Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

The people in our first reading, as well as the people at the time of Jesus, called a particular disease leprosy but it was vastly different from and less severe an ailment than what we know as leprosy today. While that may be true, they were very concerned all the same when anything unusual oozed out of one’s skin. This kind of non-natural occurrence caused them to worry about people spreading an awful disease. Therefore, the people in our first reading took great precaution when dealing even with a scab or pustule or blotch.

We can only imagine how someone with leprosy must have felt to be seen with their garments torn, lacking proper head covering for either the heat or the cold and having to shout that they were “unclean.” Needing to act in this way certainly was no way to develop a sense of one’s being a beloved person whom God had created. How important it is for us to do all we can to include in our community those who for no good reason are shunned because of disfigurement of any kind.

A comparison can be made to the sores of the bodies of those who first contracted the HIV virus. I remember the first time I was asked to celebrate the anointing of the Sick with someone who was HIV positive; I was worried that I might easily be infected. Similar to the restrictions in our first reading about leprosy and how they were to remain separate from everyone else, the early ones to be infected with HIV were hardly welcome in the mainstream population.

Given this background, we realize the immense impact that Jesus had on the people who encountered Him, especially those who witnessed scenes such as the one described in today’s Gospel. The leper who broke the rule of remaining apart from the community must have had a rather deep sense that Jesus would treat him in a kind and compassionate manner. In fact, we see the deep confidence the man had as he announced that Jesus could make him clean.

We ponder how thrilled he was when Jesus stretched out His hand and touched the man. Jesus did not withdraw, but stretched. How many times are we involved in situations where the compassionate thing to do is to stretch beyond our comfort zone to let someone in need know that, like Jesus, we truly care about that person?

Once again we see Jesus’ clear determination to do what He was sent to do as He states that He “came to seek and to save that which was lost.” Jesus insisted that the healed man tell no one anything. Jesus did not want to be known so much as a miracle worker, but that He was demonstrating for the people gathered how they can help others to experience God’s love through their actions. Jesus put priority into making known the message that His ministry was to help people reclaim their dignity and honor and identity as God’s precious people, and that a disease did not change that reality.

Jesus followed the tradition set down in our first reading by telling the man to go to the priest who had the authority to demonstrate for the people gathered how they can help others that, like Jesus, we truly care about that person?

Given this background, we realize the immense impact that the community must have had a rather deep sense that Jesus placed high value on people. Many of us are shunned because of disfigurement of any kind. In fact, a comparison can be made to the sores on the bodies of those who first contracted the HIV virus.

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The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal is our annual tradition that connects us to thousands of people who need our help every day. Our generous gifts to the Appeal help children find safety and hope, families break through desperate situations, marginalized individuals find the strength to rebuild lives of dignity, students in economically challenged communities remain in Catholic school, and seminarians prepare for priestly service in our parishes. We may not be social workers, yet we see the at the heart of mercy when we put our resources in the hands of social service programs and parish ministries that help lift people out of poverty. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a difference.

Ash Wednesday Schedule
February 14th
Liturgy of the Word & Ash Distribution
6:30am & 12:00pm
Mass & Ash Distribution
8:30am & 7:00pm

Fr. Roman’s Absence
I am in central Wisconsin to preside at a Mass in honor of my older brother’s 50th wedding anniversary. I left this past Tuesday and will return this coming Tuesday.

Our Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser is fast approaching and we are in need of raffle and silent auction prizes. If you have new items you’d like to donate please bring them to the office or call 989-7400 to schedule a pick up.

Gift Ideas:
- Wine
- Restaurant Gift Cards
- Department Store Gift Cards
- Sports Memorabilia
- Vacation Trips/Time Shares
- Cruises
- Movie Tickets
- Jewelry
- Golf Packages
- Sporting Events Tickets
- Concert/Theatre Tickets

Thanks so much for your help!

CRAB FEED TICKETS
We have a few tickets left for the Crab Feed. These tickets can be purchased in the office Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. First Come, First Served. Join us on March 10th for our annual Crab Feed. Tickets are $50.00 each. We will also have a waiting list once we are sold out. Please call the office, 916-989-7400, to be put on the list.

-Pastor’s Corner
February 11, 2018

- Parish Announcements

Schedule for the week of February 12th-February 18th
Tuesday-February 13th
5:30-7:00pm Mardi Gras Pancakes with Mini-Ministry Fair Gym
Wednesday-February 14th
6:30am Liturgy of the Word & Ashes Church
8:30am Ash Wednesday Mass Church
12:00pm Liturgy of the Word & Ashes Church
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass Church
Thursday-February 15th
6:00pm Community Meal Hall A
7:15pm Catholics Returning Home Sm. Conf. Rm
Friday-February 16th
6:30pm Stations & Soup Church

Mardi Gras Pancakes & Mini –Ministry Fair
Join us Tuesday, February 13th.
Pancakes served 5:30pm-7:00pm. Live it up on the last night before Ash Wednesday! Join all you can eat PANCAKE BAR with all the toppings, 2 Sausages, lemonade and coffee.

Parish Announcements

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance
Week #32 YTD thru Wk #32
2017-2018 Year $17,624 $503,022
2016-2017 Year $19,662 $480,693
$ Difference $22,329
% Difference 4.7%

Prayers of the Week

February 10th
4:30pm Leonard & Jeff Gonzales (D)
February 11th
7:45am Sidney Edwards (D)
9:30am Joyce Waters (D)
February 12th
8:30am Sigmund Dory (D)
February 13th
8:30am Catalina Ramos (D)
February 14th
8:30am Dung Vu (D)
February 15th
6:30pm Johnathan Karl Davis (D)
February 16th
8:30am
February 17th
8:30am
February 18th
4:30pm Maurice Mulloy (D)
February 19th
7:45pm People of the Parish
February 20th
7:45pm People of the Parish

Mass Intentions
February 10th
Leonard & Jeff Gonzales (D)
February 11th
Sidney Edwards (D)
Joyce Waters (D)
February 12th
Sigmund Dory (D)
February 13th
Catalina Ramos (D)
February 14th
Dung Vu (D)
Donna Kahren
February 15th
Johnathan Karl Davis (D)
February 16th
February 17th
February 18th
People of the Parish
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.)

Sheldon Anderson Jr
Glenn Mueller
Alex Quiroz
Rosa Santos
Joe Fouret
Gerry Ryden
Dick Armstrong
Judy Smoot
Shirley Newton
Sandy Harris
Shari Sigl
Del Schweiger
Vicente Meno
Ben DeQuiroz
Myron Howe
Dorothy Wilhite
Beverly Bovar
Linda Aiello
Maggie Ward
Dorothy Donner
Dorothy Donner

- For these and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Learning Dementia Language
Stephanie Wilson, Program Supervisor, Triple R Adult Day Program, City of Sacramento

One of the most stressful aspects in providing care for someone with memory loss is feeling as if you cannot communicate with each other. If the person with dementia does not feel understood, they may appear anxious and irritated or even prone to wandering or agitation. In this workshop, we explore ways to recognize the non-verbal cues your loved one may be giving you and advice about how to structure conversations to best meet the communication needs for the person with dementia.

This event is sponsored by Senior Care Solutions, Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center and the Alzheimer’s Association.

Is God calling you? Interested in becoming a Catholic?
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 Thursday February 15th, 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.

Catholic 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?
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Small Faith Groups

If you were hoping to sign up for a small faith group and missed last week’s sign-ups, it’s not too late.

In the Vestibule there are groups that still have an opening.

Sacramento Life Center Annual Baby Bottle Project

Respect for Life Ministry, along with our parish youth ministries, are participating in the Baby Bottle Project. The Life Center is a licensed Community Medical Clinic and has two Medical Mobile Clinics offering, compassion, support, resources and free medical care for women facing an unplanned or unsupported pregnancy in a life-affirming environment. This is their 2nd largest fundraiser and its success is vital to keep doors open. The baby bottles can be filled with cash, coins, or checks (payable to Sac Life Center) and will be available on

Sunday, February 25th from 6:00pm-7:30pm in Hall A.
For more information and to reserve your seat, please call (916) 965-5565. We hope to see you there!
This event is sponsored by Senior Care Solutions, Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center and the Alzheimer’s Association.

2018 Lenten regulations

Lent this year begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Lent is a season in which the faithful are called to reflect on the Paschal Mystery in a particularly focused way. It is a time of spiritual renewal and to carefully examine one’s relationship with God and others. It is also a time in which catechumens prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Church calls everyone, therefore, to a spirit of penance through the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

1. Fasting and Abstinence.

In order foster a spirit of repentance and unite ourselves more closely to Christ, Church law requires the observance of Abstinence and Fasting (CIC - Code of Canon Law, 1249-1253).

1. Abstinence: All persons, 14 years and older, are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

2. Fasting: Everyone from ages 18 to 59 is obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. Fasting is generally understood to mean that one full meal may be eaten. Two other small meals may be eaten, but together they should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. If in doubt, one’s parish priest or confessor should be consulted. Airport workers, travelers, and others while on board ships or airplanes are dispensed from the laws of fast and abstinence for the duration of their journey (except on Good Friday). It is desirable that they perform some other pious act instead.

Offerings for Lent
Suggestions from the Creation Care Ministry

Here are some ideas for Lenten offerings. Some might be sacrifices, but all are positive actions that enable us to be stewards of God’s creations:

• Resist the urge to buy more “things” that we really don’t need — especially cheap clothing, as depicted in the film, The True Cost that streams on Netflix.
• Carry a refillable water bottle with filtered water, instead of grabbing another unopened plastic bottle of water.
• Bring your own place setting (plate, flatware, water bottle, mugs, cloth napkin) to events where you know that disposable paper/plastic goods will be used
• Start planning a vegetable garden for Spring planting; make it organic!
• Shop for items made/grown locally and/or fair trade.
• Try walking, cycling, or using public transit more often.
• Recycle as much as possible. Bring recyclables to church on Tuesday mornings (8:30 AM Mass) and watch for periodic weekend recycling collections.

Join our ministry! Contact us at: DSCreationCare@gmail.com

Fair Trade Coffee
Sales will take place THIS weekend Saturday, February 10th and Sunday, February 11th after each Mass in the Vestibule.

Sunday, February 11th at the 7:45am Mass, Jack & Marie Moore will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.