Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Guests:

Again today we reflect on what the kingdom of heaven may be likened to as we ponder another of Jesus’ parables. As with most parables, today’s has one main point: how do we deal with the weeds in our lives that are contrary to the way of Jesus. Having grown up on a farm in Wisconsin, the reality of weeds is forever etched in my memory. Unlike how the weeds were treated in this parable, many weeds these days are eradicated through spraying. The resilience of nature is evident as weeds adjust to what they are sprayed with so the material sprayed needs to be made more and more potent. That is the case with non-GMO seeds.

It would be such a relief to be able to do as the slaves of the householder proposed, namely, to eradicate from our lives those traits that we find bothersome to healthy and holy living. For us it is a continuous endeavor to allow the gifts of God symbolized by wheat to help lessen the power of our weedy elements. Like the householder, some of us find it convenient to blame our giving in to undesirable traits as objectively as possible. “Yes, I realize I just acted differently than I prefer to.”

The opening line of our second reading couldn’t be more evident as weeds adjust to what they are sprayed with so the resilience of nature is forever etched in my memory. Unlike how the weeds were treated in this parable, many weeds these days are eradicated through spraying.

Our first reading underscores how there is no god besides the one who has care for all of us. The more we allow ourselves to be beaten up ourselves but it has us gain the energy of the opposite. “Yes, I realize I just acted differently than I prefer to.”

Have you checked out Divine Savior’s Facebook page? You can find us at facebook.com/divinesaviororangevale. A summary of Fr. Roman’s bulletin message and pictures from the weekend masses are updated weekly. If you attend a Divine Savior church event, you can find it online by emailing Divinesaviorsocialmedia@gmail.com and we will review them to post on our Facebook page.

We have a slight revision to our Communion Distribution schedule. If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary to have them removed. For these and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

- Fr. Roman

**Parish Announcements**

**Schedule for the week of July 24th-July 30th**

**Tuesday-July 25th**

4-7:00 pm  Treasure Fest Drop Off  Back of Gym

**Thursday-July 27th**

9-12:00 pm  Treasure Fest Drop Off  Back of Gym

**Saturday-July 29th**

1-9:00 pm  Treasure Fest Drop Off  Back of Gym

**Nor Cal Steubenville Life teen Conference next weekend, July 28th-29th**

Thank you for supporting our Bake Sale it was a great success. The teens were very appreciative of your generosity and the 15 of us are excited for our trip next weekend. Also, thanks to O’Connor Santa Maria Bar and Grill, for sponsoring a fundraiser night and the Knights of Columbus for giving the teens fundraising opportunities.

Please pray for our safe travels and that this conference will show them how much God loves them and wants to be in their lives.

**Unbound**

This weekend Fr. Joseph Gosselin will be celebrating our weekend Masses with us. Fr. Joseph is going to be speaking with us on behalf of Unbound, an organization benefiting 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.

**Year over Year Plate Collection Performance**

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**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

We have a slight revision to our Communion Distribution beginning this week. Our cherished brothers and sisters who will receive the Eucharist in the pews will be served before the side sections come forward, rather than afterwards. The center sections will follow forward as usual, and the aisle sections will wait to line up until the ministers return to their positions. In this way, we give place and pride of honor the elders among us, as well as those who are in need. If you are unable to come forward to the communion line and the usher has not approached you before Mass begins, please raise your hand when the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion come down from the altar so you may be served. We are so grateful for the presence of each and every person who joins us for Mass. Thank you for your patience these first few weeks.

**Military Prayer List**

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

- Mary Harmon
- Rita Barton (Padden)
- Carol Ann Monroe

**Pray for these and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**Parish Announcements**

**Bulletin Announcements** Please submit bulletin announcements to the Parish Office or email them to brian@divinesavior.com by noon on Wednesdays.

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

Adrienne Alexis, James Alexis, John Alexis, James Atwood, Robert Atwood, Jordan Baisotti, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephren Craig, Elise Cruz, Matt David, Derek Desthagen, David DeLa Cruz, Alisan Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst, Daniel Ferguson, Tom Fyse, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstad, Erik Hartsell, Susan Hocker, Stephen Holclaw, Yuatoku Hosaka, Ben Isla, George Johnson, Tyler Knobbe, Nicholas Koelfgen, William Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Nick Libby, Kelly Mancin, Orson Martin, John Rasmussen, Trent Rasmussen, Trey Rasmussen, Jim Reid, Tony Rodriguez, Nicholas Rola, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandoval, April Skou, Jacob and Nikki Steeh, James Thatche, Jayne Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarreal, Danny Walls, David Westling, Kyle William and Brian Wright. Please contact Mary, 988-4994 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.

**July 23, 2017**

July 22nd  | 4:30pm  | Joe Joyce (D)  | Darien & Jeff Gonzales (D)  | 9:30am  | Julieta Pavelette (D)  | Glenn Ordiales  | 11:30am  | Herman Hansenn (D)  | 12:00pm  | Gloria Ibanez  | 12:30pm  | George Henry, Sr.  | 12:30pm  | Kevin Hickey (D)  | 12:30pm  | Danilo Ibanez  | 12:30pm  | George Henry, Sr.  | 12:30pm  | R. C. Halley (D)  | 12:30pm  | George Henry, Sr.  | 12:30pm  | John Johnson (D)  | 12:30pm  | Carol Ann Monroe  | 12:30pm  | Ed Gaucher, Sr.  | 12:30pm  | Bob Downey  | 12:30pm  | Alice Amanete  | 12:30pm  | Bob Webber  | 12:30pm  | Mark and Sandy  | 12:30pm  | Steve Roberts  | 12:30pm  | Mirian Bustamante  | 12:30pm  | Dick Armstrong  | 12:30pm  | Frank Ubl  | 12:30pm  | Carol Ann Monroe  | 12:30pm  | -

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Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation

Enrollment Time! Enrollment forms for CFF (K-5th), EDGE (6th – 8th) and LifeTeen (9-12th) including Sacrament preparation are all on the parish website at divinesavior.com. Go to “Growing in Faith” to locate all the forms and learn more about preparation for the sacraments. If your child is attending Catholic school, please consider celebrating the sacraments at Divine Savior. Children in the Catholic Schools can do their preparation in the school setting and join their parish family for the retreats and celebration. For more preparation in the school setting and join their parish Savior. Children in the Catholic Schools can do their preparation at Divine Savior. Children in the Catholic Schools can do their preparation in the school setting and join their parish family for the retreats and celebration.

Any questions about God? Do you have a child or teen, ages 7-17, who is asking questions about God? Don’t wait, satisfy that desire to know God by enrolling your children in the RCIA process, which will begin in early September. These sessions are for youth that are not baptized or have not attended Catholic faith formation sessions. This process invites them to choose whether or not they want to live a Christian life as a Catholic. Enrollment is by appointment only. Contact Sharon Laitinen, sharon@divinesavior.com or by calling the parish office. 987-7400.

Faith Formation News

It’s an informal opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith and explore your own questions—those who are God for me, what is Baptism and the other Sacraments, what is going on during Mass, can I name and live my values in a deeper way as part of this faith community? For more information, email Sharon at sharon@divinesavior.com or call (916) 989-7400 x224.

Is God Calling you? Interested in becoming a Catholic?  Have you been here for awhile and want to know more about the Catholic faith? Never baptized? Or were you baptized but never made your First Communion? Now is the time to consider your next step. “Inquiry” is the first phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It is an informal opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith and explore your own questions—those who is God for me, what is Baptism and the other Sacraments, what is going on during Mass, can I name and live my values in a deeper way as part of this faith community? For more information, email Sharon at sharon@divinesavior.com or call (916) 989-7400 x224.

Recycling for Haiti School Project

Divine Savior Church Lay Salvatorian members are sponsoring a recycle program to raise funds to help support children of the Haiti School Project. We are collecting cash recycle value (CRV) items and we want your aluminum cans, plastic water bottles, glass soda & beer bottles for CRV turn-in. Non CRV items, such as, plastic milk bottles, laundry detergent jugs, plastic trays and boxes have a cash value and are also accepted. Donations collected every Tuesday 8:10am to 9:15am and after mass from 9:00am to 9:15am. Drop off point is East side of church by Filbert Street. For more information contact Hank Gonsalves at 988-3259.

Small Faith Groups – Looking for Homes & Facilitators to begin in the fall

Would you like to expand your knowledge of faith through a book or DVD series with those who have a similar interest? Would you like to meet new people in the parish or go deeper in your relationship with them? Please consider facilitating or offering hospitality for a small faith group. The Facilitator’s Orientation on August 16th and August 20th are for anyone interested in starting or hosting a small faith group. Contact Sharon Laitinen, 989-7400 x224 or sharon@divinesavior.com. Whatever topic you choose, you will discover the transformative power of listening, sharing and supportive prayer that happens in small faith groups.

Ministry Happenings

Ministry to the Homebound

Announcing our next quarterly meeting on July 29, Saturday, in Room V1-4, 9:15 to 11:00 a.m. Anyone interested in learning about this ministry is invited to attend. Please just let me know by emailing me, Mary, at nmtthmary@outlook.com so that there will be enough materials. We service many people and so always welcome new people. Many people makes for a minimal time commitment—e.g., 1

Faith Formation News

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS!
THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO DONATE YOUR ITEMS BEFORE THE SALE STARTS.

Donation Days:
Tuesdays, July 25 from 4-7 PM;
Thursdays, July 27 from 9 AM – Noon;
Saturdays, July 29 from 9 AM – 1 PM (LAST DAY TO DONATE).

Tell your friends and neighbors our Annual Treasure Fest is fast approaching!
Thursday, August 3rd from 8:00am-8:00pm
Friday, August 4th from 8:00am-6:00pm
Saturday, August 5th from 8:00am-noon

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 Please visit the Sign Up Information tables in the Vestibule.

Ministry Happenings

Vocations Cross
Saturday, July 22nd at the 4:30pm Mass,
Nancy Bingham will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:17-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5; 9:15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
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