

Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Our Gospel passage for this Sunday includes another parable that Jesus shared, a parable that at first glance seems quite strange. The main person in the parable is a manager for a rich man's property. Someone squealed to the rich man that this manager was taking advantage of him. So, the rich man calls in the manager and asks him to come clean about his dealing with the rich man's property before he is fired.

So, when the manager left the rich man to prepare his report, he began to think of schemes that would keep him in the good favor of some and thereby avoid hard work like digging, or the shameful activity of those who had to beg. There is some controversy about how he reduced what two debtors owed the rich man. Some claim that he was cheating the rich man while others think that what he eliminated from their bills was the commission for himself. If the second idea is true, he was certainly a very greedy man, to the point of criminal activity. This would be reason enough why Jesus would have referred to him as the dishonest steward. The parable itself ends with the master, the rich man, commending the manager for acting prudently.

The next two verses after the parable explain the parable. But what do we make of the parable without that explanation? How can the manager's behavior be called "prudent"? It seems best to refer to the definition of prudent as "acting with care and thought of the future." This chap was not going to sit idly by as the master, the rich man, terminated him from his job. He quickly decided on the action he was going to take in order to make life as manageable as possible after the loss of his job. He was in a crisis and he quickly decided on a way to minimize the negative possibilities of the crisis.

We know that many people today are in crisis situations. Some people are forced to choose between paying the rent or purchasing the meds they need. A parishioner just last week said they are moving because they can no longer afford to live in California. Many are losing their jobs because of automation and do not have the skills for jobs that are available. Our air and water are polluted. It is very difficult to figure out how to deal with the homeless population. A renewed interest in bigger and better weapons of war is evident. Considering our first reading, we are aware of the tremendous financial disparity between the very wealthy and the very poor.

One possible question for us is who is going to be like the dishonest steward and act with brilliance of mind and a concern for the welfare of so many people today and on into the future. We give thanks for the ministries in our parish that offer various levels of assistance to those who are in need. What practical action can we as a faith community take to change some of the systemic issues that spell disaster for so many people. Certainly, with much concern about the campaigns leading up to the elections in 14 months, we have an opportunity to spend the time to learn about which candidates offer the greatest hope of making significant changes.

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of September 22nd—September 27th		
Saturday/Sunday-September 21 & 22		
All Masses	Small Faith Group Sign ups	Vestibule
Sunday-September 22nd		
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
<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>NEW Sunday Evening Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>
6:30pm	LIFETEEN	Y 2
Monday-September 23rd		
6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
Tuesday-September 24th		
6:00pm	Reflections of the Word	St. Cecilia rm.
Wednesday-September 25th		
9:15am	Tai Chi	Church Vestibule
12:00pm	Lectio Divina	St. Cecilia rm.
Thursday-September 26th		
9:30am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
6:30pm	Catholics Returning Home	Sm. Conf. rm.
Friday-September 27th		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4

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



Thank you!

Last Monday afternoon, September 16, the Independent Compensation Program (ICP) began 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](http://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 21st	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 Bev Schwing
September 23rd	8:30am	Laureano Bravo (D)
September 24th	8:30am	Corsene Murphy Sally Chavez (D)
September 25th	8:30am	Corsene Murphy The Kellogg Family
September 26th	8:30am	Mark Jordan Bob Biamonte (D)
September 27th	8:30am	Nancy Leavitt
September 28th	8:30am	Corsene Murphy
	4:30pm	Rafael S. David (D) Mary Elizabeth Barcewski (D)
September 29th	7:45am	Patricia Elliott Crespin (D) Patricia Stasio (D)
	9:30am	People of the Parish
	11:30am	Catalina Montenegro (D) Jacqueline Lerma (D)
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;

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      | 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        |
| Danielle Dulgerian | Reggie Faulk             |
| Dorothy Feldman    | Jim Fouret               |
| Lily Garcia        | Gary Green               |
| Stephany Hammer    | Tracy Hass               |
| Bridgette Hubbard  | Michele Kinaan           |
| John Lehane        | Christopher Manuel Lopez |
| Angelita Martinez  | Rosemary Mealey          |
| Vicente Meno       | Paul Moreau              |
| 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:

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| Fenwick "Butch" Holmes | Ted Laitinen       |
| 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 22nd at the 11:30am Mass, Annette Marckwordt will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.





**Parish Announcements**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**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](mailto:kathleen@divinesavior.com) or calling 916-989-7400.



**LITURGY CORNER—**

On Friday, October 4th we will have a Mass in honor of St. Francis of Assisi at 8:30am followed by the: Blessing of Pets at 10:00am and again at 7:30pm the Blessing of the Pets followed by a: 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)



**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](mailto:santabarbarasally@yahoo.com). For further details visit: [40daysforlife.com/sacramento](http://40daysforlife.com/sacramento)



**Parish Announcements**

**SMALL FAITH GROUPS**

Weren't here last weekend, there is still time to sign up for one of our amazing Small Faith Groups! **Fr. Roman will be leading one for the first time.** Enjoy fellowship as you



engage in your choice of bible studies, spiritual books/videos, special interest studies or a prayer group. **Check them out in the**

**SAVE THE DATE**

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



**Catholics Returning Home  
An Open Door for Returning Catholics**

Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to church anymore?  
Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the Church?  
Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church as it is today?

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 for six informal sessions continuing on Thursday, September 26th, 6:30 – 8:00pm. The sessions will include sharing, and updates on the Church today. Please contact Kathleen Hass at [kathleen@divinesavior.com](mailto:kathleen@divinesavior.com) or 916-989-7400 for additional information.

**Parish Announcements**

**Year over Year Plate Collection Performance**

	Week # 11	YTD thru Week # 11	Online giving
2019-2020 Year	\$ 15,275	\$ 190,702	\$ 164
2018-2019 Year	\$ 14,013	\$ 179,828	

**RECYCLING SUNDAY**

**Where:** behind the gym by the dumpster  
**When:** NEXT Sunday, Sept. 29th, 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**

**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.

**ROSARY GROUPS**

You are invited to join us to pray the rosary at church.  
**Group Rosary Times:**

After 7:45am Sunday Mass at 8:45am by Mary's statue  
Monday evenings, 6pm in the St. Cecilia room  
Daily after morning Mass in the church.

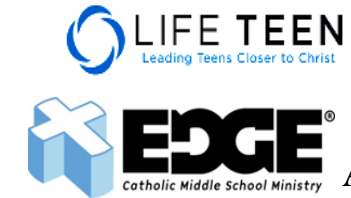


**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

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](mailto:mtthmaryk@outlook.com).



**Faith Formation News**



**dren and youth faith formation sessions have begun!!!**

**Enrollment forms are available online or in the church office. 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 sessions begin September 25th. 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)

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**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)



**Around the Diocese**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Divine Mercy Conference**

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 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*