Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:  

Happy Father’s Day to all those who have cooperated with mothers in blessing us with life! Our Gospel today speaks of growth and we are grateful to our fathers, for being part of our development, especially in our formative years. We are especially appreciative of how you have helped us learn about life and love and the example you gave us on how to cooperate with God and others to continue building the Kingdom of God.

Because we do not live in a kingdom, it is helpful for us to replace that word with all the words that we think of when pondering what heaven will be like: peace, joy, unity, collaboration, justice, dignity, honor, being God’s beloved, etc. As our Gospel displays, we grow into these various blessings according to God’s brilliant design. To a great degree, we are like soil which makes itself available for planters to insert seeds. We do our best to provide God with an open heart, soul and mind so that He can instill in us the gifts only He can share, gifts that become more evident in the way that we live and treat ourselves and one another.

The two parables that Jesus told imply two very important points. Jesus does not set an end point to the development of our God given gifts. In other words, this is a life-time adventure. This thought can unsettle some who think that our formation in the goodness of God comes to an end at some point; or at some point of time that we establish. Death is the end point of our development of our gifts and growth as a person of God.

Along with this consideration comes the issue of why we are alive. Many current Catholic spiritual writers suggest that our goal is to become as peaceful as possible, based on our habit of loving ourselves and one another, which trait would clearly be tested by how easy it becomes for us to love those who are difficult to love. Others would suggest that the gauge of our growth is measured by the consistency of our ability to love as a Parishioner of God.

Death is the end point of our development of our gifts and growth as a person of God. Confirmation or at some other point of time that we establish. The Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) has graciously assigned a newly ordained priest, Fr. Marcel Emneh, as our Pastoral Associate. Fr. Marcel was born in Nigeria and has various experiences in parish ministry in Nigeria and Ghana. In the United States, he helped in a Salvatorian parish in Milwaukee for five years and made his profession of first, temporary vows as a Salvatorian in August 2014 and professed final vows on June 24, 2017. He was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate the following day and has spent the last year ministry in Nigeria and Ghana. He helps along with his congregation the Salvatorian community, which is a part of the Salvatorian Congregation.

The parish briefly in June/July and his official time with us begins August 1. A prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of Fr. Marcel is in order as is the usual warm welcome that our parish extends to someone new to our community that insures that our parishioners will collaborate with God and one another to develop the community that Jesus established - a community that insures that all people have the opportunity to grow in God’s peace. We are happy that Jesus spoke while He walked this earth in the same words that impel us to transform our world into a place where we share the goods of the earth so all people have what they need in order to feel God’s love. – Fr. Roman

### Schedule for the week of June 18th-24th

**Tuesday-June 19th**  
9:30am Centering Prayer St. Cecilia Rm  
6:00pm Senior Care Seminar Hall A

**Wednesday-June 20th**  
7:00pm Lux Ministry Y2

**Thursday-June 21st**  
6:00pm Community Meal Hall A

**Friday-June 22nd**  
6:30pm Movie Night Y-3

### Great news for our parish!

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- Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.
### Ministry Happenings

**Centering Prayer**
Centering prayer is a method of prayer that helps develop a relationship with God by being still and listening. A Centering Prayer group meets at Divine Savior on the third Tuesday of the month. The group meets at 9:30am in the St. Cecilia Room. If you'd like to participate in this form of prayer join us on June 19th. Questions? Call Joyce at 916-990-0546.

**LOOKING FOR CHILDREN’S BOOKS**
GET ON THE BUS MINISTRY RETURNS!
The Lay Salvatorians of DS parish, along with the Knights of Columbus, will be hosting children traveling to visit their incarcerated parents at Folsom Prison in June. We are looking for gently used and new children’s books for children (birth-teens) to give to them as they arrive for their day with their parent. This was hugely successful when we did it in prior years, and we’d like to gift the children again this year. Please drop off your books in the Vestibule in the designated containers from now until June 23. This is a great opportunity for us to support children in their literacy development and express our care and support of them growing into productive citizens.
Questions? Jan Bencken 916-987-1836

**Recycling Sunday**
Where: behind the gym by dumpster
When: after all Sunday Masses June 24th
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

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**
If you are interested in this ministry please email me at mthmaryk@outlook.com for further information. We take communion to residents in 6 facilities and also to those who request private communion because they can’t get out to Mass for an extended period.
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### Faith Formation News

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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### Ministry Happenings

**The 5 Rs of a ‘Zero-Waste’ Lifestyle**
1. **Refuse**
   - Less consumption: Don’t buy or access what you don’t need.
2. **Reduce**
   - Lessen what you do need or cannot refuse.
3. **Reuse**
   - Find new ways to use products you cannot refuse or reduce.
4. **Recycle**
   - What you cannot reduce, reuse or reduce.
5. **Rot**
   - Compost what remains.

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### Ministry Happenings

- **REFUSE** is at the top of the upside-down pyramid because REFUSE makes the biggest impact in reaching a ‘zero waste’ life style.
- **REFUSE means “SAYING NO.”**
  - Taiwan has done it. Britain and Canada are about to do it. New Delhi and Malibu, CA have done it. All of CA may do it. The ‘it’ is a complete ban on (or the dramatic limitation of) the single-use plastic drinking straw.
  - Americans alone use 500 million drinking straws daily, equivalent to filling 125 school buses with straws (or 46,400 school buses annually). End to end, straws used daily in the U.S. could circle the planet more than two-and-a-half times.
  - Straws and stirrers are among the top 10 marine plastic debris found during coastal cleanups. A plastic straw takes up to 200 years to decompose into tiny microbeads that remain floating in our oceans.
  - **‘REFUSE the STRAW’** means you contribute to cleaner air, land, and oceans.


Thank you! The Creation Care Team.
P.S. Join us! Contact DSCreationCare@gmail.com