

**Pastor's Corner**

January 5, 2020

**Parish Announcements**

**Prayers of the Week**

Dear People of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

The Christmas Season continues to bless us as today we celebrate the fourth of the five feasts of Christmas, the Epiphany of the Lord (the first three include Christmas Eve and Day, the Feast of the Holy Family, and the Feast of the Holy Mother of God). The fifth and final feast of Christmas is next week when we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus.

What does the word Epiphany mean? In its simplest sense, it means showing or appearance. Each feast of the Christmas Season is a time when we celebrate different moments in the birth of Jesus as well as the beginning of His public ministry marked by His Baptism. Today, we celebrate how Jesus is shown to the magi.

It is important to keep in mind that today's Gospel passage is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. His primary audience or congregation included Jewish people who had chosen to follow the Jesus Way. In a unique turn of events, Matthew has non-Jews visiting the child Jesus. Luke, whose congregation was made up primarily of non-Jews, has Jewish shepherds as the first to visit Jesus. Regardless of what the primary audience of each Gospel, all the Gospels highlight a clear sense of inclusiveness.

A very important thread uniting our Gospel with our first reading is the theme of light. The magi are folks who follow the light of a star. When a new star appeared, they believed that a new king had been born, and they traveled to meet this new king. As we know from today's Gospel passage, when Herod was told by the magi that they were looking for the newborn king of the Jews, he thought that they were referring to a king like himself. Being a very insecure and violent man, Herod was greatly troubled at thinking that he had a competitor. In fact, he had nothing to fear because Jesus had no interest in power, control or violent behavior.

Our first reading is from the prophet Isaiah. He was writing to arouse a sense of hope within a very depressed people who had been exiled from their homeland. He says that the people's hope comes to be as they renew their belief that the light of God will shine and dispel the darkness they are experiencing. Isaiah goes so far as to remind the people of his day of their real purpose and mission in life, namely, to be the light by which the nations will walk. The light that these downtrodden folks will radiate will draw all kinds of people and their riches to offer praises to the Lord. Isaiah was not predicting anything about Jesus; he was speaking to the people of his day, and Matthew referred to what Isaiah wrote as a way of helping the people of his day and all of us to see how the light of God is a constant in our hearts and world through us.

Matthew's quotation recalls for the people of his day and all of us the true nature of Jesus' mission. He is a ruler who will shepherd the people of Israel so that they can live out their mission of being a light to the nations. In our second reading St. Paul reminds us that as Jesus' mission expands, non-Jews are called to be members of the community that Jesus established. All of us are copartners in being the light of Jesus for our world today.

~Fr. Roman

**Schedule for the week of January 6th—January 10th**

<b>Monday-January 6th</b>		
6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
<b>Wednesday-January 8th</b>		
9:15am	Tai Chi	Vestibule
<b>Thursday-January 9th</b>		
9:00am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
<b>Friday-January 10th</b>		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4

The funeral for our parishioner, William Anderson will be this Friday, January 10th at 10:00am.

**MOVING ON FELLOWSHIP**

THIS Monday, January 6, 10:30 AM, no-host brunch, Annie's Restaurant (back room), Beech & Greenback. We are an informal group of Divine Savior widows and widowers whose mission is to offer support, encouragement, prayer, practical help and consolation to the bereaved in *moving on* to a meaningful life after the death of a loved one. All are welcome. For more information, contact Pat Biasotti, 530-307-2147.

Children's faith formation sessions will resume TODAY Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> and EDGE & LifeTeen will resume NEXT Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>.



**TAI CHI**

Join us every Wednesday morning at 9:15am, following the 8:30am Mass. The sessions are held in the Vestibule. All are welcome. Tai Chi is a moving meditation that relieves stress, increases balance and brings harmony to your life.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

January 4th	4:30pm	Richard Alway (D) Tina & Jerry Macioce (D)
January 5th	7:45am 9:30am	Terry Gonzales (D) Phuc Nguyen (D) Inocenta Santos (D)
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	5:30pm	Sr. Mary James
January 6th	8:30am	Scott Vistica (D)
January 7th	8:30am	Sr. Michele Mangan
January 8th	8:30am	Karen Juten
January 9th	8:30am	
January 10th	8:30am	Carol Makely (D)
January 11th	8:30am	
	4:30pm	Richard Alway (D)
January 12th	7:45am 9:30am	People of the Parish Phuc Nguyen (D) Juan Pichardo (D)
	11:30am	Gregory Effinger (D)
	5:30pm	Phyllis Walker (D)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

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

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

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| <b>Bill Anderson</b> | <b>Laura Asay</b> |
| <b>Tony Daquipa</b>  | <b>Jed Scully</b> |

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

**VOCATIONS CROSS**

Saturday, January 4th **Karen & Vinnie Papa** 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, Erek Hartsell, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, Tyler Kenobbie, William Kraitz, Tyler Kraitz, 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, Joshua Paige, 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—

#### January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

California is one of the three leading states for incidences of human trafficking. The state's population, location on the border, high immigrant rate and large economy are the reasons. Actual statistics on Sacramento are hard to find, but here are some facts:



- Trafficking can involve school age children - not just high school students. Victims can be as young as 9.
- Traffickers may target victims through social media websites, telephone chat lines, after school programs, at shopping malls and bus depots or through friends or acquaintances who recruit students on school campuses.
- Parents play a critical role in keeping their children safe from human traffickers. Handout available in the vestibule.

The S.A.V.E. ministry will be highlighting National Human Trafficking awareness month, with weekly information in the bulletin and on the website. **Also, a handout including a prayer calendar is available in the vestibule.**

On Sunday, January 26th in the MS room following the 7:45am and 9:30am Masses there will be a brief presentation with a short video, resources, and discussion. Please attend and take this time to become informed about this important international issue. More information to come!

### CAREGIVER WORKSHOP SERIES 2020

#### Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

January 21st at 6:00pm in Hall A

Dr. Javaheri, Geriatrician, Mercy Medical Group's Geriatric Division

Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Join us to learn about: The impact of Alzheimer's. The difference between Alzheimer's and dementia. Alzheimer's disease stages and risk factors. Current research and treatments available to address some symptoms. **Please join us for this FREE workshop. For more information and to RSVP please call Senior Care Solutions at 916-965-5565.**

## Parish Announcements

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE** Sales will take place **NEXT WEEKEND, January 11th & 12th** at the 4:30, 7:45, 9:30 & 11:30 Masses in the Vestibule.



We have been able to keep the price of coffee at \$8.50 for about 5 years. The price per 12 oz. bag is now \$9.25 per bag to cover the rising cost of coffee and shipping.



San Francisco

January 25, 2020

**BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE** and join tens of thousands of your fellow pro-lifers as we attend the rally, walk and pray together in loving solidarity with the littlest and most defenseless among us. **Be there for LIFE!**

**St. Mel's Parish** is sponsoring 2 buses for San Francisco and will depart from their parking lot at **8:30am**.

**Approximate return: 6pm.**

**Bus Reservation Cost: \$28.00 per person.**

**Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #6066**  
To reserve a seat or sponsor walkers contact: **Doug or Pauline at 916-638-4600**

For further details contact: **Sally Fong at 916-849-0533**



### 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](mailto: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.

## Parish Announcements

### Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 26	YTD thru Week # 26	Online Giving
<b>2019-2020 Year</b>	\$ 39,171	\$ 469,109	\$ 2,858
<b>2018-2019 Year</b>	\$ 13,694	\$ 428,644	
<b>Bldg. Fund</b>	\$ 10,663		

## Ministry Happenings



### SAVE THE DATE

*Building Bridges Ministry sponsors a*  
**Walk for Unity**  
**Saturday, February 1st at 9:15am**  
**Divine Savior Church**  
**All Are Welcome**

## Ministry Opportunities

### 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.



### MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

This ministry, whose mission it is to take the Eucharist to the homebound, would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy and peace-filled New Year. We welcome new people and we invite you to come to our next meeting on Saturday, January 25, from 9:15 to 11:00 a.m., and learn about us. Happy New Year to all!



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kathleen@divinesavior.com)



## Around the Diocese

### YOUNG AND MARRIED MINISTRY

Join other Young and Married families in our community for lots of fun and a great time. In January we will talk about being Grateful for the gift of Marriage.

**Sunday, January 19, 2020 3:00pm to 5:00pm**

**Children are also invited!**

For more info email [christtheking@passionist.org](mailto:christtheking@passionist.org) or call 916-725-4720

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