

Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Last weekend we reflected on statements such as “you must be prepared for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” For some of us, this type of statement can arouse several feelings, such as doubt that we will be prepared, fear that we will be caught doing something quite sinful, or simply ignoring the statement and taking our chances that somehow the goodness of God will see that everything works out in our favor. A different approach would be to hear those words as an encouragement to develop habits by which we take time to pay special attention to how Jesus is present to us on an on-going basis and to allow Jesus to offer whatever Jesus finds most appropriate to bless us with.

Today’s Gospel can arouse similar sentiments as well. Most of us are afraid of fire, so when Jesus speaks about setting the earth on fire, we can easily be frightened because we wonder where we will go for safety. If we hear Jesus’ statement as a symbolic expression, one way to hear it is to realize that fire can be used to transform certain commodities to produce something very different and useful. Gas in our stoves, while it can be dangerous, nonetheless helps us to prepare what we heat, or heats water for our bathing needs. With this view, we pray that we would let the fire of the love Jesus reveals transform us into instruments that bring into our world greater energy for optimism, mutual respect, and a desire to transform our world into what God intended it to be when God created it.



Fire is useful in making it possible to separate dross from precious metals or in refining certain products. Also, fire on a candle reminds us of how a gentle flame symbolizes the ever-quiet voice of God speaking into our darkness about how God is present for us when we experience the downsides of life. We pray that we would let the fire of Jesus’ love extract from us our sins and the residue that they create, so that we can more authentically invite others to be renewed and refreshed.

Jesus also speaks about a baptism. The symbolism from our first reading helps us to be understand the richness of this symbol. Jeremiah was, because of his upsetting the people by his calling out their wayward behavior, lowered into a pit where he sank into the mud. When Jesus used the word “baptism”, he was referring to a process by which a person was lowered into water just as Jerry was lowered into the pit. This gesture speaks about how we die to sin in the sense that we let the love of God wipe it away. We let go of anything that interferes with our living as God’s beloved. It also connects us with how Jesus let go of His life through His crucifixion. Just as Jesus was raised, and Jeremiah too, so we pray that we rise to new and fuller life while living out the love of Jesus.

Jesus also uses the notion of division. What Jesus means is that we do not let family issues and traditions, cultural and ethnic traits or any other influence get in the way of fully taking up the mission of Jesus in going against the grain and reaching out and serving the needy.

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of August 18th—August 23rd

<u>Sunday August 18th</u>		
All Masses	Faith Formation Enrollment	Vestibule
<u>Tuesday-August 20th</u>		
9:30am	Centering Prayer	St. Cecilia rm.
6:00pm	Senior Workshop	Hall A
6:00pm	LUX Young Adults	Y 2
6:00pm	Reflections of the Word	St. Cecilia rm.
<u>Wednesday-August 21st</u>		
9:15am	Tai Chi	Church
Noon	Lectio Divina	St. Cecilia rm.
<u>Thursday-August 22nd</u>		
9:30am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
<u>Friday-August 23rd</u>		
7:00am	Men’s Prayer Group	M 4

NEW Mass time begins Sunday,
September 15, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Fr. Roman will be away on vacation beginning Monday, August 19th through Sunday, September 1st.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY AUGUST 17 & 18

Each year in parishes throughout the United States, parishioners have an opportunity to hear about the world missions. THIS weekend August 17-18, 2019 Sister Patrice Coolick, a Sister of St. Joseph will speak on behalf of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at all the masses. The Sisters of St. Joseph have missions in Peru and work with people who live in poverty and in the margins of society. Sister Patrice Coolick was a missionary in Peru and knows the needs of the Sisters and the people to whom they minister. We ask the people in the parish to pray for the Sisters of St. Joseph in Peru. Our second collection will be added to the pool of all mission appeals throughout the diocese and the total sum will be divided equally among the groups making an appeal. Envelopes are available in the vestibule.



MASS INTENTIONS

August 17th	4:30pm	Koda Ibanez Yoo Dominic Cairrel (D)
August 18th	7:45am	Joe Joyce (D) Truyen Ha (D)
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	David Collier (D) Henry Gomes (D)
August 19th	8:30am	Paul Parker Donna Heintzman Patricia Pearson
August 20th	8:30am	Bernardo Ibanez Yolanda Carlson
August 21st	8:30am	Kim Michael Virtue (D)
August 22nd	8:30am	Roman Mueller, S.D.S.
August 23rd	8:30am	Tracy Hass Sally Silva (D)
August 24th	8:30am	Howard Nishio (D) Susan Drumm Myron Howe (D) Dana Batt (D)
August 25th	7:45am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Michaela Jordan P. Josh Burke (D)
	11:30am	Catalina Montenegro (D) Jacqueline Lerma (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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, EreK 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.)

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| Jeffrey Ahola | Alice Amantea |
| Bill Amantea | Bill Anderson |
| Sheldon Anderson Jr | Sharon Backus |
| Taryn Benson | Marlena Beyer |
| 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 |
| Danielle Dulgerian | Reggie Faulk |
| Dorothy Feldman | Lily Garcia |
| Gary Green | Stephany Hammer |
| Tracy Hass | Bridgette Hubbard |
| Martin Jennings | Robert Jezik |
| Michele Kinaan | Anna Ledgerwood |
| Christopher Manuel Lopez | Tonya Marmon |
| Donald W. McMurchie | Vicente Meno |
| Allen D. Nelson | Glen Newton |
| Ronnie Nichols | Patty Nicholson |
| Richard Nodlinski | Nick Ostrogonac |
| John Padden | Karen Paddock |
| Waldi Paige | Eleanor Peterson |
| Pete Peterson | Kenneth Quigley |
| Gladys Reilly | Madeline Rose |
| Gerry Ryden | Donna Schulte |
| Marilyn Scott | Tom Sekel |
| Shari Sigl | Barbara Smith |
| Janet Thompson | Casey Wick |
| John Wick | |

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

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| Pat Bettencourt | Tricia Carder |
| Patricia Hamilton | Kathleen Lankas |
| John Tollefson | |

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

VOCATIONS CROSS

Sunday, August 18th at the 11:30am Mass, Mary Ware will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.



Parish Announcements

DID YOU KNOW?

NEXT Sunday morning August 25, when you sign up to be a new parish volunteer at the Ministry Fair, you will be able to get your **Fingerprinting done on site (this FREE service will be available from 10am till 12noon)** in the MS room off the gymnasium.



LITURGY CORNER

We need your help! We need lectors, greeters, altar servers, EMs, ushers, sacristans and front and back end techs (screen operators and formatters) for all masses especially the **NEW 5:30pm Mass**. Youth, adults, and family teams welcome!

Please prayerfully discern how you may serve your parish family at any of our Masses. You will only be scheduled according to YOUR availability, whether once a week, once a month, or once in a blue moon! If you are a current minister, please also update your schedule availability to include the 5:30pm Mass if this is an option for you.

Upcoming Formation sessions:

ALTAR SERVERS – NEW AND CURRENT

On **Wednesday August 28th** we will have ALTAR SERVER formation/refresher at **9:15am and 6:00pm**. Please plan on attending this important session led by Fr. Marcel. Other times can be arranged to fit your schedule. Please contact frmarcel@divinesavior.com

EM, LECTOR, USHER, GREETER & TECH MINISTERS - NEW AND CURRENT

On **Sunday, September 8th at 1pm** we will have formation sessions in the church. **Please plan on attending.** RSVP elaine@divinesavior.com or kathleen@divinesavior.com

QUEST

If you are male (or know of a male) who's been affected by an abortion experience, know that there is support and healing. A new, and unique, ministry (named Quest) was recently founded to provide a forum for men to talk openly about their abortion experience and how it has affected their lives.

Quest provides a safe, casual, non-judgmental setting where men can meet other men with a similar abortion experience. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Divine Savior Church beginning August 20th. There is no cost. Visit: www.questsacramento.org. Email: matt@questsacramento.org. Please tell your friends and family about Quest.



Parish Announcements

TREASURE FEST RESULTS!

Without your participation and extraordinary help this year, the Treasure Fest would not have been the success it was! The gross income from this year's Treasure Fest was \$41,500; expenses came to \$4,500, leaving us with \$37,000 in profit for our parish. Many blessings of gratitude to the many people who worked together to accept donations for this fund raiser, those who donated items for the sale, those who prepared the various displays, as well as those who worked during the actual three days of the sale. Besides our wonderful parish volunteers, which included adults and teens, we were blessed with the help of the Scout troop that the parish sponsors as well as the football team and ROTC youth from Casa Roble High School. This year, we even had members of the new Orangevale-Fair Oaks Kiwanis club helping! In addition to parish proceeds, we also touched many lives through our Partner Agencies by giving them many, many items for their client communities: Goodwill, Salvation Army, Disabled American Veterans, Snowline Hospice, SPCA, Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincent de Paul, and many others. We can rightfully be proud of another occasion in which we have benefitted our parish community but also involved and provided goods for the wider community.

Mark your calendars for July 2020 when we will begin again the preparation for the event!



POSITIVE APPROACHES TO CAREGIVING

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 | Hall A 6:00pm

Gain Satern, Family Consultant
Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center

Caring for a loved one can be physically and mentally demanding. This presentation will provide you with tools to navigate through the challenges of caregiving and help you to discover how one's attitude, stress, positive and negative self-talk and use of optimism can shape your perspective of caregiving. For info and to RSVP, please call Senior Care Solutions: (916) 965-5565.

Occasionally, people will be outside of church asking for money. While parishioners are free to do as you please with your money, I encourage you not to give money to those asking for it. We do not know whether how they present themselves represents their actual situation. One person's giving money might put pressure on others to do the same, even though they would rather not or can't afford to. A smile and pleasant greeting are many times a greater gift to give. In addition, we are always free to invite them to hospitality, to our Community Meal, or to visit our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.

Parish Announcements

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 6	YTD thru Week # 6	Online giving
2019-2020 Year	\$ 19,237	\$ 100,778	\$ 529
2018-2019 Year	\$ 22,324	\$ 99,268	
Church in Latin America	\$ 2,268		

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to make conscious choices about how we will use our time, talent and treasure to offer fitting thanks to God, even when we face challenging times, is one way to measure the extent of our faithfulness to Jesus.

Water = Life!

New well in Tanzania sponsored by Divine Savior

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, over 2,500 people in the village of Namiungo, Tanzania have clean water! See details and photos of the new well on our parish website. <https://www.divinesavior.com>

RECYCLING SUNDAY

Where: behind the gym by the dumpster
When: NEXT Sunday, August 25th, after all the Masses
What: ONLY CA CRV Plastic Bottles and Aluminum beverage containers.
We no longer accept any glass bottles/containers or number 1 plastic containers.
Why: Salvatorian Haiti Project



Ministry Opportunities

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 **August 20th**. Questions? Call Joyce at 916-990-0546.

Faith Formation News



FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT TIME!!!

Enrollment in the church vestibule TODAY Sunday, August 18th, 9am—1pm as well as at the church office during the week and online. Please check out our website at divinesavior.com and click on the faith formation tab at the top of the home screen. There you will find more information about all of our programs, as well as online enrollment forms. **Faith Formation will kick off on September 8th! ENROLL NOW!** Any questions?

K – 5th grade email Jen Shaver at jennifer@divinesavior.com

First Communion/Reconciliation preparation email Sharon Laitinen at sharon@divinesavior.com

6th - 8th grade email Denise Hackett denise@divinesavior.com or Daniel Ardoin at danieljamesardoin@gmail.com

High School and Confirmation preparation email Debbie or Daniel at lifeteen@divinesavior.com

growing in faith together

ENROLLMENT FOR RCIA ADAPTED NOW

Divine Savior is enrolling children/youth wanting to know about Jesus Christ and how Catholics live the Christian faith. Children/Youth, ages 7-17, who are not baptized or older children who haven't made their First Communion, are welcome to enroll in the preparation process called Rite of Christian Initiation adapted for young people. Call Sharon Laitinen, 916-989-7400 or sharon@divinesavior.com.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME An Open Door for Returning Catholics

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 as we begin our informal sessions on Thursday, September 12th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today. For additional information, contact Kathleen Hass at 916-989-7400 or kathleen@divinesavior.com