Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

A key point in this Sunday’s Gospel is the reference in the first sentence that Jesus is “making His way to Jerusalem.” The Gospel writer Luke wants us to keep that very important detail in mind as the tension between Jesus and those who don’t agree with Him becomes more intense as Jesus gets closer to Jerusalem. In our first reading, Jerusalem is referred to as the Lord’s holy mountain. Mountains are seen throughout the Bible as a primary location for people to experience the Presence of God, who wants to be in loving relationship with the people that God created. Key figures that had this experience include but are hardly limited to Moses, Elijah and Jesus. We know from our own experience how mountains provide us with a scene in which we praise the awesomeness of God’s creation.

Back to our Gospel: in response to the somewhat strange question as to how many people will be saved, Jesus invites us to strive to enter through the narrow gate. Jesus intimates that many will not be strong enough. While the Gospel doesn’t say, we would not be far off to consider that Jesus means that we are not strong enough in our relationship with God nor that we have lived out that relationship. Some think that the narrow gate refers to a relatively small gate through which strangers were allowed to enter the Holy City. An example is that one has to remove all the materials a camel is carrying in order for the camel to slowly drag himself through while lying on the ground. Strength might also refer to how fully we can divest ourselves of anything that is not useful in our efforts to make known the goodness and kindness of our Divine Savior.

Jesus uses very strong language to emphasize how useless it is not to use the good things that God’s goodness and kindness of our Divine Savior.

Fr. Roman is away on vacation through Sunday, September 1st.

RECYCLING SUNDAY
Where: behind the gym by the dumpster
When: This Sunday, August 25th, after all the Masses
What: ONLY CA CRV Plastic Bottles and Aluminum beverage containers.
We no longer accept any glass bottles/containers or beverage containers.

Eucharistic Adoration
Divine Savior invites everyone to Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month, Adoration begins at 9:00am immediately after Mass and continues until 12:00pm.

Saturday: 8:30am - John B. Armstrong (D)
Sunday: 7:45am - People of the Parish
September 1st: 7:45am - Sr. Jeanne Felion, SSS
September 3rd: 7:45am - Patricia Elliott Cospin (D)
September 8th: 7:45am - John B. Armstrong (D)
September 9th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
September 16th: 7:45am - Laurenzo Bravo (D)
September 17th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
September 23rd: 7:45am - Patricia Elliott Cospin (D)
September 24th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
September 30th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
October 7th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
October 8th: 7:45am - Patricia Elliott Cospin (D)
October 14th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
October 15th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
October 21st: 7:45am - People of the Parish
October 22nd: 7:45am - Patricia Elliott Cospin (D)
October 29th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
November 5th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
November 6th: 7:45am - Patricia Elliott Cospin (D)
November 12th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
November 13th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
November 20th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
November 21st: 7:45am - Patricia Elliott Cospin (D)
November 27th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
December 4th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
December 5th: 7:45am - Patricia Elliott Cospin (D)
December 11th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
December 12th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
December 19th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
December 20th: 7:45am - Patricia Elliott Cospin (D)
December 27th: 7:45am - People of the Parish
December 28th: 7:45am - 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 unless an extension is requested.)

EXCITING NEWS
Beginning September 15th, Divine Savior will offer a Sunday evening Mass at 5:30pm!
Please contact elaine@divinesavior.com if you want to participate in the liturgy for this Mass or any of the earlier Masses.

Vocations Cross
Pray for our Missionary Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas.

Pastor’s Corner
August 25, 2019
MINISTRY FAIR TODAY!
Sunday, August 25, in the gym
8:30am—1:00pm
Fingerprinting in the MS room
10am till 12noon
This FREE service is provided for our ministry volunteers.

GIVING GARDEN UPDATE
Thank you to all of you came to the Garden tour at the end of June to see the progress being made. Each week now our gardeners are harvesting produce to be used at the Community Meal. So far we have passed on 20 spaghetti squash, pounds of cucumbers, lots of fresh basil, 51 cantaloupe and boxes of sweet cherry tomatoes. We are also growing flowerers to attract the bees which have graced our tables at the Community Meal and will also be used in church. It is a wonderful Divine Savior harvest!

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
We always welcome new people into this ministry. The time commitment is very minimal, but the sense of personal fulfillment is great. We take communion to people unable to get to Mass, young and old. Be sure to stop by our table at the Ministry Fair. For further information, contact ruthmaryk@outlook.com.

COMMUNITY MEAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY
- 316 guests (No meal on July 4th)
- 437 meals (average 146/week)
On 7/1 children from the music camp serenaded guests and provided hand-decorated placemats, LitTeen and EDGE youth led served and clean-up. (THANK YOU ALL!) The Giving Garden provided flowers for the tables and guests were able to take home the fresh as well as vegetables home.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
We need your help! We need lectors, greeters, altar servers, EAs, ushers, sacristans and front and back en trants (screen operators and formatters) for all Masses especially the NEW 5:30pm Mass. Youth, adults, and family teams welcome! Please prayerfully discern how you may serve your parish family at any of our Masses. You will only be scheduled according to YOUR availability, whether once a week, once a month, or on a blue moon? If you are a current minister, please call the office to update your schedule availability to include the 5:30pm Mass if this is an option for you.

Upcoming Formation sessions:
ALTAR SERVERS—NEW AND CURRENT
On Wednesday August 28th we will have ALTAR SERVER FORMATION/refreshers at 9:15am and 6:00pm. Please plan on attending this important session led by Fr. Marcel. Other times can be arranged to fit your schedule. Please contact frmarcel@divinesavior.com

EM, LECTOR, USHER, GREETER & TECH MINISTERS—NEW AND CURRENT
On Sunday, September 8th at 1pm we will have formation sessions in the church. Please plan on attending. RSVP

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Water = Life!
New well in Tanzania sponsored by Divine Savior Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, over 2,500 people in the village of Namiungo, Tanzania have clean water! See details and photos of the new well on our parish website. https://www.divinesavior.com

ENROLLMENT FOR RCIA ADAPTED NOW
Divine Savior is enrolling children/youth wanting to know about Jesus Christ and how Catholics live the Christian faith. Children/Youth, ages 7-17, who are not baptized or older children who haven’t made their First Communion, are welcome to enroll in the preparation process called Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for young people. Call Sharon Laitinen, 916-989-7400 or sharon@divinesavior.com

ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?
If you are thinking of becoming Catholic, there are RCIA sessions, called “Inquiry.” In a warm and accepting environment, you can come to share your questions. If you are interested, please contact the parish office or sharon@divinesavior.com

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 begin our informal sessions on Thursday, September 12th, 6:30 – 8:00 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