Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Guests:

The parable in today’s Gospel is one of those that can be hard to swallow. With labor unions and crises that people be treated fairly and justly, it is difficult to get free of our pre-conceived ideas and deal as best we can with the point the Lord wants us to reflect on. A key set of words from the parable include “you have made them equal to us.” Indeed, God loves us all with a love that, as our first reading states, shows that God is generous in forgiving.

Perhaps another way of looking at this parable is whether we think that we can tell God how to limit or extend His generous outpouring of all we need to live as faithful followers of Jesus. But we can’t easily avoid siding with the laborers who worked many more hours than those hired in mid or late afternoon. Most of us can understand the reason for their grumbling. We need to keep in mind that Jesus is talking about the kingdom of heaven and not an actual labor situation. Most of us would find it difficult to begrudge someone who gets into heaven even though they decided to follow Jesus later in life than we did. We keep in mind that unless we know a person’s story it is not ours to judge them based on the moment they made a commitment to walk the path of Jesus.

Given the above, we want to keep in mind the audience that Jesus was addressing this parable to. If in any way the common laborer, typically a rather poor person at that, thought that Jesus was praising the generosity of the owner of the vineyard, they would most likely have debated with Jesus about how He knew that someone who owned a vineyard was a rather wealthy person and might even have taken some of the listeners’ land to enlarge his vineyard. Most likely the poor people listening would have booed the likes of the vineyard owner and other people wealthy like him.

If on the other hand Jesus was criticizing people like the vineyard owner in an effort to get them to be more loving and generous, the poor people listening would have encouraged Jesus to let them have it. For one thing, the vineyard owner shows himself to be a cheapskate. Harvesting grapes was a time sensitive job. If you have any “extra” zucchini from your garden, please consider donating to this month’s community meal that will include a delicious and nutritious baked zucchini dish. Please bring your zukes to the parish office between Monday 9am and Wednesday noon this week, and place them in the designated box in the office. This is a great way for you to support the parish community meal ministry!! Thank you to those volunteers who are on board to cook and serve this month’s community dinner on Thursday. Starting in October we will offer two community meals per month. The plan is to then ramp up to weekly meals starting in 2018. These meals are a great way for the Divine Savior parish to serve the needs of our brothers and sisters in Orangevale and surrounding areas. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Julie Rose at 916-813-3106 or julierose9211@gmail.com.

Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home

As previously announced, the Divine Savior-sponsored bedroom in the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home has been fully renovated through the coordinated efforts of several parish ministries and fellow parishioners. We are pleased to share that the room is now the new home to a new mom, Joanna, and her son, Joseph, who was born prematurely in mid July. Please include Joanna and little Joseph in your prayers; let us pray for their health and continued well-being.

We invite you to stop by the Vestibule to view a poster with pictures of the renovated room. For more information on the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, please go to www.bgmh.org.

HOSPITALITY

Did you know that each weekend after our Sunday Masses we offer coffee & light finger foods in our Hospitality room (part of the Multi-Purpose Building) - The coffee is the same Fair Trade Coffee that we offer for purchase on the 2nd weekend of the month in the vestibule! Come join us for food and fellowship! We need assistance in the areas of providing doughnuts, fruit, etc. as well as people to help host and clean up after the 11:30am Mass. Please stop by the table in the Vestibule to sign up following Mass today.

Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas. Adrienne Alexis, James Alexis, James Atwood, Robert Atwood, Jordan Basaito, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarrillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephren Choi, Ellie Cruz, Matt David, Derek Dethage, David DelaCruz, Alison Downey, Joe Downey, Andrew Downs, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst, Daniel Ferguson, Tom Fessey, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gant, Tyler Gedstad, Erik Hartwell, Susan Hocker, Stephen Holcaw, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, George Johnson, Tyler Kobnabe, Nicholas Koellgen, William Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Nick Libby, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Brunt D. McGarre, Garrett McMann, Aaron McNaughton, Joseph M. Padlock, Chris Payant, David Pettit, Logan Raumussen, Troy Raumussen, Tim Reid, Neal Ridge, Tony Rodriguez, Nicholas Roha, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandoval, April Skou, Jacob and Nikki Steen, James Thatche, Jadyne Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarruel, Danny Wald, David Westing, Kyle Wilson and Ben 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.

September 24, 2017

Parish Announcements

Schedule for the week of September 25th-October 1st

**Tuesday-September 26th**
6:30pm Going Deeper w/Fr Roman 
Hall A

**Thursday-September 28th**
6:00-6:45pm Community Meal 
Hall A
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**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

A very belated thank you to those who expressed an interest in our ministry at the Ministry Fair. If you did not attend the Fair, you can still get information by emailing Mary at mthmary@outlook.com. The time commitment in this ministry is minimal and personal coaching is provided. We do private communions for people who can’t attend mass for a period of time, as well as communion services in various assisted living facilities.

Help Save Lives and join the 40 Days for Life Worldwide Vigil to protect mothers and babies beginning September 27 - November 5. With God’s help, this prayer campaign has proven results! Opportunities exist for prayerful and peaceful presence at local vigils in cities and towns across the nation. Pick up a 40 Days for Life flyer on wall racks in the Vestibule and help spread the word!! Respect Life Sunday is 10/17 and October is Respect Life month. For details please visit 40daysforlife.com or emailing Mary at mthmary@outlook.com.

**Children’s Choir**

Our children’s choir has started rehearsals and is looking for children to join. Join us tomorrow, Monday, September 25th. Rehearsals will be from 4:30-5:30pm in the music room of the church on Mondays. The choir will sing once a month at Mass. Please email Elaine at elaine@divinesavior.com or feel free to call her at the parish office with any questions.

**Youth Choir**

Are you a teenager in choir, band or orchestra at school? Were you once a teenager? Would you like to share your gifts with your parish family at Divine Savior? Our 11:30am Contemporary Choir would love to add your voice to ours. Rehearsal time will now be Monday evenings at 6:30pm. Please call or email Elaine Bauer at the parish office for further information.

**More Choir Opportunities**

Our Saturday evening 4:30pm choir and Sunday morning 7:45 and 9:30 choirs would also love to welcome you. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6pm for the 4:30pm group, Thursdays at 7pm for the 9:30 choir.

**SUNDAY AT THE MOVIES**

WinGS, will show the movie “Miracles from Heaven” starring Jennifer Garner on Sunday, October 8 from 1 to 4pm in Room Y1. This is a true story of the Bean family which faced an intense faith challenge when their 10-year-old daughter Anna has a rare, incurable disease. An inspiring journey for family, medical experts, and community as they join together in love to support one another and witness the miracles bestowed on the Bean family that reclaim their faith. Free admission, free popcorn, BUT do register as the number of attendees is limited. Contact Zori, 916-635-7791 or Zori@att.net.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

**SAVE THE DATE: December 16 is our annual Christmas Basket Ministry Distribution Day!**

Seeking new team members and volunteers! We are seeking new people to help with the many preparations and communications to once again serve families in need this Christmas. Do you like to talk on the phone? Are you good with emails or text messaging? How about posting on Facebook and Websites? Are you an “expert shopper?” Do you speak Spanish? Do you like working with groups large or small? Are you a good planner? This would be a valuable opportunity to once again serve families in need.

Please contact Jan Bencken, coordinator, at:987-1836 or jan@bencken.com for more information or to volunteer.

**Moving-On Fellowship**

Welcomes all those who have lost a loved one and offers support, friendship, prayer and practical help to the bereaved. Our next meeting is Monday, October 2 at 10:30am. Join us for a no-host brunch at Annie’s Restaurant (Beech & Greenback). Theme is hobbies: please bring an example of your favorite hobby or hobbies. For more info call Pat Biasotti, 530-307-2147.

**Around the Diocese**

The Trappist monks at the Abbey of New Clairvaux in Northern California, just 20 minutes north of Chico, invite Catholic men ages 18-35 to a free Monastic Life Retreat. September 29 to October 1st. For further information or to register, please go to www.newclairvaux.org or contact Brother Christopher at 530-839-2161.

**Christian Brothers High School Open House**

Join us for Open House on Sunday, October 1, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and see firsthand why CB is the place to be for exceptional academic programs, the arts, athletics and more – all in a faith-filled, nurturing community. Highlights of the day include campus tours including the engineering labs and CB’s award-winning television studio - KBFT, an art exhibition, performances by the band and choir, academic department information tables and more. Informational presentations are scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Visit cbhs-sacramento.org to register.