Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

We continue to celebrate the great mystery and gift of Easter. We reflect again on the Incarnation of God that Jesus revealed by His interactions with His first followers. In John’s Gospel, only John is present at the cross, but Jesus wished for all of them to experience the gift of peace. Even though they rejected, Jesus wanted to make sure that they heard and grasped what He had said. Jesus wanted them to realize that He was truly present to them, that He was not a ghost. It is important for us to find our own ways of experiencing the Real Presence of Jesus in our daily lives in addition to experiencing His presence in the scriptures, the sacraments and the community gathered. The people at the time of Jesus had a wonderful trait of seeing in ways that we have long ago lost for a variety of reasons. One quality we still have at our disposal is the ability to imagine what it would be like to believe that Jesus is present for us to converse with Him. This is why it is important for us to know so much about Jesus as possible so that in our dialogue with Jesus we know what He would say in any situation.

We realize that the different writers of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles date events differently. Not only should this not confuse us, but it should be a reminder that we all can experience Jesus as being Really Present in as many ways as Jesus makes His resurrected presence known to us. Jesus wanted them to realize that He was really present for them, that He was not a ghost. It is important for us to find how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

**Pastor’s Corner**

April 28, 2019

**Schedule for the week of April 28th—May 3rd**

**Sunday—April 28th**

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**Monday—April 29th**

| 6:00pm | Church |

**Tuesday—April 30th**

| 6:00pm | LUX-Young Adult Ministry |

**Wednesday—May 1st**

| Noon | Lectio Divina | St. Cecelia rm. |

**Thursday—May 2nd**

| 9:00am | Divine Mercy Chaplet | Church |
| 6:00pm | Community Meal | Halls |
| 7:00pm | Church Return Home | sm. Conf. rm. |

**Friday—May 3rd**

| 7:00am | Men’s Prayer Group | M 4 |
| 9:00am-Noon | Eucharistic Adoration | Church |

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

This weekend, April 27 & 28 we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

**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.

**Parish Directory Update**

Thank you for your patience as we finished editing our directory! Our books are now scheduled to arrive by the end of May. For anyone who did NOT place an order for additional photos on the day of photography, you will receive your 8x10 when our directories are delivered. If you would like your photo free 8x10 sooner, they are available in the parish office for pick-up during office hours, M-F 8am-4pm.

**Mass Intentions**

April 27th 4:30 pm Annette Cicchetti (D)

April 28th 7:45am People of the Parish

April 29th 9:00am Donna Kahren

April 30th 8:30am Linda Trottier Aust (D)

May 1st 8:30am Beverley Makely (D)

May 2nd 8:30am Constance Barnes

May 3rd 8:30am Sr. Mary Jane Fitzgibbon, SC (D)

May 4th 8:30am Jason La Rue

May 5th 8:30am Donna Roussey

May 6th 8:30am Les & Esther Tedmon (D)

May 7th 8:30am David Kinyon (D)

May 8th 8:30am Vicki Davis

May 9th 8:30am Mercedes Ortiz (D)

May 10th 8:30am Joseph Martin Perry (D)

**Parish Announcements**

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

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.)

**Vocations Cross**

Sunday, April 28th. Karen & Vinnie Papa will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

**Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas.**


**Prayers of the Week**

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 – 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40-48; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; 21:1-19 [1-14]

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**Parish Announcements**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

This week, Bishop Soto will publish on our diocesan website (www.scd.org), the list of priests and deacons who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of minors and young people in the Diocese of Sacramento. The list will account for our history of sexual abuse over the last seven decades. All information from the Diocese regarding the list such as the Bishop’s letter and the video of the Bishop’s message are available on the Divine Savior website under Parish Communications. The Pastoral Care Coordinator for the Sacramento Diocese can be contacted at 866-777-9133.

Mark your calendars for Pentecost Sunday, June 9th for a Cultural day of celebration at Divine Savior. The celebration will begin at the 11:30am Liturgy and follow with festivities in the gym. The aim of this celebration is to celebrate the cultural & ethnic diversity we have in our parish family. Please check the bulletin in the upcoming weeks for details of the event and to make sure that no group is left out. There will be a world map in the vestibule to identify all the groups. We are looking for volunteers to help in the Liturgy, set up the gym, greeters and servers. As we get closer there will also be signup sheets in the vestibule. Feel free to contact Fr. Marcel at frmarcel@divinesavior.com if you have any suggestions to help make this celebration great!

**RECYCLING SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND**

Where: behind the gym by the dumpster

When: Sunday, April 28th, after all the Masses

What: ONLY CRV Plastic Bottles and Aluminum beverage containers, and plastic milk containers.

We no longer accept any glass bottles/containers or number 1 plastic containers.

Why: Salvatorian Haiti Project

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

We take communion to the homebound, whether it be in a private home or in a facility. If you want more information, contact Mary at mnhmarys@outlook.com.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Knights of Columbus will have their 10th annual Golf tournament Monday, May 13th at Serrano Country Club. Four-person scramble with shotgun start at noon. Lots of food, drinks, gifts, prizes, golf and awards dinner. Your support of this event will benefit D.D.S.O. and the HeartLight Foundation, who help persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our area. Go to www.kcpg.net to sign up for golf or sponsorships. To donate a silent auction or raffle items please call Sam Cinimo at 916-955-7377. All other questions, please call Douglas Copley at 916-987-0455

**COMMUNITY MEAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH**

In March our Thursday evening Community Meal served: 398 guests (average 100/week) – 114 at one of the meals! 600 meals (average 150/week)

We were able to help three homeless youths and provide resources to four homeless adults.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

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 three meals, stations, suplemental 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 let anyone you know who could benefit from this service know 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.

**PARISH 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 916-705-5464 for more information.

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

**Year over Year Plate Collection Performance**

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**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 at Kathleen@divinesavior.com or 916-989-7400 for additional information.

**SPECIAL EVENT THIS WEEKEND!**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE FAIR**

April 27/28 after all Masses, on the outdoor plaza

Learn about our Church’s 7 Tenets of Social Justice Teaching. Each one will be explained, and we will share how Divine Savior addresses these important issues in our community and our world. Snacks and activities for the whole family! Raffle prizes!

**PREPARATION FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Begins this Week!!!

Confirmation is our final step in the process of initiation into the Catholic Church. If you are an adult who has been baptized and made First Communion, but haven’t been confirmed, Confirmation for adults will be celebrated on June 8 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento. The preparation sessions will start this week. To enroll, call Sharon Laitinen, 916-989-7400 x224.

**REMEMINDER**

Please return your Rice Bowls and your baby bottles (empty or full) this weekend April 27 & 28 during the Social Justice Fair. Thank you for supporting CRS Rice Bowls and Sacramento Life Center Baby Bottle Drive.

**Have you downloaded myParish app?**

Divine Savior now has it’s own app for Apple and Android phones (along with all other parishes in the diocese). Our new app will allow us to send useful and important messages throughout the week regarding parish life and events, and also give you access to Diocesan information. Many more great features will be a help to all of us, such as, daily Mass readings, links to the Divine Savior website & Facebook, quick access to online giving, parish news, prayers and prayer reminders, and the weekly bulletin.

Be sure to download the app after Mass today by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for myParish on your phone’s app store. Once the app is loaded, search for Divine Savior and you are ready to stay connected with us all week long!

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Interested in going on a pilgrimage to Mexico and following in the steps of the Mexican Martyrs?

Catholic Charities of California is planning a non-walking pilgrimage to Mexico with Msgr. Murphy. Murphy, in honor of his recently published book, “Saints and Sinners in the Crisis-Tero War: Stories of Martyrdom from Mexico” to explore these spiritual sites. If you are interested in this Mexican pilgrimage, or any other Catholic Charities of California pilgrimages to Spain, Italy, and Cuba, please join us at an informational meeting on Monday April 29, 2019, at 6:30 pm in the Y3 portable at Divine Savior. At this meeting, you will meet with Msgr. Murphy and group leaders, and receive information about these wonderful pilgrimage opportunities. These pilgrimages will change your life and support the work of Catholic Charities of California. To RSVP for the meeting or for more information regarding the pilgrimages, please email us at pilgrims@catholiccharitiesca.org, call (916) 706-1539 Ext. 12, or visit our website http://cecpilgrimages.com/

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**Moving On Fellowship**

Next meeting Monday, May 6, 10:30 AM, no-host brunch, Annie’s Restaurant, Beech & Greenback. We are an informal gathering of Divine Savior parishioners who try to help those who have lost a loved one in “moving on” to find a new, meaningful life. For more information, call Pat Biasotti, 530-307-2147.