

Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

The fourth word of today's Gospel, traveling, is another reminder that Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem where He will complete His mission of revealing God's love for all people. Jesus turns and addresses us as a symbol that He expects us to allow the Holy Spirit to help us make clear choices. Jesus shares four examples that help us to understand what changes and transformations He wants us to make.

The first is expressed in language that seems quite harsh and even unkind to us. He uses the word hate in reference to family members. We keep in mind that, at the time of Jesus, people spoke in extremes. Also, at the time of Jesus, breaking away from family, tribe and village was considered social suicide; one no longer could look to any of them for support and encouragement. Some of Jesus' relatives even thought that He was crazy for making this break. Those who did make the break were able to share the support of their newly established community led by Jesus. The basic idea was to establish a new way of relating and a new way of establishing priorities, namely, doing the will of the heavenly Father and not some family tradition. Regarding food and shelter, they were to rely upon the Jewish understanding that a stranger was to be treated as family; several weeks ago, Jesus had given His followers instructions how to interact with those who gave them food and shelter.

Secondly, Jesus states that in order to follow Him everyone must carry his/her cross. For Jesus, there was a straight line from the cross to one's doing all one can individually and with other community members to bring relief to all who suffered from oppression of any kind. Today, oppression would include those who suffer from hunger, lack of water, education, a home and anything else that keeps one from being able to do the same for others in similar situations. This refers to making real the kingdom of heaven here on earth, a kingdom in which all live in freedom, peace and justice.

The next two examples have to do with accomplishing real and practical goals such as building a tower (like for a vineyard) or going to war. These two examples refer to what is involved in being a faithful and productive follower of Jesus. The hope is that all disciples will choose, in light of our first reading, to be as fully attentive to the Holy Spirit as is humanly possible. Given our first example, this would include paying attention to the counsel of the Spirit rather than any supposed wisdom we might think we get from some other source. Of course, we can help each other in discerning how the Holy Spirit is guiding us. In order to bring about the ministry involved in the second example above, we will surely depend on the Spirit, especially when we face opposition for seeing to the needs of the disadvantaged and the oppressed.

The fourth example ties back to the first, except in this case, Jesus calls us to keep our concern for possessions in a properly limited focus. While Jesus says to renounce all possessions, we realize that in today's world we need certain things in order to do our ministry. However, we are called to keep our possessions within certain limits so that, to the greatest degree possible, we can focus on the care of others.

~Fr. Roman

**Schedule for the week of September 8th—September 15th**

<b>Sunday-September 8th</b>		
9:00am	Early Childhood-5th CFF Kick-off	Gym
10:30am	RCIA Inquiry	Sm. Conf. rm.
1:00pm	Liturgical Minister Formation	Church
4:00pm	EDGE/LIFETEEN Kick-off	Gym
<b>Monday-September 9th</b>		
6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
<b>Tuesday-September 10th</b>		
10:00am	Respect Life Mtg	MS rm.
6:00pm	LUX Young Adults	Y 2
6:00pm	Reflections of the Word	St. Cecilia rm.
<b>Wednesday-September 11th</b>		
9:15am	Tai Chi	Church Vestibule
9:30am	Liturgical Minister Formation	Church
12:00pm	Lectio Divina	St. Cecilia rm.
6:30pm	Liturgical Minister Formation	Church
<b>Thursday-September 12th</b>		
9:30am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
6:30pm	Catholics Returning Home	Sm. Conf. rm.
<b>Friday-September 13th</b>		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4
<b>Saturday/Sunday-September 14th-15th</b>		
All Masses	Small Faith Group Sign ups	Vestibule
<b>Sunday-September 15th</b>		
5:30pm	Sunday Evening Mass begins	Church

**EXCITING NEWS**

Beginning in ONE week on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Divine Savior will offer a Sunday evening Mass at 5:30pm! if you would like to participate in the liturgy for this Mass or any of the earlier Masses. Please contact [elaine@divinesavior.com](mailto:elaine@divinesavior.com)

**DIOCESAN PRIESTS RETIREMENT**

THIS weekend, there will be a second collection—the Diocesan Collection for Priests Retirement. This is our opportunity to take care of the faithful and dedicated priests who have spent their lives caring for our spiritual and sacramental needs within our Diocese. If you are not prepared this weekend, there are envelopes in the vestibule for you to take home. Simply return the envelope in the offering next week. Thank you for your support of our parish priests.

**Second Collection**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

September 7th	4:30pm	Myron Howe (D)
		Albert Effinger (D)
September 8th	7:45am	Patricia Elliott Crespin (D)
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Jim & Nicki Anderson
September 9th	8:30am	Ian McCue (D)
September 10th	8:30am	Verrill Bassett (D)
September 11th	8:30am	Marta Borbon Ehling (D)
September 12th	8:30am	
September 13th	8:30am	Toni Arce
		Tracy Hass
September 14th	8:30am	Verrill Bassett (D)
	4:30pm	Myron Howe (D)
		Dr. Alireza Pessaran
September 15th	7:45am	Patricia Elliott Crespin (D)
		Leonardo Hernandez (D)
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	John Murray Baughman (D)
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

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	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
Jim Fouret	Lily Garcia
Gary Green	Stephany Hammer
Tracy Hass	Bridgette Hubbard
Michele Kinaan	Frank Lanza
John Lehane	Christopher Manuel Lopez
Angelita Martinez	Donald W. McMurchie
Rosemary Mealey	Vicente Meno
Allen D. Nelson	Ronnie Nichols
Patty Nicholson	Richard Nodlinski
Nick Ostrogonac	John Padden
Karen Paddock	Waldi Paige
Eleanor 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	

**VOCATIONS CROSS**

Sunday, September 8th at the 7:45am Mass, Bob Johnson and Carlo Johnson will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious



**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 Kraintz, Tyler Kraintz, 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.**

**Parish Announcements**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

We sell Fair Trade coffee, hot cocoa and chocolate the second full weekend of each month at all the Masses. Sales will take place NEXT Saturday and Sunday, September 14th & 15th in the vestibule. Fair Trade purchases help people in developing countries provide for their families.

If you would like to help after one of the Masses please call Joyce at 916-990-0546. And you don't have to drink coffee or like chocolate to do this!



**LITURGY CORNER—HELP WANTED**

You are awesome! You have signed up to be lectors, Ems, greeters, altar servers, ushers and sacristans. Yay You!

So while we could use more ministers in every category (like altar servers)... **We desperately NEED TECHS!** Some of our Masses only have one regularly scheduled tech. Please help. If you can follow along closely at Mass and like to be behind the scenes...literally, please call, email or text Elaine at [elaine@divinesavior.com](mailto:elaine@divinesavior.com) or 559-307-4216.

Thank you again so much for your overwhelming show of support of our parish!

Upcoming Formation sessions:

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

**THIS Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm** we will have formation sessions in the church.

An additional day has also been added. Formation sessions will also be held on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am and 6:30pm. **ALL NEW MINISTERS PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING.** Current ministers welcome. RSVP [elaine@divinesavior.com](mailto:elaine@divinesavior.com).



**MOVING ON FELLOWSHIP:** We will meet THIS Monday, Sept. 9th; no-host brunch, 10:30am, Annie's Restaurant (Beech & Greenback). No program, social meet only. We are an informal group of Divine Savior widows and widowers who offer friendship, practical help and prayer to the bereaved in "moving on" to a new, satisfying life. All are welcome. For more information, call Pat Bisotti, 530-307-2147.

**Parish Announcements**

**SMALL FAITH GROUPS**

NEXT WEEKEND September 14th & 15th in the parish vestibule, you can choose from ten amazing Small Faith Group topics! **Fr. Roman will be leading one for the first time.**



that is in the vestibule today.

Enjoy fellowship as you engage in your choice of bible studies, spiritual books/videos, special interest studies or a prayer group. **Pick up a flyer**

**DIVINE SAVIOR IS STAFFED BY SALVATORIANS, BUT WHO ARE THEY?**

On October 5th at 9:15am, Fr. Sal Ragusa, SDS, in collaboration with the Salvatorian sisters and lay Salvatorians, will share the history, charism and mission of the Salvatorian community as it is expressed in our parish ministries. I encourage all parishioners and especially ministry leaders to attend. Lunch provided following the presentation. Please RSVP by October 2nd, your attendance for lunch by emailing [kathleen@divinesavior.com](mailto:kathleen@divinesavior.com) or calling 916-989-7400.



Due to the support of our wonderful parishioners, the Knights fire work's booth was a huge success and they were able to make a generous donation to the parish as well as our Scouts program. In addition, they recently had the outside of the M rooms touched up and repainted to make the building look nice before Children's Faith formation kicks off this weekend!

Also, THIS weekend, the Knights are hosting Hospitality after all Sunday morning Masses. Please stop by for some treats!

We are grateful to the Knights for their continued generosity to our parish!

**Parish Announcements**

**Year over Year Plate Collection Performance**

	Week # 9	YTD thru Week # 9	Online giving
2019-2020 Year	\$ 14,050	\$153,282	\$ 1,085
2018-2019 Year	\$ 14,065	\$146,470	
		\$	

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He really asking us to give up *everything*? Or is He trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God? Good stewards are the ones who realize this and use their gifts in ways that express gratitude to God for all of God's blessings.

**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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:kathleen@divinesavior.com)

**Ministry Opportunities**

**CENTERING PRAYER**

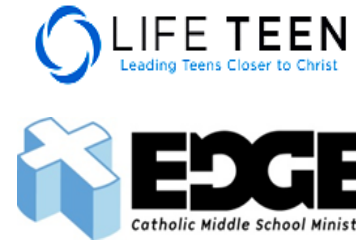
Centering prayer is a method of prayer that helps develop a relationship with God by being still and listening. A Centering Prayer group meets at Divine Savior on the **third Tuesday of the month**. The group meets at 9:15am in the St. Cecilia Room. If you'd like to participate in this form of prayer, join us on **September 17th**. Questions? Call Joyce at 916-990-0546.

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**



We always welcome new people into this ministry. The time commitment is very minimal, but the sense of personal fulfillment is great. We take communion to people unable to get to Mass, young and old. Be sure to stop by our table at the Ministry Fair. For further information, contact [mth-maryk@outlook.com](mailto:mth-maryk@outlook.com).

**Faith Formation News**



**FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT TIME!!!** Faith Formation will kick off THIS SUNDAY, September 8th in the gym!

Early Childhood—5th grade at 9:00am in the gym.

EDGE and LifeTeen at 4:00pm in Hospitality and the gym. Enrollment forms will be available.

Any questions contact:

Early Childhood – 5<sup>th</sup> grade email Jen Shaver at [jennifer@divinesavior.com](mailto:jennifer@divinesavior.com)

First Communion/Reconciliation preparation email Sharon Laitinen at [sharon@divinesavior.com](mailto:sharon@divinesavior.com)

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade email Denise Hackett [denise@divinesavior.com](mailto:denise@divinesavior.com) or Daniel Ardoin at [danieljamesardoin@gmail.com](mailto:danieljamesardoin@gmail.com)

High School and Confirmation preparation email Debbie or Daniel at [lifeteen@divinesavior.com](mailto:lifeteen@divinesavior.com)

*growing in faith together*

**FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION ENROLL NOW! Sessions begin Wednesday, September 25th.**



Children, ages 7 and older, who are baptized and have attended at least one year of faith formation are encouraged to start the First Communion and First Reconciliation process. Enrollment forms available online or in the church office.

**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](mailto:sharon@divinesavior.com)

