Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Guests:

Given the words with which our Gospel today ends (“Whoever has ears ought to hear.”), it is clear that the parable about the sower is about God’s Word become flesh in Jesus. It doesn’t make any difference whether we see the sower as God or the Father or Jesus because their actions are the same. Through Jesus the Word is shared far and wide for all to hear and let it do what the Word is intended to do.

The four kinds of earth matter on which the seeds (Word) is spread refer to the various people whom Jesus encountered across His earthly ministry. It all depends on who is determining which people represent which kind of earth matter.

The Pharisées would see those they considered sinners as either one of the three places where seeds could not grow. But Jesus saw the greatest response and faithfulness to His Word from those very people. They heard the Word, allowed the Word to remind them that they were God’s beloved regardless of what others thought of them.

The main point of the parable is how extravagant both The Father and Jesus are. Our first reading underscores this point very poetically. God’s rain (reign) falls where it will, whether on desert dust or fertile land. We know what this is like in the very area we live. Without water, we would be like a desert, and when it doesn’t rain we provide water for fields, orchards, gardens and lawns through irrigation. We are also aware of what a precious gift water is because we need to use this valuable resource wisely or certain areas and people will go without.

Our first reading ties this imagery to God’s Word by which God created all that is. When God speaks, new life comes to earth. God’s Word does not return void but does God’s will “achieving the end for which it was sent.” Isaiah, like all of the prophets, including Jesus, realized that their mission was to spread the Word of truth, dignity, justice and peace to all, especially to those who had the position and power to change structures and systems that would relieve people of oppression and allow each person to experience and to live by the love and honor by which God blesses us all.

The prophet’s role, and ours too, is to have the courage and wisdom to speak the Word to power and hope that it is received, understood and acted upon. The responsibility then is with the ones to whom the Word was spoken to take it to heart and implement what God is calling us to bring about. One of the reasons God is so lavish with sharing rain as well as the Word is because God is going to extents to all extents to give people the opportunity to hear the Word and to live it out.

As our second reading points, fulfilling our baptismal commitment to be a prophet can bring about suffering. Along with St. Paul, we pray that we see that whatever we suffer for speaking God’s Word is indeed nothing compared to the fulfillment we will experience in this life and glory to be revealed in eternal life. Our prayer is that because of our dedication to speaking boldly and clearly the Word of God that even the most hard-hearted people will consider the truth of the Word and ponder the great benefit that would come to all if transformation came as a result. —Fr. Roman

Parish Announcements

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Parishes and other Ponderables...Let’s Talk Tuesday, July 18th 6:30pm

In the Church! (location change)

Unbound

Next weekend Fr. Joseph Goodwin will be celebrating our weekend Masses with us. Fr. Joseph is going to be speaking with us on behalf of Unbound, an organization benefitting the youth and the elderly across the globe. We will be given the opportunity to sponsor a child or adult for a small monthly donation. We welcome Father Joseph and the opportunity to continue to spread God’s love to all. For more information go to unbound.org.

Military Prayer List
If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary at 988-4984 to have them removed.

The Parkinson Association & ParkinsonWise

Nancy Kretz, RN, JD, President, Parkinson Association of Northern California (PANC)

Join us to gain practical information and understanding about Parkinson’s Disease (PD), its biological foundations, and the challenges it poses to those affected by PD. We will discuss how to address these daily challenges, and how to support those affected by the disease, their families, and care partners. This presentation will also provide an overview of the services PANC provides in our community, and information about ParkinsonWise, a unique program which recognizes that exercise and movement are effective in delaying the progression of PD symptoms and improving general wellbeing.

Join us in Hall A Tuesday, July 18th from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

RSVP: For more information and to reserve your seat, please call (916) 965-5565. We hope to see you there! This event is sponsored by Senior Care Solutions, Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center and the Alzheimer’s Association.

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

Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, James Atwood, Robert Atwood, Jordan Biagetti, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephrem Choi, Ellie Cruz, Matt David, Derek Deutsch, David DeLaCruz, Alisan Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst, Daniel Ferguson, Ted Fesse, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gost, Tyler Gedstad, Erik Harrelt, Susan Hacker, Stephen Holclaw, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, George Johnson, Tyler Knobbe, Nicholas Koelega, William Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Nick Liby, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Benet Mc.D. McGrane, Garrett Mclane, Monica McQuary, Joseph M. Peddoch, Chad Pearson, David A. Pizza, Lisa Rasmussen, Trey Rasmussen, Tim Reid, Neal Redgate, Tony Ritchard, Nicholas Roha, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandowal, April Skuol, Jacob and Nikki Streh, James Thatche, jadyn Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarreal, Danny Walsh, David Wentling, Kyle William and Brian Wright. Please contact Mary, 988-4984 to add or remove names as space is limited. If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary to have them removed.

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VANDALISM
Sad to say, during the night on Wednesday-Thursday our buildings were tagged (bad graffiti put on them) in four different places. The police think that this unfortunate activity could be the work of gang members. The police promised to patrol our property more regularly.

Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.

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In the Church! (location change)
WE ARE NOW COLLECTING YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS!

Donation Days:
Tuesday, July 18 & 25 from 4-7 PM;
Thursday, July 20 & 27 from 9 AM – Noon;
Saturday, July 22 & 29 from 9 AM – 1 PM.

TO SCHEDULE A DONATION OF A LARGE ITEM
Please call Francois Crepin at 769-8836 or Bob Reilly at 988-1040.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!
There are many opportunities available for different tasks and times; our Volunteer Coordinator will be glad to accommodate your preferences. We desperately need cashiers during the sale, August 3, 4, & 5th. Please visit the Sign Up Information tables in the Vestibule and Hospitality Room or go to our website and signup online.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14, Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday: Ws 12:15, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Centering Prayer
Centering prayer is a method of prayer that helps develop a relationship with God by being still and listening. A Centering Prayer group meets at Divine Savior on the third Tuesday of the month. The group meets at 9:30am in the St. Cecilia Room. If you’d like to participate in this form of prayer join us on July 18th. Questions? Call Joyce at 990-0546.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
In this ministry we take communion to people in private homes and also to people in assisted living facilities. If you have questions regarding this ministry, please feel free to contact Mary at mthmary@outlook.com. Personal coaching is provided.

DIVINE SAVIOR COMPLETES DIY/ HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT!!
Our Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home 2017 Room Rehab Project is almost complete! To see “before” pictures and photos of our progress, go to the Divine Savior FaceBook Page: https://www.facebook.com/divinesaviororangecounty (need not be a FB user to view these pictures)
We pray that God will bless the women who occupy this room with courage and strength as they choose life even in the midst of difficult circumstances; may they find peace and rest in this room.
Many thanks to the following ministries and individuals for their help with this project:
Our Lady of Guadalupe Society, Marie Bosker, Barry Travis, Respect Life Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, parish Habitat for Humanity helpers, Darlene Skou, and Sherrie and rest of the wonderful staff at Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home.

ParishPastoral Council
Here is your 2017-2018 Parish Pastoral Council.

Peter Tremblay – Chair
Stephen Falcy – Vice Chair
Jeff Granja – Secretary
Noel Abreu
Junie Haldonado
Ron Bickle
Richard Dunn
Michelle Grottemeyer
Jim Grove
Barbara Marquez
Tina O’Shea
Michele Wong

Congratulations to our newest members and thank you to our outgoing members, Rich Gast, Michelle Teresi, Chris Teresi, Kira Perdue, and Allen Brown!