Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and Our Cherished Visitors:

Jesus displays that He is fully human in today’s Gospel. He says, “I am troubled now. Yet what should I say, ‘Father, save me from this hour?’” Jesus is fully aware that because of His mission of revealing God’s love for all people, He will suffer and be killed because many people, especially the leaders, have become so upset and angry with Jesus that the only way they see to silencing Jesus is to kill Him. Love in the flesh of Jesus can bring about this.

Jesus offered God’s love and all that flows from that great blessing as a gift. There was nothing to be gained by just observing rules, regardless of how sacred some people may have thought they were. Jesus called people to relate with Him and with His Father in a vulnerable, interpersonal and intimate way and not through sacrifices. The love Jesus revealed called people to accept one another as God’s precious and beloved people. This meant that Jesus called for an end to discrimination, control, scrutinizing, and any other practice that dehumanizes another person.

We, too, can get to the point of wondering what to do because we are simply troubled. People who offend, hurt, take advantage, scamming, and any other practice that dehumanizes another person.

Jesus talked about a wisdom that was difficult for the Greeks to accept. Why not just find a way to cash out of society fully? The same as Jesus expressed. Why care anymore? Why continue to be loving? Why not just find a way to cash out of society fully?

When the Greeks, at the beginning of today’s Gospel passage, thought they were. Jesus called people to relate with Him and with His Father in a vulnerable, interpersonal and intimate way and not through sacrifices. The love Jesus revealed called people to accept one another as God’s precious and beloved people. This meant that Jesus called for an end to discrimination, control, scrutinizing, and any other practice that dehumanizes another person.

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Just as Jesus asked His Father to glorify Him, we do so as well. Jesus; we are to find every way and means possible to reveal in the workplace and in our daily lives the same as Jesus expressed. Why care anymore? Why continue to be loving? Why not just find a way to cash out of society fully?

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and Our Cherished Visitors:

March 18, 2018

~Fr. Roman

GOT PALMS??

Do you have palms in your yard (queen, sago, fan…)??

If so, Thursday, March 22nd is the perfect day to have them trimmed! We are accepting donations of any palm branches large or small for decorating our church for Palm Sunday. Please bring palm branches to the area behind the church near the north gate anytime 8am-4pm on Thursday, March 22nd or before 9am on March 23rd. If you would like to help decorate for Palm Sunday, please come to the church on Friday, March 23rd by 9am. For more information or questions, please contact the Director of Ministry Programs and fun activities.

THANK YOU SOOO MUCH!!!

We would like to thank everyone for their support and donations of prizes to the Divine Savior Crab Feed. Thanks for all the many hours of help from the volunteers and office staff that help make this event a huge success. The Edge and LifeTeen Teens did an awesome job serving and thank you for the generous tips which will help support their Ministry Programs and fun activities.

~Bob & Pat Collier
**Ministry Happenings**

Please join us Friday, March 23rd at 6:30pm in the Church for Stations and Soup hosted by the Community Meal Ministry.

**TREASURE FEST 2018 - HEFTY HAULER HELPERS NEEDED!** Do you have a truck, trailer, or large vehicle which can haul furniture items being donated to the Treasure Fest? Can you assist others in loading these items and delivering them to the Storage unit behind the Hall? Are you good at Tetris and can squeeze lots into a limited space? Then we need you! We are forming 3 Teams of 2 people each to help with this task. Come to hear more about it TODAY, Sunday, March 18 at 1pm in the MS Room of the parish hall. If your time is limited, but you’d like to support the Treasure Fest, this may be the perfect way to do it! Come hear how you and others can really put some muscle into our event!!

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**Ministry Happenings**

**Centering Prayer**

Centering prayer is a method of prayer that helps develop a relationship with God by being still 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 20th. Questions? Call Joyce at 990-0546.

Sacramento Life Center Annual Baby Bottle Project

Many thanks to all who picked up a baby bottle in support of the Sacramento Life Center!

On Saturday, March 24th and Sunday, March 25th, please return the bottles to the Vestibule or drop off beforehand at the parish office. Please return the bottle even if you have not filled it as they are reused each year!

Ready for an “Eggeceptional” Easter Egg Hunt at Divine Savior?

All children ages pre-school through 5th Grade and invited to join us Saturday, March 31st 2018 from 11:00am until noon.

We’ll begin outside in the front of the church with our opening prayer then move to the Rosary Walk in front of the church. Centering if raining, Pray for good weather.

Sponsored by KofC Council 13672.

Questions or wish to volunteer? Contact Bill Manos, KofC at (916) 965-3834

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**Parish Announcements**

**Daily Mass Location Changes!**

This Thursday, March 22nd, 6:30pm Mass and Friday, March 23rd, 8:30am Mass will be in the St. Cecilia Room. These changes are temporary.

Unclaimed Crab Feed Raffle Prizes

We have 5 raffle prizes that were not claimed last Saturday. If you have ticket # 1195649, 1195668, 75343, 75363, and 1195676, please stop by the office to claim your prize, Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm.

**Driver Safety and the Aging Driver**

Jerrod Sieberg, DSIM I, Senior Driver Ombudsman, Northern California Region, DMV.

Hear ideas for safe, prolonged driving independence from the local DMV Senior Driver Ombudsman. Topics will include: driver license renewal strategies, DMV criteria for evaluation of Alzheimer’s disease and other cognitive or physical impairments, and how your health is closely connected to your driving.

LOCATION: Hall A

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

RSVP: For more information and to reserve your seat, please call (916) 965-5565. We hope to see you there!

This event is sponsored by Senior Care Solutions, Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center and the Alzheimer’s Association.

The Big Day of Service is a community service event happening May 5, 2018, bringing together people across Orangevale and Fair Oaks to serve together on a wide range of projects that will have a broad community benefit. The purpose is to bring neighbors together to create a positive impact in the community and create a ripple of kindness and service. Good things happen when people intentionally serve others and do something bigger than themselves, and there are many unmet needs where an army of volunteers could make a big impact in one day.

What Can We Do?

Divine Savior, in keeping with our mission of helping others, will participate as an Event Sponsor along with a number of other local churches. 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 to our website, https://www.bigdayofservice.com/ for more information and to volunteer.

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**Faith Formation News**

Divine Savior Confirmation

We’re excited to announce that Confirmation this year will be on Sunday, April 8th, at the 11:30am Mass.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

If you’ve been baptized & received First Communion, but have not been confirmed in the Catholic Church, the diocese will hold Adult Confirmation on Pentecost Vigil, May 19, 2018. Our parish will have preparation sessions during the Easter season in preparation for Adult Confirmation. If you, or someone you know, is interested in Adult Confirmation please contact Sharon Latinnen at the parish office by April 1 to sign up. A baptism certificate is required.

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 916-844-628 or email him at luxdivinesavior@gmail.com.

Our Young Adult Ministry has been reignited! The name is LUX which is Latin for Light and their goal is to provide a safe space for young Catholic adults who they learn to live as Christ lived and live to show the loving light of Christ to others. Join us THIS WEDNESDAY, March 21st from 7pm – 9pm in Y1. We will meet every Wednesday from 7pm - 9pm in Y1.

Daniel Ardin is the contact and coordinator of the new ministry and if any questions come in, he can be reached at (916) 844-628 or email him at luxdivinesavior@gmail.com.

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**Around the Diocese**

**Palms Sunday Messian Sing-Along Concert Saturday, March 24 from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.**

Divine Savior is hosting Handel’s Messiah performed by a professional orchestra with amazing soloists and community choir, conducted by Gerald Rheault, will feature choral sing-along opportunities. What a powerful way to begin Holy Week! This event is free to the public. Bring along a Shirmer edition of the oratorio to join in the chorus numbers. Some copies will be available for purchase at the door.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 7, 9, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:**

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21;

Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;

Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:**

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:**

Jn 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 31-42

**Saturday:**

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13;

Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)

Ps 50:4-7; Ps 22, 8-9; 170, 20-23;

Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 – 15:47

**15:1-39**