Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

We might wonder why the Church chose for our first reading a passage from Job. The reason is that Job expresses how many people who are oppressed think and feel. He says that his life is a drudgery, he has months of misery, troubled nights, is restless in his sleep and thinks his life will end without hope, with no sign of future happiness. Some of us have had similar thoughts or are presently of a similar mind.

Today’s psalm offers an image of God that offers hope as we remember in our prayer that God is good and gracious and heals the broken-hearted. God rebuilds and gathers,binds up our wounds and calls each of us by name. There is no limit to God’s wisdom as God sustains us in our helplessness.

These aspects of God’s image are portrayed in our Gospel as Jesus enters the house of Simon and Andrew and approaches where Simon’s mother-in-law lay with a fever. There is no hesitation on Jesus’ part. No questions about whether He should or shouldn’t, no worry about what others might have thought of Him, and no concern about word spreading about His touching a sick person which the Jewish leaders would have considered an action by which Jesus rendered Himself ineligible to worship with the community.

While Simon’s mother-in-law may very well have been laying sick with a fever, we know only too well of the many times when we think and feel that life has been as Job described in our first reading. What can we do, what can we think about how to help those experiencing despair? One way to help a family that has suffered great loss? How do we help the homeless man or woman who is looking for a way out of poverty? How do we provide emotional support where it is needed most? As Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento, we have a way to help those truly in need. By making a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can have a way to help those truly in need.

The love that Jesus revealed draws people to Him in great numbers. How fitting it is that after Jesus helps Simon’s mother that He will not abandon us but walk with us as we do our best with the hand, so we pray that we will always allow Jesus to take us by the hand both in times when we feel burdened or anytime when feeling the warmth of His hand will help us to experience the love that Jesus came to reveal. Jesus might not actually remove our burdens, but He will remind us that He loves us all the same and that He will not abandon us but walk with us as we do our best with what life, others, or even we ourselves have handed us.

How fitting it is that after Jesus helps Simon’s mother-in-law to stand that all the people in the home celebrated this marvelous event. It is a good example for us that we take the time to reflect on our life-giving experiences brought about through and by Jesus.

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February 4, 2018

Pastor’s Corner

Schedule for the week of February 5th-February 11th

Wednesday-February 7th
7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting M-4
7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mtg Library

Thursday-February 8th
6:00pm Community Meal Hall A
7:15pm Catholics Returning Home Sm. Conf Rm

Annual Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, on Feb 10-11, we will once again be given the opportunity to be Christ’s hands. How do we help a family that has suffered great loss? How do we help the homeless man or woman who is looking for a way out of poverty? How do we provide emotional support where it is needed most? As Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento, we have a way to help those truly in need. By making a generous donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can live the Gospel message to help our brothers and sisters.

Last year 290 of our parishioners contributed $65,105. Our parish received 25% to serve our local ministry to others. The charitable works of the Church, whether in Catholic social service programs or parish-based outreach ministries, depend on all of us. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really does make a difference in someone’s life. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Our gift is the Heart of Mercy in Northern California.

Moving On Fellowship

Join us Monday, February 5, at 10:30am for a no-host brunch at Annie’s Restaurant (Beech & Greenback). We welcome all who have lost a loved one, and as widows and widowers we try to offer support, friendship, prayer, and practical support to the bereaved. All are welcome and meetings are very informal. For more information, call Pat Bisaiotti at 530-307-2147.

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SIGN-UP SUNDAY FOR SMALL FAITH GROUPS
Join one of the small faith groups this weekend, February 3 & 4, after each Mass! Some of the topics already expressed are: “Catholicism Series,” by Bishop Barron, Introduction to the New Testament, Lenten Longings, Praying with Scriptures, Why I Am Catholic, Everyone Needs to Forgive Somebody, and Biblical Walk through the Mass.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
Thank you to the many who came to our quarterly meeting last Saturday. The next one will be at the end of April. In this ministry we take communion to those who cannot come to Mass for a period of time. If you think you might be interested in this ministry, you may contact Mary at mtthmaryk@gmail.com for information.

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Come and join us in the gym for our annual Mardi Gras celebration with a Mini-Ministry Fair!
Live it up on the last night before Lent with all-you-can-eat Pancakes!

Please join us every Friday during Lent For stations and soup & bread supper following.
6:30 pm each Friday
In the Church

February 16 Hosted by: Creation Care Ministry
February 23 Hosted by: Children’s Faith Formation
March 2 Hosted by: Lifeteen & EDGE
March 9 Hosted by: Rosary Group
March 16 Hosted by: Our Lady of Guadalupe
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Q. I’m Gluten intolerant (or suffer from celiac disease)
If we aren’t offering the Precious Blood at Mass, how can I celebrate the Eucharist with the community?
A. Christ is truly present, body, blood, soul and divinity in both species of the Eucharist, the consecrated host, and the consecrated wine. Therefore, we receive the fullness of Christ, whether sharing the host, the cup, or both.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Thursday, February 22, 2018 and in parishes on the weekend of February 3-4, 2018. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.

Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church? Would you like to know more about the Catholic faith?
Is God calling you?

Contact Sharon at the parish office, 989-7400 or sharon@divinesavior.com or approach Father Roman, and simple arrangements can be made for you to share the cup with us at Communion.

Vocations Cross
Sunday, February 4th at the 7:45am Mass, Ron & Franca Lingren will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

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No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us Thursday February 8th, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today. For additional information, contact Kathleen Hass at the church office, 989-7400.

Around the Diocese

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