Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Guests:

Jesus continued to challenge the religious leaders even though He was well aware of theirmounting anger for His speaking the truth of God’s love to all, not just the religious leaders. Jesus knew that, during His earthly life, the scribes and Pharisees are indeed the duly instituted spokespersons of the Jewish faith: they “have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.” Jesus advised the crowds and His disciples to follow what these leaders say but not to follow their example. If we apply a popular saying of our current time, “actions speak louder than words”, we can conclude that Jesus was making it clear that these leaders actually have little authority, because their words and actions were not in sync. But enough about the scribes and Pharisees. What about us, what about now?

Jesus stated that the Pharisees needed to be treated with honor. Of who are they? But what was it about the Pharisees that they needed this attention and placed heavy burdens on others without helping them bear that load? We can fairly well presume that given how much they rejected Jesus and His message, these people had great difficulty believing that they were loved just for the people they were. They were people who were hurting but seemed unwilling to let Jesus resolve those emotional and spiritual pains.

Do they remind us of ourselves? How consistently and humbly do we acknowledge our own difficulties and believe that we are God’s beloved people for no other reason than that is how God sees us and will always see us regardless of how we might reject that identity? The last two lines of our Gospel passage speak about being a servant who humbles self. The more we allow the love of God to heal us, the more likely we can be a faithful servant, because our service will be based on the foundation of love. What does it mean to be humble? Certainly, it entails that we accept ourselves as we are, the beloved of God who are capable of creating hurt, pain and suffering, even if it is not intended. Rather than allow those misfortunes to multiply, we use them as opportunities to change and grow, focusing on creating a life of independence. The Foster Youth Food Collection and the Parish office will once again be collecting non-perishable food for foster youth in Sacramento County. This collection twice a year helps to stock the pantry for these very young people, as their beginning life of independence. The Big Red Box will be in the Vestibule the weekend, November 11th/12th.

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Fair Trade Coffee
Sales will take place next weekend Saturday, November 4th and Sunday, November 5th after each Mass in the Vestibule.

Divine Savior Christmas Basket Ministry is now 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 either faxed (989-7410), turned 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 Parishes” with “Christmas Basket Ministry” on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful tradition here at Divine Savior Parish.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Society is pleased that so many more parishioners participated in this year’s community Ofrenda table to honor and remember our deceased loved ones. In response to one of the commonly asked questions, the Ofrenda table is set up in three levels to symbolize Heaven, Purgatory, and Earth. Let us continue to pray for the souls of our departed. The Ofrenda table will be taken down on November 13th. Please be sure to pick up your photos after next week’s Mass.

The Parish office will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran’s Day.

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing. (Names will appear for 1 week.)

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Sheldon Anderson Jr
Alex Quiruz
Rosa Santosa
Joe Forest
Gerry Ryden
John McAlpine
Shirley Newton
Hannah O’Connor
Shari Sigl
Pat Vogel
Rosemarie Jennings
George Gridley
Anwar Saeed
Tom Maurice
Thelma Runkle

Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas. Adrienne Aleshus, James Aleshus, John Aleshus, James Atwood, Robert Atwood, James Biasotti, Antonio Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephraim Choi, Elsie Cruz, Matt David, Derek DeFanti, Robert DeLaCruz, Alisson Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Drescher, Josephine Foss, Matthew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gust, Tyler Gedstain, Erik Harsell, Susan Hocker, Stephen Holclaw, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isha, George Johnson, Tyler Knobnipe, Nicholas Koellgen, William Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Nick Libby, Kelly Mancini, Dorin Martin, John Masterson, Bennett D. McGraw, Garrett McMann, Aaron McMurtry, David Pe, Francis Schwartz, Carl Larson

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This Sunday, our 34 Confirmation candidates will attend the Diocesan Fired Up Confirmation Conference. They will be joining 3500 other 7th, 8th and 9th graders who will participate in the conference. Pray that they are filled with the joy of God’s presence and that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit on their journey of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

“With Open Hands” Healing Service at Divine Savior

Do you know someone who needs God’s healing word or touch? On December 2nd, 1:00pm, all ages and faiths are invited to give your needs to God and to pray for the healing of others. There are flyers in the Vestibule or contact Mike Knepshield 835-7400. See’s Candy available after all Masses this weekend. Look for the Knights of Columbus red tent in the Plaza. This year’s theme is “Keep Christ in Christmas” Traditional Catholic Christmas Cards (including Spanish and Tagalog) and See’s Candy available after all Masses this weekend. Look for the Knights of Columbus red tent in the Plaza.

If you have recently (or not recently) experienced marriage separation or divorce, please join us for: DivorceCare’s “Surviving the Holidays” seminar/discussion at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish (4450 Granite Dr., Rocklin). Please join us to gain confidence and support, in order to celebrate with joy and hope during what can otherwise be a difficult time for you and your family. Join us Thursday, November 9th from 7:00-9:00pm in our library. For more information call (916) 624-5827.

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 & Christ be Always in our Hearts.

Readings for the Week

**Monday:**
Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday:**
Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday:**
Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2,4-5; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:**
Is 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

**Friday:**
Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:**
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday:**
Wts 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

The Respect Life Ministry will meet on Sunday, Nov.12th, in Y-2 at 1pm. Everyone is warmly welcomed and needed in this growing LIFE ministry. For information please contact Sally at (916) 849-0553 or santabarasally@yahoo.com

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Ministry Happenings

Moving On Fellowship: Will meet Monday, November 6th at 7:30am for a no-host brunch at Annie’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.

**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 nhmmarysoutlook.com if you are interested and wish to learn more. The time commitment is minimal and personal coaching is provided.

Is there anyone among you who needs healing?

Part 1 Does illness or suffering have any meaning? Does illness have a role in our Church? This article is the first of a two part series to address the issue of illness, suffering and our response as a community of faith. There are young and old that have or are experiencing illness at Divine Savior. Are we attentive to their needs? As baptized Catholics, we all are responsible for the care, prayers and joining in the support of the sick to experience healing.

Illness and suffering isn’t limited to getting older. In our parish community, stories are shared from all age groups of those who are facing issues that are physical, mental or emotional. Illness is part of the human condition and has a significant impact in our personal wellbeing, our family and the community. Yet, society tends to hide those who are in need of healing. Seniors often say, “Nobody wants to hear about my aches and pains, so I keep it to myself.” For the younger community, to admit illness could be misunderstood as a sign of weakness. This can cause a sense of alienation or the illusion that you have to “feel good” in order to be a part of the community.

Christians see the care of those who suffer to have meaning. When our focus is to love, Christians believe that suffering has a redeeming value. Another name for it is “sacrifice.” Sacrifice is the image of someone listening with compassion to a person who is hurting. It is the parent staying up all night to rock a crying child, or the spouse praying in silence while their loved one is in surgery. It is imitating Jesus, who was present to suffering throughout his life’s journey. These are powerful moments that are transformative.

How can illness be transformative for the person that is ill? Sickness creates new limitations. Those who are ill, just can’t do all that they used to do. This causes heartache, because they have to let go of activities that once was part of their lifestyle. They have to redefine what is important. All this change creates a demand for a greater faith and trust in God. It calls for a deeper prayer life. There is so much vulnerability at this time. All privacy seems to be lost as one gives over their thoughts to a counselor or their ailments to a medical doctor. Everything is brought into the light like a form of purification. In addition, a period of illness or recovery can be a time of self-evaluation and discovery, in which questions arise such as, “What is God telling me?” and “How can I use this time to make changes in my life?” Our search for wholeness, can move us to attend to our relationships.

The role of the sick in the Church can’t be underestimated. It is to be a reminder to others of the essential or higher things of life. Those who have touched death’s door and have surrendered their life to God, have a special presence in the room. They are not caught up in whir of details. They don’t have to say a lot of words. Their simple presence is a gift to us.

Around the Diocese

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