

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Our Gospel for this Sunday has Jesus presenting to a large crowd of people four blessings and four woes. While the Gospel of Matthew has somewhat of a similar scene, there are significant differences between the two gospels because each gospel writer has his own particular messages to communicate. Matthew has Jesus going part-way up a mountain and calling His disciples to Him as He shares with them nine statements that we call beatitudes because each statement begins with the word "blessed". This scene reminds us of how Moses came down Mount Sinai with the ten commandments. Matthew pictures Jesus as the new Moses, and in that role, Jesus expands on the commandments both in the nine beatitudes as well as the verses that follow.

Luke has Jesus speaking on level ground. Luke was writing a bit later than Matthew and was probably aware of the desire on the part of some to have a hierarchical structure within the community Jesus established. Luke pictures Jesus on level ground in the center of the crowd of people that included the apostles, other disciples, and those drawn to listen to Jesus, which included people beyond the borders of Israel. Luke is writing to a non-Jewish church whose members had chosen to follow the way of Jesus, so he would make it clear that all people were called to Jesus and welcomed fully by Him.

What does this mean for us today? Like the chosen people in the Old Testament, we, the present-day followers of Jesus are called to be a light for all the people of the world. We are called to live the message of Jesus' love for all people as fully as possible so that others will be drawn to live in that same light and love; on our part, we are to listen to all people and allow them to inspire us as to how in their ways they are living the truth of God's love for all even though their inspiration comes from a source we might think is different from ours. It is our privilege to see if there is commonality in the sources of inspiration, which in turn would offer the possibility of greater worldwide understanding.

By limiting his beatitudes to four and offering woes that parallel those blessings, Luke has Jesus focusing our attention on people who are truly poor, hungry, weeping and being denounced, excluded and insulted. Luke is clearly calling for social reform as he challenges those who are well off, well fed, having a grand time of it and are spoken well of. These folks are called to find ways to provide for those who are not in those situations. This is Luke's way of describing what it means to be a full member of the community that claims Jesus as the center of their lives. Part of the cultural understanding at the time of Jesus is that there was only a limited amount of goods, so those with an abundance or even a surplus were expected to share that fortune with the less fortunate.

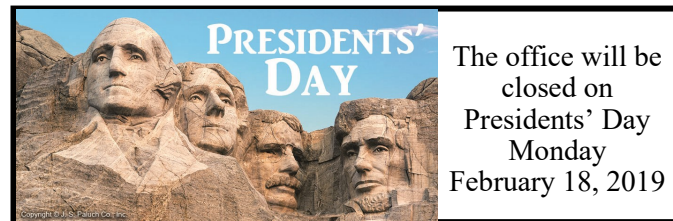
Currently, our world is producing more food than is needed to feed all the people on the planet. We know there needs to be many changes made so that the millions who are food deprived will be provided with enough food. Imbalances in wealth and income are also issues. How we even the playing field is our challenge.

For Reflection: What opportunities does today's Gospel present us?

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of February 17—February 22

Monday-February 18th		
*** Office Closed***		
All Day	Daily Mass	Church
8:30am		
Tuesday-February 19th		
9:30am	Centering Prayer	St. Cecilia rm.
6:00pm	Reflections of the Word	St. Cecilia rm.
6:00pm	Senior Care Solutions	Hall A
Wednesday-February 20th		
12:00pm	Lectio Divina	St. Cecilia rm.
Thursday-February 21st		
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Library
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
Friday-February 22nd		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4



CRAB FEED TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT

If you would like to be put on the waiting list please call the church office 916-989-7400.

DONATIONS NEEDED



Thank you to all those who have already donated or purchased tickets to this wonderful event. We're still looking for **gifts cards** and **WINE, WINE, WINE** for our **NEW, FUN, EXCITING** raffle games.

Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or you can call 916-989-7400 to schedule a pick up.

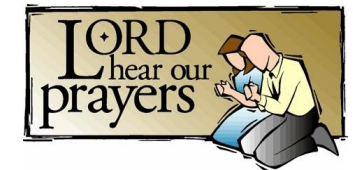
Mass Intentions

February 16th	4:30pm	Joe Fouret (D) Nancy Graca (D)
February 17th	7:45am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Donna Kahren Betty Gomes (D)
	11:30am	Dennis Wright (D) Mick Wescom (D)
February 18th	8:30am	Frank Sajec (D)
February 19th	8:30am	Tom Tomich (D)
February 20th	8:30am	
February 21st	8:30am	Edwin Huss (D)
February 22nd	8:30am	
February 23rd	8:30am	Catalina Montenegro (D) Jacqueline Lerma (D) Bartolo Lerma (D) Alvaro Lerma (D)
	4:30pm	Corazon Jacinto (D) Paul Donner (D)
February 24th	7:45am	Emmett Devine (D) Jacqueline Garcin (D)
	9:30am	Betty Gomes (D) Don Bryan (D)
	11:30am	Judy Smoot (D) Tillie Gutierrez (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

The Children's Choir will be singing at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, February 24th.



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

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| Teresa Alberghini | Alice Amantea |
| Bill Amantea | Bill Anderson |
| Sheldon Anderson Jr | Sharon Backus |
| Taryn Benson | Marie Bosker |
| Julie Bouse | Richard Boyd |
| Eduardo Bravo | Andrew Cobb |
| David Collier | Pat Collier |
| Lauri Comly | Madeleine Crepin |
| Noreen Davis | Jim Donohue |
| Mary Dowling | Reggie Faulk |
| Dorothy Feldman | Barbara Fouret |
| Jim Fouret | Bob Glynn |
| Gary Green | Patricia Hamilton |
| Stephany Hammer | Elaine Hellen |
| Myron Howe | Brian Kail |
| David Kinyon | Carl Larson |
| Barbara Lowenkron | Vicente Meno |
| Rovida Mott | Allen D. Nelson |
| Ronnie Nichols | John Padden |
| Karen Paddock | Waldi Paige |
| Linda Parker | Eleanor Peterson |
| Ursula Pitscheck-Menhorn | Gladys Reilly |
| Gerry Ryden | Donna Schulte |
| Larry J. Schuckman, Jr. | Del Schweiger |
| Tom Sekel | Shari Sigl |
| Stacey Simms-Kail | Diane Stokes |
| Mikey Trent | Helen Wang |
| Matthew Watson | John Wick |

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

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| Rodger Dexter | Jacqueline Garcin |
| Bill Lockett | Patricia Pearson |
| Dennis Reibold | Nita Simms |

- For these 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.
 Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, Logan Amos, Sean Amos, James Atwood, 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, Katharine Ernst & A.J. Smith, Tom Feyoe, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstad, Ereik Hartsell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, Tyler Kenobbie, Nicholas Koelfgen, William Krintz, Tyler Krintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Bennet D. McGrane, Garrett McMann, Aaron McMurray, Francis Montojo, Joseph M. Paddock, Nathan Paddock, Chris Payant, David Petisor, Darin Pillman, Tim Pillman, Rachael Portoman, 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. **If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary at 916-988-4984 to have them removed.**

Parish Announcements

DID YOU KNOW

The parish portion collected from the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal was \$16,315. Those funds are split between St. Vincent de Paul Society and Community Meal Ministry, and some is reserved for other social justice efforts that are brought to our attention throughout the year. The parish Giving Committee meets twice yearly to evaluate and make recommendations for use of the ACA

LITURGY CORNER

Ordinary time and Liturgical colors

Throughout the liturgical year, which begins the first Sunday of Advent (yup, that's a whole 'nother topic) we have four colors that we use for the different time periods.

The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green. Christmas and Easter seasons are white. It may be easier to think of it like this...Christmas and Easter, with their climactic joy and celebration, are the great mountain peaks of the liturgical year. (snow capped mountain peaks, no less... beautiful, fresh snow...white.) Ordinary Time, then, is the vast verdant meadow that lies between. As Christians we are called now to descend these mountain peaks and, like sheep who hear the voice of their shepherd, pasture and graze in these meadows with Christ as He feeds us with His Word and His Eucharist. This makes the color green, with its connotations of life and growth, very appropriate. Cool, huh? Yay God!

"Ohhh, yeah! But now that I think of it, I know there's purple up there sometimes, even red. And I know I saw pink once or twice"...See ya next week...

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia Tuesday, February 19, 2019 | Hall A, 6:00pm

Denise Davis, Program Coordinator, Alzheimer's Association will share with us that Alzheimer's is not a normal part of aging. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior.

Join us to learn about: the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, Alzheimer's disease stages and risks factors, current research and treatments available to address some symptoms, and Alzheimer's Association Resources. Workshop is FREE! For info and to RSVP, please call Senior Care Solutions: (916) 965-5565.

Parish Announcements



Today we come together as Catholics Through the Annual Catholic Appeal

We may not all be social workers, yet through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we can all support the Catholic charitable programs and parish ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of poverty.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone's life.

SIGN-UP FOR SMALL FAITH GROUPS EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 17!

The sign-ups for small faith groups have been extended to accommodate those who still want to sign up. The groups that still have room are waiting for your signature in the parish vestibule. A couple of groups are willing to negotiate the day and time of the week. Just make note of your desires on the paper. Most groups meet 4-6 weeks starting late February. For more information, call Sharon Laitinen, 989-7400 x224.



SPECIALTY CAKES NEEDED FOR THE CRAB FEED DESSERT TABLE

We are looking for specialty dessert bakers to donate their special desserts for inclusion at the Crab Feed Dessert Table. Please call the Parish Office at 916-989-7400 if you can help.



Parish Announcements

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 33	YTD thru Wk #33
2018-2019 Year	\$ 13,261	\$ 559,033
2017-2018 Year	\$ 16,897	\$ 524,369

Compost Contributors Wanted

Your 'garbage' is needed! We need your kitchen and lawn scraps for our compost bins as we prepare the Divine Savior Giving Garden boxes. We have compost buckets with directions that will make it easy for your contributions. It will cut down on land fill waste and will be a bonus to our garden soil. **Next weekend in the church Vestibule, we will give out 15 compost buckets** – first come, first serve. If you want to reserve a bucket, email Sister Sheila (snovaksds@gmail.com), and it will be waiting for you.



HANDEL'S MESSIAH CONCERT - Start off your Holy Week with a concert featuring beautiful sacred music! We are offering a community sing-along concert with a professional, live orchestra on Saturday evening, April 13th at Divine Savior Catholic Church. Admission is free.



Join us to sing with our community choir. We need all voices and welcome singers from all faiths to join us. Rehearsals are Thursday nights, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Divine Savior Church.

We are also looking for professional musicians to join us in the orchestra. All instruments are needed.

For more information, contact Gerald Rheault at grrheault@gmail.com.

DIVINE SAVIOR'S ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 29 – 31, 2019 at Christ the King Retreat Center

This year's theme is "On the Way with Jesus", a deeper look at the Gospel of St. Luke. It's a wonderful opportunity to pray, rest and re-connect with Jesus.

Registration/info forms are available in the Church vestibule or in the parish office. For questions or additional information, call Cathy Conte, 916-962-0302 or e-mail cathyconte@yahoo.com.

Parish Announcements

Do You Have a Gluten Allergy?

From time to time we get inquiries from people that can't receive the standard host in Holy Communion. Our parish is very open to striving to accommodate those with allergies by either utilizing a "gluten free" host or through receiving communion only through the Precious Blood. The latter is still an option even when the Precious Blood is not regularly distributed in the flu season. Anyone with a gluten allergy is encouraged to send an email to elaine@divinesavior.com if you would like to make an appointment so that we can determine the best solution for your needs. Since the severity of allergies differ, often so too does the best accommodation (i.e.: some can receive the Precious Blood in the regular communion line, and some need to use only the presider's cup. You may have your own gluten free hosts, or may like information on acquiring them)

Ministry Opportunities

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you have the talent to knit or crochet, please consider joining our prayer shawl ministry. We meet twice a month (1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1-3pm) in the Parish Office. Please contact Nancy Begley at 916-705-5464 for more information.

If you know someone in need of loving comfort who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact the parish office.

Manna, Food from Heaven!

Manna Ministry is a pastoral care outreach that provides temporary, supplemental meals, when there is a newborn in the home, or when someone is down and out due to an illness, an injury, or the death of a loved one. Please tell anyone you know who could benefit from this service about Manna. Encourage them to call or offer to call for them. For more information, a meal request, or to volunteer, please call Denise Verbeck at 967-5110 or the parish office at 989-7400.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND



For anyone interested in this ministry: We take communion to those who are unable to come to Mass for an extended period. We serve 7 assisted living facilities as well as people at home who request communion through the parish office. Contact Mary at mtthmaryk@outlook.com for further information.