

Dear People of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

As was mentioned last weekend, 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 to realize that Jesus took the fundamentals of what Moses taught and expanded them.

What Jesus taught was not necessarily completely new, as we can tell from today's first reading. As stated, the biblical writer is calling the people to trust God when making choices about how to think and to behave. Many people at the time of Jesus presumed that their slavish obedience to the many religious laws that had been developed over the centuries was a way to earn God's favor. But as our first reading states, God "understands man's every deed." There is no fooling God; God knows our motivation. In our Gospel passage, Jesus reminded the people that the quality of living as a follower of Jesus needed to surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus was not talking about all of the scribes and Pharisees, only those who thought they would be saved by mere observance of the laws, many of which they had written to keep the community holy according to their standards and not the standards of God.

Today's psalm adds texture to the above. Those are blessed who seek God with all their heart. Like the psalmist, we pray that we be given discernment that we can observe God's law and keep it with all our hearts. Later in Matthew's Gospel we will hear Jesus draw from the first books of the Bible the twin commands to love God, neighbor and self. Today's Gospel passage fleshes out in part what love of neighbor entails.

The rest of this reflection will consider the shorter form of today's Gospel. The first segment has to do with killing someone. Most of us can easily say that we have not killed anyone, and, therefore, we have observed the fifth commandment. Not so fast, Jesus says. Jesus calls our attention to that which leads to killing, namely anger. We know that it is a human emotion to be angry, especially when one does dirt to us in any way. When our consciences are formed by an understanding of what love entails, getting angry at injustice would seem to be automatic and quite acceptable and understandable. Contrary to what some of us have been taught, there is no sin in this. What we do with the anger is key. The simplest way to express our anger is to say that we do not like how a person is speaking or acting. We wish they would opt to look at the person or situation differently. Speaking in this way takes courage and clarity. In line with our second reading, we pray that we are relying on God's wisdom. To act on our anger is to destroy, to diminish. To hold onto to our anger destroys and diminishes us.

The same is true of adultery and swearing. Getting pleasure out of looking at another's body is something we need to be very careful about; God's creation is to be honored to the fullest degree possible.

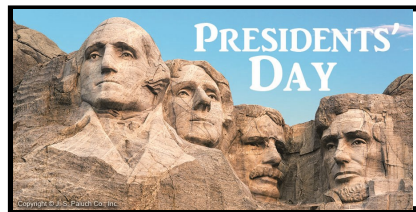
Involving God in a way to suggest that God is permitting behavior we know is wrong, is also clearly off limits.

~Fr. Roman

**Schedule for the week of
February 17th—February 21st**

Monday-February 17th *** Office Closed***		
All Day	Daily Mass	Church
Tuesday-February 18th		
6:00pm	Senior Workshop	Hall A
Wednesday-February 19th		
9:15am	Tai Chi	Vestibule
Noon	Lectio Divina	St. Cecilia rm.
Thursday-February 20th		
9:00am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
11:00am	Senior Outreach-Balance for Life	Y 3
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
6:45pm	Catholic Returning Home	small conf. rm.
Friday-February 21st		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4

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



PRESIDENTS' DAY

The office will be closed on Presidents' Day Monday February 17, 2020



**CRAB FEED 2020
SOLD OUT!!!**

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

DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you to all those who have already donated or purchased tickets to this wonderful event. We are still looking for **GIFT CARDS and WINE, WINE, WINE for our NEW, FUN, EXCITING RAFFLE GAMES.** Donations may be dropped off at the parish office or call 916-989-7400 to schedule a pick up.

MASS INTENTIONS

February 15th	4:30pm	Maurice Mulloy (D)
February 16th	7:45am	Mel & Bootsie Bolin (D)
	9:30am	Roberta Sly
		Nenette Boucher (D)
	11:30am	Elaine Bauer
	5:30pm	People of the Parish
February 17th	8:30am	Charlie Stetter (D)
		Jim Donohue (D)
February 18th	8:30am	Mike Jordan
		Claire Lessard (D)
February 19th	8:30am	Dec. members of the Treber Family
February 20th	8:30am	Dec. members of the Albertano Fam.
February 21st	8:30am	
February 22nd	8:30am	Micaela Jordan
	4:30pm	Paul C. Donner (D)
February 23rd	7:45am	Bill Anderson (D)
	9:30am	Corazon Jacinto (D)
	11:30am	People of the Parish
	5:30pm	

The funeral for our parishioner, Janet Dargen will be Tuesday, February 18th at 10:30am.

The funeral for our parishioner, Frank Henkel will be Friday, February 21st at 10:30am.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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, 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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| 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 |
| Nequita dela Cruz | Michael W. Donner |
| Carol Dzedzic | 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 |
| Rosemary Nealy | 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:

Jan Dargen	Frank Henkel
Claire Lessard	Lillian Tomich
Rhyss Undajon-Haskell	

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

VOCATIONS CROSS

Saturday, February 15th at the 4:30pm Mass, **Jeannette Davidson** will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.



Parish Announcements

DID YOU KNOW—

The Annual Catholic Appeal is next weekend Feb. 22/23, and 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.



**Effective Communication Strategies Workshop
Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00pm in Hall A
Denise Davis, Prog. Coordinator, Alzheimer's Assoc.**

Learn how to better communicate as people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias lose the ability to use words and families need new ways to connect and decode verbal and behavioral messages. 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. **For more information and to RSVP for this FREE workshop please call Senior Care Solutions at 916-965-5565.**

Ash Wednesday Schedule

February 26th

**Liturgy of the Word & Ash Distribution
6:30am & 12:00pm**

**Mass & Ash Distribution
8:30am & 7:00pm**

Senior Outreach Ride Share Program

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 Kathleen at the church office 916-989-7400 to volunteer.



Parish Announcements

**Parish Pastoral Council
Social Justice Discovery Session**

There will be a Social Justice Ministries discovery session on **Sunday, March 8th at 1:00pm** after the 11:30am Mass in Hall A. All who are interested are encouraged to attend and participate as we learn how we as Catholics are called to pursue social justice as a component of our earthly and spiritual journeys. We will: identify and discuss Divine Savior's existing social justice initiatives, identify and discuss new opportunities to pursue social justice here at Divine Savior, and explore how the PPC can support these efforts. All are welcome.

NEW Senior Outreach Program *Balance for Life*

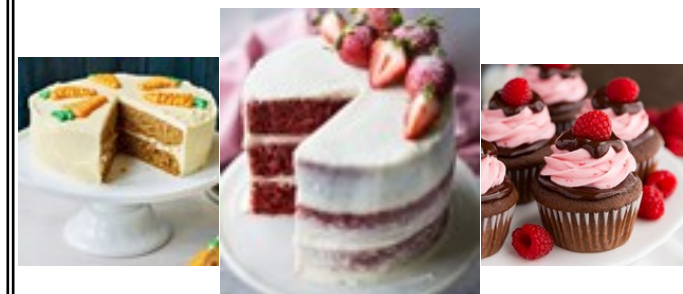
Fun half hour balance training sessions every Thursday at 11am in Y-3 taught by a certified instructor. Perhaps you're recovering from an injury or surgery. Or maybe you simply want to increase your balance and flexibility.

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. **Please wear tennis shoes, loose clothing and bring water.**



**SPECIALTY CAKES NEEDED
FOR THE CRAB FEED
DESSERT TABLE**

We are looking for specialty dessert bakers to donate their special desserts for inclusion at the Crab Feed Dessert Table. Please call the Parish Office at 916-989-7400 if you can help.



Parish Announcements

Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 32	YTD thru Week # 32
2019-2020 Year	\$ 15,119	\$ 588,536
2018-2019 Year	\$ 12,781	\$ 563,321

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL

The 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Parish Social is on **Sunday, March 15th** —in honor of St. Patrick we will have a parish wide ice cream social with Irish music and games for the entire family. It is a free event being held in Hall A & B on **Sunday, March 15th** from 4 - 5:30pm. All are welcome! Come join the fun.



ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

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

Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule. Call the Retreat Center 916-725-4720 or register online at: <https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/>

Questions or additional info, call Parishioner, Cathy Conte, 916-962-0302 or email, cathyconte@yahoo.com.

Ministry Opportunities

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering prayer is a method of prayer that helps develop a relationship with God by being still and listening. A Centering Prayer group meets at Divine Savior on the **third Tuesday of the month**. The group meets at 9:15am in the St. Cecilia Room. If you'd like to participate in this form of prayer, join us on **February 20th**. Questions? Call Joyce at 916-990-0546.

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.



Parish Announcements

**BIG DAY OF SERVICE 2020
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020**

Join hundreds of your neighbors from Orangevale and Fair Oaks for one big day of community service. The first event in 2018 was a HUGE success with 1,000 people participating. In 2019, Divine Savior hosted the morning rally & kick-off and the event grew to almost 1,200 volunteers. **This year will be even bigger, and for the first time, Divine Savior will have a handful of projects going on in the Giving Garden.** If you would like to work specifically for Divine Savior, **please sign up this weekend after Mass** at the Giving Garden table or contact Debbie Coughlin at debmic15@gmail.com. To find out more information go to: <https://www.bigdayofservice.com/page/event>. You can register and sign up to help on one of the projects in the



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 20th, 6:45 – 8:15pm. Each session includes sharing and updates on the Church today. For additional information, contact Kathleen at 916-989-7400 or kathleen@divinesavior.com