

Dear People of Divine Savior and our Cherished Visitors:

This weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of Lent. Each year, on this Sunday, we reflect on the temptations of Jesus. This Gospel passage as well as the other two scripture passages need to be interpreted carefully so that we focus on the actual message revealed in them. When it states that Jesus was lead into the desert to be tempted, the Holy Spirit is not out to see that Jesus is tested for testing's sake, but rather that Jesus has the opportunity to reflect on what it means to be God's beloved Son. It is the same for us; when we are tempted and at the same time are in sync with the Holy Spirit, we have a rich opportunity to choose to make decisions in line with being God's beloved people.

It states that Jesus was in the desert for forty days and nights, during which time he evidently did not eat anything. We remember that Matthew is doing all he can to help the Jewish people who began to follow the Jesus way to grasp that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that preceded Him in Jewish history. Forty was a significant number for the Jewish people, given that their ancestors wandered in the desert for forty years after being freed from Egyptian slavery. During those years, they came to realize that the God who freed them was a God who would always be with them and that they would always be God's people. For us, we pray that after a time in which nothing seems to be going right, we might allow God to remind us that we are not alone and that we will always be God's beloved.

We can imagine that Jesus might have laughed at the devil. In response to the devil's saying "IF you are the Son of God", Jesus likely would have said, "not if, but, because". We pray that when someone questions our identity, we would likewise respond by saying that we are God's cherished ones. Who of us isn't tempted to consume food when it would be better not to or better to choose another selection? Who of us doesn't like to show off or brag once in a while? Who of us can say we are completely free from any control issues? Like Jesus, we rely on the Holy Spirit to help us realize what is the best attitude to have and the best action to engage in.

Our second reading deals with the so-called sin of the first man. Interesting, isn't it, that according to our first reading it was a woman who ate first of the so-called forbidden fruit. But it is important to realize that human history existed for at least 200,000 years before the first reading was written. Therefore, we need to see that the creation accounts at the beginning of Genesis are not historical. The point of our first reading is that there are consequences to our choices. Some people act as if there are no boundaries or rules. This is a stage of development that we help young children learn from. The two in the garden were portrayed as child-like and naïve. A main point of the passage is that we need to take responsibility for our choices. Also, what we want to celebrate is how God created everything out of dirt as a symbol for how all creation is united in God's goodness, to be cared for accordingly.

~Fr. Roman

**Schedule for the week of March 2nd—March 6th**

<b>Monday-March 2nd</b>		
6:00pm	Rosary Group	Church
<b>Wednesday-March 4th</b>		
9:15am	Tai Chi	Vestibule
Noon	Lectio Divina	St. Cecilia rm.
2:00pm	OLG Meeting	large conf. rm.
<b>Thursday-March 5th</b>		
9:00am	Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church
11:00am	Senior Outreach-Balance for Life	Y 3
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Library
6:00pm	Community Meal	Halls
<b>Friday-March 6th</b>		
7:00am	Men's Prayer Group	M 4
9am-Noon	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
6:30pm	Stations of the Cross & Soup	Church

**\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\***

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

**CRAB FEED 2020**



Sign-ups in the vestibule this weekend to help with set-up on Wednesday, March 11th and clean-up on Saturday, March 14th after The Divine Savior Crab Feed.

**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 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 29th	4:30pm	Marc McAnally (D) Catalina Montenegro (D)
March 1st	7:45am 9:30am	Virginia dela Cruz (D) Minh Ha (D) Long Ha (D)
	11:30am	Rosalinda Fabella Johanna McHale (D)
March 2nd	5:30pm 8:30am	People of the Parish Helen Bajas Yolanda Uribe (D)
March 3rd	8:30am	Nina Cue
March 4th	8:30am	
March 5th	8:30am	Henry Gomes (D)
March 6th	8:30am	Henry Alau (D)
March 7th	8:30am	Ron Pustai (D)
	4:30pm	Shirley Myers (D)
March 8th	7:45am 9:30am 11:30am 5:30pm	Vince McMahon People of the Parish Tom Sekel

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

*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 Kraitnz, Tyler Kraitnz, 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>Madeleine Crepin</b> |
| <b>Noreen Davis</b>        | <b>Nenita dela Cruz</b> |
| <b>Michael W. Donner</b>   | <b>Carol Dziedzic</b>   |
| <b>JoAnn Elder</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>Sandra Harris</b>    |
| <b>Bridgette Hubbard</b>   | <b>Martin Jennings</b>  |
| <b>Michele Kinaan</b>      | <b>Cookie McCormack</b> |
| <b>Vicente Meno</b>        | <b>Allen D. Nelson</b>  |
| <b>Shirley Newton</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>Sandy Stoler</b>        | <b>John Wick</b>        |

Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

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| <b>Sara Hill</b>      | <b>JoAnn Jarumay</b> |
| <b>Rosemary Nealy</b> | <b>Ron Pustai</b>    |

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

**VOCATIONS CROSS**

Saturday, February 29th at the 4:30pm Mass, **John and Colleen Valentine** will take home the Vocations Cross to pray daily for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and the Religious Life.



## Parish Announcements

### DID YOU KNOW

Several months ago, a new Campus Development committee was formed, led by one of our PPC members, Dan Freeman. This group of twelve people was formed to:

1. Provide oversight of the existing and future Divine Savior infrastructure including maintenance, repair and replacement.
  - a. Provide proactive leadership on all safety issues involving Divine Savior infrastructure
2. Facilitate the Campus Development Discovery Session in early 2020 to discuss the parish infrastructure needs with interested parishioners
3. Lead the effort to develop the campus development portion of the 5-year Strategic Plan.
4. Act as a resource to Brian Collier, the Divine Savior Plant Manager

### Projects which have been completed to date include:

- a) the elimination of walking hazards on the concrete plaza in front of the main entrance to the church. This included grinding down raised areas, adding special surface material where needed, and filling the holes created by missing tiles. Through the generosity of one of the members of this committee Marsha Taras, the company she works for, Roebelen Contracting, underwrote the cost of this project, which amounted to some \$5,000;
- b) a leak developed in our lawn sprinkling system under the asphalt of our parking lot. Brian Collier and another member of this committee, Steve Kassel, oversaw the repairs to this situation. The cost of this repair is not known at this time;

### Projects under consideration, all under the guidance of members of this committee:

- a) replacing the signs on Greenback and Filbert, making them more attractive and easier to read as well as developing signage for important parts of our buildings, Mike Hatfield is the committee lead;
- b) filling in the cracks in the back-parking lot and making needed repairs to other areas of the parking lot, Steve Kassel is the committee lead;
- c) replacing the lighting fixtures for the sanctuary of the church as well as providing better lighting for the music area in the church, Mike Hatfield is the committee lead;
- d) Evaluating options to provide restroom accessibility for those, especially our children, who use the portable rooms behind the church, Ed Puchi is the committee lead.

### EUCHARISTIC 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.

## Parish Announcements

### SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES at DIVINE SAVIOR



**NEXT Sunday, March 8th the Parish Pastoral Council is hosting a discovery session in Hall A at 1pm (after the 11:30 Mass) as a follow up to our parish survey.** All interested parishioners 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. If you have any questions regarding this, please email Denise Hackett at [denise@divinesavior.com](mailto:denise@divinesavior.com)

### BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

During Lent, the parish, led by our Respect for Life Ministry, is participating in the Baby Bottle Project to support the Sacramento Life Center. The Life Center is a licensed Community Medical Clinic and has two Medical Mobile Clinics offering, compassion, support, resources and free medical care for women facing an unplanned or unsupported pregnancy in a life-affirming environment. This fundraiser and its success is vital to keep the doors open. The baby bottles can be filled with cash, coins, or checks (payable to Sac Life Center) and will be **available THIS WEEKEND, February 29<sup>th</sup>/March 1st after all Masses in the Vestibule.** Please return the bottles to the vestibule on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, or drop off beforehand at the parish office. Please return even if you have not filled it as they are reused each year! For more information, contact Dolly Winterton 248-797-507-75077 or email [Dolly-winterton633@msn.com](mailto:Dolly-winterton633@msn.com)

The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies on the plaza THIS weekend.



### MOVING ON FELLOWSHIP

Monday, March 2, - 10:30am  
Annie's Restaurant (back room) Beech & Greenback  
No-host Brunch

We are an informal group of Divine Savior widows and widowers who welcome all those who have lost a loved one. We offer support, friendship, prayer and practical help to the bereaved to assist them in "moving on". For more information, call Pat Biasotti, 530-307-2147

## Parish Announcements

### Year over Year Plate Collection Performance

	Week # 34	YTD thru Week # 34
2019-2020 Year	\$ 13,949	\$ 623,370
2018-2019 Year	\$ 17,558	\$ 601,273

### Ministry Opportunities

#### FILIPINO MINISTRY

At Divine Savior parish, we are blessed to be the home of many diverse cultural groups, each unique and powerful in how they celebrate the Eucharist, but all united in Christ. The **Filipino Ministry of Divine Savior** is one of such groups that seeks to continue to share its rich Catholic cultural traditions and is welcoming new members to be a part of their ministry. **All are invited to their next meeting on April 19th, at 1:00pm in the MS Room.** Please, come and learn about Filipino Catholic traditions and share your ideas for this ministry!

#### 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*

## Parish Announcements

### 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.



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 in Halls A & B from 4 - 5:30pm. All are welcome!

**Come join the fun!**



Please join us during Lent for Stations of the Cross with a soup supper to follow. 6:30pm on Fridays in the Church

March 6th hosted by: RCIA  
March 13th hosted by: S.A.V.E. Ministry  
March 20th hosted by: CFF/RCIAA  
March 27th hosted by: Parish Pastoral Council  
April 10th: Good Friday Stations and Soup (contact Elaine if you would like to bring soup, [elaine@divinesavior.com](mailto:elaine@divinesavior.com))



As an added *positive* action, **BYOD (Bring Your Own Dishes! And non-disposable utensils, cups and cloth napkins!)** to Stations and Soup. In doing so, you serve as protectors of God's gift to us – the Earth – by reducing the mounds of paper and plastic that pollute our oceans and earth.