Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:
This is the third of five Sundays for which our source of reflection is the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. Two weekends ago, we reflected on how Jesus fed 5,000 men. Last weekend, Jesus welcomed the same people to see Him as the bread of life that will nurture their deepest hungers.

Today, the people murmur about Jesus’ having said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” We are not told the actual reason that brought that on their discretion. A very likely possibility is that at least some of the people would know from their Jewish heritage that the two words “I AM” were the name for God which God revealed to Moses before he led the people out of slavery in Egypt into the promised land.

If this is the case, the people realize that Jesus is revealing to them that He and the Father have such an intimate relationship that to hear Jesus speak is to hear the Father speaking. This is very puzzling because the people knew that many prophets who preceded Jesus did exactly the same; they spoke on behalf of God and were able to do so because of their openness to and relationship with God. Perhaps the time between the last major prophet in the Old Testament and the time of the peoples’ existence was too great so they lost the sense of the role of a prophet.

What is it about these people and about us that when someone expresses something that challenges us, we tend to find some way to diminish the value of the person challenging us? Despite Jesus having fed a multitude, the people still see Him as one like themselves. They think that because they know His heritage, this disqualifies Him to speak of Himself and the Father as He does. Could it be that the people are really saying they do not want to take up the challenge Jesus is placing before them? Could it be that they are selling themselves too short? If they see Jesus as one like themselves, what keeps them or us from pondering what it might mean for us to do what Jesus or the Old Testament prophets did?

Jesus states that “no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.” Some understand by this that the Father only draws one person to Himself. Or is it really a case of the Father being able to call only those who are open to His call, open to growing to be the person the Father has created us all to be? This seems likely to be the case as Jesus also says “everyone who listens to my Father and learns from Him comes to me.” If we don’t listen, we won’t be drawn to the Father. We are inclined not to listen because something prevents us from opening ourselves to everything else that is in store for us if we do listen.

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Pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovering, or in need of spiritual healing. (Names will appear for 3 weeks.)

Sheldon Anderson Jr  
Dorothy Feldman  
Glenn Mueller  
Sharon Backus  
John Padden  
Carl Larson  
Rosa Santos  
Vicente Meno  
Gerry Ryden  
Noreen Davis  
Dick Armstrong  
Gladys Reilly  
Hannah O’Connor  
Stephany Hammer  
Shirley Newton  
Eleanor Peterson  
Sandy Harris  
Jacque Olson  
Shari Sigl  
David Collier  
De Schweiger  
Madeleine Crepine  
Myron Howe  
McKenzie Ballentine  
Lacey Anderson  
Paul Krock  
Linda Parker  
Alyssa Kaib  
Tracy Hass  
Bill Amantea  
Alice Amantea  
Bob Collier  
Betty Gomes  
Jim Fouret  
Mikey Trent  
Michael Wagner  
Nancy Bingham  
James DeVous  
Shirley Ruckdaschel  
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Lynne Pistotchini  
Richard Boyd  
Boothe Boldin  
Bud Azzarello  

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

Larry Gattenburg  
Tom Mitchell  
Donald Mayer  
Helen Johnson  
Anne Boyd  
Judy Smoot  

- For these and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**Parish Announcements**

**Divine Savior will celebrate**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**August 15th**

8:30am and 7:00pm

**Fair Trade Coffee**

Sales will take place THIS weekend Saturday, August 11th and Sunday, August 12th after each Mass in the Vestibule.

Fair trade coffee and chocolate are sold on the second weekend of every month, and we need a few people to sell. We try to have enough people so that you might be called to help every other month. We know that fair trade purchases help families to make a living in developing countries, so if you’d like to help after one of the masses please call Joyce at 696-990-0546. And you don’t have to drink coffee or like chocolate to do this!

2nd Collection

This weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith through lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. Special envelopes are located in the Vestibule. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

**Pray for our military personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas.** Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, Logan Aleschus, Atwater, Jordan Biasotti, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephrim Choi, Elise Cruz, Matt David, Derek DeLarueger, David DeLaCruz, Alison Dowey, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst, Tom Feyer, Matthew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstad, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hooker, Stephen Holteclaw, Yataro Hosaka, Ben Isha, George Johnson, Tyler Kenobbe, Nicholas Kollegin, William Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Nick Liby, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Bennet D. McGrane, Garrett McMaun, Andrew McGuinn, Francis Montejo, Joseph M. Paddock, Naathan Paddock, Chris Payant, David Petisor, Darin Pillman, Tim Pillman, Rachael Portoman, Logan Rasmussen, Trey Rasmussen, Tim Reid, Neal Ridge, Tony Rodriguez, Nicholas Roha, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandoval, April Skou, Jacob and Nikki Steeb, James Thatche, Jadyne Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarreal, Danny Walsh, David Wentling, Kyle William and Brian Wright. Please contact Mary, 988-4984 to add or remove names as space is limited.

If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary to have them removed.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**  
Ez 1:25-2; 24:28c; Ps 148:1-2,11-14: Mt 17:22-27  
**Tuesday:**  
Ez 2:8 – 3; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
**Wednesday:**  
Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; Ps 132-6, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:48-57; Lk 11:27-28  
**Thursday:**  
Day: Rv 11:19c; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12; 16:1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
**Friday:**  
Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21-19:1  
**Saturday:**  
Ez 12:1-3, 60, 63; 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4b-6; Mt 19:3-12  
**Sunday:**  
Ez 18:1-10, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15  
**Prayers of the Week**

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Sharon Backus  
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Vicente Meno  
Noreen Davis  
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Eleanor Peterson  
Jacque Olson  
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**August 12, 2018**

- Fr. Roman

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**Parish Announcements**

**Schedule for the week of August 13th-August 19th**

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**Pastor’s Corner**

John was inviting his community to us to take what we call a leap of faith, putting our full trust in God and allowing ourselves to be as much like Jesus as possible, even the bread of life for our world.
**Companioned Prayer Introduction**

Wednesday, September 5th, after Mass join us in the St Cecilia’s Room and come hear about a new Companioned Prayer program at Divine Savior. This wonderful prayer of inner listening opens us to the gentle loving presence of our Lord.

“I hope everyone can participate in the Companioned Prayer program. It can change your life.”

- Bishop Emeritus Francis Quinn

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**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

Thank you to those who attended our quarterly meeting on July 21. Anyone interested in this ministry may email me at mthmarky@outlook.com for further information. We take communion to residents in 6 facilities and also to those who request through the office, private communion due to the inability to get to Mass for an extended period of time.

Mary Portuguesa

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**Bible Study with Tony Cava – Enroll by Aug. 29**

Fulfilled – Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism, Pt. 1 – Fulfilled explores the biblical roots of the Catholic Faith. It uncovers God’s consistent design for our worship of him and his relationship with us. Learn how the Old Testament Tabernacle can be used as a blueprint for the Catholic Faith and how Jesus fulfilled it in the New Testament. Part One focuses on the elements found in the outer sanctuary of the Tabernacle and how they connect to the liturgical calendar, the priesthood, purgatory, baptism and more. The study will be eight Wednesdays, starting Sept. 19, 6:30pm in the MS room. To get your student pack, please pay $25.00 to the parish office before August 29.

Mary Portuguesa

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**2018 Fall Ministry Fair**

**Sunday, August 26 8:30-1:00pm**

**In the Gymnasium**

The following ministries need volunteers immediately:

- Altar Servers for all Masses
- Tech Team/Screens at Masses
- Hospitality – set out and clean up goodies after Sunday Masses
- Faith Formation Catechists
- Young Adults to help with High School LifeTeen
- Wedding Reception Ministry
- Kitchen helpers for a Community Meal
- Funeral Reception Ministry

**Questions? Contact Caroline Easton:**

caroline@divinesavior.com or call the parish office for more information.

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**Vocations Cross**

Sunday, August 12th at the 9:30am Mass, David & Monica Noble will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

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**Faith Formation News**

**Catechist Volunteers Needed!**

Children’s Faith Formation for the 2018/2019 year will begin on September 9th. At this time we are in need of catechists and assistants for both the 8:00am and 10:00am sessions.

If you would like to volunteer as a catechist, team up with a friend to teach every other weekend or help out in other capacities with CFF please contact our CFF coordinator Jennifer. Email Jennifer@divinesavior.com or call (916) 989-7400.

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**Miscarriage Support Workshops**

Three workshops will be offered at Good Shepherd parish in Elk Grove:

- August 17 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm for clergy, religious and office staff, 8/18 from 9:00 – 11:00 am for medical professionals, and 8/18 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm for the general public. There is no cost to attend but preregistration by 8/15 is requested. Contact the Good Shepherd parish office at 916-684-5722 or RespectLife@gscccg.org