Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

As we celebrate the second Sunday of Lent, the event we reflect on is the Transfiguration of Jesus. It took place on a mountain, a special place where our ancestors in the faith believed they could experience God in a personal, profound way. Moses and Elijah had unique encounters with God. It is on Mount Sinai that God revealed to Moses the Ten Commandments. The purpose of these commandments was to guide the people to respond to God’s initiative in a loving, life-long relationship established with them. This special covenant was not just for this select group of people; rather, they were to live in such a way that others would want to join them in this love relationship with their common creator.

Elijah was a unique oddball. After being the instrument by which God showed Himself superior to the false gods of a particular region, Elijah became alternately depressed and angry with God. He finally followed God’s direction to a special mountain where he experienced the presence of God not in a fire, not in a strong wind and not in an earthquake but in a gentle breeze. This experience transformed Elijah to the point that he continued to serve as God’s instrument by which God revealed to Moses the Ten Commandments. The presence of these two prophets was one part of the three apostles’ stunning adventure. Jesus spoke of His exodus, clearly tying His life to the experience of the people who Moses led from slavery in Egypt to the promised land. Jesus’ presence of God was experienced in such a way that others would want to join Him in this love relationship.

Our Lenten Season provides the opportunity to imagine ourselves loving the way Jesus did. The disciples saw Jesus in His full humanness and to accept that He was on a mission of God’s love and that we can only imagine how startling it must have been for the three disciples Jesus had taken with Him. Seeing Jesus in His resurrected presence was enough to put them to sleep. We have many other ways to distract ourselves, but the experience of the people whom Moses led from slavery in Egypt to the promised land is one part of the three apostles’ stunning adventure. Jesus spoke of His exodus, clearly tying His life to the experience of the people who Moses led from slavery in Egypt to the promised land. Jesus’ presence of God was experienced in such a way that others would want to join Him in this love relationship.

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Parish Announcements

March 18th

6:30pm Parish wide Ice Cream Social Church
1:00pm St. Cecilia Lenten Meal Hall A
6:30pm Stations of the Cross & Soup Church

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DID YOU KNOW...

Last week, we had ADA electric door buttons installed on 3 doors in the church! These were made possible by Evelyn Crain, a long-time parishioner and Lay Salvadorian who passed away last year. Thank you Evelyn! This development honored Evelyn in a special way considering that she was a parishioner of St. Cecilia's and was a great supporter of the church. She was a humble, kind soul who passed away last year and included Divine Savior in her will.

LYTURGY CORNER—Scrutinies...

Scrutinies—“From that day they planned to put him to death”

Every year, we go through a cycle of readings at Mass, focusing our Gospels on a different author. These cycles are simply called Years A, B, and C. During Year A, we focus on the Gospel of Matthew. During Year B, the Gospel of Mark, and Year C, the Gospel of Luke (with a good sprinkling of John thrown in). After Cycle C, we simply return to Cycle A.

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent each year, we celebrate special rites, called Scrutinies, with our brothers and sisters who will become fully immersed in the Catholic faith.

We will have two baby bottles to collect money for the Sacramento Life Center so that they can continue to support expectant mothers in our community.

We are also participating in the Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl campaign which provides funding globally. We are asking to direct proceeds to a home for women and children in Fr. Marcel’s home town in Nigeria. If you did not receive a baby bottle or rice bowl, you may pick one up in the parish office.

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“Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer’s”

Presented by Matthew Crider, Elder Law Attorney

Join us on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00pm in Hall A, as Senior Care Solutions invites you to this interactive program where you will have a chance to learn about important legal and financial issues including: making legal plans that fit your needs, legal documents you’ll need and what they mean, and practical strategies for making a long-term plan of care. This program will cover information for families and individuals dealing with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia.

For more information and to reserve your seat, please call Senior Care Solutions at (916) 965-5565.

At Divine Savior We Respect All Life

We are great, created by God in His own image. We are important, God has a special job for each of us. We are loved, didn’t Jesus suffer and die for you and me as if we were the only ones? We are respected, as humble temples of God’s Holy Spirit. We are alive! We are alive! Let us cherish life together!

I came that they may have life and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)

Parish Social THIS Sunday, March 17th

St. Patrick’s Day Parish Social – in honor of St. Patrick, we will have a parish wide ice cream social with Irish music and games for the entire family. It is a free event being held in the Gym this Sunday, March 17th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome! Come join the fun!

Lifeteen will still meet at 6:00pm prior to the social.

Parish Announcements

DIVINE SAVIOR’S ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT

March 29 – 31, 2019 at Christ the King Retreat Center

This year’s theme is “On the Way with Jesus”, a deeper look at the Gospel of St. Luke. This Retreat invites us to walk anew, as if for the first time, in the footsteps of Jesus. It’s a wonderful opportunity to pray, rest and re-connect with Jesus.

Registration/info forms are available in the Church vestiary or in the parish office. For questions or additional information, call Cathy Conte, 916-962-4302 or e-mail cathconte@yahoo.com.

HANDEL’S MESSIAH CONCERT

What a powerful way to begin Holy Week with a Messiah Sing -Along Concert, Saturday April 13th from 7-9pm! Handel’s Messiah performed by a professional orchestra with amazing soloists and community choir, conducted by Gerald Rheault. This event is free to the public. Bring along a Shimer edition of the oratorio to join in the chorus numbers. Some copies will be available to purchase at the door for $10. For more information, contact Gerald Rheault at gregrheault@gmail.com.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We take communion to those who are unable to come to Mass for an extended period. We serve 7 assisted living facilities as well as people at home who request communion through the parish office. For further information contact Mary at mnthmaryk@outlook.com

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you have the talent to knit or crochet, please consider joining our prayer shawl ministry. We meet twice a month (1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1-3pm) in the Parish Office. Please contact Nancy Begley at 916-705-5464 for more information.

If you know someone in need of loving comfort who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact the parish office.

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering prayer is a method of prayer that helps develop a relationship with God, through silence, stillness and listening. A Centering Prayer group meets at Divine Savior on the third Tuesday of the month. The group meets at 9:30am in the St. Cecilia Room. If you’d like to participate in this form of prayer join us on March 19th.

Questions? Call Joyce at 916-990-0546.

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Please join us during Lent for Stations of the Cross with a soup supper to follow. 6:30pm on Friday

In the Church

March 22nd hosted by: Rosary Groups
March 29th hosted by: CFF
April 5th hosted by: EDGE/Lifeteen
April 19th, St. Patrick’s Day hosted by: email elaine@divinesavior.com if you would like to bring soup

As an added positive action, BYOD (Bring Your Own Dishes! And non-disposable utensils, cups and cloth napkins!) to Stations and Soup. In doing so, you serve as protectors of God’s gift to us – the Earth – by reducing the mounds of paper and plastic that pollute our oceans and earth.