Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read that John the Baptist questioned Jesus about His being baptized by John. Some early followers of Jesus were uncomfortable or even embarrassed that this kind of encounter had taken place and had been recorded. Today we see how Luke has tuned down this difficulty by saying quite simply that “Jesus also had been baptized.” The issue was that, if John was baptizing as a symbolic action that people were repenting of their sins, why would Jesus, the sinless one be baptized. But, by his baptism, as John himself stated, Jesus revealed the true purpose of Baptism, which is to realize our identity amid the gathered community.

We see what that purpose is as we reflect on what God stated after Jesus was baptized. “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” We believe that God says the same to us at our Baptism. We do well to ponder that God could very well be more interested in how He created us than the fact that we have the capability to sin. God could be of the mind that the more we focus on who we are in the eyes of God, we will be less inclined to sin. And this leads us to wonder what sin is to God? Could it be as simple as our not accepting ourselves and/or others as the beloved of God? John had stated that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Baptism is a ritual in which we celebrate how we are embraced or being carried by God’s embrace or being carried by God as He blesses so that we can be comfortable with our humanity and fire. The baptism ritual includes the words, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Whatever God creates is holy, blessed and sacred.

Given that God’s desire is that we consistently make choices for good, it is when we sin that we especially need the fire of love to renew us in the goodness in which God had created us. That fire of love also functions as an energy that releases us from the tight grip of shame and guilt. This process is one in which God blesses so that we can be comfortable with our humanity and that God, even in the worst of times, will speak tenderly to us and remind us that our guilt is fully undone by God’s love.

What a privilege we have, then, to make known in all ways and means that God is indeed love. One helpful image is to picture ourselves being gathered into God’s embrace or being carried by God with utmost care. The more we make this God known, the more likely we are to encourage one another to praise and thank God.

Pastor’s Corner

January 13, 2019

Parish Announcements

Schedule of the week for January 14th—January 18th

Tuesday-January 15th
9:30am Centering Prayer
St. Cecilia rm.
Junior Care Solutions
Hall A
7:00pm LUX, Young Adult Ministry
Y 2

Thursday-January 17th
9:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Library
6:00pm Community Meal
Hall
6:30pm Rosary Group
Church
7:00pm Catholics Returning Home Sm. Conf. rm.

Friday-January 18th
7:00am Men’s Prayer Group
M 4

RELECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:6-12; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2-8ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6-8c; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-15; 10; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:11-13

Vocations Cross
Saturday, January 12th at the 4:30pm Mass
Nancy Bingham will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life this week.

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:
- Anna Maria Gomez
- Richard J. Landry

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

Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas.
- Adrienne Aleschus, John Aleschus, Logan Amos, Sean Amos, James Arwood, Jordan Basbott, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephrem Choi, Elisie Cruz, Matt David, Travis Dardis, Derek Deatherage, David DeLaCruz, Alisen Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhardt, Katharine Ernst & A.J. Smith, Tom Feyer, Matthew Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstad, Erek Hartsell, Jeremiah Herbert, Susan Hacker, Pyoyo Hosaoka, Ben Isla, Tyler Kenobbie, Nicholas Koelfgen, William Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Benjamin M. M. McKee, Garrett Padden, Sam McCarron, Francis Montojo, Tom Moyer, Kevin Murphy, Aimee Nielsen, Ryan Ruox, Matthew Sandovel, April Skou, Jacob and Nikki Steeh, James Thatcher, Jadyne Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villareal, Danny Walsh, David Wentling, Kyle William and Brian Wright.

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

CRAB FED 2019

Saturday, March 9, 2019
$50.00 per person
Tickets will be available for purchase beginning the weekend of Jan 26th & 27th in the Vestibule, and in the parish office beginning Jan 28th.

When purchasing your tickets please state who you’d like to sit with and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Reserved tables of 8 & 10 are available only if all tickets are purchased together.

The 2019 Crab Feed committee needs your help!

Sadly, one of our major donors of gifts has passed away, and this has left a huge void. Please consider donating an item you would like to receive as a prize or see list below for ideas. Donations may be dropped off in the parish office or call Katie or Brian for more information, 916-7400.

Wine
Concert tickets
Sporting event tickets
Golf packages
Restaurant Gift Cards
Movie tickets
Jewelry
Tools
Amazon Gift Cards
Costco Gifts Cards
Kohls Gift cards
Target Gift Cards
Walnut Gift Cards
Bicycles
Instax Mini Camera
Lottery Scratchers
Vacation trips/Time Shares
Small kitchen appliances
Tech gifts (Echo, iPad, Kindle)

Mass Intentions

January 12th 4:30pm Deceased Members of the D’Arienzo and Ps Families
January 13th 7:45am Duke McAlpine (D)
9:30pm People of the Parish
11:30am Conchita Borgarees (D)
Phyllis Wopen (D)
January 14th 8:30am Dung Doa Maria
January 15th 8:30am Samantha David
January 16th 8:30am Paul & Gerrie Parker
January 17th 8:30am
January 18th 8:30am Marita & Pakito Marasigan (D)
January 19th 8:30am Leo Henehen (D)
Bernice Sena (D)
January 20th 7:45am Duke McAlpine (D)
9:30am Donny Kyrian
11:30am People of the Parish

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

Alice Amanete
Bill Anderson
Dick Armstrong
Taryn Benson
Julie Bouse
Eduardo Bravo
Andrew Cobb
Pat Conley
Madeleine Crepin
Jim Donohue
Reggie Faulk
Jim Fontav
Patricia Hamilton
Myron Howe
Brian Klein
Carl Larson
Carlos Menchaca
Rodia Matt
Jacque Olson
Karen Paddock
Waldi Paige
Eleanor Peterson
Austin Reed
Gladys Reilly
Doranna Schulte
Mary Scott-Salter
Tom Sekel
Shari Segal
Diane Stokes
Helen Wang
John Wick

Office beginning Jan 28
End of Jan 26
Saturday, March 9, 2019

Office or call Katie or Brian for more information, 916-7400.

Prayers of the Week

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Faith & Finance$ 
Why not kick off 2019 with a financial checkup?
Financial Wellness Workshops offered at Divine Savior in 2019  
Session One: 10 Habits for Reducing Financial Stress in Your Life
Presenter: Mike Hackett, parishioner, professional financial wellness educator
January 27th, 1-2:30pm, OR January 30th, 6-7:30pm
Room Y-3
For more information, or to RSVP contact: Denise Hackett, deniseh@divinesavior.com

Christmas Trees celebrating culture and nature
This is the last weekend that the four decorated trees in the vestibule will be displayed. This multi-ministry effort has been done by our Parish Pastoral Council, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Society, the Filipino Ministry and Children’s Faith Formation. The fourth tree to be highlighted is sponsored by the Parish Pastoral Council which selected a nature theme featuring cardinals; this bird’s scarlet red color is reminiscent of a Catholic cardinal’s biretta. It is said that this bird also symbolizes hope, joy, health, rejuvenation and celebration. We hope to make these specially decorated trees an annual effort and that other ministry groups will join the effort in future years.

Gardeners Wanted
We are excited about the new garden project described in last week’s bulletin. Come this Spring, we hope to have four raised beds in place in this area at the parish with more to come. If you have gardening dirt under your fingernails, we are the place for you! Today you can sign up in the vestibule to be a part of the Giving Garden Committee or you can email Sister Sheila (snovaksko@gmail.com).

You help will be tailored to fit your schedule as we get things in place from the ground up!!

Senior Care Solutions: A Daughter’s Journey
Tuesday, January 15, 2019
Carol Kinsel, Owner, Senior Care Solutions Beverly Chang MD, Geriatric Psychiatry Direct Please join Dr. Chang and Carol as they walk through Carol’s personal experience caring for her father with dementia. Their conversation will offer insight as to what could be happening from onset and during the progression of the disease, offering valuable information and tools for caregivers facing similar challenges. Please join us in Hall A at 6:30pm for this FREE workshop. For more info and to RSVP please call Senior Care Solutions at 916-965-5565.

Pro-life Mass and Rosary for Peace
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 marks the 46th anniversary of the lamentable 1973 U.S. Supreme Court Decision, Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion. In prayerful observance, Bishop Soto has designated January 22, 2019 as a Diocesan Day of Reparation. All are asked to observe this day of fasting, prayer, penance and works of mercy. All are invited to attend the 8:30am morning Mass at Divine Savior in observance of this Day of Reparation. After Mass we invite everyone to join in reciting the Rosary for Peace. Contact: Sally at (916) 849-0533.

Divine Savior’s Dream: Small Christian Communities as Centers for Spiritual Growth & Evangelization
Would you consider being a discussion leader for a book, video, CD, or YouTube clips on a topic of your choice for the new year? One possible topic is the book, “Beautiful Hope” that was provided to all families at Christmas. The dream is to have small Christian Communities in neighborhoods around of the parish. It would be a wonderful way to spiritually grow during Lent and to reach out to neighbors and friends. Homes are also needed to gather for 4-6 sessions. Before January 20, call Sharon Laitinen at the parish office or email sharon@divinesavior.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
If you have the talent to knit or crochet, please consider joining our prayer shawl ministry. We meet twice a month (1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1-3pm) in the Library. Please contact Nancy Begley at 916-705-5464 for more information.
If you know someone in need of loving comfort who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact the parish office.

Fair Trade Coffee
Sales will take place THIS weekend, Saturday, January 12th and Sunday, January 13th at each Mass in the Vestibule.

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World Marriage Day 2019
Saturday, February 9, 2019 11:00am Mass with Bishop Soto Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament 1017 11th Street, Sacramento
If you plan to attend please register at: https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/wmd
An informal reception to follow with certificates given to those couples celebrating milestone anniversaries.
If you have any questions, call the Office of Family and Faith Formation at 916-733-0177

A Young and Married Ministry Presentation:
Theology of the Body Formed for Love
Presented by John Hamlon
Sunday, January 20, 2019 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Immerse your marriage in the riches of St. John Paul II’s vision of marital love.
Free BabySitting Available
For more information call 916-725-4720 ext. 311 or email marthas@passionist.org
Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA

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
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 as we continue our informal sessions on Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today.
For additional information, contact Kathleen Hass at 916-989-7400 or kathleen@divinesavior.com

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
Our next quarterly meeting is January 26, 9:15-11am in Y1, a portable building close to Greenback. If you are interested in this ministry, please know you are welcome to come. We take communion to those who are unable to come to Mass for an extended period. Contact Mary at mthhmary@outlook.com for further information or to say you are coming to the meeting.

Centering Prayer
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 9:30am in the St. Cecilia Room. If you’d like to participate in this form of prayer join us on January 15th. Questions? Call Joyce at 916-990-0546.

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