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The span of forty days between Easter and the Ascension was likewise a time of preparing for the first followers of Jesus to continue Jesus’ mission. We notice that in today’s Gospel selection, Luke states that on the evening of Easter as Jesus “blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to heaven.” Why would the same writer date things differently? For one, the scripture writers were quite aware that with God there is no such thing as clock time. God is always present, and we are called to experience personally the goodness and kindness of our Divine Savior.

Speaking of being present, the Gospel writers as well as others talk about Jesus being present after His resurrection as if He never left them. We want to keep in mind that the people at the time of Jesus, when speaking about Jesus, experienced Him as being “really present” to them. Therefore, we speak of Jesus being really present in the scriptures. Our great privilege is to allow the sacred writings to lead us to the depth of consciousness that we too experience Jesus as truly present. This is why we call the writings in the Bible alive for any and all ages. By allowing the scriptures to come alive for us, we witness to all that Jesus did and said, just like the first followers of Jesus were witnesses. We show that we are trustworthy witnesses by allowing the scriptures to come alive for us, our way of interacting with one another in ways that allows others to experience personally the goodness and kindness of our Divine Savior.

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TALENT SHOW—BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! SATURDAY, JUNE 29th at 7:00pm in the church

Do you have talent? Of course you do! Come share that talent with your parish family.

If you can sing, dance, play piano or guitar or Native American drum, tell FUNNY jokes, or another talent that would be suitable for an audience in the church, set up a time to “audition.” Please call or email Elaine at 559-307-4216 or elaine@divinesavior.com Auditions are not to assess skill level, only appropriateness, length and program placement. So, groups and welcome.

Hot Summer Nights—Movie Night

Come celebrate the end of another successful school year by joining us for our first Summer movie night Friday, June 14th at 6:30pm in Y3. We will be watching Green Book and will provide free popcorn. No outside food or drinks please.

DIVINE SAVIOR MUSIC CAMP JULY 8th-12TH 9AM—NOON

Monday through Friday July 8-12th, culminating with a concert in the church on Friday July 12th at 6:30pm. In order for this to be a rousing success, we need your help and your children. If you are interested in helping as a leader or a camper, please email or call (or text) Elaine at elaine@divinesavior.com or 559-307-4216. Emails are preferred. Registration forms are on the parish website.

Volunteer sign ups in the vestibule during June

SALE DAYS
Thursday August 1st 8AM – 6PM
Friday August 2nd 8AM – 6PM
Saturday August 3rd 8AM – 1PM

PICK UP OF OVER-SIZED ITEMS
(sorry, we are not accepting couches this year)

Mondays: 4 – 8 pm
Thursdays: 4-8 pm
To schedule a pick-up, call Jan Bencken at (916) 987-1836 or the parish office at (916) 989-7400.

DONATION DROP OFF BEGINS TUESDAY JULY 9th 9am-Noon

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Sales will take place NEXT Saturday June 8th & Sunday June 9th at each Mass in the Vestibule.

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 call the parish office or contact sharon@divinesavior.com for more information.

LITURGY CORNER

We may be reaching the end of the greatest liturgical season of the liturgical year, but several holy days at the end of Easter Time and into Ordinary Time prove these upcoming weeks are anything but ordinary. Seven special holy days, known as solemnities, take place through the end of June. Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Then in following weeks we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the Most Holy Trinity; Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; Sacred Heart of Jesus; Nativity of St. John the Baptist; and finally Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles on June 29th. Today we turn our eyes to the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension is said to have occurred 40 days after Easter and ten days before Pentecost, when Jesus took the apostles to the Mount of Olives and rose to heaven in front of them. This is kind of a big deal. Since it is SUCH a big deal, rather than celebrate it on a Thursday, in most Dioceses in the Unit-

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We take communion to the homebound, whether it be in a private home or in a facility. If you want more information, contact Mary at mthmaryk@outlook.com.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We identify all the groups. We are looking for volunteers to help celebrate the cultural & ethnic diversity we have in our parish family. There will be a world map in the vestibule to identify all the groups. We are looking for volunteers to help in the Liturgy, set up the gym, greeters and servers. Please contact Fr. Marcel or anyone at parish office to help or bring in a cultural celebration in the hall after Mass with food tastings. The aim of this celebration is to celebrate the cultural & ethnic diversity we have in our parish family.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your opinion matters! We created a parish survey to give everyone an opportunity to voice their opinion!

4 ways to participate in Parish survey:
1) Parish website - access the survey under “Parish Communications”
2) myParish app - Text “App” to 88202 to download the parish app. Access the survey under “Parish info”.
3) Hold your smartphone camera over the QR code and you will have instant access to the survey.
4) Fill out a paper copy found in the vestibule or parish office and return to parish office.

The parish survey will be accessible through the end of June. Thank you for your participation!

PENTECOST CULTURAL DAY OF CELEBRATION

NEXT SUNDAY, June 9th, we conclude our Easter season with Pentecost. Can you speak a language other than English? Would you like to read one of the prayers of the faithful in this language? All Masses will share in the celebration of the Holy Spirit by offering the prayers in different languages. We also encourage everyone to wear clothes representing their ethnic heritage or wear red, the liturgical color of Pentecost.

At our 11:30am Mass, we will have liturgical dance, readings in Spanish and Tagalog, and a cultural celebration in the hall after Mass with food tastings. The aim of this celebration is to celebrate the cultural & ethnic diversity we have in our parish family. There will be a world map in the vestibule to identify all the groups. We are looking for volunteers to help in the Liturgy, set up the gym, greeters and servers. Please contact Fr. Marcel or anyone at parish office to help or bring in a cultural celebration at all weekend Masses.

Have you downloaded myParish app? If not, you are missing out on parish communications.

Be sure to download the app after Mass today by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for “myParish” at your phone’s app store. Once the app is loaded, search for Divine Savior and you are ready to stay connected with us all week long! Make sure to put in the zip code 95662.

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BLOOD DRIVE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd

Blood Drive (8:00am – 11:00am) in Hall B
Pancake Breakfast (8:00am-11:30am) in Hospitality

WALK IN DONORS ARE WELCOME!

Free-will donations will be accepted.

Moving On Fellowship: THIS Monday, June 3rd.
Informal 10:30am brunch, Annie's Restaurant (Beech & Greenback), theme—"Best Trip/Vacation or My Wish-List Trip.” We offer support, encouragement, prayer and practical help to the bereaved, to help them discover a meaningful life after the death of a loved one. All are welcome. For more information, call Pat Biasotti,