

Pastor's Corner

November 24, 2019

Parish Announcements

Prayers of the Week

Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Today, as we mark the end of another liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. In reference to the word king, we recall how Jesus rejected any such title throughout His earthly life. He relied considerably on the image of "suffering servant" as this person is described in the writings of the prophet Isaiah. Especially in the Gospel of Luke, which we have used for our reflection for most of this past liturgical year, we see Jesus as one who chose to minister to all people and never assumed a position of preeminence.

In reference to our first reading, David is pictured as a shepherd. In a month, we will reflect on how shepherds were the first to visit Jesus shortly after His birth. We call Jesus the Good Shepherd because a good shepherd freely chooses to go looking for those who are lost and brings them back into the fold. Jesus spent much of His time associating with people who had been relegated among the lost and forsaken in an effort to help them realize that they, like all God's created people, are among the precious people of God.

That self-image is evident in this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus serenely accepts that some of the people in the passage have no interest in being found or rescued from the miserable life they were living. Despite the rulers sneering at Him, the soldiers jeering at Him and one of the criminals reviling Him, Jesus remains quiet, retains the honor He has as one of God's beloved and does not engage in the idiocy that prevails around Him. A kingly type would most likely find it important if not necessary to defend, explain or offer some counterattack. The only words Jesus speaks are those by which He assures the repentant criminal that he will be with Jesus in Paradise.

Jesus must have thought it very strange that the rulers challenged Him with the words, "if he is the chosen one" when He realizes that in fact He is the chosen one. When the soldiers called out, "if you are King of the Jews", Jesus probably thought that they were on the correct path in wondering if He was, because He did not see Himself a King in the way they used the word. When the unrepentant criminal wondered if Jesus were the Christ, Jesus might have wondered how someone like this criminal could not recognize Jesus for whom He really is.

Through it all, Jesus continues to do everything to reveal in His humanity the image of our invisible God. Given the work of the second person of the Trinity in terms of creating all that existed, Jesus shows that in Him the fullness of spiritual health, love, healing and peace dwell. We have been given the same identity of being God's beloved whose role is the very same as that of Jesus, especially in that we are called to lead the others into the light that overcomes all darkness.

Just as Jesus dedicated His life to welcoming people of all kinds into the community that He established, so we have the privilege to do what we can to make quite real the invisible God. When our second reading speaks of "the Kingdom of God's beloved Son", we know we are to make as real as possible those facets of living well: joy, happiness, equality, and honor.

~Fr. Roman

**Schedule for the week of
November 25th—November 29th**

Monday-November 25th		
6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
Tuesday-November 26th		
6:00pm	Reflections on the Word	St. Cecilia rm.
Thursday-November 28th		
Office Closed		
9:30am	Thanksgiving Day Mass	Church
NO COMMUNITY MEAL TODAY		
Friday-November 29th		
Office Closed		
8:30am	Daily Mass	Church

SECOND COLLECTION

THIS week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Special envelopes are available in the vestibule. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



RECYCLING SUNDAY

Where: back parking lot near the dumpster
When: THIS Sunday, Nov. 24th, after all morning Masses.
What: ONLY CA CRV Glass, Plastic and Aluminum beverage containers. We no longer accept any number 1 plastic containers.



MASS INTENTIONS

November 23rd	4:30pm	Larry Cruz Marquez (D) Robert Nuefeld (D)
November 24th	7:45am	Duke McAlpine (D)
	9:30am	Henry Gomes (D)
	11:30am	Candido Soliven Ornido (D) Catalina Montenegro (D) Jacqueline Lerma (D)
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
November 25th	8:30am	Duke McAlpine (D) Betty Bridges
November 26th	8:30am	Joseph Ehinger (D)
November 27th	8:30am	Brian Fischer (D) Delores Marinko
November 28th	9:30am	Nancy Clark Robert Alfaro (D)
November 29th	8:30am	Russ Makely (D)
November 30th	8:30am	Charles Shevlin (D)
	4:30pm	Richard Alway (D) Marc McAnally (D)
December 1st	7:45am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Marc McAnally (D) Ciemara Garcia & Family
	11:30am	Richard Swetman (D) Cindy Perry (D)
	5:30pm	People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

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, Ereka 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.**

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 | Talon Bonanno |
| Julie Bouse | Eduardo Bravo |
| Pat Collier | Lauri Comly |
| Jo Ann Coughlin | Madeleine Crepin |
| Noreen Davis | Michael W. Donner |
| Susan Drumm | Danielle Dulgerian |
| Lexi Ewen | Reggie Faulk |
| Dorothy Feldman | Paulie Flowers |
| Ruben Gomez | Gary Green |
| Stephany Hammer | Tracy Hass |
| Bridgette Hubbard | Martin Jennings |
| Michele Kinaan | Angelita Martinez |
| Vicente Meno | Allen D. Nelson |
| Glen Newton | Shirley Newton |
| Ronnie Nichols | Patty Nicholson |
| John Padden | Karen Paddock |
| Waldi Paige | Linda Parker |
| Eleanor Peterson | Gladys Reilly |
| Roxanne Rosales | Madeline Rose |
| Gerry Ryden | Donna Schulte |
| Tom Sekel | Lee "Lucky" Shaver |
| Shari Sigl | Barbara Smith |
| Joan Spagnolo | Casey Wick |

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:
Marc McAnally **Rita Marie Maisano**
Zoe Mann

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

VOCATIONS CROSS
Sunday, November 24th at the 9:30am Mass, **Lisa and Bill Smith** will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.



Parish Announcements

DID YOU KNOW—

Last year, the parishioners provided 101 families with a basket of "Christmas blessings". This year so far, we still have 39 applications for baskets yet to be matched with a sponsor!



Please consider hosting a family this year and spread the word to your friends in the community! You can co-sponsor a family and spread the financial commitment more broadly. We have never been this far behind before, so please do all you can to promote this wonderful outreach ministry.

Sponsor forms are available in the vestibule or on the parish webpage. You can drop them off in the office, put them in collection basket, email them to christmasbasket@divinesavior.com. Thank you!

LITURGY CORNER—

Seeking Baby Jesus....really, we are!

Each year we look for young families that have a newborn to play Baby Jesus during our Christmas Celebrations. Of course, Mom and Dad get to participate as Mary and Joseph, too! Grandparents, are your grandbabies visiting for Christmas? If your family has a new baby, and you will be celebrating with us on December 24th or 25th, please contact Elaine Bauer, Director of Liturgy, at 559-307-4216 or email elaine@divinesavior.com. (baby boys OR girls qualify!)



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MOVING ON FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is on Monday, Dec. 2, no-host brunch, 10:30am, Annie's Restaurant (back room), Beech & Greenback. Topic: "How to get through the Holidays," which can be difficult for the bereaved. We will also collect for the Christmas Basket Program. This is an informal group of Divine Savior widows and widowers who try to offer support, encouragement, prayer and practical help to the bereaved so they can *move on* to a meaningful life after the death of a loved one. For more information, call Pat Biasotti, 520-307-2147.

"LOVE AND MERCY: FAUSTINA"



The docudrama about the Divine Mercy and the mission of St. Faustina will be shown on Monday, Dec. 2, at 7:00pm

Century Folsom 14
261 Iron Point Road
Folsom, CA

If you would like to go with other Divine Savior parishioners, please contact **Barbara Rouseff at 916-844-7190** to carpool or sit together.

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Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 20	YTD thru Week # 20
2019-2020 Year	\$ 15,784	\$ 330,299
2018-2019 Year	\$ 14,390	\$ 325,424

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!!

Wait, what?! It's almost December? I haven't started Christmas shopping yet! Don't worry! Our Divine Savior Parents' Night Out is **Friday, December 13th**. For more information, and to RSVP, email jennifer@divinesavior.com before **Wednesday, December 10th**.



NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed three new members of our faith community with the Baptisms of these children during November:

- Alyssa Carolina Smith
- Julian Wayne Smith
- Jayden Wayne Smith



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ADVENT SOCIAL

Please join us in the gym on Sunday, December 8th, from 1-3pm for a very special birthday party for Jesus! There will be activities, Advent stations, and even dessert. This is a family-friendly event and everyone is invited to "prepare the way"! For more information contact Laini Harris at green-eyedhockeygal@yahoo.com.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Friday, December 20th at 6:30pm we will have our Parish Reconciliation Service, and in order to accommodate our beloved parishioners who cannot drive at night, we will repeat the service at 2pm on Saturday, December 21st.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8th is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It's also the Second Sunday of Advent, which takes precedence, liturgically. Therefor the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9th. The Immaculate Conception remains a solemnity, but is NOT a holy day of obligation this year.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

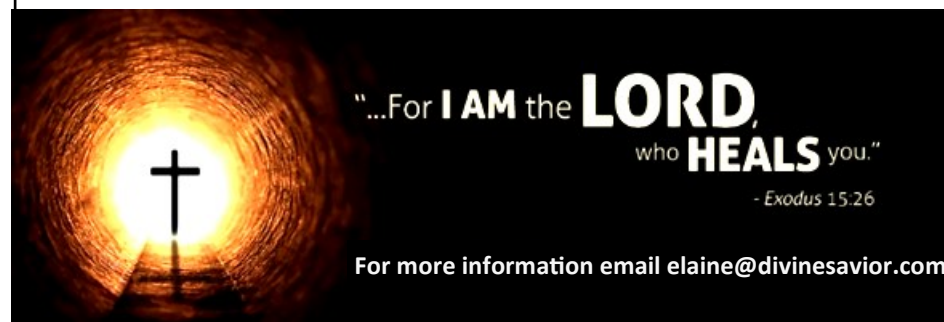
Prepare for the coming of Christ with a joyful celebration in song and stories for the whole family. Sarah Hart in concert at Divine Savior on **Friday, December 6th at 7:00pm in the church**. Don't forget to invite your friends and family. There is no charge. Find out more about Sarah at <https://www.sarahhart.com/>



An Advent/Christmas Celebration of Stories & Songs with Sarah Hart and special guest PJ Anderson
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HEALED IN CHRIST

On Saturday, December 14th at 10:30am we will have a special healing service. The fire of God's love can pierce even the hardest of hearts and allow the wounded to be healed, and the captive set free. Let us come together as community to share our faith and trust in God as we ask for healing, whether physical, emotional or spiritual. Join us for this intimate service of hope and healing. All are welcome.



Ministry Opportunities

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mary at mtthmaryk@outlook.com. We take communion to those unable to go to Mass for an extended period, and we serve 7 assisted living facilities along with doing private communion requests---made through the parish office.

