

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

We notice that Jesus does not begin this passage with the words "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." Secondly, we notice that the master in the parable admits that he harvests where he did not sow and gathers where he did not scatter. He is admitting that he is not a very honorable person; in fact, he seems to acknowledge that he is a thief. In addition, anyone who could entrust his possessions to his servants and still have plenty of money to take a journey would be suspected of not living according to Jewish customs. He would be considered wealthy, and according to custom those who had an abundance were expected to share with those who did not have a sufficient amount of goods to take care of their responsibilities or perhaps were even in very desperate need.

The people at the time of Jesus were convinced that there was only a limited amount of goods available and that there would be no more forthcoming. They were also convinced that there was enough for everyone, if only people, especially those inclined to amass more than they needed, would see that the poor in their midst were adequately cared for. Some people today believe as well that there are enough goods to feed everyone a minimum amount to keep everyone above a subsistence level. Whether this is true is open to debate. But we realize that if all systems operated with an eye to making food stocks feed as many people as possible, we would have a lot of changes to make in terms of just the amount of food that is wasted in first world countries.

Back to the parable. For a number of decades I completely missed what I presently see as the point of the parable. Jesus is wanting us to admire and imitate the person who was given one talent. By his burying that talent in the ground, he was making very clear that he was not about to cooperate with this thief who was also very greedy. The master rewards the cooperation of the two servants who amassed more wealth for him. To the one who buried the talent, the master is saying in effect that if the servant wasn't going to put time and energy into producing more wealth, the least the master thought the servant should have done was to put the talent in a bank so that even then it would result in greater wealth for the master.

So what is the message for us in this parable? It seems rather clear that Jesus wants us to live as honestly as possible and forego the temptation to put our worth in how much stuff we can accumulate, whatever that may be. Jesus is not asking us to forego everything, because He knows we need a certain amount of goods to live healthy lives and be able to experience God as one who provides for the needs of all. The challenging question is how much is enough? One way to answer this question is to determine in a deliberate and conscious way the amount of time, talent and treasure we can share with the community in an effort to express the depth of gratitude we have because of the blessings we are able to enjoy.

Is it reasonable to think that the more people who practice these principles of stewardship the more likely we could diminish greatly the number of people who are in need?

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of November 20th-November 26th

Tuesday-November 21st		
9:30am	Centering Prayer	St. Cecilia Rm
6:00pm	Breaking Open the Word	St. Cecilia Rm
Thursday-November 23rd		
Happy Thanksgiving		
Office Closed		
9:30am	Thanksgiving Mass	Church
No 6:30pm Daily Mass		
Friday-November 24th		
Office Closed		
8:30am	Daily Mass	Church

Annual Catholic Appeal 2017 "Report of Gratitude"

This Thanksgiving, as we reflect on the gratitude in our hearts for the many blessings God has given us, parishioners throughout the Diocese are invited to view the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude," at scd.org.

See how the generosity of more than 25,000 Catholics helped our network of Catholic social service agencies to provide hope for more than 200,000 individuals and families.

The 2017 Appeal has raised more than \$3.7 million thus far. If you have not yet participated, please consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant.

Envelopes are available here at the parish, or you may donate online through The Catholic Foundation at scd.org.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Special envelopes are available in the Vestibule.

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 20	YTD thru Wk #20
2017-2018 Year	\$14,938	\$291,914
2016-2017 Year	\$14,168	\$297,792
\$ Difference		-\$5,877
% Difference		-2.0%

 ★ **Come Celebrate Divine Savior's 30th Anniversary!** ★
 ★ Please join us for cake to celebrate Divine Savior's 30th Anniversary in the Hospitality Room after all ★
 ★ masses THIS weekend, November 18th/19th. ★
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THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

There will be one Mass on Thanksgiving Day, at 9:30am in the church. Participants are invited to bring foods or drinks they will be sharing at their Thanksgiving Meal, to be blessed at the end of Mass. There will be **no 6:30pm Daily Mass.**



The Parish office will be closed **Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 24th.** Please submit bulletin announcements to the Parish Office or email brian@divinesavior.com by 10:00am Tuesday, November 21st.

Fr. Joe Rodriguez CDs for sale.

His Christmas CD and Mission of Mercy CD are available in the parish office for \$15 a piece.

Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas. Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, James Atwood, Robert Atwood, Jordan Biasotti, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephrem Choi, Elsie Cruz, Matt David, Derek Deatherage, David DeLaCruz, Alisen Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst, Daniel Ferguson, Tom Feyoe, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstad, Erik Hartsell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Stephen Holtclaw, Yutarō Hosaka, Ben Isla, George Johnson, Tyler Kenobbie, Nicholas Koelfgen, William Krainitz, Tyler Krainitz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Nick Liby, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Bennet D. McGrane, Garrett McMann, Aaron McMurray, Francis Montojo, Joseph M. Paddock, Chris Payant, David Petisor, Logan Rasmussen, Trey Rasmussen, Tim Reid, Neal Ridge, Tony Rodriguez, Nicholas Roha, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandoval, April Skou, Jacob and Nikki Steeb, James Thatche, Jadyne Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarreal, Danny Walsh, David Wentling, Kyle William and Brian Wright. Please contact Mary, 988-4984 to add or remove names as space is limited. **If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary to have them removed.**

Mass Intentions

November 18th 4:30pm	Luthiera Conklin (D) Anastasia Georgiadis & unborn child
November 19th 7:45am	People of the Parish
9:30am	John Domingo Amaro (D)
11:30am	Darien & Jeff Gonzales (D) Dave Alway (D)
November 20th 8:30am	Antonio DeGuzman (D) Antonio Cue, Sr. (D)
November 21st 8:30am	Joseph Paz (D) Jennifer Fandel Harold Paz
November 22nd 8:30am	Gregorio & Benito Hernandez (D) Dale Bartlett (D) Robert Bigler (D)
November 23rd 9:30am	Van Ngo (D) Helen Massoud (D) Rusty Makely
November 24th 8:30am	Lydia Bal (D) Arthur & Bal (D) Connie
November 25th 8:30am	Hal & Tina Goodwin (D)
4:30pm	Pat Dolin (D)
November 26th 7:45am	Bertha Alvarez (D)
9:30am	David Houlemard (D)
11:30am	People of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing. (Names will appear for 3 weeks.)

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| Karen Papa | Myron Howe |
| Gladys Reilly | Sandy Harris |
| Sheldon Anderson Jr | Dorothy Feldman |
| Glenn Mueller | Sharon Backus |
| Alex Quiroz | Carl Larson |
| Rosa Santos | Francis Schwartz |
| Joe Fouret | Ed Gaucher, Sr. |
| Gerry Ryden | Tony Daquipa |
| Bob Downey | Noreen Davis |
| Evelyn Crain | Dick Armstrong |
| John McAlpine | Judy Smoot |
| Shirley Newton | Megan Fronteria |
| Hannah O'Connor | Jacque Olson |
| Shari Sigl | David Collier |
| Rachael Lopez | Anastasia Dikaioulia & child |
| Rosemarie Jennings | Del Schweiger |
| Vicente Meno | Lacey Anderson |
| George Gridley | Madeleine Crepin |
| Anwar Saca | Mary Anne Povey |
| Linda Temple | |

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:
Helen Hughes **Bertha Alvarez**
 - For these and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Ministry Happenings

“With Open Hands” Healing Service at Divine Savior
Do you know someone who needs God’s healing word or touch? On December 2nd, 1:00pm, all ages and faiths are welcome to a healing service at Divine Savior. Invite them to attend a healing service with song, scripture and a teaching given by Fr. Roman. “With Open Hands,” you will be invited to give your needs to God and to pray for those who seek healing. The Sacrament for the Anointing of the Sick will be offered. If you have any questions, call the parish office, 989-7400.

Attention! Attention!

Boy Scout Troop 310 is having their Annual Italian Dinner on **Saturday, December 2nd from 6pm-9pm** in the gym. All are invited to purchase tickets for \$10 at the door and support all of our boys. There will be great food, many friends and lots of fun. Make a bid in our silent auction or dessert auction. Win a door prize or participate in our raffle.

Faith Formation News

Is God calling you? Interested in becoming a Catholic?
Have you been coming here and want to know more about the Catholic faith? Never been baptized? Want to make your First Communion? Contact Sharon at the parish office, 989-7400 or sharon@divinesavior.com. She will explain the process called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), which provides a safe place for you to explore your spiritual desires using the scriptures and receiving support and guidance from the parish community.



Vocations Cross

Saturday, November 18th at the 4:30pm Mass,
Jeanne Renn will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

Looking for sponsors to walk with seekers of the Catholic faith

People come to Divine Savior seeking to become full members of the Catholic faith, but often need a sponsor. Adults of all ages and walks of life are needed, if not now, then in the near future. On the list of possible sponsors, there is a shortage of men. If you are interested, or would like to learn more about what is involved in this uplifting and enriching ministry, call Sharon Laitinen (989-

Ministry Opportunities

Attention All Children! Save the Dates!

The Christmas Eve Children’s Mass is at 6:30pm on December 24th. We would like you to join us as an actor, singer, or a reader for this special night! We need children to fill the following parts:
angels, shepherds, stable animals,
wise men, singers, & readers

PLEASE RSVP to Caroline Easton,
caroline@divinesavior.com, or call 989-7400. There are only two rehearsals: **BOTH REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY!**

Monday, Dec. 18 **5:00-6:45pm rehearsal**
Thursday, Dec. 21 **5:00-6:30pm rehearsal**
Sunday, Dec. 24 **please arrive at 5:45p**

Seeking Seasonal Choir Members

We would love to have you join one of our Sunday and/or Christmas choirs.
Our rehearsal times are:

4:30pm Vigil Mass – 6:00pm Wednesday evenings
7:45/9:30am Mass – 7:00pm Tuesday evenings
11:30am Mass – 7:00pm Monday evenings
Children’s Choir – 5:30pm Monday evenings

Please email Elaine at elaine@divinesavior.com or call her at the parish office if you love God, love to sing or play an instrument and would like to share this gift with your parish family.

Journey of Hope - An Advent Morning of Prayer

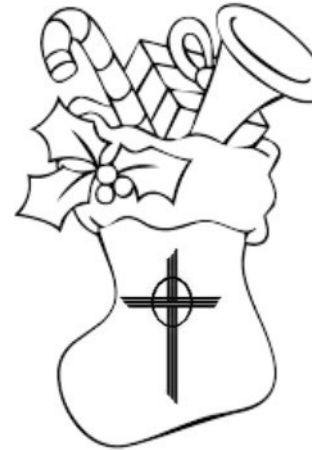
Advent is a Journey of Hope! Pope Francis’ Angelus on Dec. 1st, 2013 focused on the importance of hope during the liturgical season dedicated to preparing for Christmas. Join Cindy Tuttle after the morning Mass on Tuesday, December 5, 9:30-11:30am in the St. Cecilia’s Room. Our time together will include prayer, songs, a reflection on Pope Francis’ message of hope, and a ritual. Snacks will be made available. Please RSVP your attendance by contacting cindytuttle13@gmail.com.

Centering Prayer

Centering prayer is a method of prayer that helps develop a relationship with God by being still and listening. A Centering Prayer group meets at Divine Savior on the **third Tuesday of the month**. The group meets at 9:30am in the St. Cecilia Room. If you’d like to participate in this form of prayer join us on **November 21st**. Questions? Call Joyce at 990-0546.

Ministry Opportunities

HELP WANTED: CHRISTMAS BASKET HOST FAMILIES!!



If you would like to participate in the 2017 annual Christmas Basket Ministry by sponsoring a family in need, please fill out the host family form and email/fax/mail/drop it by the parish office as soon as possible, or place your form in an envelope in the collection at Mass. We are ready to make immediate matches with a receiving family. Matches made before Thanksgiving will have the benefit of shopping Black Friday deals! Matches can be made for any size family, or several households can combine resources to sponsor a family. For questions, please contact Caroline Easton 916-989-7400 ext. 225 or Jan Bencken at 916-220-2604. Thank you for your generous hearts! Forms are available in the Vestibule or Parish Office. Direct link to form and information: <http://www.divinesavior.com/o/news/?id=275>



VOLUNTEERS WANTED for

2017 Christmas Basket Distribution Day!

Youth 6th through 12th grade and Adults!

Friday Dec. 15 set-up day and especially Saturday Dec. 16 Distribution Day

Runners, sorters, shoppers, outside sign-dancers, direction-givers, basket checkers, car unloader/loaders....

WE WANT YOU!

Please contact Rich Gast, “Christmas Basket Floor Captain” at rich_gast@yahoo.com or 916-936-6821.

Please sign up to help, *even if you have helped in the past and you think we already know you will be helping!*

****Great Opportunity for Service Hours for School or Confirmation****

Going Deeper with Father Roman

Come join us as we venture deeper into the Bible with Father Roman in this discussion series. Fellowship following the discussion.

Let’s Talk
Tuesday, November 28th 6:30pm
In Hall A.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND



We always welcome new people in this ministry where we take communion to those who cannot get to Mass for an extended period. Please contact Mary at mtthmary@outlook.com if you are interested and wish to learn more. The time commitment is minimal and personal coaching is provided.

The annual Men’s Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center will take place on the weekend of December 1-3, 2017. This year’s theme is *May the Passion of Jesus Christ be Always in our Hearts*. The message of St. Mark’s Passion will lead us to Jesus’s empathy & dedication to humanity & hopefully make us more aware of His constant presence in our lives. There are flyers in the Vestibule or contact Mike Kneppshield 835-0111 for more information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46