

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

In today's Gospel, Jesus identifies Himself as the good shepherd. We might wonder why Jesus chose this particular occupation. While we don't know for sure, we are quite capable of coming up with good possible reasons. One that easily comes to mind is that the first visitors to Jesus shortly after His birth were shepherds. No doubt Mary and Joseph shared with Jesus what it meant to them to have the shepherds come and honor their baby.

As Jesus grew up, He would have seen many shepherds out in the fields taking care of their goats and sheep. We can easily imagine that whatever labor Jesus did as He was preparing for His mission might have involved doing things with and for the shepherds in His vicinity.

The most notable trait about shepherds was their being considered among the lowest in Jewish society. The authorities deemed them quite unworthy to be full members of the religious community because of their violation of several laws dealing with blood. This unrealistic law might have prompted Jesus to refer to Himself as the good shepherd because He saw the laws as causing undue burden for the shepherds. Another reason that shepherds weren't able to participate in the prayer life of the community is that they would need to be with their flocks rather than go into the nearest town to take part in prayer.

What are the reasons today that would keep people from feeling free to participate in our church prayer? Jesus states that He knows us as we are and that His desire is that we would be one flock with Him as our only shepherd. Of course, Jesus wants us to imitate Him in the kind of care that He extended to all the people that He encountered. Identifying Himself as a shepherd was a clear indication that Jesus would choose to associate with all those who were considered sinners, unclean, and not worthy to participate in worship.

We know that there are many who think that they are not worthy to join us in sharing the Body and Blood of Christ for whatever reasons. How would it be if we, following the example of how Jesus describes a good shepherd as going after the lost sheep, would create ways by which we can help people to give our faith community a chance. In many cases, these hurting people are suffering from the unnecessarily harsh and restrictive treatment of people from the church any number of years ago. How great it would be to help them be set free of the burdens they needlessly carry!

This thinking is based on our second reading that reminds us that we are all children of God for no other reason than that is how God sees us. What a blessing it is to help people accept this identity regardless of where a person has been in terms of not walking the narrow path that Jesus has set for us.

In light of our first reading, we act on Jesus' behalf through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit who guides us to do good deeds for one another, especially those who come to us with hurts and wounds. We would bring about healing and peace not on our own steam or power but in the name of Jesus Christ. In fact, we are to so infuse society with the goodness and kindness of Jesus that people will honor Him as Savior of the world.

~Fr. Roman

**Schedule for the week of  
April 23rd-April 29th**

<b>Wednesday-April 25th</b>		
7:00pm	LUX Gathering	Y-1 & Y-2
<b>Thursday-April 26th</b>		
6:00pm	Community Meal	Hall A

**Want to help make decisions on all aspects of the parish? Become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) at Divine Savior?** PPC is a 12 member selected body that provides ideas and resources to the pastor and staff to help us accomplish our mission of being a vibrant faith community that worships at mass together, shares in the sacraments and participates in programs and ministries that allow parishioners to share their time and talents.

**This spring, 4 of the members will end their 3 year term so we are selecting new members in May. If you or a fellow parishioner has ideas and gifts to share that will help the parish live out this mission, please fill out a nominee form found in the vestibule or the parish office.** If you would like more information on the time commitment or involvement, you can either contact the parish advisor, Denise Hackett, or talk with one of the current PPC members. The names and contact information for the PPC officers are on the Divine Savior website.

**Hospitality**  
Each week, we offer food fun and fellowship in our hospitality room next to the gym. Our dedicated volunteers offer a weekly art project, and different individuals and groups offer snacks. If you or your group would like to assist this wonderful ministry, please call the parish office and ask for Elaine, or email her at [elaine@divinesavior.com](mailto:elaine@divinesavior.com). You can help on a regular basis, or even receive emails when we are running short of help on a particular week. We especially need assistance with clean up following hospitality after the 1130am Mass. This would include taking out the trash and tidying up. Please let us know if you can help.

**Assisted Listening Devices**  
Great news for those who may have a little difficulty fully participating in Mass due to hearing loss. We have assisted listening devices available for you to use during Mass. Just ask one of our greeters or ushers and they can assist you.

**Year over Year Plate Collection Performance**

	Week # 42	YTD thru Wk #42
<b>2017-2018 Year</b>	\$14,741	\$664,856
<b>2016-2017 Year</b>	\$6,011	\$632,898
<b>\$ Difference</b>		\$31,957
<b>% Difference</b>		5.1%

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**  
Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Special envelopes are available in the Vestibule. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



Divine Savior is one of many churches sponsoring this community service event bringing together people across Orangevale and Fair Oaks to serve on a wide range of projects that will have a broad community benefit. We are asking any parishioners who are capable and willing to please volunteer... as an individual, a family or a group. There are projects for all ages and skill levels. Please go the parish website for info. or to the BIG DAY WEBSITE at [www.bigdayofservice.com/](http://www.bigdayofservice.com/) for more information and to volunteer.

**Bulletin Announcements**  
Please submit bulletin announcements to the Parish Office or email them to [brian@divinesavior.com](mailto:brian@divinesavior.com) by noon on Wednesdays.

**Mass Intentions**

April 21st	4:30pm	Joe Fouret (D) Celso & Family
April 22nd	7:45am	Kim Virtue (D) Calvin Joe (D)
	9:30am	Darien & Jeff Gonzales (D) Dorcas & Ed Gaucher (D)
	11:30am	People of the Parish
April 23rd	8:30am	Lena Anna McKenna (D) Mary McCullagh (D)
April 24th	8:30am	Dorcas & Ed Gaucher (D) Francie Elizabeth Hill (D)
April 25th	8:30am	William Paz (D) Ron Gilmister (D)
April 26th	6:30pm	Nancy Paz (D)
April 27th	8:30am	Carol Makely (D) Abel Aguste Jules Tiquet (D)
April 28th	8:30am	Richard Grey (D)
	4:30pm	Catalina Montenegro (D) Calvin Rambo (D)
April 29th	7:45am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Ashton Morales Rita Covicci (D)
	11:30am	Ramon Mariano Andrew Nicolini (D)

**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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| <b>Sheldon Anderson Jr</b> | <b>Dorothy Feldman</b>     |
| <b>Glenn Mueller</b>       | <b>Sharon Backus</b>       |
| <b>Alex Quiroz</b>         | <b>Carl Larson</b>         |
| <b>Rosa Santos</b>         | <b>Vicente Meno</b>        |
| <b>Gerry Ryden</b>         | <b>Noreen Davis</b>        |
| <b>Dick Armstrong</b>      | <b>Gladys Reilly</b>       |
| <b>Hannah O'Connor</b>     | <b>Mary Fronteria</b>      |
| <b>Shirley Newton</b>      | <b>Eleanor Peterson</b>    |
| <b>Sandy Harris</b>        | <b>Jacque Olson</b>        |
| <b>Shari Sigl</b>          | <b>David Collier</b>       |
| <b>Del Schweiger</b>       | <b>Jean Dean</b>           |
| <b>Ben De Quiroz</b>       | <b>Madeleine Crepin</b>    |
| <b>Myron Howe</b>          | <b>McKenzie Ballentine</b> |
| <b>Lacey Anderson</b>      | <b>Jed Scully</b>          |
| <b>Linda Aiello</b>        | <b>Henry Gomes</b>         |
| <b>Stephany Hammer</b>     | <b>Mercedes Ortiz</b>      |
| <b>Bud Azzarello</b>       | <b>Ken West</b>            |
| <b>Virginia West</b>       |                            |

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

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| <b>Jennie Lee</b>   | <b>Greg Thompson</b>  |
| <b>Lillian Deus</b> | <b>Ed Gaucher Sr.</b> |

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

## BELATED HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DAY THANK YOUS

We often hear that it takes a village to raise a child. How many people does it take to create a week filled with solemn liturgical celebrations? Too many to count. Nonetheless, it is important to express gratitude for the many wonderful parishioners who helped us celebrate the feasts of Holy Week.

1. Many thanks to the hundreds of people who participated in the various celebrations;
2. We are blessed with those who provided palm branches for Palm Sunday;
3. Thanks to our dedicated greeters and ushers who passed out palms, welcomed people, helped people find seats in a crowded church, provided candles, picked up candles, and took up monetary collections for the various feasts;
4. We had several dozen folks ranging in age from 5 to 75 or higher who used their vocal chords or various instruments to lead us in song;
5. We are grateful for our church environment saints for their creative work providing a celebratory atmosphere for our prayer together;
6. We have those who faithfully serve at the altar, proclaim our scripture passages, distribute Communion and make sure that all materials and volunteers are in place by which to celebrate Mass and other prayer times;
7. How precious and blessed it was to be spiritually enriched by the various ministries who led the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday afternoon;
8. Our grateful blessing is extended to our Knights of Columbus who do several services such as an Easter Egg Hunt and the fire by which we begin our Easter Vigil Mass; they also faithfully do the grunt work of moving chairs as well as other heavy items;
9. How fortunate we are that we have capable tech people who help us to pray by preparing what is projected and operating the computers for our screens and newly installed camera that provide the possibility for greater awareness of what is going on during services;
10. We certainly appreciate those who share of their financial resources as gestures of thanks to God for all God has blessed us with;
11. We thank God for creating us and for continuing to surprise us into New Life in the variety of ways that we come to relate more intimately with His goodness and kindness. We thank as well anyone whose contributions are not mentioned above. Blessings to one and all!

Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.

## Ministry Opportunities

### Win a Divine Savior Vacation

If you have an RV or a camper, you can win a four-night vacation between July 31 and August 3 at Divine Savior's Black Top Campground, complete with power hookups and camper parking spaces large enough for all size RVs and campers. While you star gaze (no trees to block your view), barbecue, play card games, and sing campfire songs in the church's Black Top Campground (aka, parking lot behind the gym), you will be asked to watch our outdoor sales area the week of Treasure Fest 2018. That's it! Call fast! Only two spaces exist!! Call or text Steve Roberts at 916-690-7777 to sign up and learn more about this rare opportunity!

### TREASURE FEST 2018 planning is underway!

Our first drop off days for donations of gently used items will be in July. However, if you have a large item to donate that will not fit in your car/truck/SUV, we can arrange to pick it up at your home. Due to limited storage, we can only accept large items at this time.

**Please contact Bob Reilly to schedule a pick up. He can be reached at (916) 988-1040.** Also, if you have a truck or are able to lift large items and can help with these pickups, please contact Bob as well.

Thanks to you, our Easter celebrations have been beautiful and it is obvious this is a parish that is indeed a family. We are grateful beyond measure for all you do. If you have not had the opportunity yet to join a ministry, please consider doing so. We are losing our dedicated 7:45am altar servers at the end of May. David and Kevin Gonzalez have tirelessly assisted us for years at this Mass. We also need altar servers at other Masses and sacristans as well. Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, choir members, ushers and greeters are always welcome too. Can you help? If so, please email Elaine at the parish office [elaine@divinesavior.com](mailto:elaine@divinesavior.com), or give her a call or text at (559) 307-4216. Thank you again, for making Divine Savior such a beautiful place to call Home.

The **Sacramento Life Center Mobile Medical Clinic** will visit Divine Savior Parish on Sunday, April 29th., after the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. Everyone is warmly welcome to hear a short presentation about the important life saving work of the mobile clinic. Presentations will take place in St. Cecilia's Room before a tour of the mobile unit. Contact Person: Sally Fong at [santabarbarasally@yahoo.com](mailto:santabarbarasally@yahoo.com)

## 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](mailto: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.

### 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 for six informal sessions beginning Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today. Please contact Kathleen Hass at [kathleen@divinesavior.com](mailto:kathleen@divinesavior.com) or 916-989-7400 for additional information.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



### Vocations Cross

Sunday, April 22nd at the 7:45am Mass, **Gary & Diane Stout** will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious

## Ministry Happenings

### Earth Day ~ April 22, 2018

The Creation Care Team invites you to make a difference for our parish and our earth! Please take a refrigerator magnet as a reminder that "B.Y.O.D." is a good idea and easy to do.



One way that you can help reduce waste that ends up in our oceans and landfills is to **bring your own dishes (BYOD) and cloth napkins** to events and take them home to wash them – instead of using disposable plates, dishes, cups, napkins and flatware. Help us to move away from what Pope Francis has called the "throwaway culture."

**Join Divine Savior's Creation Care Team!**

[DSCreationCare@gmail.com](mailto:DSCreationCare@gmail.com)

*I would therefore like us all to make the serious commitment to respect and care for creation, to pay attention to every person, to combat the culture of waste and of throwing out so as to foster a culture of solidarity and encounter.*

Pope Francis on July 25 and June 5, 2013

### APRIL 29 = RECYCLING SUNDAY

**Where:** behind the gym by dumpster

**When:** after all Sunday Masses

April 29th

**What we take:** clean, empty plastic containers (milk, juice, water, detergent, trays) aluminum beverage cans

CRV glass soda/beer bottles

**We don't take:** paper, tin, plastic bags, batteries, electronics, medicinal waste

**Why:** Salvatorian Haiti Project



### The 9th Annual Knights Charity Through Golf

**Tournament** will be held Monday, May 14th at Serrano Country Club. The play will be a 4 person Scramble format with a shotgun start and has room for a few more players. For more information or to register come see us under the Red Tent or visit [www.KCTG.NET](http://www.KCTG.NET).

In conjunction with the Golf Tournament we are raffling a Radio Flyer Tesla Electric Car for Children. Tickets are \$20 and only 350 will be sold. Stop by the Red Tent to see this cool car and buy tickets. The drawing for the Car will be at the Tournament on May 14th. Need not be present to win.