Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

We just don’t know when the Holy Spirit will bring about a positive change or for whom the Holy Spirit may act (First reading). We also realize that Jesus does not need anyone to protect Him. The apostle John informs Jesus in today’s Gospel that someone was driving out demons in His name. John and the other disciples tried to stop this healing activity. Jesus states that they are not to prevent it.

Jesus asserts that someone who performs a mighty deed in His name can at the same time speak ill of Him. Some people today might have difficulty with that statement because of the vast difference in cultures. At the time of Jesus, matters like this were either one way or the other, with no or little gray in between. Today we might say that anybody has the right to be as long as they bring about some good. Jesus would probably say, “I don’t buy it!”

What would be Jesus’ reason for His objection? Because doing a mighty deed in Jesus’ name requires a very deep-seated decision that a person chooses to act as fully as possible like Jesus, relying as Jesus did on the wisdom of the Holy Spirit that is readily available to anyone who allows the Spirit to be active in one’s life. Jesus is helping the disciples and all of us to reflect on the depth of our commitment to believe that we are truly members of the Body of Christ and that our joy and fulfillment in life is to allow the goodness of God to transform our lives more and more so that we think and act the way Jesus did. We know, of course, that this is why it is so necessary to learn as much as possible about Jesus so that we can, in fact, live more like Him and be as fitting an instrument of His Presence as we possibly can.

Many of us were led to believe that once we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation our formation in our faith was complete. As one who celebrated this Sacrament in eighth grade, what I understand about Jesus, God’s love for me, and myriad other points about our faith was next to nothing compared to what I presently think I grasp and live out. Yet, I am quite aware that I have barely scratched the surface of coming to understand the depth and breadth of God’s love for me. Hopefully, when the day comes, I will be blessed with heaven so that I can continue to delve into the awesome mystery we call God.

Put quite simply, we cannot share what we do not have and cannot act as someone (Jesus) whom we have not come to know intimately. Hopefully, I will soon find the time to do what I love doing very much, which is to sit with people and share our reflections on the Bible so that we can all grow in the goodness and kindness of our Divine Savior.

While the rest of today’s Gospel might seem over dramatic and exaggerated, we look at examples of cutting off our hand if it leads us into sin as symbols/signs pointing to the various ways in which we can diminish our focus on God’s love for us and our growing to be more and more like Jesus.

~Fr. Roman

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**Pastor’s Corner**

**Parish Announcements**

**Prayers of the Week**

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**Schedule for the week of September 30th - October 6th**

**Sunday - September 30th**

- All Masses: Recycle Sunday
- 8:00am: Children’s Faith Formation M 1-3
- 10:00am: Children’s Faith Formation M 1-2

**Monday - October 1st**

- 10:30am: Moving On Fellowship Annie’s

**Tuesday - October 2nd**

- 9:30am: Going Deeper, Eucharist Study Church
- 6:00pm: Going Deeper, Eucharist Study Church

**Thursday - October 4th**

- 6:00pm: Community Meal Hall A
- 6:10pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet Church
- 6:30pm: Daily Mass Church
- 7:00pm: Rosary Group Church
- 7:15pm: Blessing of Animals Rosary Walk

**Friday - September 28th**

- 6:30am: Men’s Prayer Group M 4

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**Bulletin Announcements**

Please submit bulletin announcements to the Parish Office or email them to kathleen@divinesavior.com by noon on Wednesdays.

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**Mass Intentions**

**September 29th**

- 4:30pm: Catalina Montenegro (D)
- 4:30pm: Tom Tomich (D)

**September 30th**

- 7:45am: People of the Parish
- 9:30am: Margaret Bolin (D)
- 11:30am: Jodi Nicole Robles (D)
- 10:00am: Jodi Nicole Robles (D)

**October 1st**

- 8:30am: John J. Pippig, Jr. (D)
- 8:30am: Bessie Curran (D)
- 8:30am: Theresa Pippig (D)

**October 2nd**

- 6:30pm: Kathleen Koregelos & Family
- 6:30pm: Mary Pippig (D)
- 6:30pm: Gina Cambone (D)

**October 3rd**

- 8:30am: Mary Pippig (D)
- 3:00pm: Sally Milano
- 6:30pm: Sally Milano

**October 4th**

- 6:30pm: Kathy Zander
- 6:30pm: Sally Milano
- 6:30pm: Mary Pippig (D)

**October 5th**

- 6:30pm: Sally Milano
- 3:00pm: Gina Cambone (D)
- 3:00pm: Sally Milano

**October 6th**

- 6:30pm: Sally Milano
- 6:30pm: Sally Milano
- 3:00pm: Gina Cambone (D)

**October 7th**

- 7:45am: Lorenzo Tovar (D)
- 9:30am: People of the Parish

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**

- Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:**

- Prv 21:1-5, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 44; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:**

- Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:72, 79, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:**

- Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:**

- Eccl 3:1-31; Ps 144:1-14, Zae, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:**

- Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Sunday:**

- Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19, 8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

- Alice Amantea
- Sheldon Anderson Jr
- Sharon Backus
- Richard Boyd
- Laura Chavez
- David Collier
- Norma Davis
- Jim Fouret
- Patricia Hamilton
- Myron Howes
- Carl Larson
- Sally Milano
- Glenn Mueller
- Hannah O’Connor
- John Padden
- Eleanor Peterson
- Gladys Reilly
- Rosa Santos
- Mary Scott-Salter
- Diane Stokes
- Mike Turner
- Melanie Zander

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

- Little Duskes
- Francis Gwin

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

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**Vocations Cross**

Sunday, September 30th at the 9:30am Mass, Allen & Theresa Brown will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

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**Military Prayer List**

If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary at 916-988-4984 to have them removed.

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**Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas**

- Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, Logan Amos, Sean Amos, James Atwood, Jordan Biasott, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephrem Choi, Elise Cruz, Matt David, Derek Dehavereng, David DelaCruz, Alison Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst, Tom Foye, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstad, Erek Hartsell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Holder, Yutro Housaka, Ben Isla, George Johnson, Tyler Kenndieh, Nicholas Koelgen, William Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Bennett D. Mcgrane, Garrett Mcmann, Aaron Murray, Francis Montijo, Joseph M. Padock, Nathan Peiderick, Chris Payant, David Persir, Darin Pillman, Tim Pillman, Rachael Porromant, Logan Rasmussen, Trei Rasmussen, Tim Reid, Neal Ridge, Tony Rodriguez, Nicholas Roha, Ryan Roex, Matthew Sandovol, April Skosk, Jacob and Nikki Stebb, James Tachina, Tyler Tomich, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarreal, Danny Walsh, David Wentling, Kyle William and Brian Wright. Please call Mary, 988-4984 to add or remove names as space is limited.

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If you have any questions, email elaine@divinesavior.com or you may call or text her at 559-307-4216.
Are you thinking of becoming Catholic and have questions? If you are thinking of becoming Catholic, there are RCIA sessions, called “Inquiry.” In a warm and accepting environment, you are welcome to share your questions. If you are interested, please contact sharon@divinesavior.com or call the parish office for more information.

Catholics Returning Home
An Open Door for Returning Catholics
Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore? Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church?
Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?
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 for six informational sessions Monday, September 17th, 24th, and October 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd—7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The sessions will include sharing and updates on the Church today. Please contact Kathleen Hass at kathleen@divinesavior.com or 916-989-7400 for additional information.

Youth Seeking Baptism or First Communion
Do you have a youth, ages 7-17 who hasn’t been baptized or cherished his/her First Communion? Do you know someone that is asking questions about their faith and seeking answers? Now is the time to make a phone call to find out how this child/youth can get their spiritual desires met. Please call Sharon Laitinen at the parish office, 916-989-7400 x224 or Email sharon@divinesavior.com.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary
Who asks us to pray the Rosary? Our Blessed Mother is appeared to people over and over again, more often since 2000, asking the world to pray the Rosary DAILY. When we seek to approach Jesus through His mother, Jesus will always listen. Mary told us she is our mother, too, and she wants us to know and love her Son.

Rosary Groups
There is great power in group prayer, and several ways to pray the Rosary with a group at Divine Savior. If you are new to the Rosary, we will help you. Join us to pray the rosary at church.

Group Rosary Times:
- After 7:45am Sunday Mass at 8:45am by Mary’s statue 7:00pm Thursday evenings, St. Cecilia room
- Daily after morning Mass.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
New ministers are welcome and personal coaching is provided. We take communion to residents in 6 facilities and also those who request through the office, private communion due to the inability to get to Mass for an extended period of time. Anyone interested in this ministry may email me at mtthmarkyar@outlook.com for further information.

Mary Frontera

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil
Sept 26 - Nov. 4th.
We are invited to protect mothers and children by joining the worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Here’s how to take part in the Sacramento community:
- Vigil location: FPA Clinic 2322 Butano Drive, Sac.
- Vigil hours: 8 am to 6 pm, Mon - Fri
- Local Contacts: Susan Money, 530-320-1614 or Sally Fong 916-849-0533

To learn more visit www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento

Eucharist
Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence

We know that Christ is alive and fully present in the Eucharist.
Join us as Fr. Roman’s Going Deeper series continues with his facilitation of a 3-week series in which we go deeper into the “source and summit” of our Faith (with the help of Fr. Robert Barron’s DVD-based program: Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence.)
Divine Savior will begin the Eucharist program with the first session being held on October 2, with the same content at 9:30am or 6:00pm, for your convenience.
The next two sessions will be held October 9 and October 16 at the same time of 9:30am or 6:00pm.
All sessions will be in the church. It is STRONGLY urged for all Eucharist Ministers, those serving at Mass or outside of Mass, for all Catholic who celebrates the Eucharist Feast with us, or would like to just learn more. For more information, call or text Elaine at 559-307-4216, or email elaine@divinesavior.com, or stop by the parish office.
Registration is not required, but all Eucharist Ministers are encouraged to register with Elaine via email, so formation can be noted in MSP.

Manna, Food from Heaven! Manna Ministry is a pastoral care outreach that was begun by 11 women when the parish was founded in 1987. Some of the founders are still preparing loving meals. Manna provides temporary, supplemental meals, not to replace meals. Manna began by 11 women when the parish was founded in 1987. Some of the founders are still preparing loving meals. Manna provides temporary, supplemental meals, when there is a newborn in the home, or when someone is down and out due to an illness, an injury, or the death of a loved one. Please tell anyone you know who could benefit from this service about Manna. Encourage them to call or offer to call for them. For more information, a meal request, or to volunteer, please call Denise Verbeck at 967-5110 or the parish office at 989-7400.

Recycling Sunday

Where: behind the gym by the dumpster
When: This Sunday, September 30th, after all the Masses
What: we take clear empty plastic container’s (milk, juice, water, detergent, trays) aluminum beverage cans, CRV, glass soda/beer bottles
We don’t take: paper, plastic bags, batteries, electronics, tin, medicinal waste
Why: Salvatorian Haiti Project

Faith Formation News

Ministry Opportunities

Parish Announcements

New Year over Year Plate Collection Performance
Week # 12 YTD thru Wk #12
2018-2019 Year
$14,519 $200,715
2017-2018 Year
$10,930 $180,656
Difference $20,059 11.1%

Do you know the people who sit near you at Mass? Has someone been missing in action for a while? Is someone going through a difficult situation?
If you know someone from our parish who would benefit from a phone call or pastoral visit, please let the office know as soon as you have the information. We just need their name and a way to get in touch with them. It is so important that we take care of one another and be supportive of members in our parish family, both through prayer and also in very practical ways such as providing meals through Manna Ministry, visits from Ministry to the Homebound, the gift of a Prayer Shawl, or the Sacrament of Anointing. Please call the Parish Office: 916-989-7400 or email Caroline Easton, Pastoral Care Ministry, caroline@divinesavior.com.

Moving On Fellowship:
Meetings Monday, October 1, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM.
- No host brunch, Annie’s Restaurant back room (Beach & Greenback).
- Program discussion, “Best advice to someone you are leaving behind.”
- For more information, please call Pat Biasotti, 530-307-2147

Christian Brothers High School Open House
Join us for our Open House on Sunday, October 7 from 11am to 2pm. Stop by and see firsthand why CB is a campus filled, academic department information tables and more.
Presentations: 9:30 am – 12:20 and 1:30 pm.
- Registration: 8 am (coffee & donuts)
- Morning Mass: 8:30 am
- Lunch or purchase there
- Confessions: All day
- TICKETS: $20 advanced registration: $25 at the door
- $ 14,519
- $ 200,715
- $ 10,930
- $ 180,656
- $ 20,059
- 11.1%