@divinesavior.com by January 3rd for more information or to signup.

PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 30th	4:30pm	Michael Reagan (D)
Dec. 31st	8:00am	Walter Nauer (D)
	9:30am	Bobby Slakey (D)
	11:30pm	Eleanor Van O. Veren (D)
	2:00pm	People of the Parish
Jan. 1st	9:00am	Sarah Wright-Murphy
Jan. 2nd	9:00am	Luke Wright-Murphy
Jan. 3rd	9:00am	Tru Nguyen (D)
Jan. 4th	9:00am	Tru Nguyen (D)
Jan. 5th	9:00am	Nico Marin
Jan. 6th	4:30pm	Scott Vistica (D)
Jan. 7th	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	For All the Intentions of Nick and Vhangeee Mesa
	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	Pete Torres, Jr.
Bryan Haupt	Marilyn Ulbricht
Joe Hellen	Denise Verbeck
John Herzog	Karen Vincent
Eva Kelley	

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

Nancy Bingham Margaret Martin

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, 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.