Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Guests:

We keep in mind that today’s Gospel as well as the Gospel passage until the end of November are from the period between Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem and His death and resurrection. However, in order to appreciate how Jesus may have actually told the parable, we look at our first reading. For instance, our first reading makes clear that the people Jesus was speaking with would have known that the vineyard is a symbol for the people of Israel. The friend whose vineyard it was is a symbol for God, especially given the fact that God is the Creator of all that exists.

The grapes would be symbols of the people who refused to cooperate with God’s plan or live God’s will. Having provided so much to the chosen people, God naturally expected that the people would accept all of God’s blessing with gratitude and follow the example of God and be generous to one another. Isaiah is referring to what happens to people when they do not stay faithful to God. Not being faithful to God would often mean that instead of relying on God they would put their trust in the war machines of other tribes of countries.

Doing this would bring about ruin. As what happens over and over again, God is pictured as the one who brings about the consequent destruction. The images of trampling, being overgrown with thorns and briars as well as the lack of rain are symbols for how desolate people feel when they do not follow God’s way. As the last sentence of the first reading makes clear, there is often bloodshed as well.

So Jesus most likely used the basic symbols of the first reading as He created the gospel parable. What often happened to God’s people is that they lived among pagans who worshiped more tangible false gods that had real images of them made. The people began to feel lost when their faith in the invisible God became less fervent. So as we know from various parts of the Old Testament, God sent a variety of people like judges, kings and prophets to guide the people to being faithful to the invisible God.

We know that often times the people would not listen to these instruments of God’s presence; in fact, in many cases they killed them. So God sent His own Son hoping that people would realize that in this grand gesture, people would realize how much God loved them. But we know that the more Jesus told stories to people that they were not the new home to a new world. 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 parish ministries and fellow parishioners.

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 newborn 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.

This weekend, October 7th & 8th, a 2nd collection will take place to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at Divine Savior. The donations received will be used to provide services to the needy in the community.

We would be grateful if you would consider giving a donation. We have provided so much to the chosen people, God naturally expected that all human beings as well as creation in general be treated with the proper respect. Given our second reading, how can we be more attentive to the indwelling of God’s love by which we can overcome our anxiety? From what impulses do we protect our hearts and minds?

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Trunk OR TREAT!

Divine Savior’s LifeTeen and EDGE ministries proudly present Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Mark your calendars and get your costumes ready! We are looking for people to decorate their cars. Cars will be parked behind the gym and need to be ready for Trunk-n-Treaters by 2:45pm. Please contact Brian at 989-7400 or brian@divinesavior.com if you are interested.
Faith Formation News

Is God Calling you? Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Being called 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.

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, October 12th, 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.

Each October the Church honors our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. You are invited to celebrate by praying the rosary in a group at church or at home. Group Rosary Times: After 7:45am Mass at 8:45am Sunday by Mary’s statue; 7:00pm Thursday evenings, St. Cecilia room, and daily after Massing

WHAT IS THE ROSARY?
The Rosary is one of the most widespread devotional practices in the Catholic world, and has been more often encouraged and recommended by popes through the ages than any other devotion save the Mass itself. Strongly associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and relying on the power of her intercession with her Divine Son, the Rosary makes use of a simple string of beads to engage the body, mind and heart in a series of Scriptural prayers while meditating on the mysteries of our salvation in scenes of Christ’s life pertaining to a particular mystery. A ‘mystery’ in this context can be an important Biblical event to ponder.

Let’s meditate now as we think of the 1st Joyful Mystery, The Annunciation. We see Mary. Where is she; a room, a garden? The angel Gabriel appears to her and says, “Hail, full of grace. The Lord is with you”. What does he look like? Is Mary calm? Startled? Do you hear any sounds? You can mentally examine the setting or think of how this greeting affected Mary and will affect the world. Why did Mary seem to understand the fullness of the message? Did this indicate that Mary had studied Jewish history?

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We all welcome new people in this ministry where we take communion to those who cannot get to Mass for an extended period. We invite you to our next quarterly meeting on October 28, 9:15-11:00am in M4. Please contact Mary at nithmary@outlook.com if you wish to come to the meeting so that we have enough materials. Time commitment is minimal and personal coaching is provided.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

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 who 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 reclaim 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.

Recycling Trivia: Did you know ???...

Over 1 million plastic water bottles are disposed of every day worldwide? Take yours to our next recycling collection weekend on October 21-22 before/after all Masses.

Ministry Happenings

Communion

Salvatorian 125th 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 in the Vestibule this weekend or at the Parish Office.
$25 per ticket and includes appetizer social and concert.
$5 per ticket for just the concert.

Fr. Joe Rodrigues will be interviewed during the Bishop’s Hour on Monday, October 9th, at 9:00am on channel 1620 regarding the 125th Anniversary. Please tune in for more details about this event.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 – 2:2; 11; Jon 2:3-5; 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2; Ps 78: Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6; 9:10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4; 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 21-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 18, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY meeting on Sunday, October 8th, at 1:00pm in classroom Y - 2. Everyone is warmly welcome!!! Contact: Sally at (916) 849-0533.

Around the Diocese

Sacramento Catholic Forum presents: Breakfast with Dale Ahlquist
Friday October 20, 2017 - Christ the King Retreat Center
One of the most respected G.K. Chesterton scholars in the world, Dale Ahlquist is President of the American Chesterton Society, and publisher of its flagship publication. He is the creator and host of the popular EWTN series The Apostle of Common Sense, and he is the author of three books on Chesterton. His books deliver Chestertonian perspectives on such topics as family, education, love, and marriage, and unpack the wisdom of Chesterton to explain why modern man has lost his ability to think clearly. For more info and tickets go to saccatholicsatwork.org