

## **Celebrating Mass together again**

**On Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, the Bishop informed all parishes that we must resume public Masses on June 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. However, the dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass in person is still in place. Livestream or in person attendance at any Mass during the week is *acceptable for anyone* and *recommended* for those who may be at greater risk. *Please know that all Masses will continue to be Livestreamed.* Our primary concern is the health and safety of each of us, with special emphasis and protections given for those most vulnerable in our community, including our priests.**

**When we begin celebrating Mass together in person, adherence to guidelines and physical distancing protocol will be vital.**

**Below are the details of what gathering together will entail:**

**Mass times - during the pandemic will be 4:30pm Saturday and 8:30am and 11:30am Sunday**

**Attendees - Staff or a volunteer will be outside the front door to greet and count numbers of attendees. There will be strict limitations on seating (100 parishioners at each Mass)**

**Temperature - Before entering the church, all parishioners and guests will have their temperature taken with a touchless thermometer. If the temperature is above 100.4 degrees, the person will be asked to participate at home via Livestream.**

**Entry - will be through the front center doors only and no sooner than 20 minutes before Mass. All other doors will be locked but available as emergency exits.**

**Sanitizer - All those entering the church will be asked to use hand sanitizer before entering. Additional sanitizer will be located throughout the church.**

**Masks - will be required upon entry to the church and must be worn throughout Mass. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided.**

**Seating - Every other pew will be roped off with a set number of seats available per pew. Staff members & volunteers will be available to assist with seating.**

**Worship resources - will be on the screens only (missalettes have been removed for our safety).**

**Offertory – Directions will be given for collection during Mass. Parishioners are **HIGHLY** encouraged to donate online.**

**Communion – Parishioners will be called up in sections to share in communion. For the first few weeks, a staff member/usher will assist people in formation of new protocols.**

**Music – Only the gathering and sending songs will be sung – all prayers and Mass parts will be spoken and offertory and Communion music will be instrumental or solo (studies have shown that singing dramatically increases the transmission of the virus).**

**Exit - Parishioners will be dismissed by sections and are asked to exit through the nearest door. Please have all conversations outside on the rosary walk/central plaza area to ensure adequate physical distancing.**

**We remind ourselves that whether we can join one another here in the church or via Livestream, we are together. Our hearts are united in love.**

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23

At first glance, the event of Pentecost is set on different days. It is another indication of how the early church was very creative and flexible. They were quite aware that the actions regarding Jesus' Resurrection, Ascension and the awareness of the Holy Spirit's Presence took place according to our heavenly Father's time. The first followers of Jesus realized how helpful it would be to separate when these sacred events would be celebrated. Doing so would provide a distinct period during which a certain amount of concentrated reflection could take place on each of these sacred moments. That did not mean that reflection on these events was limited to the time assigned by the early church; rather, we benefit from reflecting on them on a continuing basis.

The space between each of these events also provided a time to prepare hearts and minds for the next feast to be celebrated. Therefore, reflecting in a focused way on the Resurrection would lead naturally to preparing to celebrate that indeed life had changed drastically with Jesus' death. Because of the depth of their reflection on their experiences with Jesus, He continued to be present with His first followers. Their ingenuity and creativity are evident in that they pulled from their tradition a wonderful reason to celebrate Pentecost fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. Fifty was a very important number throughout the Old Testament; for instance, it was on the fiftieth day after Passover that the Jewish people celebrated a feast during which they gave thanks for how God revealed His goodness in the grain that the people were able to grow. Another name for this fiftieth day celebration was that of "first fruits".

In reflecting on what the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus meant for them, the first followers of Jesus saw Him as the first fruits of what the Father was going to bring about for all those who followed Him as faithfully as possible. In order to live as faithful followers of Jesus, it was important to celebrate how Jesus had fulfilled His promise that His followers, through their intense reflection, would realize that the Spirit of Jesus was quite alive within them.

We are to follow the example of these first followers. We pray that we will be attentive to how Jesus is present to us despite our fears and that He is fully capable of dispelling our fears. We pray that we cooperate fully with the Spirit as we, together as a community of Jesus' followers, would make known, as Jesus did, the love of God for all people. We continue to build the bonds of community as we allow God's love to bring healing to any occasion when we have caused pain or hurt instead of taking loving care of one another, especially the neediest in our midst.

Jesus breathing on the disciples prompts us to reflect on how God's Spirit, during creation, breathed on the chaos and brought about the great gift of the universe that we enjoy and care for. We allow that breath to empower us so that we can continue, in collaboration with God, to transform our world into the village in which all of God's people are treated with love.

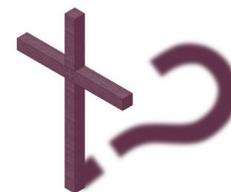
~Fr. Roman



**ANNUAL PARISH TALENT SHOW**

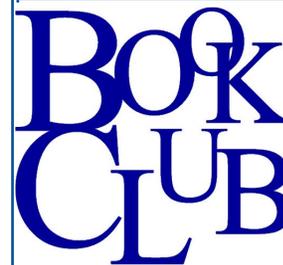
**Tomorrow, May 30th 7:00pm**

**Are you tired of watching Netflix and Amazon Prime?** Tomorrow night, May 30th, tune into Divine Savior's YouTube or Facebook page at 7pm for a live-hosted show featuring the talents of our own parishioners!



Be sure to watch this week's edition of "Going Deeper with Fr. Roman- Pentecost." - A reflection on this weekend's Gospel...Making disciples of us all! Click on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/9lv3-wtTlk4>



Divine Savior's On-Line Book Club is Open! Join now!

During this time of anxiety and vulnerability, Brené Brown tools us for bravery in her book, **RISING STRONG: How the Ability to Reset Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and**

**Lead.** She writes: "My hope is that the process outlined in this book gives us language and a rough map that will guide us in getting back on our feet." To join, please go to [facebook.com/divinesaviororangevale](https://facebook.com/divinesaviororangevale). You can find it by clicking on the "groups" tab on this page. Click "join group" to submit a request to join. If you have trouble in joining, send an email to [sharon@divinesavior.com](mailto:sharon@divinesavior.com), and an invite will be sent to you!

Please pray for those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing.

Sheldon Anderson Jr.	Bill Amantea
Talon Bonanno	Julie Bouse
Eduardo Bravo	Pat Collier
Lauri Comly	Madeleine Crepin
Noreen Davis	Michael W. Donner
Carol Dziedzic	JoAnn Elder
Reggie Faulk	Dorothy Feldman
Bud Green	Gary Green
Sandra Harris	Bridgette Hubbard
Martin Jennings	Michele Kinaan
Kim Knoll	Mike Ledgerwood
Mike Mahoney	Jack May
Vicente Meno	Allen D. Nelson
Glen Newton	Shirley Newton
Patty Nicholson	Jackie Olson
John Padden	Karen Paddock
Linda Parker	Eleanor Peterson
Gladys Reilly	Christopher Revak
Roxanne Rosales	Madeline Rose
Gerry Ryden	Donna Schulte
Tom Sekel	Shari Sigl
John Wick	Stella Zipp

*Please pray for the souls of those who have died:*

Sally Hartley	Davian Cordell Helpon
JoAnn Kuphaldt	Mario Marckwordt
Rita Ullrich	

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

## Week of June 1st—June 7th

**Sunday Mass** - Mass will be livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube at 4:30pm Saturdays and 9:00am Sundays. Recordings are available 2 hours after on our parish Facebook, website, and YouTube channel (Divine Savior Orangevale) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUPTKQe3Rxis-k1MNsJL8rw>

**Daily Mass** will be livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube at 9:00am. **No morning Mass on Saturday.**

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**—Livestreamed on Mondays—Thursdays at 3pm, join Fr. Marcel as he prays the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the very hour our Divine Savior died. **On Thursdays, Adoration will follow.**

**Our Church and Parish Office** will be closed until further notice, however staff will answer the phone Monday through Friday from 8:00am until 4:00pm. For **funerals, confession, or anointing of the sick**, please call the parish office.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Divine Savior invites everyone to Eucharistic Adoration following the livestream of daily Mass on Friday, June 1st. Adoration immediately after



great Feast.

See you on facebook or YouTube!"

**This weekend, we celebrate Pentecost** and ask that you have **red** as part of your clothing or décor for Mass. We will offer prerecorded prayers of the faithful in different languages and feature other celebratory gestures in honor of this

## Financial Support of the Parish

Much appreciation and abundant blessing to everyone contributing to the parish in any small or big way. You can mail in donations, **drop in parish mail box** or those who want to switch to electronic giving, please go to our parish website <https://www.divinesavior.com/giving>. Please note that we have added a new option, **“text giving.”** ~ Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.

## ONLINE PRAYER REQUESTS!

"Divine Savior Book of Prayer" has a new online companion version! During this strange stay-at-home time, we would like to increase the connection between us and focus on the power of parishioners united in prayer for one another. Our online prayer request page has a form to submit prayers, either confidentially or to post on the bottom of the page. Feel free to check this page daily and pray for all the intentions listed on the online prayer tree: <https://divinesavior.com/prayer-request>



## SENIOR CHECK-IN CALLS

Beginning this weekend some of our parishioners will be calling our senior citizens to check in and see how everyone is doing. We realize this quarantine is a marathon and we want to reach out again to our senior citizens especially. Please know that our team of volunteers will attempt to reach everyone by phone sometime over the next two weeks. If you do not receive a call, we may not have the right phone number for you and we will attempt to reach you in some other way. To update your information, please contact the parish office and leave a detailed message, or email [Kathleen@divinesavior.com](mailto:Kathleen@divinesavior.com).

**Resources for Senior Citizens:**

<https://www.divinesavior.com/resources-for-senior-citizens>

## TAI CHI CHIH

**The Tai Chi Chih class has resumed.** Sue and Mary are leading the class on Zoom. The class opens at 9:45am every Wednesday and the practice begins at 10:00am. If you would like to join, send your e-mail address to Sue at [idadene@yahoo.com](mailto:idadene@yahoo.com). You will receive an invite on Tuesday.