

Dear Beloved People of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors: Today we begin the Advent Season as we prepare during these three weeks plus a few days for the celebration of the Feast of Christmas. Our Gospel for today is from that unique kind of literature that at first glance calls us to think about how we will give an accounting of our lives at some point in the future. However, today's Gospel also has a very clear message for the present time. In this case, we are called to be prepared now. In order best to prepare for an accounting of our lives, we find it most fulfilling to develop every behavior and habit that makes it more and more easy to recognize the presence of Jesus in our lives now.

When Jesus refers to what was going on in the days of Noah, he draws our attention to how many of the people at that time were not paying attention; they couldn't be bothered to notice how God was making His Presence known to them; they evidently didn't notice that other people, in being attentive, made called-for adjustments to their behavior. Jesus expresses His opinion that some people never learn, and so He asks us to do all we can to be awake to the many ways in which Jesus makes His presence known to us on an on-going basis.

There is a very huge advantage in not being alert and conscious, namely, that we won't be prompted to take responsibility for our lives and to make needed adjustments. We can avoid the likely pain brought on by change when we ignore the wisdom of God that is continuously revealed to those who are awake and alert. Our second reading uses the image of throwing off the garments that remind us of the darkness and burdens of life. We are called to put on clothes that help us conduct ourselves in God-inspired ways. St. Paul uses the expression of putting on the Lord Jesus Christ; he means that we are to act in ways that reveal to one another that we are doing our best to imitate the loving ways of Jesus who was engaged in ongoing communication with the Father. Given that Jesus relied considerably on the writings of the prophet Isaiah, our first reading provides a vivid picture of how we are called to live. The first part of that reading speaks about all nations making their way to the Lord's mountain. The mountain in scripture is a symbol of a place where people experience God's Presence in a unique and powerful way. It is no different for us who, when going to the mountains, experience a special sense of peace and goodness as we take in the panorama of God's creation.

The mountain provides a fitting place to reaffirm one's commitment to be open to God's wisdom so that we can more faithfully walk in God's ways. The instruction that is given us is to help us realize that we will give an accounting of how faithfully we have lived the message we have received,

The second part of the first reading couldn't be more clear about what walking in the light of the Lord entails. Why has it been so difficult after all these centuries to do our best never to train for war again. What can we do now so that one nation will not raise the sword against another? Jesus, the Prince of Peace, shows us how, by loving one another.

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of December 2nd—December 6th

Table with 3 columns: Time, Activity, Location. Rows include: 6:00pm Rosary Group Church; 2:00pm OLG Meeting large conf. rm.; 7:00pm SVdP Meeting M 4; 6:00pm Community Meal Halls; 7:00am Men's Prayer Group M 4; 9:00am-Noon Eucharistic Adoration Church; 7:00pm Sarah Hart Concert Church.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week we will have a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This appeal asks us to recall those women and men religious whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our Church, and strengthened our nation. Today, more than 37,000 women and men religious are past age 70. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the costs of health care escalate and as the need for handicapped-accessible housing increases. Special envelopes are available in the vestibule.

“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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Intention. Rows include: November 30th 4:30pm Richard Alway (D) Marc McAnally (D); December 1st 7:45am Zoe Mann (D); 9:30am Ciemara Garcia & Family; 11:30am Richard Swetman (D) Cindy Parry (D); December 2nd 5:30pm People of the Parish; 8:30am The Porter Family Sr. Michele Mangan; December 3rd 8:30am Zoe Mann (D) Sr. Mary James; December 4th 8:30am SK David Larson; December 5th 8:30am Minita C. Nazario Richard Chavez (D); December 6th 8:30am Sonia Pingol Karen Juten; December 7th 8:30am Ria Chua; 4:30pm Richard Alway (D) Sean English (D); December 8th 7:45am People of the Parish; 9:30am Rose Kenney (D) Zoe Mann (C); 11:30am Corazon Jacinto (D) Inocento Santos (D); 5:30pm People of the Parish.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

VOCATIONS CROSS

Sunday, December 1st at the 9:30am Mass, Manuel and Mary Jaramillo will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.

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.)

- Alice Amantea Bill Amantea
Bill Anderson Sheldon Anderson Jr
Sharon Backus Talon Bonanno
Pat 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
John Wick

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

- Rita Marie Maisano Zoe Mann

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

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.



**Parish Announcements**

**DID YOU KNOW—**

Our Christmas Basket Ministry needs close to 75 "Santa's Helpers" to host a successful distribution event! This is a very vigorous and hands-on ministry with lots of action and moving parts. We would love to have middle/high school students and adults helping with different tasks throughout the whole week of Dec. 16-21, mostly on Dec. 21 during two shifts, morning or afternoon. Please see the sign-up sheet for volunteers in the vestibule this weekend and next! You will get a callback to assign you to a station/task. Give the gifts of time and service as you await the coming of the Savior!



**HEALED IN CHRIST**

On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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/>

**This Winter's Eve**



**An Advent/Christmas Celebration of Stories & Songs**  
with Sarah Hart and special guest PJ Anderson  
Prepare for the coming of Christ with a joyful celebration for the whole family

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**ADVENT SOCIAL**

Please join us in the gym **NEXT 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 [greeneyedhockeygal@yahoo.com](mailto:greeneyedhockeygal@yahoo.com).



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Advent Communal Reconciliation Services**  
Experience God's love

**December 20th, 6:30pm**  
**December 21st, 2:00pm**

Reconciliation is what God does. Receiving it and celebrating it is what we do.

Advent is an ideal time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Divine Savior offers us.

**Christmas Eve Masses**

**4:00pm**-Mass of Christmas

**6:30pm**-for Families & Children  
all ages welcome

**10:00pm**- Candlelight Mass of Christmas in the dark of night beginning with Las Posadas

**Christmas Day Mass**

**10:00am**-Mass of Christmas

**Parish Announcements**

**Year over Year Plate Collection Performance**

	Week # 21	YTD thru Week # 21
<b>2019-2020 Year</b>	\$ 23,120	\$ 359,739
<b>2018-2019 Year</b>	\$ 11,136	\$ 338,035
<b>Campaign for Human Dev.</b>	\$ 2,056	

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

Each year we families that play Baby Jesus Mom and Dad as Mary and Grandparents, babies visiting your family has 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](mailto:elaine@divinesavior.com). (baby boys OR girls qualify!)



look for young have a newborn to during our Christmations. Of course, get to participate Joseph, too! are your grandfor Christmas? If a new baby, and ebrating with us

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Non perishable canned food drive the Weekend of December 14th & 15th!**



**FREE MONEY FOR DIVINE SAVIOR!!!**

Every time you make a purchase on Amazon you can make a donation to Divine Savior. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-3954550> or click on the link at [divinesavior.com](https://divinesavior.com). Sign up today and help support your parish family.

**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 Library. Please contact Nancy Begley at 916-705-5464 for more information.

If you know someone in need of loving comfort who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please contact the parish office.



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**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](mailto:jennifer@divinesavior.com) before **Wednesday, December 10th.**



**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Reflection for Today by Fr. Frank Pavone in his book, "Pro-Life Reflections For Everyday"

**"From the beginning you have heard the message that we should love one another, unlike Cain who was from the evil one and slew his brother" (1 John 3:11-12).**

**Reflection:** When an unborn child is diagnosed with a terminal illness, some feel justified in aborting the child. The excuse they use is that he or she "will die anyway." But we will all die anyway. Since when does our mortality make us disposable? Since when is the inevitability of death a justification to kill?

**Prayer:** Lord, teach us that the beauty of life is not measured in days or years, but in the love we give and receive. Amen.

**Adult Faith Formation News**

**SALVATORIAN PRESENTATION UPDATE**

49 parishioners and 2 visitors attended our recent Salvatorian presentation. Fr. Sal Ragusa, along with Sr. Sheila, Sr. Jean, and several lay Salvatorians shared how different orders including the Salvatorians developed over the centuries. We also learned about the lay order of Salvatorians and how they go through discernment and development.

Fr. Sal then directed a discussion of Salvatorian values as expressed at Divine Savior Parish. Everyone in attendance agreed that a hallmark of Divine Savior Parish is inclusivity which can be experienced as we are welcomed to each service and event, as we enjoy singing, hospitality and enthusiastic prayer. In addition, everyone felt that this parish works together as servants for others in our many ministries.

Lively learning and interesting interactions were followed by a simple lunch while groups reminisced and discussed the future of Divine Savior Parish. This event is part of the on-going Adult Formation Ministry lead by Sharon Laitinen. If you were not able to attend, watch the bulletin for the next Adult Faith opportunity!