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When Jesus uses the word “peace” three times, we know He is talking about far more than just the absence of conflict. Jesus is speaking about a full-body awareness that, as long as we believe in Jesus and do our best to continue the mission of revealing the love of God for all people, we can have that wholesome sense that all is right for us despite the chaos that might exist in our immediate or far-flung world. In continuing the mission of Jesus, we do our best to allow ourselves to be transformed so that we can in turn transform others on a day-to-day basis.

Fortunately, we are not left on our own resources as we engage in the work of transformation. We allow Jesus to renew in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The breath of Jesus reminds us of how in Chapter 1 of Genesis a mighty wind blew to bring order out of the existing chaos. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to bring the good news of wholeness to all aspects in our world that are not in line with how God wants things to be.

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April 7th
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Fair Trade Coffee: Sales will take place THIS weekend Saturday, April 7th and Sunday, April 8th after each Mass in the Vestibule.

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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 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 meal request, or to volunteer, please call Denise Verbeck at 967-5110 or the parish office at 989-7400.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND
We hope your Easter Season continues to be filled with peace. If you are interested in this ministry please email Mary at mthmaryk@outlook.com for further information. We take communion to residences in 6 facilities and also to those who request private communion because they can’t get out to Mass for an extended period. Happy Easter!

Care & Prepare: Catholic Ethics on End of Life Issues
Join us April 13th at Christ the King Retreat Center for an excellent talk about health care and empowering ourselves and our loved ones as we look at End of Life issues from a Catholic perspective. The talk will be given by Molly C. Sheahan, who is a Sacramento native, and is currently the Projects & Programs Strategist for the Office of Life, Justice & Peace at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. She oversees the Los Angeles walk for life called OneLife LA as well as projects related to all social issues including assisted suicide, euthanasia, and end of life ethics. To register go to saccatholicsnetwork.org

Is God calling you? Interested in becoming a Catholic?
Have you been coming here and want to know more about the Catholic faith? Never been baptized? Want to make your First Communion? Contact Sharon at the parish office, 989-7400 or sharon@divinesavior.com. She will explain the process called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), which provides a safe place for you to explore your spiritual desires using the scriptures and receiving support and guidance from the parish community.

Catholics Returning Home
An Open Door for Returning Catholics
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 Church as it is today?
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 for six informal sessions beginning Thursday April 26th, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today. Please contact Kathleen Hass at kathleen@divinesavior.com or 916-989-7400 for additional information.

Where can those Boxtops go?
Many parishioners contribute Boxtops for Education to support the school through the Boxtops for Education program. The box for collecting the boxtops is no longer in the vestibule, but if you put your boxtops in a plastic bag and drop them in the collection basket during Mass, the Social Justice Committee will make sure they get sent to North Dakota.

“Catholic Viewpoint, Faith, Hope and Love” is now available each week on Sacramento Faith TV, Comcast Channel 20, Consolidated Channel 19, and AT&T Channel 14, at 7:00am Sunday, 9:30am Tuesday, 8:30pm Wednesday and 5:00pm Thursday. It evolved after Sacramento Faith TV requested Father Kienan do something on Catholicism for their station. The show covers many topics in the Catholic Faith, with appreciation for other beliefs. Guests share their faith and view of life in half hour interviews. You can find the show any time on YouTube. You simply type in “Catholic Viewpoint, Faith Hope and Love”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 7:10; Ps 810; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Lk 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

TEXAS HOLD EM *** POKER TOURNAMENT
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Saturday April 14 - 5:30 – 10:00 PM - in Parish Hall Advance Registration $60 donation Register at the Door $75 donation Advance reg. includes $1000 bonus chips Includes No Host Bar, Free Appetizer Bar and Great Prizes For more info & registration contact Bill Wagner (916) 220-2868 Net Proceeds to benefit Scouting and Divine Savior Ministries

Thank you so very much for your generous support of the Baby Bottle Drive for the Sacramento Life Center!