Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Guests:

Last weekend we reflected on how Jesus received His honor and identity as God’s beloved Son when some leaders asked Him about paying taxes to Caesar. Between last Sunday and today, a section of the Gospel is omitted, the one where another segment of the Jewish leadership tried to shame Jesus by asking about resurrection. The situation they posed was about one of Moses’ teachings whereby if a man died without having a child, the man’s brother was to marry the widow. There were seven in all who married this woman, all dying without having a child. Their question was whose wife this woman would be at resurrection. Jesus foiled their goofy example by relating that resurrection meant something very different from what we experience here on earth and that these people were to think of living as faithful followers of the living God and not worry about the dead.

This week the Pharisees set up another test for Jesus. A scholar of the law tests Jesus by seeing how He does what any prophet is expected to do, that is, choose from the 613 different laws the one that is the greatest. Some people are surprised to know that the two commandments Jesus draws attention to are actual quotes from the Old Testament.

A question for us is what resources we rely on to love the Lord, our God, with our entire being. Just as last week we reflected that all that exists is the result of God’s creative hand and thus all we enjoy is a gift from God, so this week we start by taking our being created out of love as our starting point. Because God is love, we are to love as He loves us. This means that our beings from the second of our conception are precious, loving beings. It is by accepting this reality that we are able to love God in return. We have our lifetime to allow God to help us become more and more aware of His love embodied in us and in all of creation.

It is impossible to miss that once again Jesus is asserting that God is indeed our Supreme Being whose gift we accept with gratitude by loving ourselves and our neighbor. Because of unfortunate circumstances in our development as well as shaming experiences throughout life, we often find it somewhat difficult to love ourselves as God loves us. The only remedy to this reality is to turn over to God repeatedly and continuously the shaming experiences throughout life, we often find it somewhat difficult to love ourselves as God loves us. The only remedy to this reality is to turn over to God repeatedly and continuously the shaming experiences throughout life, we often find it somewhat difficult to love ourselves as God loves us. We are encouraged to communicate with God in this way each week when we pray in Eucharistic Adoration.

Wednesday-November 1st
8:30am Holy Day Mass Church
7:00pm Holy Day Mass Church
Thursday-November 2nd
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Library
7:00pm Guadalupe Society Library
Friday-November 3rd
9-12:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
**Note: Time change

Divine Savior will celebrate All Saints Day with two Masses: 8:30am and 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 1st.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have lost family members, homes, schools, and so much due to the devastating fires burning throughout California. Words cannot express our gratitude to all those who have risked their lives, opened their homes, and served these communities in various ways. We at Divine Savior, will do our part to assist in the recovery. We plan to have a second collection THIS WEEKEND.

Eucharistic Adoration
**Time Change 9:00am-12:00pm**
Divine Savior invites everyone to Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of the month, November 3rd. Adoration begins at 9:00am immediately after Mass and continues until 12:00pm. Adoration takes place in the Church. This devotion allows a person the opportunity to provide further thanks for God’s love and time to enter into a more personal communication with God. We are encouraged to communicate with God in the silence.

Parish Announcements
Year over Year Plate Collection Performance
Week # 17 YTH thru Wk #17
2017-2018 Year: $12,302 $240,522
2016-2017 Year: $13,621 $247,178
Difference: $-6,626
% Difference: -2.7%
World Mission Sunday: $3,155

We are grateful to God for the craftsmanship, dedication of time and great talent to Del Schweiger, who with help from St. Joseph, has made our beautiful new entry tabe in the vestibule. You may have also noticed the “conversation areas” in the Vestibule. Del also crafted the four pedestals in these areas, and 2 additional pedestals that we use at funeral Masses. These pieces are all designed to call us deeper into the church, toward Christ. The symbol of His love for us is centered between the altar and the ambo, which bear the same design as the pedestal and tabernacle.

Prayers of the Week
Mass Intentions
October 28th
4:30pm Nenita DeGuzman (D)
Catalina Montenegro (D)
October 29th
7:45am Chuck Pelagio
9:30pm Peggy Blucke (D)
Steve
11:30pm Bob Biambante (D)
Helen Hughes (D)
October 30th
8:30am Miguel (D)
Daniel H. Brennan (D)
Susan Godec (D)
October 31st
8:30am Marie Ammonette DeGuzman (D)
Gary Stofir (D)
Maryann (D)
Dolores Keleske (D)
7:00pm Rosario Valdez (D)
Olimpia & Bernard Gonzales (D)
Catalina Montenegro (D)
Jodi Robles (D)
November 1st
8:30am John J. Pippig, Jr. (D)
Dolores Keleske (D)
6:30pm Rosario Valdez (D)
Olimpia & Bernard Gonzales (D)
Catalina Montenegro (D)
Jodi Robles (D)
November 2nd
6:30pm David Walsh
November 3rd
8:30am Bessie Curran (D)
November 4th
8:30am Theresa Pippig (D)
November 5th
7:45am People of the Parish
John Stevenson (D)
November 7th
9:30am Deceased KofC Council members (D)
11:30am Jodi Robles (D) Lisa DeLong (D)

Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful ministry. All donations sent to “Divine Savior Parish” while marked out to “Christmas Basket Ministry” will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Cash donations are welcome too; and, can be either placed in the collection at 7:00pm, or dropped off at the Christmas Basket Ministry Rack in the vestibule. Donations can also be faxed (989-469-4954) or mailed to: Divine Savior, 3721 & 3725 Library Church, Flint, MI 48506. These forms are available in the vestibule Announcement rack, Flyer Racks and the parish offices. Completed forms may be accepting sign ups for host families. If interested in hosting a family, forms are available in the vestibule Announcement Flyer Racks and the parish offices. Completed forms may be faxed (989-741-1050), into the Parish Office, placed in the collection basket, or dropped off at the Christmas Basket Ministry Rack in the vestibule. Cash donations are welcome too; and, can be either placed in the collection at Mass or dropped off at the Parish offices. Checks should be made out to “Divine Savior Parish” with “Christmas Basket Ministry” on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful tradition here at Divine Savior Parish.

Vocations Cross
Sunday, October 29th at the 7:45am Mass, Sally Fong will continue to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

Fr. Roman
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
- Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-5; Lk 13:18-21
- 1 Thes 2:7a, 8-10; 2 Thes 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 3:1-3; Mt 23:1-12
- Mal 1:14b; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
- Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
- Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1-7, 11
- Mal 1:4ab – 2:9b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

The the food pantry for foster youth in Sacramento County who have been emancipated is once again in need of non-perishable food items. These young people begin a life of independence at 18-20 years of age and need support from the community to be successful. There will be a collection over the weekend of **November 11 & 12** to help restock the shelves. Food items can be placed in the Big Red Box in the Vestibule. The following items are most helpful:

- Soup (tops preferred)
- Crackers
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Chili
- Top Ramen
- Sugar/flour/salt
- Boxed food
- Unopened sample lotions and shampoo...
- Pasta/rice/sauces
- Cereal
- Paper products also – TP, paper towels….
- Tuna
- Canned fruits and vegetables (pop tops preferred)
- Canned/boxed juice
- Macaroni and cheese
- Deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap
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**Ministry Happenings**

**Moving On Fellowship:** Will meet **Monday, November 5th** (usually the first Monday of the month) at 10:30am for a no-host brunch at Anne’s Restaurant (Greenback & Beech). We are an informal group of Divine Savior widows and widowers who try to offer support, encouragement, prayer and practical help to the bereaved in forming a new and meaningful life after the death of a loved one. All are welcome. November is the month for honoring our beloved deceased; please bring a picture/pictures of your loved ones to be remembered in our prayers. For more information, call Pat Biasotti, 530-307-2147.

The annual Men’s Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center will take place on the weekend of December 1-3, 2017. This year’s theme is **May the Passion of Jesus Christ be Always in our Hearts**. The message of St. Mark’s Passion will lead us to Jesus’s empathy & dedication to humanity & hopefully make us more aware of His constant presence in our lives. There are flyers available in the parish Vestibule or contact Mike Keneshlep 835-0111 for more information.

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

We always welcome new people in this ministry where we take communion to those who cannot get to Mass for an extended period. Please contact Mary at mittmary@outlook.com if you are interested and wish to learn more. The time commitment is minimal and personal coaching is provided.

**Dia de los Muertos** (Day of the Dead) provides an opportunity to honor and reflect on the lives and memories of our deceased loved ones. This time of remembrance and communal celebration begins on November 1st, Dia de los Angelitos—*“The Day of the Little Angels”* (also All Saints Day), and continues through November 2nd, All Souls Day.

All parishioners are invited to place photos of their departed family members on the table, write in the Divine Savior’s Book of the Dead, and/or write a message on one of the fabric prayer strips to hang on the branches at the ofrenda. Please be sure to write your name/phone number on the back of picture frames.

**Food for Foster Youth**

TRUNK OR TREAT! BRING YOUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS! Divine Savior’s Lifteen and EDGE ministries proudly present Trunk or Treat on **Sunday, October 29th from 2:00pm-4:00pm.**

**2pm-3pm** carnival games in gym and **3pm-4pm** Trunk or Treating.