Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Last week, Peter asked Jesus what he and the others would gain if they had let go of everything to follow Jesus. This question arose because, when interacting with a rich man, Jesus invited him to put his security in the love of God made real in the person of Jesus. This way of looking at our lives can cause us, as it did the disciples, to forget that our most important possession is our relationship with our Creator. It is important to keep this important piece of reality in mind.

The disciples had their own idea of whom they thought Jesus was, and His revealing what was going to happen to Him upset all those misunderstandings, which, of course, caused even more consternation. The disciples were more concerned about their greatness than the greatness of Jesus. Then it occurred to them that if they want to become the people God created them to be and therefore be blessed with eternal life, they must follow His ministry description. Jesus states that if they want to keep this important piece of reality in mind that possessions can include many things: money, fame, power, complaining, fear, anxiety, addictions, etc. Jesus invites us to accept the fullness of love that God extends to us in abundance, without charge and without any conditions. It is a life-time process to see to what degree we can allow God to achieve intimacy with us.

This way of looking at our lives can cause us, as it did the first followers of Jesus, to get rattled, feel inferior or wonder if we can let go sufficiently to allow our sole source of security to be in the love of God that is offered to us. Another dynamic that plays a huge part in the unsettling of Jesus’ first followers is that Jesus has by this time shared with them three times that He would suffer, be tortured and killed because of His being a living, loving instrument of God’s love for all people. Doing so would change everything about how both the Roman Empire and the Jewish leadership looked at life and what was most important to them. Our first reading for today was chosen to keep this important piece of reality in mind.

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Trunk or Treat, next Sunday, October 28th!

WE NEED CANDY! If you would like to donate peanut free candy, please bring them to the parish office between 8am-4pm during the week.

We need Trunks to make this a success! So far, we only have 6 trunks! Call or email Brian at (916) 989-7400 or Brian@divinesavior.com to let him know you are decorating your vehicle. Cars will be parked behind the gym and need to be ready for Trunk-or-Treaters by 2:45pm.

2:30 carnival games in gym
3:00 parade through gym out to trunks in parking lot!

Bring your friends and come join us for fun and games!

“Seekers at the Well” – D.S. Parish Retreat November 10th, 9:00am-Noon & Lunch

Come and be refreshed at the well of God’s abundance! Those who have attended retreats guided by Christine Jurisich would agree that you will always leave with new insights and spiritual refreshment. Her style is down-to-earth, positive and engaging. For more information, contact Sharon@divinesavior.com

There will be NO Recycle Weekend in October, due to Trunk or Treat for the children. The Tuesday morning recycling collection, however will continue, 8-9am every Tuesday near the East door of the church, in the side parking area.

Father Robert Barron’s

Eucharist
Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence

Due to popular demand, we will have an encore presentation of The Eucharist Series, on three consecutive Fridays, October 26, November 2 and November 9 at 9:30am in Y3.

PLEASE RSVP to Elaine if you will be able to attend. We will watch the video and have a discussion afterwards. Y3 is the large portable building beside Hospitality. RSVP: elaine@divinesavior.com

Parish Announcements

2019 Parish Directory = SAVE THE DATES!

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With the holidays fast approaching we know you’ll all be busy as bees so we’re getting out the BUZZ now so you can SAVE the DATES for getting your family photo taken. We will be photographing families January 3 – 26, 2019 here at Divine Savior. Each photographed family will receive a FREE 8 x 10 portrait and a copy of the new directory. Our directory won’t be complete without you so watch our bulletin/website/Facebook for more information in the coming weeks on how to sign up for your family’s photo session.

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

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? Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?

Contact Kathleen Hass at kathleen@divinesavior.com or 916-989-7400 for additional information.

Surviving the Holidays

If you are separated or divorced, Surviving the Holidays may be the help you need. This can be a painful and especially difficult time if you are going through a separation or divorce. DivorceCare and Surviving the Holidays is a warm, encouraging and helpful event. This evening features a video and group discussion in a supportive and caring environment facilitated by people who understand what it takes to get through the Holidays. You will hear from others who are dealing with a marital breakup and helpful tips that work on getting through this difficult time with support from your church community. Facilitator: Corinne Lalanne 916-765-1936

Call now to reserve your spot for Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 6:30pm to 9:00pm in the Library. Registration: $5.00 Childcare is available upon request.

Key Number Year Collection Performance

Week # 16 YTD thru Wk. #16

2018-2019 Year
$12,233
$255,409

2017-2018 Year
$13,603
$229,560

$ Difference
$26,089

% Difference
11.4%

TANZANIAN WATER WELLS

Mary Jo and Mark Verke, Lay Salvatorians and members of Divine Savior Parish have been working with the Tanzanian Salvatorians for 18 years. Water is life in Africa; less than 40 percent of the people have potable water. The need is endless and a water well provides water for 200 to 600 people. Donations will be gladly accepted for a well that will cost approximately $5500. Every donation is greatly appreciated regardless of how big or small. We will have more information in the vestible after all Masses this weekend. We can be reached at 916-863-3282 for more information. Checks may be made out to Divine Savior Parish. The people of Tanzania will appreciate your help and your prayers.

The dates for getting your family photo taken.

FPIE: $4500

Manna, Food from Heaven!

Manna Ministry is a pastoral care outreach that was begun by 11 women when the parish was founded in 1987. Some of the founders are still preparing loving meals. Manna provides temporary, supplemental meals, when there is an unexpected need, or when someone is down and out due to an illness, an injury, or the death of a loved one. Please tell anyone you know who could benefit from this service about Manna. Encourage them to call or offer to call for them. For more information, a meal request, or to volunteer, please call Denise Verbeck at 967-5110 or the parish office at 989-7400.

Pecos River Parish Retreat

Calling all singles to join us on Nov. 10-11, 2018 at the Evergreen Resort at Shingle Springs, CA. This retreat will provide you with an opportunity to relax and unwind. There will be talks, small group discussions, activities and more! For more information, please call the Parish Office at 989-7400 or phone Mary Frontiera at 781-3257.

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.

Ministry Opportunities

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Coming up: Our next quarterly meeting on Sun, Oct 28, 9:15-11:00. Feel free to come if you have interest in this ministry. We take communion to residents in 7 facilities and to those who can’t get to church. It is a great opportunity to share the love and compassion of the parish. Please call the Parish Office at 989-7400 for additional information.

Ministry Happenings

Our Lady of Guadalupe Society is pleased to again sponsor the annual Community Ofrenda Table. In connection with All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) provides a place for us to honor and reflect on the lives, and memories of deceased loved ones. The ofrenda is set up in the niche on the west side of the Church. In addition to praying for their souls, all parishioners are also invited to place photos of their departed family members on the table, write their names in the Book of the Dead, and especially difficult time if you are going through a separation or divorce.