Dear People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Today we reflect on a parable that often brings about a serious question, namely, were the so-called wise virgins selfish because of their unwillingness to share with the foolish virgins. But we know that life can never be so simple. It is important for us to remember that the early Church took symbols and actions from the culture around them and adapted them so that they took on a special spiritual meaning.

One such adaptation comes from the Greek and Roman athletes who would use oil to cover their bodies so that they could perform to their highest level in competition, especially running events. They would do anything and everything to give themselves the best chance of winning the contest. With this in mind, the Church began to use oil starting at Baptism. This ritual action indicated that the one anointed was sacred and the anointed was to be a joyful person who would announce good news. It was a way of bringing into focus that living a life dedicated to God and lived in imitation of Jesus takes a concentrated effort so that at the end of life the baptized would have finished their lives, with its challenges and various types of responsibilities, by being given the greatest prize of all, heaven.

Sacramental anointing, therefore, was an outward sign of inner commitment to live as fully as possible like faithful followers of Jesus. We who are anointed in the Sacraments celebrate how we believe that because of the goodness of God dwelling within us we are able to remain faithful regardless of the challenges we encounter. A major aspect of this consideration is that each person needs to take responsibility for making a solid commitment and then living it out throughout every day of our lives.

Another important factor is that this parable is about a wedding feast. Typically a wedding feast is a symbol for the end of life when the Lord calls us home. If we have lived with the idea that we can go easy on ourselves, not take matters seriously or think we can count on others to supplement our missing pieces, we could easily end up like the five foolish virgins. Given the symbolism of oil, it was actually impossible for the wise to share.

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing.

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

- Rosemarie Jennings
- Vicente Meno
- Bob Downey
- Lacey Anderson
- Madeleine Crepin
- Darien & Jeff Gonzales (D)
- Shari Sigl
- Vicente Meno
- Maria Randall (D)
- Leonida Mercedes
- Patricia A. Meyer (D)
- Helen Hughes
- Lucille Runkle
- Thelma Runkle
- Noble Ketsela
- Dorothea Holtclaw, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben
- Michelle Reilly
- Carl Larson
- Frances Schwartz
- Ed Gouche, Sr.
- Tony Duquaipa
- Noreen Davis
- Dick Armstrong
- Judy Smoot
- Megan Frontera
- James S.
- Leticia钉 contention
- Del Schweiger
- Rayce Anderson
- Madeline Croix
- Mary Anne Povey
- Rachel Lopez
- Leonard & Jeff Gonzales (D)
- Richard Morales
- Jeffrey Fox
- Ruthie Antill
- Catherine Ernst, Daniel Ferguson, Tom
- James Meyer (D)
- Patty An Meyer (D)
- Darien & Jeff Gonzales (D)
- Karen Papa
- Gladys Becky
- Sheldon Anderson Jr
- Gloria Mueller
- Alex Quirez
- Rosa Santos
- Joe Fouchet
- Sophia Harte
- John McAlpine
- Shirley Newton
- Hannah O’Connor
- Shari Sigl
- Pat Vogel
- Rosemarie Jennings
- People of the Parish
- St. Therese
- Richard Morales
- Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gist, Tyler Gedstad, Harriett Salmon, Patricia O. C. Meyer, Patty An Meyer (D)
- Thelma Runkle
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“With Open Hands” Healing Service at Divine Savior
Do you know someone who needs God’s healing word or touch? On December 2nd, 1:00pm, all ages and faiths are welcome to a healing service with song, scripture and a teaching given by Fr. Roman. "With Open Hands," you will be invited to give your needs to God and to pray for those who seek healing. The Sacrament for the Anointing of the Sick will be offered. If you have any questions, call the parish office, 989-7400.

Vocations Cross
Saturday, November 11th at the 4:30pm Mass, Lita & Tom Cairel will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

“Keep Christ in Christmas” Traditional Catholic Christmas Cards (including Spanish and Tagalog) and accessories and See’s Candy assortments available after all Sunday Masses this weekend. Look for the Knights of Columbus table in the Gym Lobby.

Is there anyone among you who needs healing?
Part 2
When you are ill, what can you expect from Divine Savior Community?
You can expect hospitality and prayer.
- If you can come to Mass, you can expect to be greeted with warmth and acceptance.
- You can expect support through prayer. There is the Book of Prayer in the entrance of the church to write your intentions. Contact the parish office to request that your name be placed in the list of people who need prayer.
- There are many caring and listening people. If you need special assistance during Mass, such as receiving Holy Communion, notify an usher.

You can expect care during your time of illness or if you are laid up for another reason.
- Manna Ministry can provide wonderful meals for you. For example, if a mother-to-be must have extra bedrest and struggles to fix meals, or if you are recovering from a surgery, contact the Manna coordinator, at the number on the front of the bulletin.
- If you are homebound and wish to receive Holy Communion, contact the Ministry to the Homebound coordinator, whose number is on the front of the bulletin. Divine Savior also has a list of senior care facilities that they visit. They pray with the residents and provide Holy Communion.

You can request the Sacrament for Anointing of the Sick. This sacrament is for anyone facing serious illness or surgery; failing health; or the need for any physical, mental or emotional healing. You don’t have to be dying to receive this sacrament. Rather, it is an expression of God’s presence and healing power and care. It can be received more than once.

It is critical to know that the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the “last rites” are not the same as the Anointing of the Sick. The “last rites” is simply communion and no more.

CCC 1517: “As the sacrament of the Lord’s Passover the Eucharist should always be the last sacrament of the earthly journey, the “viaticum” for “passing over” to eternal life.” If the dying person has been receiving communion, then he/she has received the “last rites” and a priest is not needed.

Call the parish office and let us know that you or your loved one desires to be anointed. It is important to share important details that will help Fr. Roman plan his visit with you. Some details would be the place where you are staying, the seriousness of the illness, or the date of the surgery. Hospitals also provide Holy Communion and anointing if you let admittance know that you want to be visited by a Catholic chaplain on call.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3; 16:19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4; 6:7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b -- 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-15, 19-21