

July 5, 2020

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

What a precious Gospel message we have to reflect on this week! Jesus assures us that He will give us rest. In the verses of chapter 11 prior to this Sunday's selection, Jesus is expressing His great displeasure over how places He has traveled to have not changed their ways. We can relate with His displeasure given that so many people are not following the directives in order to curtail COVID-19.

We feel burdened, and maybe even wonder why we try so hard to follow the directives given that we are concerned about our own health and that of others. We listen to Jesus as He calls us to come to Him with any and all of our burdens. He wants us to learn from Him. Jesus uses an image of a yoke, a device into which, in many cases, two animals place their heads; the yoke rests on the animals' shoulders. Other equipment that is part of the yoke is hooked to whatever the animals are expected to pull, such as a plow or wagon.

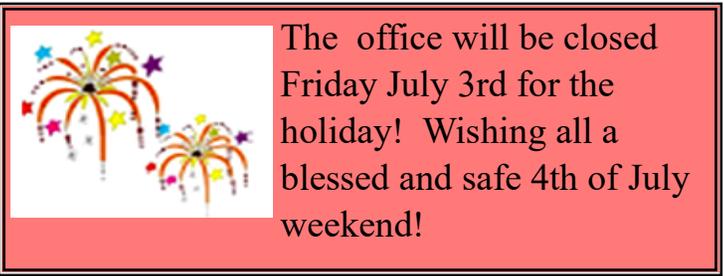
What we learn from Jesus is that in His meekness and humility He is very happy to put His head through one hole as we put ours into the other. Jesus makes real that His mission is to help, to serve, to relieve us of what burdens us. This could include the work that we have to do that is very challenging, as well as any other activity for which we don't feel particularly adept; it can also include lingering fear, shame, guilt, self-pity, worry and anxiety. If we are ready to let Jesus lighten our load, we will find that He is pulling the greater portion of the weight. Jesus is quite willing to get down in the sweat and toil of our lives.

Our allowing Jesus to help us reflects that we are willing to see ourselves as the little ones Jesus speaks of in the first half of the Gospel passage. We are not so proud that we will refuse Jesus' invitation to let Him help us. We know only too well that there are times when we might be inclined to say to Jesus, "excuse me, I don't want or need your help; I am quite capable of taking care of my stuff." When we allow Jesus to help us, we not only experience relief but we learn from Jesus where He got His strength and courage to continue His mission when He was faced with the heavy weight of people not accepting His offer to help. Foolishly, they chose to continue to live in slavery to principles which only multiplied the burdens.

Imagine what kind of world we could recreate if we allow Jesus to help us with any and every issue! Imagine what burdens we could lift from millions in our own country who are food-deprived! Or the relief we could bring to people who are paid wages that do not support even a simple lifestyle! Or the blessing that people would experience when they no longer must worry about being treated in degrading ways because of the color of their skin!

We can make a difference because, as our second reading makes clear, the Spirit of God dwells in us, and always has. Through the Spirit we can bring about the kind of life that God intended for all His beloved people.

~Fr. Roman



OUTDOOR, DRIVE-UP COMMUNION

For those who participate at home via live-stream, we are offering outdoor, drive-up Communion on Sundays immediately following the 11:30am Mass.

Deepening Our Christian Faith - a small faith group study with Fr. Marcel

Interested in deepening your faith; join Fr. Marcel's small faith zoom sessions beginning on Sunday, July 12th at 2pm. Sessions will continue weekly on Sundays from 2-3pm. For more information or to join this group, email Fr. Marcel at frmarcel@divinesavior.com



Social Justice News:

Curious about what the Church teaches about Social Justice? Want to know what we are talking about and doing about issues of Racial Injustice? Check out the new section of the website on these

topics: [Social Justice](#) and [Examining Racial Injustice](#)

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

Bill Amantea
Talon Bonanno
Eduardo Bravo
Lauri Comly
Noreen Davis
Carol Dziedzic
Reggie Faulk
Linda Goulet
Sandra Harris
Martin Jennings
Carl Larson
Vicente Meno
Allen D. Nelson
Shirley Newton
Jacque Olson
Karen Paddock
Gladys Reilly
Roxanne Rosales
Gerry Ryden
Tom Sekel
Israael Lopez Silva
Stella Zipp

Sheldon Anderson Jr.
Julie Bouse
Pat Collier
Madeleine Crepin
Michael W. Donner
JoAnn Elder
Dorothy Feldman
Bud Green
Bridgette Hubbard
Michele Kinaan
Mike Ledgerwood
Mauri Murillo
Glen Newton
Patty Nicholson
John Padden
Linda Parker
Christopher Revak
Madeline Rose
Donna Schulte
Shari Sigl
Jim Turner

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

Joe Lopez Jack May
Fred Quiman John Wieck

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

FIREWORKS BOOTH

Please Support the Knights of Columbus

Fireworks Fundraiser located at:

8900 Greenback Lane in Orangevale
(former Walgreens Pharmacy location)

At the southeast corner of Greenback & Hazel

Booth open until July 4th

9am—10pm



LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED—ON THE JOB TRAINING PROVIDED



Lectors Ushers Tech
Eucharistic Ministers
Temperature Checkers
Attendance Counters
RSVP Counters

Are you participating at Mass in the church or thinking you are ready to return? We would love to have you join our team of Liturgical Ministers. To volunteer or for more information email elaine@divinesavior.com

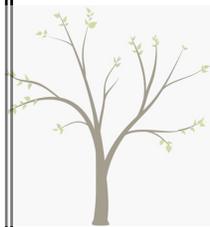
Called to *Serve*

Want to help make decisions on all aspects of the parish?



Become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) at Divine Savior? PPC is a 12 member selected body that provides ideas and resources to the pastor and staff to help us accomplish our mission of being a vibrant faith community that worships at mass together, shares in the sacraments and participates in programs and ministries that allow parishioners to share their time and talents. We are selecting 3 new members. **For a nominee form and more information [Click here](#). Submit nominations by July 6th** by emailing Denise Hackett at denise@divinesavior.com.

Seeking Prayer Tree Team Members!



Have some time on your hands? Still staying at home a lot? Join us in prayer for the intentions listed on our website and in the Divine Savior Book of Prayer. We ask that Prayer Team members pray every day for these intentions - you can utilize whatever form of prayer is most comfortable for you....offer a rosary, attend Mass virtually or in person and offer a prayer before Mass begins, compose your own prayers and read the list aloud, say a quick Our Father while waiting at a stoplight, post the list on your refrigerator. . . Prayer is **POWERFUL**: never underestimate what God can do! Web page: [click here](#) Contact Caroline@divinesavior.com for more info!

SUMMER FUN & FAITH CAMP

Our Divine Savior Summer Fun and Faith Distance Learning Camp will begin on Sunday July 12th and continue weekly through August 9th. Come join us virtually as we find creative ways to be in community and “Grow in Love” with Jesus! All children through fifth grade are encouraged to participate! For



more information, [click here](#) or email Jen at jennifer@divinesavior.com to get an enrollment form.