Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Today we celebrate the feast of “Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe”. This is also the last Sunday of the liturgical year and next Sunday marks the beginning of the Advent Season. Our Gospel passage for this Sunday is typically considered a portrayal of what will happen at what is traditionally called the last judgment. However, this passage can just as well serve as a reminder to us at any time of the type of community Jesus established before His death and resurrection. It makes clear how Jesus expects us to live, given that Jesus’ resurrected Presence provides us with an on-going time of glory.

One of the key points not only of this passage but of all four Gospels is that Jesus became one of us. While we properly assign a variety of titles to Jesus, He was born like us in all things but sin. The primary message is that in Jesus and as the Father’s handwork we are all equals and are all blessed to see the needs of one another. This is made clear when Jesus says that whatever we do to one of the least ones or do not do to them we either do or do not for Jesus.

Taking care of the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the ill and those imprisoned is not only a clear and challenging call to care but also a call to understand that whatever we do to one of the least ones or do not do to them we either do or do not for Jesus.

Scheduling two pantry foods to get them through the rest of the holiday season? We will be having a food drive to supplement our Christmas Basket Ministry by sponsoring a family in need, please fill out the host family form and email/fax/mail/drop it by the parish office as soon as possible, or place your form in an envelope in the collection at Mass. Matches can be made for any size family, or several households can combine resources to sponsor a family. For questions, please contact Caroline Easton 916-989-7400 ext. 225 or Jan Bencen at 912-200-2604. Thank you for your generous efforts! Forms are available in the Vestibule, Parish Office or on our website.

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Paul to the Galatians

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November 26, 2017
Pastor’s Corner

Parish Announcements

Schedule for the week of November 27th-December 3rd

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Tuesday-November 28th
5:30pm Breaking/Opening the Word St. Cecilia Rm
6:30pm Going Deeper w/Fr Roman Hall A

Thursday-December 1st
9:00-noon Eucharist Adoration St. Cecilia Rm
6:00pm Community Meal Hall A

Sunday-December 2nd
1:00pm Healing Service Church

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- If you are a couple of pantry foods to get them through the rest of the holiday season? We will be having a food drive to supplement our Christmas Basket Ministry this year?

- Suggested food items include: canned fruits and vegetables, boxes or small bags of rice or pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, juice boxes, applesauce, boxed/bagged cereal or oatmeal, hamburger helper, OR ANYTHING THAT DOES NOT NEED REFRIGERATION. Food will be collected the weekend of Dec. 9-10, and then redistributed the following Sunday, December 16. Any extra food will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

- Thank you so much!!!

Parish Announcements

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance
Week #21 YTD thru Wk #21
2017-2018 Year
$17,654 $309,578
2016-2017 Year
$14,092 $311,785
Difference $3,562
% Difference -0.7%

Catholic Campaign for Human Development $2,764

“With Open Hands” Healing Service at Divine Savior
Do you know someone who needs God’s healing word or touch? On December 2nd, 1:50pm all faiths and beliefs are welcome to a healing service at Divine Savior. Invite them to attend 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.

Attention! Attention! Boy Scout Troop 310 is having their Annual Italian Dinner on Saturday, December 3rd from 6pm to 9pm in the gym. All are invited to purchase tickets for $10 at the door and support all of our boys. There will be great food, many friends and lots of fun. Make a bid in our silent auction or dessert auction. Win a door prize or participate in our raffle.

Moving on Fellowship

Meets Monday, December 4th, at 10:30am. Join us for a no-host brunch at Annie’s Restaurant (Beech & Greenback). Our theme: Discuss how to get through the holidays. We are an informal group of Divine Savior Parishioners and friends who try to offer support, encouragement, prayer and practical help to the bereaved in forming a new and meaningful life after the death of a loved one. For more information please call Pat Biasotti 530-307-2147.

Parish Announcements

Mass Intentions

November 25th 4:30pm Pat Dolin (D)
November 26th 7:45am Bertha Alvarez (D)
December 3rd 9:30am David Houlemand (D)
December 3rd 1:30pm People of the Parish
November 27th 8:30am Keith Boyer (D)
November 28th 8:30am Sarah Murphy
December 3rd 8:30am Mass Maledy (D)
November 30th 6:30pm Sarah Murphy

- Luke Murphy
- Charles Shevin (D)
- John J. Pippig, Jr. (D)
- Adelmaria Rodriguez (D)
- Bessie Curran (D)
- Tony Daquiva
- Noreen Davis
- Dick Armstrong
- Judy Smoot
- Megan Frontiera
- Jacque Olson
- David Collier
- Anastasia Dikhauslina & child
- Del Schweiger
- Lacey Anderson
- Madalena Cropin
- Mary Anne Povey

Pray for our Military Personnel wherever duty calls them to serve, homeland or overseas.

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- Myron Howe
- Gladys Acheson
- Sheldon Anderson Jr
- Glenn Mueller
- Alex Quiro
- Rosa Santos
- Joe Foure
- Berry Ryden
- Bob Downey
- Evelyn Crain
- John McAlpine
- Shirley Newton
- Hannah O'Connor
- Shari Sigil
- Rachela Lopez
- Rosemary Jennings
- Vicente Mena
- George Gridley
- Anwar Saca
- Linda Temple

- Please pray for the souls of those who have died.

- Dante Puglian

- For these and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Ministry Opportunities
Vocations Cross
Sunday, November 26th at the 9:30am Mass, Bev Ridge will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

Faith Formation News
The annual Men’s Retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center will take place on the weekend of December 1-3, 2017. This year’s theme is May the Passion of Jesus Christ be Always in our Hearts. The message of St. Mark’s Passion will lead us to Jesus’s empathy & dedication to humanity & hopefully make us more aware of His constant presence in our lives. There are flyers in the Vestibule or contact Mike Knepshield 835-0111 for more information.

Attention All Children!
The Christmas Eve Children’s Mass is at 6:30pm on December 24th. We would like you to join us as an actor, singer, or a reader for this special night! We need children to fill the following parts: angels, shepherds, stable animals, wise men, singers, & readers. Please RSVP to Caroline Easton, caroline@divinesavior.com, or call 989-7400. There are only two rehearsals: BOTH REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY!

Monday, Dec. 18 5:00-6:45pm rehearsal
Thursday, Dec. 21 5:00-6:30pm rehearsal
Sunday, Dec. 24 please arrive at 5:45pm

Seeking Seasonal Choir Members
We would love to have you join one of our Sunday and/or Christmas choirs. Our rehearsal times are:
4:30pm Vigil Mass – 6:00pm Wednesday evenings
7:45/9:30am Mass – 7:00pm Tuesday evenings
11:30am Mass – 7:00pm Monday evenings
Children’s Choir – 5:30pm Monday evenings
Please email Elaine at elain@divinesavior.com or call her at the parish office 989-7400 if you love God, love to sing or play an instrument and would like to share this gift with your parish family.

EUCHARISTICADORATION
Divine Savior invites everyone to Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of the month, December 1st. Adoration begins at 9:00am immediately after Mass and continues until 12:00pm. Adoration takes place in the St. Cecilia Room. This devotion allows a person the opportunity to provide further thanks for God’s love and time to enter into a more personal communication with God. We are encouraged to communicate with God in the silence.

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.

Journey of Hope - An Advent Morning of Prayer
Advent is a Journey of Hope! Pope Francis’ Angelus on Dec. 1st, 2013 focused on the importance of hope during the liturgical season dedicated to preparing for Christmas. Join Cindy Tuttle after the morning Mass on Tuesday, December 5, 9:30-11:30am in the St. Cecilia’s Room. Our time together will include prayer, songs, a reflection on Pope Francis’ message of hope, and a ritual. Snacks will be made available. Please RSVP your attendance by contacting cindytuttle13@gmail.com.

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SEASONAL BLESSINGS
ADVENT WREATH
Suggested Scripture passage: Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6
Blessing: Loving God, we open our hearts to your goodness so that Jesus may be reborn within them. We pray this wreath will be a reminder to our family to spend special time during this Advent Season to share thoughts about your constant love for us. As we light the first candle, we pray that the light of grace would give us hope even though there are many people living in the darkness of poverty, war, bullying, and other bad things that people do to each other. We pray that your family will be an example of support for each other and for all that we meet. Through Christ our Lord.

BLESSING OF OUR CHRISTMAS TREE
Suggested Scripture passage: Ezekiel 17:22-24
Blessing: Loving God, we thank You for all the beauty of nature. Trees, whether artificial or real, are wonderful because they provide a place for birds to nest, the shade we enjoy on a hot day, and the wood that we burn in our fireplace or that is used to build things. May the lights that are on this tree remind us that Jesus is the light that lives in our hearts and that you ask that we let shine; we promise to remind ourselves and each other to brighten one another’s lives. May the various ornaments we place on this tree remind us of the joy that fills our hearts! Through Christ our Lord.

BLESSING OF A CHRISTMAS MANGER OR NATIVITY SCENE
Suggested Scripture passage: Isaiah 7:10-15
Blessing: Loving God, from the very beginning of time you have shared your love in many ways. The most wonderful expression of your love is the birth of Jesus. As we think about how Mary and Joseph couldn’t find a good place for Jesus to be born, we pray that we always welcome Jesus into our hearts. When we look at the various figures in this scene, we pray that we will always surround each other with joy and kind words. We pray for our neighbors that all of us in this area will take time once in a while to greet each other with a smile and good cheer. May Jesus bless us always.

BLESSING OF OUR HOME
Blessing: Loving God, we pray that the story about Zacchaeus will always remind us that Jesus spent His time with people who needed His love. Jesus probably smiled or chuckled when He saw Ziggy up in the tree; we pray that we always think of Jesus smiling at us just not when we do loving things but also when we are having a bad day or are angry with each other. We ask, God, that you bless all of us who live in this home and that you always surround yourself with your comfort and your peace. Please help us God to thank each other as we find ways to do special things for each other that remind us of our love for one another. Through Christ our Lord.

BLESSING OF OUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS
Suggested Scripture passage: James 1:17
Blessing: Loving God, we pray that the gifts we share this Christmas will remind us of the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus. As Jesus shared His love with everybody He met, we ask that you, God, bless us so that we will always see each other as gifts to one another. Just as we rip off the wrappings from these gifts, so help us to let the good that is in each of us shine forth so that we help each other appreciate all the good that we have in our hearts. May our sharing these gifts remind us of all your blessings! We pray that we will always say “thank you” whenever someone does something nice for us. Through Christ our Lord.