Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Most of us know what it is like to lose something, especially something we need or that is of great value. We know about the horrible feeling that burdens us when we do not find what we had lost. We also can easily remember the joy that came over us when we found what was lost. This is especially true when it involves a child in a store or amusement park. We can easily harmonize with the man and woman in the two parables Jesus provides for our reflection this Sunday.

The context is one in which Jesus is associating with tax collectors and sinners who were drawing near to listen to Him. It is a rather typical scene in that the Pharisees and scribes were complaining about Jesus’ behavior. We want to keep in mind that it would be far better if we thought that some Pharisees and scribes were complaining. It is equally as important to be clear as to why these folks were complaining about Jesus’ behavior. Some of these people were very serious about one of the statements they learned in their religious formation sessions, namely, that people are to be holy as God is holy. Their thinking was that it was impossible to be holy if those they considered unholy were to be members of the faith community. Given this understanding, they would exclude people from the community on the basis that they considered them unholy. We know that a major difficulty here is that they were also taught that no one was to judge another person, especially when it came to determining if someone were holy.

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The man and woman in the parables are stand-ins for God who will go to all lengths to search out and find those who have gone astray in any way. They consider sinners to be His way of revealing the goodness of God. We have the privilege of imitating Jesus in welcoming those who today have been excluded or mistreated.

—Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of September 14th—September 22nd

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**Pastor’s Corner**

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Thank you!

**Prayers of the Week**

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

- Alice Amantea
- Bill Andersson
- Sharon Backaus
- Marlena Bayer
- Eduardo Bravo
- Pat Collier
- Jo Ann Cotton
- Mary Crandall
- Noreen Davis
- Michael W. Donner
- Reginald Earp
- Jim Fourt
- Gary Green
- Tracy Hass
- Michelle Kinaan
- John Lehane
- Angelita Martinez
- Vicente Meno
- RonnieNicholas
- Richard Nodinlisk
- John Padden
- Walid Page
- Kenneth Quigley
- Melinda Rose
- Donna Schulte
- Tom Sekel
- Shari Sigl
- Jay Simpson
- John Wick

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

- Donald W. McMurchie
- Susan Marie Venney

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

**Vocations Cross**

Sunday, September 15th at the 7:45am Mass, James De Voogt will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for vocations to the Priesthood, Diacate and the Religious Life.

**Mass Intentions**

September 14th 4:30pm Dr. Alireza Pessarman
September 15th 7:45am Patricia Elliott Crespin (D)
September 16th 8:30am John Murray Baughman (D)
September 17th 8:30am Dominic Cairal (D)
September 18th 8:30am Jeanette T. Chamberl (D)
September 19th 8:30am Corinne Murphy
September 20th 8:30am Remedios Borja (D)
September 21st 8:30am Corinne Murphy
September 22nd 7:45am Patricia Elliott Crespin (D)

**Readings for the Week**

**MPS INTENTIONS**

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**Pray for all those who seek to enter religious life, and for vocations to St. Joseph’s College, Rosary of the Pink Cross, and the Religious Life of the Poor.**

**Blessed by Pope Francis and blessed by the People of Divine Savior.**

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Blessing of Pets at 10:00am and 7:30pm
Family Outdoor Movie Night — A Dog’s Journey $5
Bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks, and the family including pets in a carrier or on a leash!

(parishioners only).

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Liturgy Corner — Help Wanted
You are awesome! You have signed up to be lectors, Ems, greeters, altar servers, ushers and sacristans. Yay You! So while we could use more ministers in every category (like altar servers) … We desperately NEED TECHS! Some of our Masses only have one regularly scheduled tech. Please help. If you can follow along closely at Mass and like to be behind the scenes … literally please call, email or text Elaine at elaine@divinesavior.com or 559-307-4216.

Thank you again so much for your overwhelming show of support of our parish!

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Ministry Opportunities
Centering prayer is a method of prayer that helps develop a relationship with God by being still and listening. A Centering Prayer group meets at Divine Savior on the third Tuesday of the month. The group meets at 9:15am in the St. Cecilia Room. If you’d like to participate in this form of prayer, join us on September 17th. Questions? Call Joyce at 916-990-0546.

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Save the Date
Sarah Hart in concert at Divine Savior on Friday, December 6th at 7:00pm. Check out Sarah at https://www.sarahhart.com/

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40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil
September 25th—November 3rd
Vigil location: FPA Clinic
2322 Butano Drive, Sacramento
Vigil hours: 8 am to 6 pm, Mon - Fri
Divine Savior Respect Life Members have signed up to pray from 1-2 pm on the sidewalk, any Monday during the 40 Days’ vigil. Come when you can. Carpools are available. Parish contact: Sally Fong at santabarbarasalvator@yahoocom. For further details visit: 40daysforlife.com/sacramento

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