Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors: Typically, our first reading is chosen to coordinate with the message of the Gospel. Today’s selection seems at first to be an exception to that principle given that in the first reading Abraham and Sarah are quite busy preparing a meal for their three visitors. In today’s Gospel, Jesus states that Mary has chosen the better part by sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to Him. Could it be that both situations are the two sides of the same coin?

While Abraham and Sarah are acting quite busy with activity, they seem to be doing what they are doing because it flows from their character to be hospitable. They work together well to provide nourishment, drink and rest for their visitors. There is also humor in our first reading. Abraham says that he will bring the visitors a little food as he asks Sarah to bake, he orders a servant to pick a tender, choice steer to prepare, and he himself adds in milk and curds. This is, of course, a symbol for what God provides when we do our best to welcome and care for one another, including visitors, who may be strangers. It is also a symbol of good things to come, namely, that Abraham and Sarah will have a child. Speaking of humor, if our first reading were extended several verses, we would see that Sarah laughed about what the men had promised.

But, wasn’t Jesus a bit harsh with Martha? After all, she did welcome Jesus into her and Mary’s home. We know, however, that it is usually not easy to feel entirely welcomed when, a host (ess) appears burdened, especially when they complain about it. The fact is that no one can do anything about such a reality but provide when we do our best to welcome and care for one another, visitors who may be strangers. It is also a symbol of good things to come, namely, that Abraham and Sarah will have a child. Speaking of humor, if our first reading were extended several verses, we would see that Sarah laughed about what the men had promised.

To schedule a pick-up, call Jan Bennecik at (916) 987-1836 or the parish office at (916) 989-7400.

VOCATIONS CROSS
Saturday, July 21st at the 9:30am Mass, Joseph & Margaret Hellen will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Deaconate and the Religious Life.


If your loved one is one of the military people please call Mary at 916-988-4984 to have them removed.
LITURGY CORNER—
We heard you!!
The following changes are being implemented due to YOUR suggestions from the parish survey.

Additional Mass time
In order to best serve our families, on September 15th, we will begin offering Mass at 5:30 on Sunday evenings! All are welcome! The new MSP schedule will reflect these changes, so if you are a liturgical minister and would like to serve at the 5:30pm Mass, please add it as an option. If you are interested in becoming a liturgical minister, please contact Jennifer@divinesavior.com

Faith formation changes
EDGE (middle school ministry) and Life Teen (high school ministry) times are changing to occur before and after this Mass. EDGE will be from 4 – 5:15pm and Life Teen from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. CPF, EDGE and Life Teen will kick off on September 8th with a fun, informative family gathering! More information when you enroll!

In addition, Children’s Faith Formation (CFF) has added an afternoon session at 4:15pm to coincide with EDGE and their morning sessions will occur at 8:15 and 10:15. We are also offering an Early Childhood session during the 9:30 am Mass in the St. Cecilia room. Contact pmiller@divinesavior.com for more details on CFF or the Early Childhood ministry and how you can be involved in their development.

Enrollment materials and much more information is available on the parish website. Get your forms in as soon as possible to ensure your spot!

Thank you in advance for your support of these ministries!

Study Group on Peace—Please consider!
This fall, there will be 10-13 small groups meeting for 6+ times on topics that deepen our faith and provide a caring space to strengthen our spiritual journey. Please consider facilitating or hosting a group that promotes peace. Peace and Bene offers several book titles, such as The Nonviolent Life by John Dear, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee. For more information, call Sharon 916-989-7400.

Community Meal
THIS Thursday, July 25th the Community Meal dinner will be served in the church vestibule from 6:00-6:45pm.

NEXT Thursday, August 1st the Community Meal Dinner will be served at Redeemer Covenant Church 6800 Main Avenue, Orangevale from 6:00-6:45pm.

Life Teen Summer Movie Night
Thursday, July 25th at 7:30pm in Y 3
No RSVP required.

All Youth Ministry summer activities are on the parish website.

Respect Life Ministry
“Celebrate and Reverence God’s Vision of Human Sexuality”
National NFP Awareness Week
THIS WEEK JULY 21–27, 2019

Love, Naturally! Cooperating with God’s beautiful design for married love.
To find additional National Natural Family Planning information from the Diocese of Sacramento visit: www.scd.org/search/results/info or call Steve Pat- ton, Associate Director for Family & Respect Life Ministries at 916-733-0133.

Ministry Opportunities

DIVINE MERCY GROUP COORDINATOR (POC) NEEDED
Here is your opportunity to learn more about the Divine Mercy devotion. Our Divine Mercy Group needs a new Coordinator (Point of Contact) who helps organize our parish Divine Mercy activities twice a year; Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) and the Divine Mercy Conference in Sacramento each year. At this year’s conference on October 12th there will be a breakout session for the Parish Point of Contacts and those who are interested in becoming a (POC). http://www.divinemercysacramento.org/
For more info call Linda at 916-961-7082

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FAITH FORMATION at DIVINE SAVIOR
Do you have a school-age child in your family? Divine Savior offers vibrant and comprehensive faith formation sessions for ages Kindergarten through 12th grade! Please check out the website at divinesavior.com and click on the faith formation tab on the top of the home screen. There you will find more information about all of our programs, as well as online enrollment forms. Faith Formation will kick off on September 8th! Enrollment in the church vestibule on Sunday, August 18th, 9am—1pm as well as at the church office during the week. Any questions? You may email: Jen Shaver at Jennifer@divinesavior.com for K – 5th. Sharon Laithman at Sharon@divinesavior.com for First Communion/Confirmation preparation Denise Hackett at denise@divinesavior.com or Daniel Ardin at danieljamesardoin@gmail.com for 6th – 8th. Debbie or Daniel at lifeteen@divinesavior.com or for high school and Confirmation preparation

Around the Diocese

Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference 2019
Saturday, August 10, 2019 • 9am - 5pm
St. Isidore Parish
225 S. Clark Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991
Matt Lozano will lead the 2019 Diocesan Unbound Free-

dom in Christ Conference which will empower you to break the powerful chains in your life, so that you can walk in the fullness of freedom.

Register online for $60 in advance or $75 at the door https://scd.formstack.com/forms/unbound

Questions? Contact Jazmin Garcia in the Office of Clergy Formation at 916-733-0244 or jgarcia@scd.org.