Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Our Gospel for this Sunday has Jesus presenting to a large crowd of people four blessings and four woes. While the Gospel of Matthew has somewhat of a similar scene, there are significant differences between the two gospels because each gospel writer has his own particular messages to communicate. Matthew has Jesus going part-way up a mountain and calling His disciples to Him as He shares with them nine statements that we call beatitudes because each statement begins with the word “blessed.” This scene illustrates us how Moses came down Mount Sinai with the ten commandments. Matthew pictures Jesus as the new Moses, and in that role, Jesus expounds on the commandments both in the nine beatitudes as well as the verses that follow.

Luke has Jesus speaking on level ground. Luke was writing to a non-Jewish church whose members had chosen to follow the way of Jesus, so he would make it clear that all people were called to Jesus and welcomed fully by Him.

What does this mean for us today? Like the chosen people in the Old Testament, we, the present-day followers of Jesus are called to be a light for all the people of the world. We are called to live the message of Jesus’ love for all people as fully as possible so that others will be drawn to live in that same light and love; on our part, we are to listen to all people and allow them to inspire us as to how in their ways they are living the truth of God’s love for all even though their inspiration comes from a source we might think is different from ours. It is our privilege to see if there is commonality in the sources of inspiration, which in turn would offer the possibility of greater worldwide understanding.

By limiting his beatitudes to four and offering woes that parallel those blessings, Luke has Jesus focusing our attention on people not included or insulted. Luke pictures Jesus as the new Moses, and in that role, Jesus expands on the commandments both in the nine beatitudes as well as the verses that follow.

Currently, our world is producing more food than is needed to feed all the people on the planet. We know there needs to be many changes made so that the millions who are food deprived will be provided with enough food. Imbalances in wealth and income are also issues. How we even the playing field is our challenge.

For Reflection: What opportunities does today’s Gospel present us?

Parish Announcements
Schedule for the week of February 17—February 22
 Monday-February 18th
 8:30am Daily Mass Church
 9:30am Centering Prayer St. Cecilia rm.
 6:00pm Reflections of the Word St. Cecilia rm.
 6:00pm Senior Care Solutions Hall A

Tuesday-February 19th
 12:30pm Lectio Divina St. Cecilia rm.

Thursday-February 21st
 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Library
 6:00pm Community Meal Halls

Friday-February 22nd
 7:00am Men’s Prayer Group M 4

DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you to all those who have already donated or purchased tickets to this wonderful event. We’re still looking for gift cards and wine, wine, wine for our new, fun, exciting raffle games.

Donations can be dropped off at the parish office or you can call 916-989-7400 to schedule a pick up.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, February 17th
7:45am People of the Parish
9:30am Donna Kahren
11:30am Dennis Wright (D)

Monday, February 18th
8:30am Frank Sajec (D)
8:30am Tom Tornich (D)

February 19th
7:45am Emmett Devine (D)
9:30am Betty Gomes (D)

Friday, February 22nd
8:30am Catalina Montenegro (D)

February 23rd
8:30am Jacqueline Lema (D)
11:30am Judy Smoed (D)

February 24th
7:45am Danielle Brown (D)
9:30am Betty Gomes (D)
8:30am Corazon Jacinto (D)

February 26th
7:30pm Mary Raymaker (D)
10:30am Jacqueline Garcia (D)

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or, in need of spiritual healing. (Names will appear for 3 weeks unless an extension is requested.)

Teresa Alberghini
Bill Amantea
Shermon Anderson
Sheldon Anderson Jr
Taryn Benson
Julie Bose
Eduardo Bravo
David Collier
Lonny Conley
Noreen Davis
Mary Dowling
Dorothy Feldman
Jim Furet
Gary Green
Stephanie Hammer
Mary Howie
David Kinyon
Barbara Lowenkron
Rovida Mott
Ronnie Nichols
Karen Paddock
Linda Parker
Ursula Pitschek-Menhorn
Gary Ryden
Larry J. Schuckman, Jr.
Tom Sekel
Stacey Simms-Kail
Mikey Trent
Matthew Watson
John Wick

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:
Adrienne Alschus, John Alschus, Logan Allos, Sean Allos, James Arwood, Jordan Biasotti, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camaillori, Aimee Chabot, Ephrem Choi, Elise Cruz, Matt David, Travis Dardis, Derek Deatherage, David DeLauter, Alisen Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst & A.J. Smith, Tom Feyoe, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstad, Erik Hartsell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Brian Isla, Tyler Kenobbie, Mikey Trent, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villafane, Wendy Wolfing, Kyle Williams, William Wright, If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary at 916-989-4984 to have them removed.

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Readings for the week
Monday: Gm 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gm 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1-2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10;
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:15-12, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gm 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7, 9-12, 13-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Prayers of the Week

The Children’s Choir will be singing at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, February 24th.

Feb. 17, 2019

---Fr. Roman

Parish Newsletter
We need your kitchen and lawn scrap for our compost bins as we prepare the Divine Savior Giving Garden boxes. We have compost buckets with directions that will make it easy for your contributions. It will cut down on land fill waste and will be a bonus to our garden soil. Next weekend in the church Vestibule, we will give out 15 compost buckets – first come, first serve. If you want to reserve a bucket, email Sister Sheila (snovalksds@gmail.com), and it will be waiting for you.

HANDEL’S MESSIAH CONCERT - Start off your Holy Week with a concert featuring beautiful sacred music! We are offering a community sing-a-long concert with a professional, live orchestra on Saturday evening, April 13th at Divine Savior Catholic Church. Admission is free!

Join us to sing with our community choir. We need all voices and welcome singers from all faiths to join us. Rehearsals are Thursday nights, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Divine Savior Church.

We are also looking for professional musicians to join us in the orchestra. All instruments are needed. For more information, contact Gerald Rheault at grrheault@gmail.com.

DIVINE SAVIOR’S ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT
March 29 – 31, 2019 at Christ the King Retreat Center
This year’s theme is “On the Way with Jesus”, a deeper look at the Gospel of St. Luke. It’s a wonderful opportunity to pray, rest and re-connect with Jesus.

Registration/info forms are available in the Church vesti- bule or in the parish office. For questions or additional information, call Cathy Conte, 916-962-0302 or e-mail cathyconte@yahoo.com.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
For anyone interested in this minis- try. We take communion to those who are unable to come to Mass for an extended period. We serve 7 assisted living facilities as well as people at home who request communion through the parish office. Contact Mary at mmthmaryk@outlook.com for further information.

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 Parish Office. Please contact Nancy Begley at 916-705-5460 or nancybegley@gmail.com for more information.

If you know someone in need of loving comfort who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact the parish office.

Manna, Food from Heaven!
Manna Ministry is a pastoral care outreach that provides temporary, supplemental meals, when there is a newborn in the home, 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 prayer request, or to volunteer, please call Denise Verbeck at 937-5110 or the parish office at 989-7400.

Today we come together as Catholics Through the Annual Catholic Appeal

We may not all be social workers, yet through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we can all support the Catholic charitable programs and parish ministries that help lift our neighbors and friends out of poverty. The Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church here in Northern California. Please be as generous as you can. Every gift makes a profound difference in someone’s life.

SIGN-UP FOR SMALL FAITH GROUPS EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 17!
The sign-ups for small faith groups have been extended to accommodate those who still want to sign up. The groups that still have room are waiting for your signature in the parish vestibule. A couple of groups are willing to negotiate the day and time of the week. Just make note of your desires on the paper. Most groups meet 4-6 weeks starting late February. For more information, call Sharon Laitinen, 989-7400 x224.

SPECIALTY CAKES NEEDED FOR THE CRAB FEED DESSERT TABLE

We are looking for specialty dessert bakers to donate their special desserts for inclusion at the Crab Feed Dessert Table. Please call the Parish Office at 916-989-7400 if you can help.

Do You Have a Gluten Allergy?
From time to time we get inquiries from people that can’t receive the standard host in Holy Communion. Our parish is very open to striving to accommodate those with allergies by either utilizing a “gluten free” host or through receiving communion only through the Precious Blood. The latter is still an option even when the Precious Blood is not regularly distributed in the flu season. Anyone with a gluten allergy is encouraged to send an email to glutsion@divinesavior.org if you would like to make an appointment so that we can determine the best solution for your needs. Since the severity of allergies differ, often so too does the best accommodation (i.e.: some can receive the Precious Blood in the regular communion line, and some need to use only the presider’s cup. You may have your own gluten free hosts, or may like information on acquiring them)