Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

In last week’s Gospel, Jesus seemed to have a rather friendly conversation with a scribe, to the extent that Jesus affirmed the person by saying he was not far from the kingdom of heaven. Perhaps there was more to the story than Mark included in his Gospel. Whatever the case, today Jesus calls the scribes to task in a very major way.

What Jesus says about the scribes’ undesirable behaviors applies to all of us. Who of us can claim that we have not in some way, in some place, in some way, let God down? We easily forget that despite their making sacrifices they always find that they have plenty to live well. That ideal is what our first reading affirms the widow of Jesus that there was no room for any gray area. Jesus draws attention to a widow who contributed all she had for the temple tax. Oddly enough, the purpose of this tax was to provide funds that would help those who otherwise did not have enough. Sadly, the leaders would syphon money from this fund to support their luxuriant lifestyles.

This episode is one of many examples when Jesus talks about wealth. Not mentioned in this Gospel is the ancient tradition of giving to charity a certain percentage of our money. The ideal of giving to charity is that we would share some of our money with charitable causes. In this Gospel when Jesus talks about the scribes, he says they do not have enough. Sadly, the leaders would syphon money from this fund to support their luxuriant lifestyles.

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Jesus accuses the scribes of devouring the financial resources of widows. Hopefully, none of us has this behavior on our record. Later in today’s Gospel, Jesus draws attention to a widow who contributed all she had for the temple tax. Oddly enough, the purpose of this tax was to provide funds that would help those who otherwise did not have enough. Sadly, the leaders would syphon money from this fund to support their luxuriant lifestyles.

Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas. Adrienne Alleschus, Aleschus John, John Wick

Fair Trade Coffee Sales will take place this weekend Saturday, November 10th and Sunday, November 11th after each Mass in the Vestibule.

EMAIL SCAM: We received reports this past week of emails sent from a spammer impersonating a Gmail account who was a friend of several priests within our diocese (including Fr. Roman). The subject of the email was typically GOD BLESS YOU and they requested a reply (often times, it was a request of a gift card, such as iTunes). If you receive this email, please do not respond.

This particular spoofing email scam seems to be targeting Catholic parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. Other dioceses have reported that the emails are sent repeatedly every few weeks or months.

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing. (Names will appear for 3 weeks.)

Vocations Cross Sunday, November 11th at the 9:30 am Mass, Sherry Maier will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

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Casting Call for Community Meal

Help!!! Our weekly community meal ministry is in great need of a few more volunteers to serve as our lead cooks! It could be a fixed week of the month, or on an as needed basis, depending on your availability. We provide the mentoring, menu suggestions (with recipes and quantities), procurement, and a prep crew! You provide the vision, energy, and collaboration skills. If you or someone you know… might be interested in learning more about this dynamic opportunity, please contact Zoe at mzoe@hotmail.com or 916-607-1214, or Karen at kpaapa@mac.com or 916-223-1720.

Parish Announcements

You are invited to participate in our upcoming 2019 Parish Directory!

Photography Dates: January 3-12 and 22-26, 2019

To schedule your appointment, visit www.divinesavior.com and click on the Parish Directory box on our homepage. Or talk to one of our friendly volunteers in the vestibule after all weekend Masses during November. Everyone who gets a photo taken will receive a free 8x10 and a free directory!

WANTED: Christmas Basket Host Families

The time is now to volunteer to host a Christmas Basket for an Orangevale family! Forms can be found in the wall pockets in the vestibule, and also on our parish website. For more information, see the website or email call: christmasbasket@divinesavior.com or 916-220-2604.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection - This Weekend

This weekend, a 2nd collection will take place to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society here at Divine Savior. The donations received will be used to provide services to the needy in the community. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul.

The volunteers of the Divine Savior St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you all for your wonderful support in the past with your generous donations. Your donations help make a big difference in the lives of many people. Thank you all so very much. GOD Bless you all.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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 programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. Special envelopes are available in the Vestibule.

Parish Opportunities

Youth Adult Ministry - LUX

The name is LUX which is Latin for Light and their goal is to provide a safe community for young Catholic adults where they learn to live as Christ lived and live to show the loving light of Christ to others. Join us THIS TUESDAY from 7pm – 9pm in Y2. We meet every Tuesday. Daniel Ardon is the coordinator and he can be reached at (916) 844-6428 or email luxdivinesavior@gmail.com.

Catholic Returning Home

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 Catholic Church as it is today?

Contact Kathleen at kathleen@divinesavior.com or 916-989-7400 for additional information.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic and have questions?

If you are thinking of becoming Catholic, there are RCIA sessions, called “Inquiry.” In a warm and accepting environment, you are welcome to share your questions. If you are interested, please contact Sharon@divinesavior.com or call the parish office for information.

Ministry Opportunities

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you have the talent to knit or crochet, please consider joining our prayer shawl ministry. We meet twice a month (1st and 3rd Thursdays, 1-3pm) in the Library. Please contact Nancy Begley at 916-705-5464 for more information. If you know someone in need of loving comfort who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact the Parish Office at 1214, or 916-607-1214, or email sallyfong@outlook.com.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Thanks to the many who attended our quarterly meeting on Oct. 27. It was beneficial for many and all are welcome to come to future meetings. In this ministry we take communion to residents in 7 facilities and to those who can’t get to Mass for an extended period — and who we then recommend to the parish office. Email me if you want further information.

Mary Frontiera

Faith Formation News

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Offrenda Table

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Society would like to thank all of the parishioners who participated making this year’s Ofrenda table a special place to honor and pray for our departed loved ones. As the Ofrenda table will be taken down soon, please pick up your photos by Sunday, November 11th. Any remaining photos will be placed in the parish office.

Divine Savior Recycling Update:

During the month of October, Divine Savior parish collected $250.00 in recycling money, for the benefit of the Haiti School Lunch Program. Thank you for your efforts!