Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Our Gospel today is like a sandwich with one miracle inserted between the two parts of another such episode. Both episodes reveal that one of Jesus’ primary interests was to give life. His actions display several primary characteristics that marked the life and ministry of Jesus: confidence, human connectivity, and an awareness of His powers used as a reliable and dedicated servant of the Father.

The synagouge official reveals his humility in asking Jesus to lay hands on his daughter who is gravely ill. Our current practice of laying hands on people has deep and ancient roots; this gesture is used in Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Ordination. It reflects how important it is for us to be close, even physical, contact with each other and that the care expressed in this gesture reveals the love we have for each other and how that love can bring about very profound change.

Second Collection
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Jesus expresses a similar gesture of care as He invites the inner circle. Just as Jesus couldn’t care about the custom that held the child only with the child’s parents and the three disciples of Jesus’, Jesus expresses a similar gesture of care as He invites the people of the city to set aside the fear that aroused when he was told the girl was in distress. The most important to Him, namely, the girl who was in distress. The awareness of His powers used as a reliable and dedicated servant of the Father.

We know that we can feel very isolated and useless when we are sick. How important then that we, when appropriate, actually make physical contact with one another in these situations. Oddly, the physical connection with the older woman was an action on her part, but the wonderful consequence was the same, the love of Jesus was revealed as her malady was resolved immediately. There is a second healing, when in response to the woman’s vulnerability admitting that she had touched Jesus’ garment, Jesus praises her faith and wishes her peace. We see the high importance of human connections as Jesus insists on interacting personally with the woman that touched Him.

We can see the depth of her being how loved she was. How natural it is for Jesus to have touched Him, so He, without hesitation, took the child by the hand.

We pray that we would follow the example of the main characters in this Gospel passage. We pray that, like Jesus, we can remain aware that one of Jesus’ primary interests was to give life. His actions display several primary characteristics that marked the life and ministry of Jesus: confidence, human connectivity, and an awareness of His powers used as a reliable and dedicated servant of the Father.

We pray that, like Jesus, we can remain distracted by arbitrary laws and customs. However, we know that it is very important that we are all broken, scarred and wounded in various ways. We pray that we as let Jesus touch us and take us by the hand that we can be instruments of love and healing in our brokenness.

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*Pastor’s Corner*

July 1, 2018

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**Prayers of the Week**

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

Sheldon Anderson Jr
Dorothy Feldman
Glenn Mueller
Sharon Backus
Alex Quiroz
Carl Larson
Rosa Santos
Vicente Meno
Gerry Ryden
Noreen Davis
Dick Armstrong
Gladys Reilly
Hannah O’Connor
Stephany Hammer
Shirley Newton
Sandy Harris
Jacque Olson
Sari Sigl
David Collier
Del Schweiger
Madeleine Crepin
Myron Howe
McKenzie Baleantine
Dean Dixon
Lacey Anderson
Paul Boucher
Linda Parker
Henry Gomez
Frances Feist
Lynne Pistotitchi
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Tracy Hass
Ally Swain
Jim Fouret
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*Fr. Roman*
What can we do to provide for God’s children?

In the last couple of weeks, the news in our country has focused to a significant degree on the issues involved with people coming from south of our border, wanting to enter our country for different reasons. One of the more emotional aspects involves how hundreds of children have been separated from their parents for an indefinite length of time. Regardless of our ideologies and opinions, this reality is not healthy for the vulnerable children involved.

Serious as this dilemma is, we painfully and perhaps helplessly realize the many sad and tragic situations that prevail in our country and around the world.

We are likewise concerned about the many children who are separated from their parents because the parents display an inability to take care of them. We have many children who are separated from one or both parents because of imprisonment. Add in the number of children who are separated from one parent for a certain length of time because of divorce. Then there are children who lack the love of parents because the parents are addicted to substances or dysfunctional behaviors.

We are only beginning to realize the degree of emotional, spiritual and genetic deficiencies that come to be because of all of these factors. But this is barely scratching the surface. What about the millions of people, including many children, who are refugees fleeing from places that do not in least honor the sanctity of human life? There are those who suffer continuously from the lack of food and drinkable water. There are those whose hearing and emotional health is damaged because of the constant bombing and gunfire.

Add to this the many hundreds of children and adults who are caught in the ugly commerce of human trafficking to provide forced labor in sweat factories or for sexually exploitive practices and those who have lost their homes and are being raised on the streets.

Fortunately, the Catholic Church recognizes the excruciating needs that prevail; and we boldly face the challenge of Jesus to love the unloved, to bring hope and healing to all of these brothers and sisters.

We want to stay in a Camper for Free?

While most camper rentals cost over $150 per night to rent, you can be selected to stay at our Black Top Campground (the parking lot behind the Multi-Purpose Building) to support Treasure Fest for up to four nights. A pop-up camper has been donated for Treasure Fest, and it is available to the first qualified person or persons (call even if you can only serve for one night) who emails Steve Roberts at SteveRoberts22@comcast.net. It is a great way to test out camping in a quality trailer.

Vocations Cross

Saturday, June 30th at the 4-30pm Mass, Kathleen Hass will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are interested in this ministry please email me at mithnaryk@outlook.com for further information. We take communion to residents in 6 facilities and also to those who request private communion because they can’t get out to Mass for an extended period.

Mary Frontier

ALERT from S.A.V.E.-Anti Human Trafficking Committee at Divine Savior Parish: The Rotary District 5180 received a grant to educate the Sacramento public and especially middle school children, about the dangers of human trafficking. (http://rotary5180.org/sitepage/human-trafficking-global-grant) July 17th Speakers include: District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert, Chief of Police Daniel Hahn, Ashlie Bryant (3Strands Global), Anne K. Ream (The Voices and Faces Project), and a survivor of human trafficking. The Campaign wants to dispel myths and warn people of what is occurring locally. The “Ugly Truth” Campaign kicks off with a press conference on July 17th at 10:30am on the west steps of our CA State Capitol.

Come visit the Knights of Columbus Phantom Fireworks booth in our new More Visible Location at the corner of Greenback and Hazel Ave across the street from Walmart. We will be open from Noon on June 28th through July 4th. If you would like to volunteer to work a shift or two, call Mike (916) 835-0111 or Don (916) 217-1859. Hope to see you there!