Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. As we know, a number of years ago this feast was moved from the previous Thursday to the seventh Sunday of Easter. One of the key points of today’s Gospel is that we are all called to proclaim the gospel message to the whole world. But we need to be clear what the core message is. Certainly, given the number of times the word “love” or some form of it was used last weekend, our mission is to help people choose to live lovingly and that there is no room at all for acting violently. Love means taking appropriate care of every person alive as well as taking care of our common home.

Our Gospel lists some specifics that accompany the one who proclaims the good news of God’s love for all people. Speaking new languages certainly includes calling all people to do all we can to eliminate any and all social ills. How great it would be to hear about concrete plans to provide adequate food, drinkable water, adequate housing and effective education for everyone! How exciting it can be to drive out the demons of the excessive imbalance of wages and financial holdings or systems that tend to favor one group of people over others!

How great we would feel if we removed all deadly things from our systems that tend to favor one group of people over others! We are to proclaim the gospel to every creature. This is another way in which the people sharing the good news are living it out.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection—Next Weekend

Next weekend, May 19th & 20th, a 2nd collection will take place to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at Divine Savior. The donations received will be used to provide services to the needy in the community. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

The volunteers of the Divine Savior St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you all for your wonderful support in the past with your generous donations. The following is a report of how your donations enabled us to help our clients from January—April 2018.

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One huge area of concern is the value we put on human life. We are called to show all the ways in which we protect and take care of the creative handiwork that we are called to protect and enhance for the people that will want to enjoy all of it in the future.

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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, 989-7400 or sharon@divinesavior.com. She will explain the process called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), which provides a safe place for you to explore your spiritual desires using the scriptures and receiving support and guidance from the parish community.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jn 20:19
1 Cor 12:3b

Day: Acts 2:1

7, 12
11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29

TUESDAY, JULY 10

- 7PM

THURSDAYS: July 12, 19, 26/ 9 AM - Noon

Saturdays: July 14, 21, 28/ 9 AM - 1PM

For this week, we display.

Save the Dates!

SALE DAYS
Thursday August 2nd 8AM - 8PM
Friday August 3rd 8AM - 6PM
Saturday August 4th 8AM - Noon

Pick up of over-sized items
Mondays: 4 - 8pm
Wednesdays: 4 - 8pm
To schedule a pick up, contact Bob Reilly at (916) 612-0631 or the parish ofice at (916) 989-7400.

Donation drop off begins
Tuesday, July 10th 4-7pm
Thursdays: July 17, 24/ 4 - 7pm
Thursday August 2

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Ministry Opportunities

Mission: Paradise Campground, complete with power hookups and camper parking spaces large enough for all size RVs and campers. While you stay gaze (no trees to block your view), barbecue, play card games, and sing campfire songs in the church’s Black Top Campground (aka, parking lot behind the gym), you will be asked to watch our outdoor sales area the week of Treasure Fest 2018. That’s it! Call fast! Only two spaces exist!! Call or text Steve Roberts at 916-690-7777 to sign up and learn more about this rare opportunity!

SAVES THE DATE/Volunteers needed
We’d like to offer a Music Camp the week of July 16-20th, however in order to do so volunteers are needed. Camp will be held from 9:00-Noon for ages 5-12. If you can assist this week or if you have an interested camper, please email or call (or text) Elaine at elaine@divinesavior.com or (559) 307-4216. Emails are preferred.

Talent show – Saturday June 16th
Do you have talent? Of course you do! Come share that talent with your Parish Family on Saturday, June 16th at 6:30pm. If you can sing, dance, play piano or guitar or Native American drum, tell FUNNY jokes, or another talent that would be suitable for an audience in the church, please call or email Elaine at (559) 307-4216 or elaine@divinesavior.com to set up a time to “audition.” Auditions are not to assess skill level, only appropriateness, length and program placement. Solos and groups welcome.

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Ministry Happenings

Marian Devotions in the Americas
In honor of the Marian month of May, Our Lady of Guadalupe Society is presenting information on the various Patronesses of the Americas. For this week, the display in the Marian niche will feature the Blessed Mother Patronesses of six countries in Central America. Information on the South American patronesses is also displayed.

Faith Formation News

Church today. Please contact Kathleen Hass at darcy.wharton@rocklincatholic.org.

Questions? Contact Darcy Wharton at (916) 690-7777 to sign up and learn more about this rare opportunity!

Around the Diocese

Presentations on the Marriage Nullity (Annulment) Process
Date: Monday, May 21, 2018
Times: 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Location: SS. Peter & Paul Parish, 4450 Granite Drive, Rocklin (Multiple Purpose Room)

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