

Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

The widow in today's Gospel was a woman of prayer. Through and because of prayer she realized who she was in God's eyes and accepted the responsibility to see that her needs were taken care, especially given that a judge was not inclined to do so. That she was so determined is underscored by the fact that, in the time of Jesus, a widow was likely to have little or no legal standing. Depending on circumstances, she was to one degree or another dependent on the good will of others.

She wasn't about to sit by and wait for someone to take up her cause. She decided to do it herself. We don't know what the issue was, but it doesn't make any difference. We know that today many widows are cheated or conned out of money and property. We know women who are used in various ways to profit others. While we realize there is nothing wrong with seeking others to help in situations of being used, abused or taken advantage of, our mission is to create a society in which all people can experience being treated with the dignity granted to us by our Creator God.

Whom does the widow symbolize? Whom else but God? God will not tire of calling us to see that people are treated with the dignity and respect that is due to God's beloved creation. Throughout the entire Bible, God takes the side of the poor, the downtrodden and the neglected. God has always had a special place for widows, orphans and aliens. We can see very clearly how today God is calling out to us to find ways of treating with appropriate dignity the people that come to us seeking asylum. We realize that this is a very complex situation and there are no easy answers except that we are called to "secure the rights of His (God's) chosen ones who call out to him (us) day and night."

When the Gospel asks if God will be slow to answer, the privilege is ours to say that we will act with the greatest efficiency in working together to see to the needs of those who look to us to make known the goodness and kindness of God our Savior.

The question that ends today's Gospel, "will the Son of Man find faith on earth?" is posed for us to respond to by the way we accept the responsibility and privilege to make real the love of God for all people. Part of our prayer life, as our second reading makes clear, is to realize that "all Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness." One way to make Scripture useful is to allow it to empower us to be competently equipped for every good work.

The Scriptures call us to collaborate with God in bringing about here on earth what we believe is the activity of heaven. We have the power and the privilege to create the greatest degree of peace, honor, respect and wholesomeness possible. Unlike the texture of our first reading which describes regional gods, we can teach the world that all that exists is the result of the creative genius of our all-loving God. We allow the sacred Scriptures to empower us with the wisdom to bring healing to all the hurting.

~Fr. Roman

Jesus asked, "Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

Luke 18:7

Parish Announcements

Schedule for the week of October 20th—October 26th

Sunday-October 20th		
10:30am	RCIA Inquiry	Small Conf. rm.
Monday-October 21st		
6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
7:00pm	Fr. Roman's small faith group	Church
Tuesday-October 22nd		
6:00pm	Reflections of the Word	St. Cecilia rm.
6:30pm	Romans Bible Study	M.S. room
Wednesday-October 23rd		
9:15am	Tai Chi	Church Vestibule
12:00pm	Lectio Divina	St. Cecilia rm.
Thursday-October 24th		
9:15am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
Friday-October 25th		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4
Saturday - October 26th		
9:30am	Day of Reflection	Hospitality/Hall A

The funeral for Mary Jo Adams, wife of Mike Adams will be on Monday, October 21st at 10:30am.



BRING YOUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS!

Divine Savior's faith formation ministries host **Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27th!**

2:30 carnival games in gym
3:00 parade through gym out to trunks in back parking lot

We are looking for people to decorate their cars. Cars will be parked behind the gym and need to be ready for Trunk -or-Treaters by **2:45pm**. Please contact Denise at 916-989-7400 or denise@divinesavior.com

if you would like to decorate your trunk! If you can't come but want to donate **peanut free candy** please bring them to the office before Friday, October 25th!



MASS INTENTIONS

October 19th	4:30pm	Mary Alice Fafone (D) Nick Ostrogonac (D)
October 20th	7:45am 9:30am	People of the Parish Cris Pelagio Alejandro Farinas (D)
	11:30am 5:30pm	Maureen Graf (D) Diane, Florence & Fred Butler (D)
October 21st	8:30am	Ana Hernandez Divine Savior Staff
October 22nd	8:30am	Jon Pinlac (D)
October 23rd	8:30am	Diane, Florence & Fred Butler (D)
October 24th	8:30am	Hannah C. O'Connor (D)
October 25th	8:30am	Chris Pelagio
October 26th	8:30am 4:30pm	Tracy Hass Rosario Valdez (D) Luthiera Conklin (D) Corinne Cornejo (D) Noreen Sicard (D)
October 27th	7:45am 9:30am 11:30am 5:30pm	People of the Parish Catalina Montenegro (D) Jacqueline Lerma (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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

Adrienne Aleschus, James Aleschus, John Aleschus, Logan Amos, Sean Amos, James Atwood, Andrew Bauer, Jordan Biasotti, Anthony Brooks, Jonathan Brooks, Jacob Camarillo, Aimee Chabot, Ephrem Choi, Elsie Cruz, Matt David, Travis Dardis, Derek Deatherage, David DeLaCruz, Alisen Dowell, Joe Downey, Andrew Durham, Brian Eberhard, Katharine Ernst & A.J. Smith, Tom Feyoe, Mathew Fox, Timothy Fox, Joseph Gast, Tyler Gedstad, Ereik Hartsell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, Tyler Kenobbie, William Krantz, Tyler Krantz, Andy Kuehn, Dayna Landry, Charles Philip Lopez, Kelly Mancini, Doran Martin, John Masterson, Bennet D. McGrane, Garrett McMann, Aaron McMurray, Francis Montojo, Joseph M. Paddock, Nathan Paddock, Chris Payant, David Petisor, Darin Pillman, Tim Pillman, Rachael Portoman, Logan Rasmussen, Trey Rasmussen, Tim Reid, Neal Ridge, Tony Rodriguez, Nicholas Roha, Ryan Roux, Matthew Sandoval, April Skou, Jacob and Nikki Steeb, James Thatche, Jadyne Trujillo, Aimee Vigil, Noah Villarreal, Danny Walsh, David Wentling, Kyle William and Brian Wright, Alexander Wrinkle.

If your loved one is out of the military please call Mary at 916-988-4984 to have them removed.

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

Alice Amantea	Bill Amantea
Bill Anderson	Sheldon Anderson Jr
Sharon Backus	Taryn Benson
Marlena Beyer	Talon Bonanno
Julie Bouse	Eduardo Bravo
Pam Chappell	Pat Collier
Lauri Comly	Joan Cotton
Jo Ann Coughlin	Mary Crandall
Madeleine Crepin	Noreen Davis
Frank Donner III	Michael W. Donner
Susan Drumm	Danielle Dulgerian
Reggie Faulk	Dorothy Feldman
Jim Fouret	Gary Green
J.J. Hall	Stephany Hammer
Tracy Hass	Bridgette Hubbard
Martin Jennings	Michele Kinaan
John Lehane	Zoe Mann
Angelita Martinez	Rosemary Mealey
Vicente Meno	Paul Moreau
Allen D. Nelson	Glen Newton
Ronnie Nichols	Patty Nicholson
John Padden	Karen Paddock
Waldi Paige	Eleanor Peterson
Gladys Reilly	Madeline Rose
Gerry Ryden	Donna Schulte
Marilyn Scott	Tom Sekel
Lee "Lucky" Shaver	Shari Sigl
Barbara Smith	Janet Thompson
Casey Wick	John Wick

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

Mary Jo Adams Nick Ostrogonac

—For these and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

VOCATIONS CROSS

Sunday, October 20th at the 7:45am Mass, Cathy Conte will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.



Parish Announcements

DID YOU KNOW?



Our Divine Savior Knights of Columbus Father Neil Seidl Council 13672 is celebrating it's 15-year anniversary as a council. **Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a pancake breakfast after the 7:45, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses THIS SUNDAY, in hall A and celebrate with the Knights.** The knights are hoping everyone will stop in, socialize and share some memories. If you're interested in becoming a knight, there will be plenty of knights with information to share.



Hope to see you there!

LITURGY CORNER—SAVE THE DATE

Liturgical Ministry Day of Reflection

We are excited to announce a retreat for all Liturgical Ministers on **Saturday, October 26th** from 9:30am - 2:30pm in Hall A/Hospitality. Rose Hernandez, of the Diocese of Fresno will be facilitating the retreat.

We are a part of something greater than ourselves. Come explore and reflect upon the relationship of our ministry to our parish and to the world.

Please RSVP to elaine@divinesavior.com if you are attending or can help with refreshments. You may also call the parish office to RSVP with Kathleen.

ALL Liturgical ministers are HIGHLY encouraged to attend, and ALL are welcome.

We will have a blessing of Liturgical Ministers at all weekend Masses October 26th and 27th.

Parish Announcements

Do you want to help plan parish social events and activities for all ages?

The first of our four "Discovery sessions" based on the parish survey will focus on social ministries. **Please join us on Sunday, Nov. 3rd at 1pm in Hospitality** as we share ideas and plan future Divine Savior events. Your input will make a difference! All are welcome! For more information, contact Laini Harris at greeneyedhockeygal@yahoo.com.



SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend we will celebrate **World Mission Sunday**, a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. Every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed. Mission dioceses—about 1,150 at this time—receive regular annual assistance from funds collected.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Please visit [The Pontifical Mission Societies](http://ThePontificalMissionSocieties.com) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Sarah Hart in concert at Divine Savior on Friday, December 6th at 7:00pm. **Don't forget to invite your friends and family.** Find out more about Sarah at <https://www.sarahhart.com/>



Parish Announcements

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 15	YTD thru Week # 15	Online giving
2019-2020 Year	\$ 18,104	\$ 254,583	\$ 899
2018-2019 Year	\$ 17,208	\$ 248,633	

Applications are now available to RECEIVE a Christmas Basket. They can be obtained from your child's elementary school, from parish faith formation leaders, parish website, or from the parish office. Confidentiality is strictly maintained. *Sponsor Family applications are now available beginning in the vestibule and via the parish website; these applications have a bright orange sheet attached.*



Questions about the Christmas Basket Ministry? Call 916-220-2604 or email: christmasbasket@divinesavior.com

All information is available in both English and Español.

The 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Prayer vigil is underway!

September 25th—November 3rd

HELP SAVE LIVES IN SACRAMENTO!

Here's how to take part in 40 days for life:

Vigil location: **FPA Clinic**
2322 Butano Drive, Sacramento
 Vigil hours: **8 am to 6 pm., Mon - Fri**

The Parish Respect Life Members have signed up for Monday's at the vigil, 1-2pm. Carpools are available. Parish contact: Sally Fong at santabarbarasally@yahoo.com.

For further details visit: 40daysforlife.com/sacramento

On Thursday evenings in September, our Community Meal served:

- **428 guests (average 107/week)**
- **640 meals! (average 160/week)**

Desserts donated by Shari's Berries were a big hit, as were placemats created by residents at Almond Heights Senior Living. Our County Supervisor, Sue Frost, accepted our invitation to visit and she was impressed with the meal as well as our Giving Garden. Special thanks to our parish gardeners who again provided vegetables for meals and guests. **THANK YOU** for your generous support of this ministry. We are blessed to have many volunteers, however, we can use more, especially in the kitchen! If you can help, please contact Julie Rose at julierose9211@gmail.com or 916-813-3106.



Faith Formation News

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Divine Savior, you are the best! When we need help, you respond. Thank you for your yes!

We need leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word. This wonderful ministry is ideally offered each Sunday at the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. Can you help one or two Sundays a month? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could also offer it during the 5:30pm Sunday evening Mass? Please call or email Elaine for further information 559-307-4216 or elaine@divinesavior.com

ARE YOU THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC



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 the parish office or sharon@divinesavior.com

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 Parish Office. Please contact Nancy Begley at 916-705-5464 for more information. If you know someone in need of comfort who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact the parish office.



MANNA, FOOD FROM HEAVEN

Manna Ministry is a pastoral care outreach that was begun by 11 women when the parish was founded in 1987. Some of the founders are still preparing loving meals. Manna provides temporary, supplemental meals, when there is a newborn in the home, or when someone is down and out due to an illness, an injury, or the death of a loved one. Please tell anyone you know who could benefit from this service about Manna. Encourage them to call or offer to call for them. For more information, a meal request, or **to volunteer**, please call Denise Verbeck at 916-967-5110 or the parish office at 916-989-7400.



COLLECTION FOR FOSTER YOUTH THIS WEEKEND—October 19th & 20th
Foster Youth Food/Paper Goods Collection

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.

Place items in the **Big Red Box** in the vestibule.

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| Soup (pop tops preferred) | Crackers | Peanut butter and jelly |
| Canned fruits and vegetables (pop tops preferred) | Macaroni and cheese | |
| Chili | Tuna | Top Ramen |
| Pasta/rice/sauces | Sugar/flour/salt | Cereal |
| Boxed food | Canned/Boxed Juice | |
- Paper products = TP, paper towels, facial tissue....Personal care products – deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, unopened sample-sized lotions and shampoo...

Drivers to transport the donations are urgently needed!

Please call or email Peggy at 916-718-8669 or pegmft@comcast.net if you can help, or if you need more information.

