Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

In last weekend’s Gospel, Jesus identified Himself as the Good Shepherd. Today He says “I am the true vine.” As we continue our journey through this year’s Easter Season, all of our scripture passages draw attention to the community that Jesus established. The basis of this community is Jesus’ statement that we are to remain in Jesus just as Jesus remains in us. We cannot get a more clear description of what an intimate, interpersonal relationship with Jesus looks like.

However, allowing this type of relationship to develop takes a great deal of vulnerability and risk. This type of relationship is built on our trust that Jesus is reliable and will not let us down in any way. Because of this risk and fear, some people choose to live by fulfilling all the rules that they have determined will win them points with God. But this easily leads to thinking that somehow we can earn whatever benefits we think we will realize as a result of our behavior. Our second reading states that we can ask for whatever we want from God if an open, trusting relationship is established.

But this is part of Gospel humor. Jesus states that only by remaining in Him and allowing His words to remain in us will it be possible for us to ask for whatever we want and it will be given to us. The humorous aspect is that Jesus revealed that the Father cares so much for us that He prunes away anything that does not bear as much fruit as is otherwise possible. All this leads us to the conviction that God, quite on His own, knows what is best for us and extends blessings and gifts in abundance which negates the need to ask for anything.

A similar bit of humor is expressed in our second reading when it states that the community is moving from fear of Saul to their great joy in the knowledge that they have determined will win them points with God.

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This year over Year Plate Collection Performance

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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.

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Catholic Home Missions Appeal
Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Special envelopes are available in the Vestibule. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/homemissions.

SAD NEWS ABOUT BISHOP RICHARD GARCIA
Bishop Soto notified all parishes this past week that Bishop Richard Garcia has recently been diagnosed with the onset of Alzheimer’s disease. While there is limited information at the moment regarding this sad development, we do know that he would appreciate our prayers. Bishop Garcia originates from the San Jose Diocese and was the fourth auxiliary bishop of Sacramento; he served us from January 28, 1998 until December 19, 2006 when he became the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Monterey. Bishop Garcia had a special place in his heart for Divine Savior. Bishop Garcia has asked for privacy at this time but we are welcome to send him a note or card to:

Bishop Richard Garcia
c/o Diocese of Monterey
P.O. Box 2048
Monterey, CA 93942

SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Eucharistic Adoration Church
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- Guadalupe Society Library
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Mass Intentions

- April 28th: 3:30pm - Catalina Montenegro (D)
- April 29th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
- April 30th: 9:30am - Ashton Morales
- April 30th: 11:30am - Ramon Mariano
- May 1st: 8:30am - Grace Carchidi (D)
- May 2nd: 8:30am - Bessie Curran
- May 2nd: 11:30am - Patricia Chenier
- May 3rd: 6:30pm - Vicki Davis (D)
- May 4th: 8:30pm - Patricia McKenna (D)
- May 5th: 8:30am - Theresa Pippig (D)
- May 6th: 7:45am - Elizabeth Morales
- May 6th: 8:30pm - Donna Ramirez (D)
- May 6th: 12:00pm - Linda Paz
- May 6th: 12:15pm - Theresa Pippig (D)
- May 6th: 12:30pm - Dale Bartlett (D)
- May 6th: 1:15pm - Evelyn Crain (D)
- May 6th: 1:30pm - Adelmiria & Felix Rodriguez (D)
- May 6th: 4:30pm - Dale Bartlett (D)
- May 6th: 5:30pm - Jeff Jones (D)
- May 7th: 8:30am - John Pippig (D)
- May 7th: 8:30am - Patricia Chenier
- May 8th: 6:00pm - Keena Carchidi (D)
- May 8th: 6:30pm - Dale Bartlett (D)
- May 8th: 7:00pm - Denise Hackett (D)
- May 8th: 7:30pm - Dave Collier (D)
- May 8th: 8:00pm - Bessie Curran
- May 9th: 8:30am - Maria Delgado (D)
- May 9th: 8:30am - Anthony Mariano (D)
- May 9th: 10:00am - Andrew Nicolini (D)

Bake Sale - Today after all Masses in the plaza

- Yummy, homemade desserts

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, in need of spiritual healing, or those who have passed away over the past 3 weeks.

- Sheldon Anderson Jr
- Dorothy Feldman
- Glenn Mueller
- Sharon Bausch
- Alex Quiroz
- Carl Larson
- Rosa Santos
- Vicente Meno
- Gerry Ryden
- Noreen Davis
- Dick Armstrong
- Gladys Reilly
- Hannah O’Connor
- Stephanie Hamm
- Shirley Newton
- Eleanor Peterson
- Sandy Harris
- Jacques Olson
- Shari Sigl
- David Collier
- De Schweiger
- Madeleine Crepin
- Myron Howe
- McKenzie Ballentine
- Lacey Anderson
- Stil Scully
- Linda Aiello
- Henry Gomes
- Mercedes Ortiz
- Bud Azzarelli
- Ken West
- Virginia West
- George Coward
- Lynne Pistochini

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

- Dick Armstrong
- Alex Quiroz
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- George Coward
- Jean Dean

- For those who have been faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

- Ramon De Quiroz
A TALENT SHOW – Saturday June 16th

Do you have talent? Of course you do! Come share that talent with your Parish Family on Saturday, June 16th at 6:30pm. If you can sing, dance, play piano or guitar or Native American drum, tell FUNNY jokes, or another talent that would be suitable for an audience in the church, please call or email Elaine at (559) 307-4216 or elaine@divinesavior.com to set up a time to “audition”. Auditions are not to assess skill level, only appropriateness, length and program placement. Solos and groups welcome.

SAVE THE DATE/Volunteers Needed

We’d like to offer a Music Camp the week of July 16-20th, however in order to do so volunteers are needed. Camp will be held from 9:00am for ages 5-12. If you can assist this week or if you have an interested camper please email or call (text) Elaine at elaine@divinesavior.com or (559) 307-4216. Emails are preferred.

Ministry Opportunities

Join Us

When: Saturday June 16th at 6:30pm

Where: Divine Savior Parish, 989-7940-1040. Emails are preferred.

Volunteer to help with the planning and coordination of the event.

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 (aka, parking lot behind the gym), you will be asked to watch songs in the church’s Black Top Campground (aka, camper parking spaces large enough for all size RVs), please contact Bob as well.

Please contact Bob Reilly to schedule a pick up. He will arrange to pick it up at your home. Due to limited storage, we can only accept large items at this time. Please go the parish website for more information and to volunteer. www.bigdayofservice.com

The Sacramento Life Center Mobile Medical Clinic will visit Divine Savior Parish today, 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.

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.

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. 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.

Please contact Kathleen Hass at kathleen@divinesavior.com or 961-989-7400 for additional information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK


Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:2-7,31-4a (for the memorial)

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 75:3-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21


Ministry Happenings

Moving On Fellowship

Our next meeting is Monday, May 7 (1st Monday of May) at 10:30am. Join us for a no-host brunch at Annie’s Restaurant (Corner of Beech & Greenback). Our topic is “Thoughtful Arrangements.” We are an informal group of Divine Savior widows and widowers who try to offer support, encouragement, prayer, and practical help to the bereaved so they might “move on” to a meaningful life after the death of a loved one. All are welcome. For more information, call Pat Biasotti, 530-307-2147.

Ministry to the Homebound

We hope your Easter Season continues to be filled with peace and joy. If you are interested in this ministry please email me at mmhmaryk@outlook.com for further information. We take communion to residents in 6 facilities and also to those who request private communion because they can’t get out to Mass for an extended period. Mary Frontiera