December 2, 2018

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Happy Advent Season! At first glance, we might think that today’s Gospel was written within the last day or so. We can easily say that some nations are in disarray and disquiet. Many people are frightened about any number of concerns both real and imagined. Others wonder about what is coming upon our world, what fires that rage ferociously and storms that increase in the degree of destruction that they bring about.

The point of our Gospel message is that regardless of what is or is not going on we are to stand erect and raise our heads because of our profound trust in the goodness of our all-loving God. The last words of our Gospel remind us that our lives are the more meaningful the more assured we can be when standing before the Son of Man. The idea is not to fear what may or may not happen but to take special time during this Advent Season to reflect on how intimately our relationship is with Jesus, the proverbial Son of Man.

Our fulfillment in life, our sense of meaning and identity, have to do with a certain degree of attentiveness regarding how closely we live our lives that of the earthly life of Jesus. We know only too well that what interferes with our ability to be consistently attentive to the presence of the divine in our lives includes our anxieties as well as the numbness that we allow to come over us because of all the events that create fear.

What we are encouraged to do in the last sentence of the Gospel is to pray that we have the strength to deal with all that is coming upon our world, what with fires that rage ferociously and storms that increase in the degree of destruction that they bring about.

Praying in this way involves our mind as we become as attentive to God’s loving Presence of God can provide. For some of us, the season of Advent can be a time of elevated stress, which is the direct opposite of what the season is about. We are preparing to celebrate the great gift of God in becoming one of us in the person of Jesus. How wonderful it is for us to take the time to realize that Christmas is not about far away with Mary but our Lady was born to share with us in our abundance! Our prayer can be a time when we consciously remake a bed in our hearts for Jesus to abide comfortably at the same time that His sacred Presence refreshes us in the gifts He was sent to share with us in the Church.

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Roman

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Pastor’s Corner

Christmas Schedule
Advent Communal Reconciliation Service
Experience God’s love
December 13th, 6:30 pm
Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do.
Advent is an ideal time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Divine Savior offers us.
This is a wonderful opportunity to join our sisters and brothers in asking for forgiveness and healing.

Christmas Eve Masses
4:00pm-Mass of Christmas
6:30pm-for Families & Children
all ages welcome
10:00pm—Candlelight Christmas of Mass in the dark of night beginning with Las Posadas

Christmas Day Mass
10:00am-Mass of Christmas

Divine Savior will celebrate The Holy Day of Obligation The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary with two Masses on December 8th.

7:00pm on Friday, December 7th and
8:30am on Saturday December 8th.

Parish Announcements

December 2, 2018

~Fr. Roman

Prayers of the Week

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

- Alice Amantea
  Bill Amantea
- Sheldon Anderson Jr
  Dick Armstrong
- Sharon Backus
  Tara Benes
- Paul Boucher
  Richard Boyd
- Molly Busto
  Tom Caird
- Andrew Colby
  David Collier
- Pat Collier
  Madeleine Crepin
- Norine Davis
  Jim Donohue
- Reginald Faulk
  Dorothy Feldman
- Jim Fourt
  Anna Maria Gomez
- Gary Green
  Patricia Hamilton
- Steven Hammer
  Myron Howe
- Martin Jennings
  Carl Larson
- David Kinyon
  Laura May
- Vicente Meno
  Rovita Mott
- Glenn Newton
  Jacque Olson
- John Padden
  Karen Paddock
- Linda Parker
  Eleanor Peterson
- Angel Ramirez
  Mike Reagan
- Austin Reid
  Gladys Reilly
- Jerry Rodich
  Del Schweiger
- Mary Scott-Salter
  Marilyn Scott
- Tom Sekel
  Marva Shaw
- Shari Sigl
  Stacey Simkins-Kail
- Diane Stokes
  Mikey Trent
- Mike Turner
  Helen Wang
- John Wick
  Jordan Wingate

Please pray for the souls of those who have died.

- Cal Crawford
  Brian Fischer
- Teresa Mary Groth
  Kevin Haydukovich
- Duke McAlpine
  Arlene Ray
- Richard Tooley
  Peggy Williams

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

Vocations Cross

Sunday, December 2nd at the 11:30am Mass, Ana, Jose, Andrea & Isabella Moreno will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

Pray for our Parish Personnel wherever duly called to serve, homeless or overseas. Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, Logan Ames, Sean Ames, James Atwood, Jordan Biaconti, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Carmarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephrem Chol, Elise Cruz, Matt Davis, Travis Dardis, Derek Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst & J.A. Smith, Tom Foyeese, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstadt, Erek Harrell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Ista, Tyler Keniboff, Nicholas Koelgen, William Krantz, Tyler Krantz, Andy Kunst, Dayna Landry, Kelly Mancini, Daron Martin, John M. Mans, Remel D. Mans, Dominic S. Cairel, Francis Montejo, Joseph M. Paddock, Nathan Paddock, Chris Payant, David Petisor, Darin Pillman, Tim Pillman, RachaelPolitical, Logan Rasmussen, Troy Rasmussen, Tim Resil, Neal Ridge, Tony Rodriguez, Nicholas Rota, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandaloff, April Skous, Jacob and Nikki Steeb, James Sillers, 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 not out of the military please call Mary to have them removed.
Canned Food Drive Dec. 8-9!

We are collecting non-perishable food to supplement our Christmas Basket Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Society. These donated items will help those in need to have enough food especially during the schools' winter break period. Please place canned and non-perishable food into the large red box in the vestibule on December 8-9.

Ideas: canned soups/vegetables/fruits, ramen, instant rice/mashed potatoes, mac-n-cheese, pasta noodles and sauces, juice boxes, applesauce, cereals, oatmeal, granola bars, crackers. Thank you for your generosity!

Moving On Fellowship: Will meet Monday, Dec. 3, 10:30am, no-host brunch, Annie’s Restaurant (back room).

Moving On is an informal compassion ministry made up of widows and widowers who try to offer support, encouragement, prayer and practical help to the bereaved in “moving on” into a new, meaningful life. Topic for December “getting on” into a new, meaningful life. Topic for December “getting on” into a new, meaningful life. Topic for December “getting on” into a new, meaningful life. Topic for December “getting on” into a new, meaningful life. Topic for December “getting on” into a new, meaningful life.

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Do you know the people who sit near you at Mass? Has someone been missing in action for a while? Is someone going through a difficult situation?

If you know someone from our parish who would benefit from a phone call or pastoral visit, please let the office know as soon as you have the information. We just need their name and a way to get in touch with them. It is so important to me that we take care of one another and be supportive of members in our parish family, both through prayer and also in very practical ways such as providing meals through Manna Ministry, visits from Ministry to the Homebound, the gift of a Prayer Shawl, or the Sacrament of Anointing. Please call the Parish Office: 916-989-7400 or email Caroline Easton, Pastoral Care Minister, caroline@divinesavior.com.

Seeking Choir Members

We would love to have you join one of our Sunday and/or Christmas choirs. Our rehearsal times are:
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Please email Elaine at elaine@divinesavior.com or call her at the parish office if you love God, love to sing or play an instrument and would like to share this gift with your parish family.

Eucharistic Adoration

Divine Savior invites everyone to Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month. Adoration begins at 9:00am immediately after Mass and continues until 12:00pm.

Boy Scout Italian Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 310 is having their Annual Italian Dinner on Saturday, December 8th from 6pm-9pm in the gym. All are invited to purchase tickets for $10 at the door (children 5 yrs. and under are free) and support all of our boys. There will be great food, many friends and lots of fun. Make a bid in our silent auction or dessert auction. Win a door prize or participate in our raffle.

 помогать тем, кто остался без крова и еды. Мы будем рады принять любые продукты, которые вы считаете необходимыми для помощи бедным людям.

Do you enjoy visiting with others? The Ministry to the Homebound brings the Eucharist to residents in 7 facilities, and to those who can’t get to Mass for an extended period – and who request communion through the parish office. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, email Mary at mary@parishoffice.com for further information. The time commitment is minimal.

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Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, “Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week’s second collection on December 8/9.

Fair Trade Coffee

Sales will take place NEXT weekend Saturday, December 8th and Sunday, December 9th at each Mass in the Vestibule.

Tanzanian Water Wells

The Lay Salvatorians are continuing their appeal for help Support Students Affected by the Camp Fire

Many students will be unable to return and finish their school year in Paradise.

We have open seats in our Catholic elementary schools and high school in the Northern Sacramento Valley, and we would like to make them available to these displaced Paradise students. We will waive tuition for these students for the remainder of the year. In addition to these new families, many current school families have lost their homes and will also need support as they rebuild.

We ask your help in supporting these families. We would be appreciative if you would join us in sponsoring these affected students at our Catholic schools with a donation of any amount.

You can make a donation at: https://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/camp-fire-student-fund

Thank you for your support.

Annual Remembrance Tree and Candlelight Vigil

Thursday December 13, 7 pm
Calvary and St. Mary Cemetery & Funeral Centers

A special blessing will be offered for all of the faithful departed. Celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord. For more information please call, Nicole Zamora, Director of Community Outreach, at 916-840-2138 or by e-mail at nzamora@ccsfparish.org.