

Dear People of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

For this weekend and the next two we will reflect on segments from Matthew's Gospel known as Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We pick up this sermon immediately after the segment dealing with the Beatitudes. That section begins with these words: "when He saw the crowds, He went up the mountain, and after He had sat down, His disciples came to Him. He began to teach them." Two details are not clear. How many people were able to climb where Jesus positioned Himself? Did the disciples Matthew refers to include the crowd that He mentions? While these questions might be important to some, they were not at all of interest to Matthew. Matthew positioned Jesus on the mountain because He was presenting Jesus as "the New Moses".

Matthew's Gospel was addressed primarily to Jewish people who had joined the Jesus Way. As the people learned more and more about this new way, they began to realize that some of their previous traditions, customs, laws and rituals were deemphasized, adapted or eliminated. Matthew is helping the people realize that the Jesus way is taking the best of what Moses taught and examining what implications within that teaching had never been extrapolated and reflected on.

The Jewish people had come to see themselves as God's chosen people. They were to be holy as God is holy. Like most people, the sense of being chosen and holy can get warped rather significantly, which was certainly the case when Jesus arrived on the scene. To this end, today's Gospel states what "chosen" meant to Jesus, namely, that the people were to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." For Jesus, to be chosen wasn't a title or privilege that set the people apart from others but a mission to be fulfilled.

How were the Jewish people and how are we to be "salt of the earth"? We use salt to season food. We are to add a distinct flavor to the world we live in, one marked by goodness, grace, love and justice. Salt is used medicinally, and we are called to continue the mission of Jesus and be instruments of the healing presence of Jesus. We use salt on snowy and icy highways to do our best to provide safe travel for one another. We are all on a journey of faith. Some are on a journey from terror, deprivation, and war, and it is our privilege to do all we can to provide safe movement for all people.

The image of light ties into last Sunday's readings when we reflected on how Jesus is and empowers us to be light for our world. We know that there many kinds of darkness today. There is the darkness caused by ignorance, prejudice, lying, discriminating, oppressing people, to name a few. We are called to bring the light of Jesus to those situations so that people can be freed from what hinders them from being the people God created us to be. Our first reading provides practical examples of how we can be light: sharing our bread with the hungry, providing shelter for the oppressed and homeless, clothing the naked and not turning our back on anyone. In addition, we are called to eliminate oppression, false accusation and malicious speech. Some look at the Ten Commandments and say that their sins are minimal. This view changes as we reflect on Jesus' expansion of the Ten Commandments.

~Fr. Roman

**Schedule for the week of February 10th—February 14th**

Monday-February 10th

6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
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Wednesday-February 12th

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

Thursday-February 13th

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

Friday-February 14th

7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4
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\*\*\*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 are SOLD OUT!**



If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please call the church office, 916-989-7400.

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**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.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

February 8th	4:30pm	Pat Lapointe (D)
February 9th	7:45am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Florencio Jacinto (D)
		Clelia Dolcetti (D)
	11:30am	Florence Marquez (D)
	5:30pm	Norm Berg
		Phyllis Walker (D)
February 10th	8:30am	Terry Bredek
February 11th	8:30am	Lisa Case (D)
		Jeanine Kasprick (D)
February 12th	8:30am	Joshua Jordan
February 13th	8:30am	Brenda Cue
February 14th	8:30am	Amber Bollig
February 15th	8:30am	Scott Bassett
	4:30pm	Maurice Mulloy (D)
February 16th	7:45am	Mel & Bootsie Bolin (D)
	9:30am	Roberta Sly
		Nenette Boucher (D)
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	5:30pm	

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

**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, Michael Haug, Jeremy Herbert, Susan Hocker, Yutaro Hosaka, Ben Isla, 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, Davis Wood, Brian Wright and 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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| <b>Alice Amantea</b>       | <b>Bill Amantea</b>     |
| <b>Sheldon Anderson Jr</b> | <b>Jenny Azbill</b>     |
| <b>Sharon Backus</b>       | <b>Marlena Beyer</b>    |
| <b>Talon Bonanno</b>       | <b>Julie Bouse</b>      |
| <b>Eduardo Bravo</b>       | <b>Pat Collier</b>      |
| <b>Lauri Comly</b>         | <b>Ray Coughlin</b>     |
| <b>Madeleine Crepin</b>    | <b>Noreen Davis</b>     |
| <b>Michael W. Donner</b>   | <b>Carol Dzedzic</b>    |
| <b>Maria Fagundas</b>      | <b>Reggie Faulk</b>     |
| <b>Dorothy Feldman</b>     | <b>Gladys Gonsalves</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>Bridgette Hubbard</b>   | <b>Martin Jennings</b>  |
| <b>Michele Kinaan</b>      | <b>Vicente Meno</b>     |
| <b>Allen D. Nelson</b>     | <b>Shirley Newton</b>   |
| <b>Ronnie Nichols</b>      | <b>Patty Nicholson</b>  |
| <b>John Padden</b>         | <b>Karen Paddock</b>    |
| <b>Gerrie Parker</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>Roberta Sly</b>         | <b>Sandy Stoler</b>     |
| <b>John Wick</b>           |                         |


Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

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| <b>Jan Dargen</b>           | <b>Frank Henkel</b>   |
| <b>Jean Koller</b>          | <b>Pat Lapointe</b>   |
| <b>Claire Lessard</b>       | <b>Lillian Tomich</b> |
| <b>Rhys Undajon-Haskell</b> |                       |

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

**VOCATIONS CROSS**

Sunday, February 9th at the 9:30am Mass, **Carole & Barry Travis** will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.



**Parish Announcements**

**DID YOU KNOW—**

We have a **NEW Senior Outreach Program *Balance for Life***, fun half hour balance training sessions taught by a certified instructor beginning **Thursday, February 13th at 11am in Y-3**. Perhaps you're recovering from an injury or surgery. Or maybe you simply want to increase your balance and flexibility.

There will be a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activities for daily living. A chair is used for seated and/or standing support. Contact Kathleen in the office if you are interested in attending 916-989-7400.



**FAIR TRADE COFFEE** Sales will take place **THIS WEEKEND, February 8th & 9th** at the 4:30, 7:45, 9:30 & 11:30 Masses in the Vestibule.



"The **Knights of Columbus** are hosting Hospitality after all Sunday Masses this weekend. February marks their 16th anniversary as a council and service to Divine Savior. Please stop by for some tasty treats."



**Be there for others through the Annual Catholic Appeal**

On the weekend of February 22, we will once again have the opportunity to walk with others as Jesus asks us to do. Together as Catholics, the Appeal is a way we can all help in a powerful way. Many of our sisters and brothers in the North State have endured catastrophic natural disasters. Others still struggle on the margins of communities. Let us remember them and that each of our gifts, no matter the amount, really do make a difference in someone's life. Last year our parish received \$17,622 back from the appeal that we used to support our Community Meal ministry, St. Vincent de Paul and Laundry Love.

Please prayerfully consider what you can give this year.



**Parish Announcements**

**THIS WEEKEND – FEBRUARY 8th-9th SMALL FAITH GROUPS/STUDIES SIGN UPS**

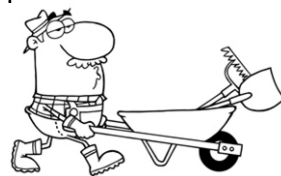
There are 8 small faith groups or book/video studies being offered this Spring. The group facilitators have chosen amazing topics and **Fr. Marcel is launching his first study on Sundays, 10:30-11:15am.**

Look for the sign-up sheets in the vestibule after each Mass! For more information call Sharon Laitinen, 916-989-7400 or email [sharon@divinesavior.com](mailto:sharon@divinesavior.com)



**GIVING GARDEN UPDATE**

The Giving Garden is looking for volunteers for the new growing season. Do you like playing in the soil but don't have the space in your yard? Would you like to learn more about gardening? Do you have a green thumb and would like to share your talent? The Giving Garden needs volunteers that have experience in planting tomatoes, string beans, summer squash, cantaloupe and casaba melons. Also, herbs in a pot.



The Giving Garden team works in the garden every Monday morning during the growing season. It is a joyful few hours where they come together to dig in the dirt, weed, prune, etc. You may also come anytime it fits your schedule! If you are interested, please contact Sr. Sheila at [snovaksds@gmail.com](mailto:snovaksds@gmail.com)

**CAREGIVER WORKSHOP SERIES 2020**

**Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00pm in Hall A**

**Effective Communication Strategies**

**Denise Davis, Prog. Coordinator, Alzheimer's Assoc.**

Communication is more than just talking and listening – it's also about sending and receiving messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language. As people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias lose the ability to use words, families need new ways to connect. Join us to learn: How to better communicate. Decode verbal and behavioral messages. Identify strategies to connect. **Please join us for this FREE workshop. For more information and to RSVP please call Senior Care Solutions at 916-965-5565.**

**Parish Announcements**

**Year over Year Plate Collection Performance**

	Week # 31	YTD thru Week # 31
<b>2019-2020 Year</b>	\$ 18,248	\$ 569,066
<b>2018-2019 Year</b>	\$ 18,239	\$ 550,164

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

March 27- 29 2020  
Christ the King Retreat Center, Citrus Heights

THEME: Meeting Jesus through the Gospel of John

Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and Parish office. You can register online at: <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/> or call the Retreat Center: 916-725-4720.

Questions or additional info, call Parishioner, Cathy Conte, 916-962-0302 or send me an email, [cathy-conte@yahoo.com](mailto:cathy-conte@yahoo.com).

**Ministry Opportunities**

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**

In this ministry we take the Eucharist to the homebound, some at home and some in local assisted living facilities. We thank the many dedicated members of this ministry and we welcome others to join. If you are interested in more info, please email Mary at [mtthmaryk@outlook.com](mailto:mtthmaryk@outlook.com).



**Around the Neighborhood**

The California Highway Patrol invites senior drivers — generally, 55 or older — to enroll in "Stay Focused, Stay Safe," a free, two-hour class designed to help experienced motorists refresh their knowledge of the rules of the road and brush up on their driving skills. The goal is to help mature drivers to stay safe, extend their driving years on the road and learn about transportation options.

Enrollment is limited! Sign up today:

**When:** Saturday, February 22, 2020, 10 am-Noon

**Where:** CHP East Sacramento Area Office  
11336 Trade Center Drive, Rancho Cordova

**RSVP:** To enroll, please cut and paste this link from our Eventbrite page into your search engine:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chp-stay-focused-stay-safe-senior-driver-class-tickets-88545416725>

**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**

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 13th, 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**

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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: <https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/wmd>

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