

Pastor's Corner

February 2, 2020

Parish Announcements

Prayers of the Week

Dear People of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. We take a one-Sunday break from the Gospel of Matthew. That is because Luke's Gospel is the only one to include a passage about this sacred event. As is written, Mary and Joseph took part in this action to observe a section of the law. However, Luke is not implying that they are fulfilling the letter of the law. Luke is portraying the true purpose of the law, which was to be a guide and a help to developing a deeper and more loving relationship with God. Two people, Simeon and Anna, will be guides to this end.

Luke makes it very clear that Simeon was guided by the Holy Spirit, given mention of the Holy Spirit three times in a couple of verses. He was a righteous and devout man, meaning that he was open to the direction of the Spirit. Being righteous means that his relationship with God was quite in line with the way God wants people to relate with Him.



Given this openness, Simeon intuited that he would not die before seeing the Christ. What a delightful image of Simeon taking the child Jesus into his arms. It reminds us of what a precious moment it is for us to open our hands and hold within them the Body of Christ prior to our taking that sacred Presence into our body. Just as Simeon blessed God after

taking the child into his arms, so we express gratitude for being so richly blessed by the Real Presence of Jesus.

Simeon states further that holding Jesus has him experience quite intimately the healing that Jesus came to share with all who are open to Him. Our sharing in the Body (and Blood) of Christ brings healing to our lives so that we too can share with others the good news that we are always cared for. Simeon states that Jesus is a light for the Gentiles and a source of glory for the people of Israel. Having received the Body of Christ, we, too, are empowered and graced to be the light of Jesus in our present time, doing all we can to unite with one another and all we interact with in the goodness and kindness of God our Savior.

Joseph and Mary were amazed at hearing what Simeon was saying about Jesus. They were growing in awareness of who Jesus is and what their privilege was in forming Jesus to do what the angel Gabriel had said Jesus would do when the angel first appeared to Mary. We pray that our reflection will clarify for us what our privilege is in allowing the goodness of God to form us to be instruments of His Presence today. Just as Mary's heart was pierced by how Jesus was treated later in life and how painful it was to see Him suffer and die, so we also experience the pain of letting go of any desire to do anything different from what God wants us to do as well as the pain of others not sharing in our efforts to make Jesus real in our world.

With an eye to balance, Luke, in addition to an elderly man, includes Anna, an elderly woman. Open to God's goodness as she was, she was grateful to experience God's Presence in Jesus and set the example for us to speak about Jesus to everyone.

~Fr. Roman

Schedule for the week of February 3rd—February 7th

Monday-February 3rd

6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
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Wednesday-February 5th

9:15am	Tai Chi	Vestibule
Noon	Lectio Divina	St. Cecilia rm.

Thursday-February 6th

9:00am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Mtg.	Library
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
6:45pm	Catholic Returning Home	small conf. rm.

Friday-February 7th

7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4
9:00-Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

*****REMINDER*****

We have a 5:30pm Sunday evening Mass every week.

NEW THIS YEAR
We have emailed your yearly tax statements. If you did not receive yours please contact Katie at 916-989-7400.

CRAB FEED 2020

Saturday, March 14, 2020 \$50.00 per person

We have a few tickets left for the Annual Crab Feed on March 14th. These tickets may be purchased in the office Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. First Come, First Served.

We will also have a waiting list once we are sold out. Please call the office, 916-989-7400, to be put on the list.

The 2020 Crab Feed committee needs your help!

Please consider donating an item you would like to receive as a prize or see list below for ideas. Donations may be dropped off in the parish office or call Katie or Brian for more information, 916-989-7400.

Wine	Concert tickets
Sporting event tickets	Golf Packages
Restaurant Gift Cards	Movie tickets
Jewelry	Tools
Amazon Gift Cards	Costco Gifts Cards
Kohls Gift cards	Target Gift Cards
Walmart Gift Cards	Bicycles
Instax Mini Camera	Lottery Scratchers
Vacation trips/Time Shares	Small kitchen appliances
Tech gifts (Echo, iPad, Kindle)	

MASS INTENTIONS

February 1st	4:30pm	Luis Gutierrez (D) Maria & Angelo DiBona (D)
February 2nd	7:45am	Albert Arce Thomas Cairel
	9:30am	Deceased Members of the O'Brien Family
	11:30am	Van Ngo (D)
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
February 3rd	8:30am	Manuel Gonzales (D)
February 4th	8:30am	Samantha, Jerome & Christine David
February 5th	8:30am	Manuel Gonzales (D)
February 6th	8:30am	
February 7th	8:30am	Christina Joan Wolf (D)
February 8th	8:30am	LaRue Family
	4:30pm	Pat Lapointe (D)
February 9th	7:45am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Florencio Jacinto (D)
	11:30am	Florence Marquez (D)
	5:30pm	Norm Berg Phyllis Walker (D)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-2

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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 | Jenny Azbill |
| Sharon Backus | Marlena Beyer |
| Talon Bonanno | Julie Bouse |
| Eduardo Bravo | Pat Collier |
| Lauri Comly | Ray Coughlin |
| Madeleine Crepin | Noreen Davis |
| Michael W. Donner | Carol Dziedzic |
| Maria Fagundas | Reggie Faulk |
| Dorothy Feldman | Gladys Gonsalves |
| Bud Green | Gary Green |
| J.J. Hall | Stephany Hammer |
| Sandra Harris | Tracy Hass |
| Bridgette Hubbard | Martin Jennings |
| Michele Kinaan | Vicente Meno |
| Allen D. Nelson | Shirley Newton |
| Ronnie Nichols | Patty Nicholson |
| John Padden | Karen Paddock |
| Gerrie Parker | Linda Parker |
| Eleanor Peterson | Gladys Reilly |
| Christopher Revak | Roxanne Rosales |
| Madeline Rose | Gerry Ryden |
| Donna Schulte | Tom Sekel |
| Lee "Lucky" Shaver | Shari Sigl |
| Roberta Sly | Sandy Stoler |
| John Wick | |

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

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| Jan Dargen | Frank Henkel |
| Jean Koller | Pat Lapointe |
| Claire Lessard | Lillian Tomich |

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

VOCATIONS CROSS

Sunday, February 2nd at the 7:45am Mass, **Darlene & Jerry Skou** 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, Michael Haug, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, 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, 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.**

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DID YOU KNOW—

We have parishioners who no longer drive and would appreciate a ride to church once a month. A weekly commitment is not required. If you are available to help it would mean the world to someone who is not able to come to church anymore. Please contact the church office 916-989-7400 to volunteer.



LITURGY CORNER— Ordinary Time

“Okay, so is that why the cloth on the altar is green now instead of white? Wait...why IS it green?”

Throughout the liturgical year, which begins the first Sunday of Advent we have four colors we use for the different time periods.

Advent and Lent are Purple, Ordinary Time is green. Christmas and Easter seasons are white. Pentecost is Red. It may be easier to think of it like this... Christmas and Easter, with their climactic joy and celebration, are the great mountain peaks of the liturgical year. (snow capped mountain peaks, no less... snow....white. ahhhh. Makes sense.

Ordinary Time, then, is the vast verdant meadow that lies between. As Christians we are called to descend these peaks and, like sheep who hear the voice of their shepherd, pasture and graze in these meadows with Christ as He feeds us with His Word and His Eucharist. This makes the color green, with its connotations of life and growth, very appropriate.

Purple is a color of royalty, of richness, hope, prayer and penitence. Did you know way back in the olden days, purple was the color most difficult to come by, and was only used by royalty. (Advent leading to the time of Jesus' birth as the new King, and Lent leading to Jesus being crowned King of the Jews). In Lent we will talk more of this. Today we are out of room. Thanks for reading!

MOVING ON FELLOWSHIP

The next meeting will be THIS Monday, February 3, 10:30am, no-host brunch, Annie's Restaurant (back room), Beech & Greenback. We are a group of Divine Savior widows and widowers whose purpose is to offer support, encouragement, prayer and practical help to the bereaved in "moving on" to a meaningful life after the death of a loved one. For more information, call Pat Biasotti, 530-307-2147

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SIGN-UP SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 8th-9th SMALL FAITH GROUPS/STUDIES

There are 8 small faith groups or book/video studies being offered this Spring. The group facilitators have chosen amazing topics and Fr. Marcel is launching his first study on Sundays, 10:30-11:15am.

Please check out the poster in the vestibule or the parish website for details about the groups. Look for the sign-up sheets in the vestibule on SIGN UP SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th & 9th after each Mass! For more information, call Sharon Laitinen, (916) 989-7400 or email sharon@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.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE Sales will take place **NEXT WEEKEND, February 8th & 9th** 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.

In December, our Community Meal served:

- 387 Guests (average 97/week)
- 607 meals (average 152/week)

Thanks to the volunteers of our Giving Garden, who provided us with butternut squash (delicious and nutritious!) and enabled us to share the bountiful harvest with our guests.

We are blessed to have many volunteers however, we can use more, especially in the kitchen! If you can help, please contact julierose9211@gmail.com or 916-813-3106.



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Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 30	YTD thru Week # 30	Online Giving
2019-2020 Year	\$ 20,638	\$ 545,620	\$
2018-2019 Year	\$ 17,862	\$ 530,925	
Bldg. Fund	\$ 8,807		

Ministry Opportunities

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

In this ministry we take the Eucharist to the homebound, some at home and some in local facilities. *We welcome* new people and we invite you to contact Mary at mtthmaryk@outlook.com if you are interested in learning more about this ministry. The time commitment is minimal.



MANNA, FOOD FROM HEAVEN

Manna Ministry is a pastoral care outreach that was begun by 11 women when the parish was founded in 1987. Some of the founders are still preparing loving meals. Manna 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.



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.



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

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 our next session Thursday, February 6th, 6:45 – 8:15pm. Each session includes sharing and updates on the Church today. For additional information, contact Kathleen Hass at 916-989-7400

Around the Diocese

LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK BEREAVEMENT RETREAT

February 11th, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Christ The King Retreat Center, Citrus Heights

A time to simply ponder the sacred moments and profound human experiences of our lives in the context of faith and in the company of others. We draw upon the wisdom of several contemporary spiritual writers to find healing and HOPE in all the brokenness. Cost \$40. Presented by Fr. Jack Conley C.P. Register online at www.christthekingretreatcenter.org

WORLD DAY OF MARRIAGE 2020

Saturday, February 15, 2020
11:00am Mass with Bishop Soto
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
1017 11th Street, Sacramento



If you plan to attend please register at: <http://catholic.formstack.com/forms/wmd>

If you have any questions, call the Office of Family and Faith Formation at 916-733-0133