Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Last Sunday we reflected on Jesus’ statement that He would suffer and be killed; He repeats the prediction today. The opening sentence in today’s Gospel announces that Jesus and His disciples began “a journey,” this word indicates that they are on their way to Jerusalem. Despite Jesus’ attempt to teach His disciples that He would be handed over to men who will kill Him, they not only began to understand but were afraid to question Him. This is not surprising given that last week Jesus called Peter Satan for trying to talk Jesus back from His saying He would suffer and be killed.

The disciples display a basic and common human trait, namely, that when we are upset, unsettled, confused or afraid, one behavior is to argue about who is the greatest. Arguing in this way helps to avoid dealing with the reality of our pain or loss. But we know it doesn’t work for long. Sooner or later someone is going to intervene and remind us that how we are acting is not getting us anywhere worthwhile or productive.

Our second reading addresses this behavior. It states that jealousy and selfish ambition causes disorder and competitive activity. It certainly ignores the belief that we are all created by a loving God who loves us all and the same for no other reason than that we are God’s. All of this can lead to conflicts because our passions are misdirected.

Our first reading, in describing what happens to someone like Jesus when enemies conspire against Him, points out that we are likely to be overwhelmed when someone like Jesus calls us on our non-constructive behavior. God’s gift of wisdom is active when, in light of our second reading, we are peaceful, gentle, full of mercy and good fruits. A wise person acts with sincerity, meaning that we are genuine and pure. God considers losers?

[The rest of the text is not relevant to the question and is not included.]
Children's Faith Formation (K-5th)

CFF begins this SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd with sessions at 8:00am and 10:00am. If you have not yet enrolled, forms are available in the church office, and may NOW be completed online at our website: www.divinesavior.com.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Consider joining this bible study! It is a wonderful way of preparing for the Year of Luke by tapping into the depth and meaning of this gospel. The first session is on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6:30pm at Deanna & Dan Freeman’s home, Orangevale. The facilitator is Mike Knepshield. Call the parish office, 916-998-7400 to get on the participant’s list, and to set aside your book, $15.00.

Catholics Returning Home - An Open Door for Returning Catholics

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?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for six informal sessions beginning Thursday, October 11th, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today. Please contact Kathleen Hass at kathleen@divinesavior.com or 916-998-7400 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 further information.

Youth Seeking Baptism or First Communion

Do you have a youth, ages 7-17 who hasn’t been baptized or celebrated his/her First Communion? Do you know someone that is asking questions about their faith and seeking answers? Now is the time to make a phone call to find out how this child/youth can get their spiritual desires met. Please call Sharon Laitinen at the parish office, 916-998-7400 x224 or email sharon@divinesavior.com.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

New ministers are welcome and personal coaching is provided. We take communion to residents in 6 facilities and also to those who request through the office. Private communion due to the inability to get to Mass for an extended period of time. Anyone interested in this ministry may email me at mthmarky@outlook.com for further information.

Mary Frontier

The 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Sept. 26 - Nov. 4th.
We are invited to protect mothers and children by joining the worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Here’s how to take part in the Sacramento community:

- Vigil location: FPA Clinic
- 2322 Butano Drive, Sac.
- Vigil hours: 8 am to 6 pm., Mon - Fri
- Local Contacts: Susan Money: 530-320-1614 or Sally Font: 916-849-0533

Knepshield. Call the parish office, 916-998-7400 for further information.

Mary Frontier

Around the Diocese

Annual Divine Mercy Conference Sat. October 6th Divine Mercy Parish, 2231 Club Center Dr., Sacramento
Always powerful and tuned in to the world as it is today, this year’s Conference features:

More information at: http://www.divinemercysacramento.org/
Registration: 8 am (coffee & donuts) Morning Mass: 8:30 am Presentations: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm (incl. lunch break) Bring your lunch or purchase there Confessions: All day TICKETS: $20 advanced registration; $25 at the door call Bob Johnson 916-723-2555 W; 916-990-0547 L…… or Linda McAlpine 916-961-7082

Patrick Madrid. You’ve heard him on Catholic radio. Now hear him IN PERSON.
Friday, September 28, 2018 at 6:30pm-8:30pm (BONUS talk for MEN only) Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 9:30am-3:00pm Registration 8:30am; Seminars 9:30am – 3:30 pm. The $25.00 ticket price includes both events.

Good Shepherd Church 9539 Racquet Court Elk Grove, CA 95758
To purchase tickets you can visit Good Shepherd’s website at www.gsgecc.org, or to go to Easter’s Catholic books and gifts – 6916 Sunrise Blvd. citrus Heights, CA 95610

Recycling Sunday

Where: behind the gym by dumpster
When: after all Sunday Masses September 30th
What we take: clean, empty plastic containers (milk, juice, water, detergent, trays) aluminum beverage cans, CRV, glass soda/beer bottles
We don’t take: paper, tin, plastic bags, batteries, electronics, medicinal waste
Why: Salvatorian Haiti Project

50-60 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY PROJECT!!

You may have heard the good news – new parish directory is set for 2019! We need many hands throughout this project, which begins with a volunteer meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:00pm in the Hospitality Room. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Nancy Andres at 916-987-6553 or kodiasprince@sbcglobal.net.

Sept. 22 & 23 — Volunteer Sign-ups in the vestibule!!!!!!

Collection for Foster Youth This Weekend

The food pantry for emancipated foster youth in Sacramento County is once again in need of non-perishable food items. These young people begin a life of independence at 18-20 years of age and need support from the community to be successful.

Food Pantry Needs

Place items in the Big Red Box in the vestibule.
Soup (pop tops preferred) Crackers
Canned fruits and vegetables (pop tops preferred) Peanut butter and jelly Macaroni and cheese
Chili tuna
Top Ramen Pasta/sauce/salad
Sugar/flour/salt Cereal
Boxed food Canned/boxed juice

Drivers to transport the donations are urgently needed!
Please call Peggy at 916-988-5168 if you can help, or if you need more information.