

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Guests:

The parable in today's Gospel is one of those that can be hard to swallow. With labor unions and cries that people be treated fairly and justly, it is difficult to let go of our pre-conceived ideas and deal as best we can with the point Jesus wants us to reflect on. A key set of words from the parable include "you have made them equal to us." Indeed, God loves us all with a love that, as our first reading states, shows that God is generous in forgiving.

Perhaps another way of looking at this parable is whether we think that we can tell God how to limit or extend His generous outpouring of all we need to live as faithful followers of Jesus. But we can't easily avoid siding with the laborers who worked many more hours than those hired in mid or late afternoon. Most of us can understand the reason for their grumbling. We need to keep in mind that Jesus is talking about the kingdom of heaven and not an actual labor situation. Most of us would find it difficult to begrudge someone who gets into heaven even though they decided to follow Jesus later in life than we did. We keep in mind that unless we know a person's story it is not ours to judge them based on the moment they made a commitment to walk the path of Jesus.

Given the above, we want to keep in mind the audience that Jesus was addressing this parable to. If in any way the common laborer, typically a rather poor person at that, thought that Jesus was praising the generosity of the owner of the vineyard, they would most likely have debated with Jesus about how He knew that someone who owned a vineyard was a rather wealthy person and might even have taken some of the listeners' land to enlarge his vineyard. Most likely the poor people listening would have booed the likes of the vineyard owner and other people wealthy like him.

If on the other hand Jesus was criticizing people like the vineyard owner in an effort to get them to be more equitable and generous, the poor people listening would have encouraged Jesus to let them have it. For one thing, the vineyard owner shows himself to be a cheapskate. Harvesting grapes was a time sensitive job and this guy evidently tried to get away with hiring as few people as possible. As the day went on he realized more and more that he had not hired enough to get done what he needed to get done that day. He was trying to save as much money as he could when it was expected of wealthy people that they would treat poor people in the opposite way, in this case, hiring more than he might need.

~Fr. Roman

**Schedule for the week of
September 25th-October 1st**

Tuesday-September 26th		
6:30pm	Going Deeper w/Fr Roman	Hall A
Thursday-September 28th		
6:00-6:45pm	Community Meal	Hall A
7:00pm	Catholics Returning Home	Sm Conf Rm
7:00pm	Rosary Group	St. Cecilia Rm

We Need Zucchini for THIS Thursday's Community Meal!!

If you have any "extra" zucchini from your garden, please consider donating to this month's community meal that will include a delicious and nutritious baked zucchini dish. Please bring your zukes to the parish office between Monday 9am and Wednesday noon this week, and place them in the designated box in the office. This is a great way for you to support the parish community meal ministry!!

Thank you to those volunteers who are on board to cook and serve this month's community dinner on Thursday. Starting in October we will offer two community meals per month. The plan is to then ramp up to weekly meals starting in 2018. These meals are a great way for the Divine Savior parish to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters in Orangevale and surrounding areas. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Julie Rose at 916-813-3106 or julierose9211@gmail.com.

Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home

As previously announced, the Divine Savior-sponsored bedroom at the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home has been fully renovated through the coordinated efforts of several parish ministries and fellow parishioners. We are pleased to share that the room is now the new home to a new mom, Joanna, and her son, Joseph, who was born prematurely in mid July. Please include Joanna and little Joseph in your prayers; let us pray for their health and continued well-being.

We invite you to stop by the Vestibule to view a poster with pictures of the renovated room. For more information on the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, please go to www.bgmh.org

HOSPITALITY

Did you know that each weekend after our Sunday Masses we offer coffee & light finger foods in our Hospitality room (part of the Multi-Purpose Building). The coffee is the same Fair Trade Coffee that we offer for purchase on the 2nd weekend of the month in the vestibule! **Come join us for food and fellowship!** We need assistance in the areas of providing doughnuts, fruit, etc. as well as people to help host and clean up after the 11:30am Mass. Please stop by the table in the Vestibule to sign up following Mass today.

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 12	YTD thru Wk #12
2017-2018 Year	\$11,078	\$169,201
2016-2017 Year	\$10,075	\$174,610
\$ Difference		-\$5,409
% Difference		-3.1%
Hurricane Harvey	\$9,452	

Going Deeper with Father Roman

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

**Which Son is Better?....Let's Talk
Tuesday, September 26th 6:30pm
In Hall A.**



IT'S BACK.....
Divine Savior's Lifeteen and EDGE ministries proudly present Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 29th**. Mark your calendars and get your costumes ready!



Vocations Cross

Saturday, **September 23rd** at the 4:30pm Mass, **Ann & Jim Bennett** will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

Mass Intentions

September 23rd 4:30pm	Laureano Bravo (D)
	Armand Derigat
September 24th 7:45am	Maria Thuy (D)
	Gordon Long (D)
9:30am	Rev. Sid Hall (D)
	Rosina Genessi (D)
11:30am	People of the Parish
September 25th 8:30am	Ivan Sandoval (D)
	Hannah O'Connor
September 26th 8:30am	Rita Covici (D)
	Joseph & Mary Paz (D)
September 27th 8:30am	Nancy Leavitt
	St. Vincent de Paul Society
September 28th 6:30pm	Catalina Montenegro (D)
	Stacey Simms
September 29th 8:30am	Rosina Genessi (D)
September 30th 8:30am	
4:30pm	Rosina Genessi (D)
October 1st 7:45am	Anna & John Ngo (D)
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:30am	Felix & Della Rodriguez (D)

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

Karen Papa
Gladys Reilly
Sheldon Anderson Jr
Glenn Mueller
Alex Quiroz
Madeleine Crepin
Rosa Santos
Joe Fouret
Gerry Ryden
Juan Jauregui
Evelyn Crain
Noreen Davis
John McAlpine
Stanley Zielinski
Marco Alires
Shirley Newton
Hannah O'Connor

Myron Howe
Sandy Harris
Dorothy Feldman
Sharon Backus
Carl Larson
Eleanor Peterson
Francis Schwartz
Ed Gaucher, Sr.
Tony Daquipa
Bob Downey
Dick Armstrong
Terri Myers
Mimi McCall
Ryan Fields
Stacey Simms
Megan Fronterria

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

Rosina Genessi

Dorcus Gaucher

- 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, 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, Susan Hocker, Stephen Holtclaw, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, George Johnson, Tyler Kenobbie, Nicholas Koelfgen, William Krantz, Tyler Krantz, 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.**

Faith Formation News

Catholics Returning Home An Open Door for Returning Catholics

Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?

Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church?

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?

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 **Thursday, September 28th, 7 – 8:30 p.m.** The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today. Please contact Kathleen Hass at 989-7400 or kathleen@divinesavior.com for additional information.

Is God Calling you? Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Been coming here for awhile and want to know more about the Catholic faith? Never baptized? Or were you baptized but never made your First Communion? Now is the time to consider your next step. "Inquiry" is the first phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It's an informal opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith and explore your own questions—who is God for me, what is Baptism and the other Sacraments, what is going on during Mass, can I name and live my values in a deeper way as part of this faith community? For more information, email Sharon at sharon@divinesavior.com or call (916) 989-7400 x224.

Salvatorian Anniversary Celebration

October 14th

4:30 p.m, Mass of Thanksgiving

6:00 p.m. Appetizer Social

7:00 p.m. **Mission of Mercy Concert**

Fr. Joe Rodrigues SDS, U.S.A. Provincial, will lead an entertaining, multi-media concert filled with laughter, inspiration, dance and songs from his newly released CD, **Mission of Mercy**.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/MissionofMercyWEST> or at Divine Savior starting this weekend, **September 23rd & 24th**.

\$25 per ticket and includes appetizer social and concert.

Ministry Happenings

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

A very belated thank you to those who expressed an interest in our ministry at the Ministry Fair. If you did not attend the Fair, you can still get information by emailing Mary at mtthmary@outlook.com. The time commitment in this ministry is minimal and personal coaching is provided. We do private communions for people who can't attend mass for a period of time, as well as communion services in various assisted living facilities.

Jeff Cavins to Speak at Divine Mercy Conference October 7th in Sacramento!

The 12th Annual Divine Mercy Conference will begin at Divine Mercy Parish, 2231 Club Center Dr, Sacramento, CA 95835 with 8:30 Mass. The program runs from 9:30 to 4:30 with a lunch break. Keynote speaker is **Jeff Cavins** of *The Great Adventure Bible Series*. Also **Sister M. Confida Gilara of St. Faustina's Boston Convent** will tell of her work spreading the Divine Mercy message in prisons, care facilities, parishes, retreats and conferences. **Conor Maher, Life Teen Youth Minister** will share his own personal testimony of his path to Christ and how he brings this to his ministry. \$20 now or \$25 at the door. Children (-18) \$5. Carpools are available. **Questions? Call Linda 961-7082**

Help Save Lives and join the 40 Days for Life Worldwide Vigil to protect mothers and babies beginning September 27 - November 5. With God's help, this prayer campaign has seen proven results! Opportunities exist for peaceful and prayerful presence at local vigils in cities and towns across the nation. Pick up a 40 Days for Life flyer on wall racks in the Vestibule and help spread the word!! Respect Life Sunday is 10/1/17 and October is Respect Life month. For details please visit: 40daysforlife.com/sacramento or email Sally Fong at santabarbarasally@yahoo.com

Ministry Opportunities



Children's Choir

Our children's choir has started rehearsals and is looking for children to join. Join us tomorrow, **Monday, September 25th**. Rehearsals will be from 4:30-5:30pm in the music room of the church on Mondays. The choir will sing once a month at Mass. Please email Elaine at elaine@divinesavior.com or feel free to call her at the parish office with any questions.

Youth Choir

Are you a teenager in choir, band or orchestra at school? Were you once a teenager? Would you like to share your gifts with your parish family at Divine Savior? Our 11:30am Contemporary Choir would love to add your voice to ours. Rehearsal time will now be Monday evenings at 6:30pm in the church. Please call or email Elaine Bauer at the parish office for further information.

More Choir Opportunities

Our Saturday evening 4:30 choir and Sunday morning 7:45 and 9:30 choirs would also love to welcome you. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6pm for the 4:30pm group,

SUNDAY AT THE MOVIES – WinGS, will show the movie "Miracles from Heaven" starring Jennifer Garner on Sunday, October 8 from 1 to 4pm in Room Y1. This is a true story of the Beam family which faced an intense faith challenge when their 10-year-old daughter Anna has a rare, incurable disease. An inspiring journey for family, medical experts, and community as they join together in love to support one another and witness the miracles bestowed on the Beam family that reclaims their faith. Free admission, free popcorn, BUT do register as the number of attendees is limited. Contact Zori, 916-635-7791 or Zori@att.net.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Ministry Opportunities



SAVE THE DATE: December 16 is our annual Christmas Basket Ministry Distribution Day! Seeking new team members and volunteers!

We are seeking new people to help with the many preparations and communications to once again serve families in need this Christmas. Do you like to talk on the phone? Are you good with emails or text messaging? How about posting on FaceBook and Websites? Are you an "expert shopper?" Do you speak Spanish? Do you like working with groups large or small? ANY OF THESE TALENTS would be valuable to our extended team of volunteers. Please contact Jan Bencken, coordinator, at:987-1836 or jan@bencken.com for more information or to volunteer.

Moving-On Fellowship: Welcomes all those who have lost a loved one and offers support, friendship, prayer and practical help to the bereaved. Our next meeting is Monday, October 2 at 10:30am. Join us for a no-host brunch at Annie's Restaurant (Beech & Greenback). Theme is hobbies; please bring an example of your favorite hobby or hobbies. For more info call Pat Biasotti, 530-307-2147.

Around the Diocese

The Trappist monks at the Abbey of New Clairvaux in Northern California, just 20 minutes north of Chico, invite Catholic men ages 18-35 to a free Monastic Life Retreat September 29 to October 1st. For further information or to register, please go to www.newclairvaux.org or contact Brother Christopher at 530-839-2161

Christian Brothers High School Open House

Join us for Open House on Sunday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and see firsthand why CB is the place to be for exceptional academic programs, the arts, athletics and more – all in a faith-filled, nurturing community. Highlights of the day include campus tours including the engineering labs and CB's award-winning television studio - KBFT, an art exhibition, performances by the band and choir, academic department information tables and more. Informational presentations are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Visit cbhs-sacramento.org to register.