

Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Most of us know what it is like to lose something, especially something we need or that is of great value. We know about the horrible feeling that burdens us when we do not find what we had lost. We also can easily remember the joy that came over us when we found what was lost. This is especially true when it involves a child in a store or amusement park. We can easily harmonize with the man and woman in the two parables Jesus provides for our reflection this Sunday.

The context is one in which Jesus is associating with tax collectors and sinners who were drawing near to listen to Him. It is a rather typical scene in that the Pharisees and scribes were complaining about Jesus' behavior. We want to keep in mind that it would be far better if we thought that *some* Pharisees and scribes were complaining. It is equally as important to be clear as to why these folks were complaining about Jesus' behavior. Some of these people were very serious about one of the statements they learned in their religious formation sessions, namely, that people are to be holy as God is holy. Their thinking was that it was impossible to be holy if those they considered unholy were to be members of the faith community. Given this understanding, they would exclude people from the community that they considered to be unholy. We know that a major difficulty here is that they were also taught that no one was to judge another person, especially when it came to determining if someone were holy.

We see similar behaviors today when people become anxious and upset because they see the texture of their neighborhoods change because of the influx of people they perceive to be different from themselves. Pope Francis is criticized for raising the question as to how people previously considered ineligible to share in certain sacraments might be welcomed to do so. His critics complain that he is not honoring the holiness of those certain sacraments and the laws that exist to protect them. Pope Francis wonders if it is not these very people who need to be nurtured and healed through the sacraments so that they can, in fact, get their lives in order.

Moses in our first reading supposedly talks God down from His wrathful blaze, reminding God of the promises that He had made to His servants in days of old. We need to keep in mind that it is the people who pictured God as angry for their having wandered off the path by making a molten calf and worshipping it. The people were still sorting out whether they could really put their faith in a God they could not see. Some of us have similar concerns today.

The man and woman in the parables are stand-ins for God who will go to all lengths to search out and find those who have gone astray in any way. In portraying God this way, Jesus is reminding those complaining about Him what the true nature of God is. God is wonderfully joyful at attracting someone into a loving relationship with Him. Jesus is showing that His interest in and concern for those considered sinners is His way of revealing the goodness of God as He experiences that goodness. We have the privilege of imitating Jesus in welcoming those today who have been excluded or mistreated.

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of September 14th—September 22nd		
Saturday/Sunday-September 14 & 15		
All Masses	Small Faith Group Sign ups	Vestibule
Sunday-September 15th		
8:15 am	CFF K-5th Grade	Y 3
9:30am	Early Childhood	St. Cecilia rm.
10:15am	CFF K-5th Grade	Y 3
4:00pm	EDGE	Hospitality
4:15pm	CFF K—5th Grade	Y 1
5:30pm	NEW Sunday Evening Mass	Church
6:30pm	LIFETEEN	Y 2
Monday-September 16th		
6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
Tuesday-September 17th		
9:15am	Centering Prayer	St. Cecilia rm.
6:00pm	Reflections of the Word	St. Cecilia rm.
Wednesday-September 18th		
9:15am	Tai Chi	Church Vestibule
12:00pm	Lectio Divina	St. Cecilia rm.
Thursday-September 19th		
9:30am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Library
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
6:30pm	Catholics Returning Home	Sm. Conf. rm.
Friday-September 20th		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4

Please be aware that children are present around campus on Sundays as Children's Faith Formation begins this weekend. **Please drive slowly in the parking lots, especially near the portables!**



Thank you!

This Monday afternoon, September 16, the Independent Compensation Program (ICP) will begin accepting registrations. The Diocese of Sacramento is joining those in Los Angeles, Fresno, Orange, San Bernadino and San Diego in a program that brings compensation and justice to those who were sexually abused as minors by diocesan priests. All claims, regardless of how long ago they may have occurred, will be considered by the program. The ICP is independent, outside the control of any diocese. For more information, including how to submit a claim, please visit www.CaliforniaDiocesesICP.com. Let us always remember to pray for the victims of priest sexual abuse. As their pain is ongoing, so must our prayers for them be.

MASS INTENTIONS		
September 14th	4:30pm	Dr. Alireza Pessarar Myron Howe (D)
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	Manuel Ferreira Jack Debord (D)
September 16th	8:30am	Verrill Bassett (D)
September 17th	8:30am	Dominic Cairel (D) Thomas Cairel
September 18th	8:30am	Jeannette T. Chumbler (D) William D. Devine, Sr. (D)
September 19th	8:30am	Corsene Murphy
September 20th	8:30am	Remedios Borja (D)
September 21st	8:30am	Corsene Murphy
	4:30pm	Marie Barbato (D) Linda Bava
September 22nd	7:45am	Patricia Elliott Crespin (D) Jeannie Biamonte
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Arlene Ibanez Yoo Rosalina Jacinto (D)
	5:30pm	Jinny Sigl

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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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| 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 | 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 | Lee "Lucky" Shaver |
| Shari Sigl | Barbara Smith |
| Janet Thompson | Casey Wick |
| John Wick | |

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

- Donald W. McMurchie
- Susan Marie Venney

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

VOCATIONS CROSS

Sunday, September 15th at the 7:45am Mass, James De Vous will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.



Parish Announcements

DID YOU KNOW?

On Friday, October 4th we will have a Mass in honor of St. Francis of Assisi at 8:30am



Blessing of Pets at 10:00am and 7:30pm

Family Outdoor Movie Night — A Dog's Journey 8pm
Bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks, and the family including pets in a carrier or on a leash!

(movie preview presentation in Y3 at 11am; humans only, please)

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 or 559-307-4216.

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



FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Sales will take place **THIS Saturday and Sunday, September 14th & 15th** at each Mass in the Vestibule.



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 continue our informal sessions on Thursday, September 19th, 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

Parish Announcements

SMALL FAITH GROUPS

THIS 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.**



Pick up a flyer 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.

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

On Saturday, 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 or calling 916-989-7400.



SAVE THE DATE

Sarah Hart in concert at Divine Savior on Friday, December 6th at 7:00pm. Check out Sarah at <https://www.sarahhart.com/>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

September 25th—November 3rd
Vigil location: **FPA Clinic**
2322 Butano Drive, Sacramento
Vigil hours: **8 am to 6 pm., Mon - Fri**

Divine Savior Respect Life Members have signed up to pray from 1-2 pm on the sidewalk, any Monday during the 40 Days' vigil. **Come when you can.** Carpools are available. Parish contact: Sally Fong at santabarbarasally@yahoo.com.

For further details visit: 40daysforlife.com/sacramento

Parish Announcements

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 10	YTD thru Week # 10	Online giving
2019-2020 Year	\$ 20,405	\$174,793	\$ 445
2018-2019 Year	\$ 17,430	\$164,610	
Diocesan Priest Retirement	\$ 3,869		

Our Gospel includes the parables of the lost sheep and lost coin. We can feel lost at times for a number of reasons and in a number of ways. Is it second nature to remind ourselves that God will always seek us out and remind us that we are loved and cared about? We pray that we can find ways to use our time, talent and treasure to imitate God and follow the wisdom of Pope Francis and seek out those who are on the margins of society, those who have lost their way in life, those who would give life another chance if only someone shared a smile and kind word with them.

QUEST

If you are male who's been affected by an abortion experience, know that there is support and healing. A new, 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, 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 Sept. 17th at 6pm in M3.** There is no cost. Visit: www.questsacramento.org. Email: matt@questsacramento.org.

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



Thank you to those who signed up at the Ministry Fair to explore this ministry. We are a welcoming ministry. The time commitment is minimal, but the sense of personal fulfillment is great. We take communion to people unable to get to Mass, young and old. For further info, contact mtthmaryk@outlook.com.

Faith Formation News



All children and youth faith formation sessions start this weekend!!!

Enrollment forms are available online or in the church office. Any questions contact:

Early Childhood – 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

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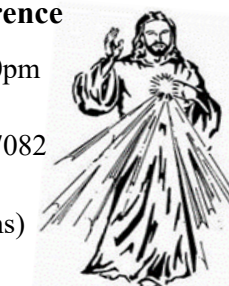
Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

Please join Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services, a Ministry of the Diocese of Sacramento, for their first ever **Open House Weekend, Saturday, September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd from 10 am to 4 pm.** Ask questions about funeral services, cremation, burial options and much more in a no pressure atmosphere. Take a driving or walking tour of Calvary Cemetery & Funeral Center or one of the other local Catholic Cemeteries and start the conversation. Parking and admission are free. Refreshments will be available and register for the chance to win up to \$2,500. Come join us. For more information, please contact Nicole Zamora, Director of Community Outreach, at (916) 840-2138 or by e-mail at nzamora@cfcssacramento.org.

14th Annual Divine Mercy Conference

Saturday, October 12th 8:30am to 4:30pm
Divine Mercy Parish, Sacramento
Tickets: \$20. contact Linda 916-961-7082
Speakers: EWTN's Fr. Bill Casey
Eric Mahl (Cleveland Browns)

More details later this month.



Jesus I Trust In You