Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors: Luke is the only Gospel writer to report that Jesus sent out seventy-two of His closest followers to places that He Himself intended to visit. Much in line with last Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus expected that these folks would not take along the usual items of comfort and security. They were to accept the food and lodging that was offered to them and not be picky. At the risk of over analyzing, Luke came to realize that the early church needed to adopt various creative ways to ensure that the greatest number of people would hear the good news.

Much like our church today in terms of those not able to share in the Mass regularly because of a lack of priests, Jesus stated that there were not enough people to continue His mission. Jesus speaks of a harvest as a way of picturing what a rewarding action it is to lead people to accept who they are in God’s eyes and to live out that identity so that even more people will choose that path of living wholesome lives in service to others. As we look around at the various parts of our world today, we easily reach a similar conclusion that there is much to be done to invite people to follow the way of Jesus. What satisfaction we can experience as we do our best to encourage one another to do what we can to put our faith into action and find ways to deal with the many people who are not being treated as the precious people of God!

It is easy for some today to become saddened, distressed, depressed and feel helpless in the face of so many needy people who look to us for help. Our first reading is addressed to people who were in similar situations. They wondered if there was any hope that they could again live with the freedom to be all that they could be given the oppression and neediness that they saw as rampant. The prophet Isaiah was asked by God to arouse within hope that they could again live with the freedom to be all that they are intended to be. Much in line with last Sunday’s Gospel, much in line with our reading today, we are asked to adopt various creative ways to ensure that even more people will choose that path of living.

We pray in the spirit of our responsorial psalm that we can change things so that more and more people will be able to relate to God with joy. In light of our second reading, how exciting and promising it is to think of the many ways we can do our best to be joyful because of our being present to them!
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FAIR TRADE COFFEE
Sales will take place NEXT Saturday July 13th & Sunday July 14th at each Mass in the Vestibule.

MAGNA FROM HEAVEN
Manna Ministry is a pastoral care outreach that was started by 11 women when the parish was founded in 1987. Some of the founders are still preparing loving meals. Manna provides temporary, supplemental meals, when there is a newborn in the home, or when someone is down and out due to an illness, an injury, or the death of a loved one. Please tell anyone you know who could benefit from this service about Manna. Encourage them to call or offer to call for them. For more information, a meal request, or to volunteer, please call Denise Verbeck at 967-5110 or the parish office at 989-7400.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
We will be taking the summer off to enjoy the sun and vacations. We will start gathering again in September.

EDGEm SUMMER FUN NIGHT
Wednesday, July 10th 6:30 – 8:30 pm
On the grass behind the Y buildings.
Water Fun, pizza, Ice Cream and Games
RSVP required, just come and play!

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
We hope that during this season following Pentecost all of us are becoming more aware of the Holy Spirit’s presence and action in our lives. If you want more information about this ministry, contact Mary at mtth-maryk@outlook.com. We take communion to those unable to get out to Mass for an extended period of time, and we serve 7 assisted living facilities along with doing private communion requests—made through the parish office.

MPG - MEN’S PRAYER GROUP
Friday’s – 7:00am in M 4
Men, please come to an informal gathering, to pray, learn and share ideas. You’re invited EVERY Friday to pray the Rosary and discuss this Sundays readings — and whatever else is relevant. —

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FAITH FORMATION News
Do you have a school-age child in your family? Divine Savior offers vibrant and comprehensive faith formation sessions for ages Kindergarten through 12th grade! Please check out the website at divinesavior.com and click on the faith formation tab on the top of the home screen. There you will find more information about all of our programs, which will kick off in September! Any questions? You can email: Jen Shaver at jennifer@divinesavior.com for K – 8th Sharon Laitinen at sharon@divinesavior.com for First Communion/Reconciliation preparation. 
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ENROLLMENT FOR RCIA ADAPTED IS HAPPENING NOW!
Divine Savior is enrolling children/youth wanting to know about Jesus Christ and how Catholics live the Christian faith. Children/Youth, ages 7-17, who are not baptized or older children who haven’t made their First Communion, are welcome to enroll in the preparation process called Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for young people. Call Sharon Laitinen, 916-989-7400 or sharon@divinesavior.com.

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