

Dear People of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Each year, we begin the Season of Lent by reflecting on the so-called temptations of Jesus. According to our Gospel passage for this Sunday, "the Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert." Why "drove?" Perhaps the Spirit of Wisdom realized that after God had called Jesus "His beloved Son" at His Baptism, it was necessary that Jesus would ground Himself in that identity. Mark's reference to wild beasts in the desert prepared Jesus to deal later on with the many challenging situations He would encounter: a variety of diseases, demons, as well as those who opposed His teaching.

We, too, as we make our way through life, focus on our identity as God's beloved people in order to stay faithful to who we are. Like Jesus, life presents us with many attractions and distractions that can cloud our ability to live as God's cherished people. Sometimes our determining what path to take might seem as if we are battling with wild beasts.

We are to imitate Jesus. The more we focus on who we are in God's eyes, the more likely we are to reveal, through the way that we live, that God blesses us with great abundance. While the word "kingdom" is somewhat strange to us, a helpful alternative is to focus on the community that Jesus established and that we are asked to continue to grow. It is a community drawn together by the love of God as revealed by Jesus. This community attracts people who realize that their lives are not all they can be. So, the love of the people within the community draws others in so that together all can reflect on the nature of God that is revealed in part in today's Psalm.

Lent is a time to review to what degree our image of God is in line with what is revealed in the Scriptures. How enriching it is to reflect on God's attributes: love, truth, compassion, kindness and goodness! How blessed we are that God guides us by showing us the way to new life. On our part, we need to be humble, which means that we accept ourselves as we are, mortal, limited, wounded, and yet blessed with the gifts that come generously from God our Savior (healer).

Like the people in our first reading, we grow in our awareness of who God is and who we are in relation to God. We, too, at times, think that natural disasters are a consequence of our inappropriate behavior and God's reaction to it. To whatever extent a flood had done considerable damage in the time of Noah, the people reflected on how they had experienced God and realized that a God who creates only goodness would not choose to destroy that creation. They came to see in the image of a rainbow the brilliance of God whose nature is to heal, direct, guide, and walk with us in our times of struggle.

Lastly, our second reading states that "Christ suffered for sins once...that He might lead us to God." It is most important to keep in mind that Jesus suffered because His mission of revealing the love of God created great conflict with people who opted not to see God in this way or refused to make the changes that love called for. Our sins are forgiven through the love of God revealed in the death and resurrection of our Divine Savior.

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of February 19th-February 25th

Monday-February 19th ***Office Closed***		
8:30am	Daily Mass	Church
Tuesday-February 20th		
9:30am	Centering Prayer	St. Cecilia Rm
6:00pm	Dementia Seminar	Hall A
Wednesday-February 21st		
7:00pm	Fair Trade Coffee Impact	Y-1
Thursday-February 22nd		
6:00pm	Community Meal	Hall A
7:15pm	Catholics Returning Home	Sm. Conf Rm
Friday-February 23rd		
6:30pm	Stations & Soup	Church

Thank you to those who have already made a one-time or an ongoing donation to the **2018 Annual Catholic Appeal**. Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Envelopes are still available in the church or in the parish office. Don't forget... 25% of what you give is returned to our parish to assist people in our community who need help.

The Parish Office will be Closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day.

SOLD OUT!
This year's Annual Crab Feed has been sold out! To be added to the waiting list (sometimes tickets become available as people are unable to attend but have already purchased tickets) please call the Parish Office, M-F, from 8:00am-4:00pm.

Bulletin Announcements
Please submit bulletin announcements to the Parish Office or email them to brian@divinesavior.com by noon on Wednesdays.

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 33	YTD thru Wk #33
2017-2018 Year	\$16,697	\$519,719
2016-2017 Year	\$15,565	\$496,889
\$ Difference		\$22,830
% Difference		4.6%

 ★ Our Annual Crab Feed ★
 ★ Fundraiser is fast approaching and we are in ★
 ★ need of raffle and silent auction prizes. ★
 ★ If you have new items you'd like to donate ★
 ★ please bring them by the office or ★
 ★ call 989-7400 to schedule a pick up. ★
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 ★ **Gift Ideas:** ★
 ★ Wine ★
 ★ Restaurant Gift Cards ★
 ★ Department Store Gift Cards ★
 ★ Sports Memorabilia ★
 ★ Vacation Trips/Time Shares ★
 ★ Cruises ★
 ★ Movie Tickets ★
 ★ Jewelry ★
 ★ Golf Packages ★
 ★ Sporting Events Tickets ★
 ★ Concert/Theatre Tickets ★
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 ★ *Thanks so much for your help!* ★
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Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas. Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, Logan Amos, 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, Ereik Hartsell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Stephen Holtclaw, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, George Johnson, Tyler Kenobbie, Nicholas Koelfgen, William Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Nick Liby, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Bennet D. McGrane, Garrett McMann, Aaron McMurray, Francis Montojo, Joseph M. Paddock, Nathan Paddock, Chris Payant, David Petisor, 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. 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

February 17th	4:30pm	Maurice Mulloy (D) Mary Spediacci (D)
February 18th	7:45am 9:30am	People of the Parish Fortunato Pichardo (D) Ellen Deveras Vigilia
	11:30am	Minerva Hartsell
February 19th	8:30am	Lena Anna McKenna (D) Keith Boyer (D)
February 20th	8:30am	Ruth Mueller (D)
February 21st	8:30am	Ana Hernandez
February 22nd	6:30pm	
February 23rd	8:30am	Corazon Jacinto (D)
February 24th	8:30am 4:30pm	Emmett Devine (D) Daniel Rooney (D) Judy Smoot Darien and Jeff Gonzales (D)
February 25th	7:45am 9:30am 11:30am	People of the Parish Quincy Ibanez Yoo Catalina Montenegro (D) 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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| Sheldon Anderson Jr | Dorothy Feldman |
| Glenn Mueller | Sharon Backus |
| Alex Quiroz | Carl Larson |
| Rosa Santos | Vicente Meno |
| Joe Fouret | Ed Gaucher, Sr. |
| Gerry Ryden | Noreen Davis |
| Dick Armstrong | Gladys Reilly |
| Judy Smoot | Hannah O'Connor |
| Shirley Newton | Eleanor Peterson |
| Sandy Harris | Jacque Olson |
| Shari Sigl | David Collier |
| Del Schweiger | Jean Dean |
| Ben De Quiroz | Madeleine Crepin |
| Myron Howe | McKenzie Ballentine |
| Bill Amantea | Pat Aratoli-Hamilton |
| Linda Aiello | John Ward |
| Maggie Ward | Henry Gomes |
| Dorothy Donner | Stephany Hammer |
| Lucia Bravo | Minerva Hartsell |

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:
Michael Venney **Jackie McKee**
Richard Bostwick **Dianne Hill**
Francis Schwartz

- For these and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Ministry Opportunities

Our Young Adult Ministry has been reignited!

The name is LUX which is Latin for Light and their goal is to provide a safe community for young Catholic adults where they learn to live as Christ lived and live to show the loving light of Christ to others.

Their first official gathering is Wednesday, February 28th from 7pm – 9pm in Y1. From then on, they will meet every Wednesday from 7 - 9 in Y1.

Daniel Ardoin is the contact and coordinator of the new ministry and if any questions come in, he can be reached at (916) 844-6428 or email him at luxdivinesavior@gmail.com.

Sacramento Life Center Annual Baby Bottle Project

Respect for Life Ministry, along with our parish youth ministries, are participating in the Baby Bottle Project. The Life Center is a licensed Community Medical Clinic and has two Medical Mobile Clinics offering, compassion, support, resources and free medical care for women facing an unplanned or unsupported pregnancy in a life-affirming environment. This is their 2nd largest fundraiser and its success is vital to keep the doors open. The baby bottles can be filled with cash, coins, or checks (payable to Sac Life Center) and will be available THIS WEEKEND, **February 16th/17th** after all masses in the Vestibule.

On Sunday, March 25th please return the bottles to the vestibule or drop off beforehand at the parish office. Please return even if you have not filled it as they are reused each year!

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We take communion to those who cannot come to Mass for a period of time. If you think you might be interested in this ministry, you may contact Mary at mtthmaryk@outlook.com for information.

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, **February 17th at the 4:30pm** Mass, **Karen Martin** will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Ministry Happenings

Fair Trade Coffee Raffle / Tasting / Impact!

Don't miss this opportunity to be in solidarity with the coffee farmers worldwide, while sampling some Divine Savior-brewed de-caf coffees. There will be a film on how coffee farmers struggle to overcome global market pressures. The event will be in Y1 on Feb. 21st from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Bring your own cup and win a raffle prize!



Palm Sunday Messiah Sing-Along Concert Saturday, March 24 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Divine Savior is hosting Handel's Messiah performed by a professional orchestra with amazing soloists and community choir, conducted by Gerald Rheault, will feature choral sing-along opportunities. What a powerful way to begin Holy Week! This event is free to the public. Bring along a Shirmer edition of the oratorio to join in the chorus numbers. Some copies will be available for purchase at the door.

Pray the Rosary

Lent is a great time to develop a deeper life of prayer. Praying the rosary is a wonderful opportunity to grow in prayer and fellowship with others. We pray the rosary together following our daily morning Masses. Come join us after the 830am Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Thursday night at 7:00pm and every Sunday following the 745am Mass.

Leaving a Faith Legacy Workshop:

All parishioners are invited to attend a hands-on workshop to explore ways to leave a faith legacy of your spiritual journey through stories, photographs, and mementos. When we think of leaving a legacy to our children and grandchildren many of us think in terms of a financial inheritance, bequeathing family heirlooms, or genealogy records. Sharing your faith stories is equally a treasure to leave behind. Faith – Pass it on! The workshop will be held Sunday, March 4 from 1 to 4pm in Room Y1. There is no cost but register by February 26 calling Zori, 916-635-7791 or by email, zori@att.net.

Please join the 40 Days For Life national campaign in Sacramento and help save lives. For details visit: www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento or call Sally at (916) 849-0533.

Learning Dementia Language

Stephanie Wilson, Program Supervisor, Triple R Adult Day Program, City of Sacramento

One of the most stressful aspects in providing care for someone with memory loss is feeling as if you cannot communicate with each other. If the person with dementia does not feel understood, they may appear anxious and irritated or even prone to wandering or agitation. In this workshop, we explore ways to recognize the non-verbal cues your loved one may be giving you and advice about how to structure conversations to best meet the communication needs for the person with dementia. **Join us Tuesday, February 20th from 6:00pm-7:30pm in Hall A.** For more information and to reserve your seat, please call (916) 965-5565. We hope to see you there! This event is sponsored by Senior Care Solutions, Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center and the Alzheimer's Association.

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 **February 20th**. Questions? Call Joyce at 990-0546.

Around the Diocese

Collar Cup – 2018 Essay Contest! The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites all students K-12 to participate in the 2018 Vocations Essay Contest (500 word limit). Essay Prompt: "Tell us how your relationship with a priest, sister, seminarian or deacon has enriched your life as a Catholic". We will have two grand prize winners! All entries are due by Sunday, April 15, 2018. For more information, please contact our office at (916) 733-0258 or by email at msmith@scd.org.

Mass of Farewell & Reception for Bishop Cotta: All are welcome to a Mass of Farewell for Bishop Cotta on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 2pm at St. Clare Parish in Roseville. Mass will be followed by a reception in the Morris Center. Please keep Bishop Cotta in your prayers as he prepares to take on his new appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton effective March 15, 2018.



Friday
Lenten Stations

Please join us every Friday during Lent
For stations and soup & bread supper following.
6:30 pm each Friday
In the Church

February 23	Hosted by:	Children's Faith Formation/PPC
March 2	Hosted by:	Lifeteen & EDGE
March 9	Hosted by:	Rosary Group
March 16	Hosted by:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
March 23	Hosted by:	Community Meal Ministry