

Dear People of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we know only too well, this is the last weekend of this calendar year. How wonderful that our second reading calls us to have gratitude in our hearts to God.

Based on how faithfully we have done everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, we give thanks to God the Father through Jesus. It is very important for us, as followers of Jesus, to pause regularly and to express our thanks to God. We are grateful for God's continual presence in our lives, whose wisdom we rely on to make the best possible choices on a day to day basis. We thank God that we are blessed by the example of Jesus and His grace by which we can do our best in choosing to love others as consistently as possible.

With the beginning of the New Year a couple of days from now, many also consider what resolutions would be meaningful to make for the New Year. When we take a few seconds to be thankful for life, love, and the constant companionship of God, we might decide that we will find ways to share with others, whether with family, in the workplace, at the gym or at school, what we appreciate about life and one another and encourage others to do likewise. The art of being grateful offers the opportunity to realize how much better we can feel about ourselves and life. Given the kind of consternation created in various places in our world, it is so very helpful to have recourse to behaviors that offset what can drag us down, even to the point of creating a sense of hopelessness.

In looking to today's Gospel, we are also very grateful for the ways the Holy Spirit uses to communicate to us very important and essential information. There is mention of an angel, but we know from other places in the Gospels that angels communicate to us the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Many believe that the angel has us pay attention to our intuition through which the Holy Spirit communicates with us. Three times Joseph accepts vital information in a dream which was communicated twice by an angel. As we have reflected throughout the season of Advent as well as the feast of Christmas, we pray that we continue to develop ways in which we can be ever more attentive to our intuition. This vital resource provides us insights that we might not understand in the moment, but upon reflection can look back with gratitude that we were attentive to this source of wisdom.

Another aspect of today's Gospel is the amazingly extensive care Joseph displays for Mary and Jesus. We pray to St. Joseph that he may bless us with the ability to deal, as he did, with what had to be very stressful and frightening situations, like the prospect that Herod might destroy the child Jesus. When finally, it was safe to return home, he deals effectively with the possible threat of the current ruler of Judea.

As we continue to celebrate this Christmas Season, let us help one another make real in our lives and relationships these words from our first reading: "put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Happy New Year!

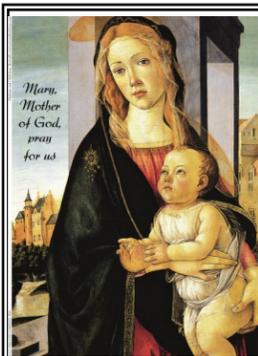
~Fr. Roman



Parish Announcements

Schedule for the week of December 30th—January 3rd

Monday-December 30th		
6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
Tuesday-December 31st		
6:30pm	Holy Day Vigil Mass	Church
Wednesday-January 1st ***Office Closed***		
10:00am	Holy Day Mass	Church
Thursday-January 2nd		
9:00am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Library
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
Friday-January 3rd		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4
9:15am	Tai Chi	Vestibule
9:00-Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	Church



Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation

December 31, 2019
6:30pm-Vigil Mass

January 1, 2020
10:00am-Mass

CFF, EDGE and LifeTeen wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Children's faith formation sessions will resume on Sunday, January 5th and EDGE & LifeTeen will resume on Sunday January 12th.



Happy New Year!

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 New Years Day.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 28th	4:30pm	Catalina Montenegro (D) Jacqueline Lerma (D)
December 29th	7:45am 9:30am	Catherine Valerio (D) Phuc Nguyen (D) Tony Daquipa (D)
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
December 30th	8:30am	
December 31st	8:30am	Francisco Marmolejo (D)
	6:30pm	William Anderson (D)
January 1st	10:00am	Sigmond & Ruth Mueller (D)
January 2nd	8:30am	Antonio Daquipa (D)
January 3rd	8:30am	
January 4th	8:30am 4:30pm	Richard Alway (D) Tina & Jerry Macioce (D)
January 5th	7:45am 9:30am	Phuc Nguyen (D) Inocenta Santos (D)
	11:30am 5:30pm	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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 |
| Sheldon Anderson Jr | Sharon Backus |
| Talon Bonanno | Julie Bouse |
| Eduardo Bravo | Marlys Burke |
| Pat Collier | Lauri Comly |
| Jo Ann Coughlin | Madeleine Crepin |
| Noreen Davis | Michael W. Donner |
| Susan Drumm | Reggie Faulk |
| Dorothy Feldman | Bud Green |
| Gary Green | J.J. Hall |
| Stephany Hammer | Sandra Harris |
| Tracy Hass | Frank Henkel |
| Bridgette Hubbard | Martin Jennings |
| Michele Kinaan | Vicente Meno |
| Allen D. Nelson | Ronnie Nichols |
| Patty Nicholson | John Padden |
| Karen Paddock | Waldi Paige |
| Linda Parker | Eleanor Peterson |
| Gladys Reilly | Christopher Revak |
| Roxanne Rosales | Madeline Rose |
| Gerry Ryden | Donna Schulte |
| Tom Sekel | Lee "Lucky" Shaver |
| Shari Sigl | John Wick |

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

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| Bill Anderson | Laura Asay |
| Tony Daquipa | Phuc Nguyen |

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

VOCATIONS CROSS

Sunday, December 29th **Marie & Jack Moore** will continue to pray daily this week 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, Ereik Hartsell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, Tyler Kenobbie, William Krintz, Tyler Krintz, 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.**

Parish Announcements

DID YOU KNOW—

On three Thursday evenings in November, our Community Meal served:

- 373 guests! (average 125/week)
- 555 meals! (average 185/week)

Our guest count – and plate count – continues to grow, with an all-time high of 137 guests on November 21st! One of our generous volunteers delighted three guests by donating turkeys that were given away in a drawing.

THANK YOU for your generous support of our ministry. If you would like to help, especially in the kitchen, please contact Julie Rose at julierose9211@gmail.com or 916-813-3106.

RECYCLING SUNDAY

Where: back parking lot near the dumpster

When: This Sunday, Dec. 29th, after all morning Masses.

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



Why: Salvatorian Haiti Project

S.A.V.E. the date: January 26, 2020

The S.A.V.E. ministry would like to highlight January, Anti-Human-Trafficking awareness month, with weekly information in the bulletin and on the website. Please be informed about this international issue and attend a brief session with a short video, resources, and discussion immediately following the 7:45am and 9:30am Masses on Sunday, January 26 in the MS room. More information to come!

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.



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WISHES AT YEAR'S END

As one year ends and another begins, I want to say a hearty thank you to all parishioners for how we all walk with one another on our journey of coming to know Jesus more intimately and serving Him more faithfully. Special thanks to the many volunteers who offer time and talent to keep the ministries of our parish alive and growing. With Christmas Eve and Day, the primary feasts of the Christmas Season, we are certainly thankful for all those who offered very dedicated artistry and effort to make those celebrations as well as all the celebrations of the Christmas Season all that they can be.

As we look forward in a couple of days to the start of a new calendar year, I pray that we will find even more inspired ways to work, pray and love so that our parish can take the next steps in becoming all that the Holy Spirit calls us to be. With renewed trust in the wisdom and grace that we are continually blessed with, there is no telling what we can do in service to God and in praise of God's name.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.

Grateful appreciation and blessings from Divine Savior Christmas Basket Ministry!!!

This past Saturday, December 21, was our distribution day. We provided baskets to 91 families ranging in size from 2 individuals to 12 individuals! Divine Savior parish is over-the-top incredibly generous and loving, allowing the Spirit to work through us to touch so many lives! We'd like to thank everyone for the incredible outpouring of resources and care in preparing and providing these gifts to our Orangevale families.

Special thanks to the following:

Christmas Basket Core Team Members: Jan Bencken, Sharon Boyd, Caroline Easton, Kira Perdue, Parker Perdue

Chick-fil-A of Granite Bay: chicken sandwiches for volunteers

Knights of Columbus Neil Seidl Council #13672: hams

Boy Scout Troop #310 and 311, and David Tanner scout leader: volunteer labor

Carnegie Middle School: food collection

Divine Savior staff and parishioners: support, volunteer hours, cash donations, and basket sponsors!

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Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 25	YTD thru Week # 25
2019-2020 Year	\$ 13,192	\$ 426,264
2018-2019 Year	\$ 17,927	\$ 413,072
Christmas	\$ 28,125	

Save the Date— The 16th Annual Walk for Life!

When: January 25, 2020!

Where: San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza!

Why: For the littlest among us!

<http://www.WalkforLifeWC.com>

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.

Wrapped in Love

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 916-967-5110 or the parish office at 916-989-7400.



Adult Faith Formation News

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 916-989-7400 or sharon@divinesavior.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 beginning Thursday, January 16th, 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



WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE NEW YEAR?

How about becoming more knowledgeable of your faith? Divine Savior is going to kick off a 6-week series of small faith groups in February. **What topics would you like to hear about?** Please send your ideas to sharon@divinesavior.com. We have a list of suggested books and YouTube sites that can be emailed to you. You are welcome to do your own independent study or join a group with similar interests. Consider facilitating your own group by calling Sharon Laitinen, 916-989-7400.