Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Today, we celebrate the sixth Sunday of Easter. Why do we have more than one Sunday of Easter? Did we not celebrate on Easter Sunday how love of God raised Jesus from the dead? Do all the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles speak of seven weeks of Easter? No. The early Church set up the day of easter as we presently have them to provide ample time to reflect on the great mystery of life through death. Using events from the Old Testament, forty days were established between Easter and Ascension to commemorate how the chosen people wandered in the desert for forty years. At the end of that time period, our Old Testament ancestors came to realize that they were a community united by the love of God for them, with whom God had made a covenant. The feast of Pentecost, fifty days after Easter, commemorates a harvest festival that took place fifty days after the celebration of Passover. For us, we celebrate the outpouring of the abundance of the Holy Spirit’s gifts five days after Ascension.

We celebrate the lengthy season of Easter in three ways; for the first three Sundays we reflect on how members of the early Church experienced, in a very real way, how Jesus was present to them despite His death and resurrection to new life. For the fourth, fifth and sixth Sundays we reflect on how we are called to be peaceful people.

Considering our first reading, we are asked to truly be peaceful people. Including the blessings we enjoy, especially through the Holy Spirit, will help us to truly be peaceful people. Our second readings during the Easter season are taken from the book of Revelation. While we might find some of the imagery used in this book confusing, it encourages us to find imagination; our second readings during the Easter season are taken from the book of Revelation.

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Today, we continue our reflection on what it means to live as people of light, life, and love. In today’s Gospel, Jesus promises that the Father will send the Holy Spirit who will teach us everything and remind us of all Jesus did and said. We believe that the Holy Spirit is part of us since the moment of our conception. We develop our awareness of this sacred Presence so that we can access the wisdom of the Spirit. The more we become conscious of the abiding Presence of the Spirit, the more likely we can deal with the troubles and fears that are part of everyday living. The Spirit guides our reflections on the Word of God who became flesh in the person of Jesus. By Jesus’ words and actions, we come to know His and our heavenly Father; together they make their dwelling with us.

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Moving On Fellowship: Next meeting Monday, June 3rd. Informal 10:30am brunch, Annie’s Restaurant (Beech & Greenback); theme—‘Best Trip/Vacation or My Wish-List Trip.’ We offer support, encouragement, prayer and practical help to the bereaved, to help them discover a meaningful life after the death of a loved one. All are welcome. For more information, call Pat Biasott, 530-337-2147.

—Fr. Roman

Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas.


If your loved one is one of the military please call Mary at 916-988-4984 to have them removed.
PENTECOST CULTURAL DAY OF CELEBRATION

We conclude our Easter season with Pentecost, which falls on June 9th this year. Can you speak a language other than English? Would you like to read one of the prayers of the faithful in this language? All Masses will share in the celebration of the Holy Spirit by offering the prayers in different languages. We also encourage everyone to wear clothes representing their ethnic heritage or wear red, the liturgical color of Pentecost.

At our 11:30am Mass, we will have liturgical dance, readings in Spanish and Tagalog, and a cultural celebration in the hall after Mass with food tastings. The aim of this celebration is to celebrate the cultural & ethnic diversity we have in our parish family. There will be a world map in the vestibule to identify all the groups. We are looking for volunteers to help in the Liturgy, set up the gym, greeters and servers. Please contact Fr. Marcel if you are able to help with the cultural celebration following the 11:30am Mass, and Elaine for the liturgical celebrations at all weekend Masses. Email: cel@divinesavior.com or elaimi@divinesavior.com or 559-539-3071

LITURGY CORNER—

We celebrate Memorial Day Monday, and the number of heroic lives that have been sacrificed for peace. Our brave men and women have given their lives to protect that which we hold sacred. The hymn, This is My Song will be sung at many of the Masses this weekend.

We celebrate ALL people, ALL lands. This, we celebrate our country, our people, our land. But that which we hold sacred. The hymn, This is My Song will be sung at many of the Masses this weekend.

SAVE THE DATE/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Music Camp was SO FUN last year! This year, it will be held the week of July 8-12, so mark your calendars! We need volunteers to help make this year an even bigger success. Camp will be held from 9:00-Noon for ages 5-12. We would like to offer an afternoon session from 1-3 for junior high/high school youth, who are also encouraged (but not required) to help out with the morning sessions. If you can assist this week or if you have an interested camper please email or call (or text) Elaine at elaimi@divinesavior.com or 559-530-4216. Emails are preferred.

Have you downloaded myParish app? If not, you are missing out on parish communications.

Parish Directors Have Arrived!

Knights of Columbus sponsored Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast Sunday, June 2nd

Blood Drive (8:00am – 11:00am) in Hall B Pancake Breakfast (8:00am-11:30am) in Hospitality Walk in donors are welcome!

For more information - Jim Grove 916-704-3247.

E-Waste Event **Postponed**

We hoped to have an E-Waste drop-off in June but need to postpone it. If you want to dispose of your E-Waste, https://www.call2recycle.ca.gov lists local businesses that accept E-Waste. We hope to reschedule a drop-off at a future time. Stay tuned!