

Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

For the second weekend in a row the focus of our Gospel passage is prayer. It is helpful to keep in mind that most of Jesus' activity was in public. We can well imagine that the people were laughing uproariously as Jesus spoke of the Pharisee's so-called prayer. His use of the pronoun "I" four times in two short sentences would have brought out much disdain for this one Pharisee and any others who focused exclusively on themselves. However, the Pharisee's behavior prompts us to reflect on our prayer style and content.

Is our prayer focused on letting God reveal Himself to us, or is our prayer more focused on what we need or want? The tax collector provides us with a sample of a more authentic prayer. He looks to God for mercy. In this simple expression, he acknowledges that God is a God of mercy. He depends upon God, not himself, to bless him with what will bring healing for his sins. We might be a bit uncomfortable with his identifying himself as a sinner given that we might prefer to think of ourselves as God's beloved who fail from time to time.

All the same, we allow God to renew our identity as His precious people so that we can be a counterforce in our world today for those who are convinced of their own self-approval and despise everyone else. We know only too well how corrosive this view of self and others is. All the more reason to spend time allowing ourselves to anchor our lives in the goodness and kindness of God our Savior. We need all the possible positive energy so that we can be a voice for helping one another put God and God's blessing first in our lives.

All three of our readings contain some form of the words judge or justice. It is most important for us to be clear what justice means in the Bible. We know that when we break a civil law we experience justice as dealing with the negative consequences of our actions. This is called retributive justice. It is quite different in how God deals with us when we fail to live in imitation of Jesus. In this case we experience distributive justice, meaning that God will extend mercy to us. The tax collector understood this as he put the emphasis on God's mercy.

Another very important understanding of justice in the Bible is that we are to do our best to get all things in line with the way God wants them. When our first reading refers to God as a God of justice, it means clearly that while God has no favorites or is not unduly partial toward the weak, God hears the cry of the oppressed, the wail of the orphan, the complaints of the widow or the prayer of the lowly. In other places in the Old Testament it states that God hears the laments of the refugee and the alien as well. Our psalm states that the Lord hears those who are distressed and rescues them.

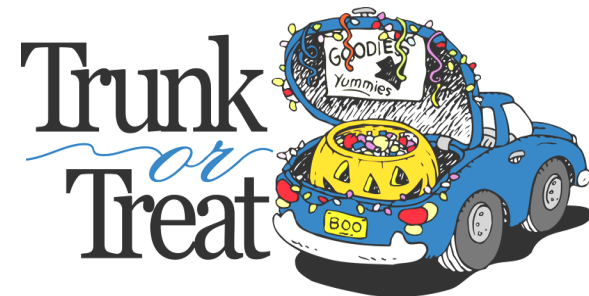
It is no surprise to us that God invites us to collaborate with His goodness and kindness and make those gifts real for the those who cry out for treatment that allows them to accept themselves as God's beloved. God looks to us to see that the needy are treated well enough so that they can bless and praise the Lord.

~Fr. Roman

Parish Announcements

Schedule for the week of October 27th—November 1st

Sunday-October 27th		
10:30am	RCIA Inquiry	Small Conf. rm.
2:30pm	Trunk or Treat	Gym
Monday-October 28th		
6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
7:00pm	Fr. Roman's small faith group	Church
Tuesday-October 29th		
6:00pm	Reflections of the Word	St. Cecilia rm.
6:30pm	Romans Bible Study	M.S. room
Wednesday-October 30th		
9:15am	Tai Chi	Church Vestibule
12:00pm	Lectio Divina	St. Cecilia rm.
Thursday-October 31st		
9:15am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
Friday-November 1st		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4
8:30am	Holy Day Mass	Church
9:30am	Eucharist Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Holy Day Mass	Church



BRING YOUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS!

Divine Savior's faith formation ministries host **Trunk or Treat TODAY!**

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

Last minute questions, contact Denise at [denise@divinesavior.com](mailto:denise@divinesavior.com)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Divine Savior invites everyone to Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month, Adoration begins immediately after morning Mass and continues until 12:00pm.



MASS INTENTIONS

October 26th	4:30pm	Luthiera Conklin (D) Corinne Cornejo (D) Noreen Sicard (D)
October 27th	7:45am 9:30am 11:30am	Catherine "Kay" Boron (D) People of the Parish Catalina Montenegro (D) Jacqueline Lerma (D)
October 28th	5:30pm 8:30am	People of the Parish Nenita deGuzman (D) Kiernan Dolan (D)
October 29th	8:30am	Tracy Hass Lisa Golden
October 30th	8:30am	Diane, Florence & Fred Butler (D)
October 31st	8:30am	Gregoria & Benito Hernandez (D)
November 1st	8:30am	Dale Bartlett (D) Robert Bigler (D) 7:00pm Marita & Pakito Marasignan (D) Rosario Valdez (D)
November 2nd	8:30am	Joseph Corso (D) Leonardo Hernandez (D)
	4:30pm	Bernard & Olympia Gonzales (D) Maria & Manuel deGuzman (D)
November 3rd	7:45am 9:30am 11:30am	Jana Castillo (D) Emil & Clotilda Fontana (D)
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21  
**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30  
**Thursday:** Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35  
**Friday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a  
**Saturday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016  
**Sunday:** Wis 11:22 -- 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 -- 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

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.)

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
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
Roxanne Rosales	Madeline Rose
Gerry Ryde	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:

James Rafferty

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

VOCATIONS CROSS

Sunday, October 27th at the 11:30am Mass, Ray & Dora Torres will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.





## Parish Announcements

### DID YOU KNOW

We have welcomed nine new members of our faith community with the Baptisms of these children during September and October:

Vincent John Barile  
 Lucas Valone Barreda  
 Danielle Carrillo  
 Colton Michael Kenney  
 Archer Asher Matus  
 Adrian Quintana Aburto  
 Andres Quintana Aburto  
 Katherine Rose Siegfried  
 Hannah Scarlet Tran



### LITURGY CORNER—

Family Mass next Sunday, November 3rd at 9:30am.

There will be a Saints Parade and the children's choir will be singing and proclaiming the readings.

All CFF sessions are cancelled on Nov. 3rd and families are asked to attend the family Mass.



### CHRISTMAS BASKET

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 also available in the vestibule, the church office 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](mailto:christmasbasket@divinesavior.com)

All information is available in both English and en Español.

### MOVING ON FELLOWSHIP

Next meeting Monday, Nov. 4th, 10:30am, no-host brunch, Annie's Restaurant (back room), Beech & Greenback. Very informal meeting of Divine Savior widows and widowers who try to offer support, encouragement, practical help and prayer to the bereaved. This is the month we remember those departed. If you wish, bring a picture of your deceased loved one(s) and share a special memory with us. For more information call Pat at 530-307-2147.

## 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 NEXT 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](mailto:greeneyedhockeygal@yahoo.com).



### RECYCLING SUNDAY

Where: back parking lot near the fire hydrant

When: Sunday, Oct. 27th, after all morning Masses.

What: ONLY CA CRV Glass, Plastic and Aluminum beverage containers. **We no longer accept any number 1 plastic containers.**

Why: Salvatorian Haiti Project



### ADVENT ACTIVITIES

#### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

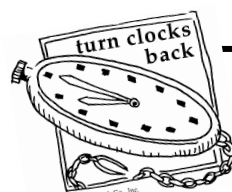
Prepare for the coming of Christ with a joyful celebration in song and stories for the whole family.

Sarah Hart in concert at Divine Savior on **Friday, December 6th at 7:00pm in the church. Don't forget to invite your friends and family.** There is no charge. Find out more about Sarah at <https://www.sarahhart.com/>



#### FAMILY FRIENDLY ADVENT CELEBRATION

Divine Savior is hosting a family friendly Advent Celebration on **Saturday, December 7th from 2 to 4 pm.** in Hospitality and Hall A. Come celebrate with fun and fellowship as we prepare our hearts for Christmas with a variety of activities, crafts, and music for all ages! For more information contact Laini Harris at [greeneyedhockeygal@yahoo.com](mailto:greeneyedhockeygal@yahoo.com). Be sure to check the bulletin in the coming weeks for more info!



Don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday night, Nov. 2nd.

## Parish Announcements

### Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 16	YTD thru Week # 16	Online giving
2019-2020 Year	\$ 12,067	\$ 266,902	\$ 195
2018-2019 Year	\$ 18,104	\$ 254,090	

### 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](mailto:santabarbarasally@yahoo.com).

For further details visit: [40daysforlife.com/sacramento](http://40daysforlife.com/sacramento)

## 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 of someone in need of loving 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 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 967-5110 or the parish office at 989-7400.



## Ministry Happenings

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SOCIETY

Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos)/All Souls Day Celebration -- The Our Lady of Guadalupe Society is pleased to announce that the annual Community Ofrenda is available through November 10<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners are invited to bring photos of their deceased loved ones to place on the tables in remembrance and celebration of their lives. Please be sure to write your name/phone number on the back of the picture frame. You can also write their name in the parish's Book of the Dead.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Society also invites all to join them **THIS SUNDAY in Hospitality for pan dulce and other treats.**



## 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 Mass. 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](mailto: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](mailto:sharon@divinesavior.com)