

Dear Parishioners of Divine Savior and our cherished visitors:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-30

Today we are blessed to reflect on another of Jesus' parables. Typically, a parable would have one main point. In Matthew's Gospel, as is clear from the beginning of this weekend's passage, the parables have us focus on the kingdom of heaven and what we are to believe and to prepare for the gift of being granted entrance into that holy realm.

The point of this parable is that we are imperfect people living in an imperfect world. Given this reality, we are to live our lives in ways that allow us to be transformed and to influence one another to allow the Holy Spirit to do His work of transforming all who are open to that graced influence. Together, we do our best to cooperate with God to do what we can to bring about the fullest possible degree of transformation for the entire world.

Our second reading states clearly how the Holy Spirit will aid us in our weakness. One of our greatest weaknesses is not allowing the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to guide us in coming to know the nature of God as Jesus revealed God's goodness and kindness. Of course, Jesus relied on what He personally experienced in His relationship with God as well as on the scriptures that He studied as He prepared for His mission of revealing God.

This weekend's Psalm provides several words that help us clarify how God relates to us and to all people. God is good and forgiving and abounding in kindness. God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in faithfulness. God provides strength to all His servants. All these traits of God are ones we are to integrate into our personality. If we think that keeping in check the influences within us that are like weeds is getting too troublesome, we are certainly invited to look to God for what we need to do our best.

Our first reading provides other expressions that not only help us to refine the image of God we hold dear, but also provides images that we are invited to make part of our daily living. God cares for all the people He created. We are to look to God as our source of justice; we are blessed with all we need in order to cooperate with God in seeing that all the people of the world are treated as God's precious and cherished people. We realize that regardless of what image of God was impressed on us in our formative years, God deals with us with clemency and lenience. God teaches us to imitate Him in being kind and to anchor our lives in God's richness that provides us with the hope we need to keep our lives on the correct path.

Oddly, when we come to the end of our lives, nothing will go to waste. The image of making good use of the weeds in providing heat reminds us that God has unique ways of making use even of what we think of as weeds. Even more splendidly, all the ways that we have imitated God in our relationships with one another, all of this goodness will be what will indicate the degree to which we have spent our lives focusing on developing our positive traits and using God's gifts to effect positive change.

~Fr. Roman

COVID-19 News: This week, Bishop Soto sent a communication to all parishes regarding the suspension of in person Mass. Please click on the link to hear/read the Bishops message. <https://www.scd.org/coronavirus/bishop>

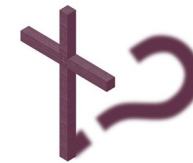
Beginning this weekend, we will offer **two weekend Masses via livestream on Facebook and Youtube:** Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am. We will continue to offer drive up Communion immediately after the **9:00am Mass** on Sunday **(Note the time change).**



We will continue to livestream daily Mass at 9:00am Monday-Friday.

According to the Bishop, we also have the option to offer an outdoor Mass. With the heat, we are not sure how many parishioners would attend outside, so we created a survey to get your important input.

Click to complete the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CJWFXMG>. All current guidelines would remain, including to RSVP for attendance, wearing a mask, maintaining physical distancing before, during and after Mass, and in addition we would ask that everyone bring a chair.



Going Deeper with Fr. Roman

Be sure to watch this weeks edition of "Going Deeper" with Fr. Roman:

Weeds or Wheat: [Click here:](#)

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

Bill Amantea	Sheldon Anderson Jr.
Talon Bonanno	Julie Bouse
Eduardo Bravo	Pat Collier
Lauri Comly	Madeleine Crepin
Noreen Davis	Michael W. Donner
Carol Dzedzic	JoAnn Elder
Reggie Faulk	Dorothy Feldman
Linda Goulet	Tiffany Gragg
Bud Green	Sandra Harris
Bridgette Hubbard	Martin Jennings
Michele Kinaan	Carl Larson
Betty Marmon	Vicente Meno
Mauri Murillo	Allen D. Nelson
Glen Newton	Shirley Newton
Patty Nicholson	Jacque Olson
John Padden	Karen Paddock
Linda Parker	Gladys Reilly
Christopher Revak	Roxanne Rosales
Madeline Rose	Gerry Ryden
Donna Schulte	Tom Sekel
Shari Sigl	Israel Lopez Silva
Jim Turner	Stella Zipp

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

Mary Kneppshield Fred Quiman

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

SENIOR WORKSHOPS

Senior Care Solutions is now offering their Senior Workshops through Zoom sessions.

A Daughter's Journey presentation is on Thursday, July 23 from 10- 11:30am

To register [click here](#):

More info is available on the Senior Care Solutions website <http://www.seniorcs.com/>

Financial Support of the Parish

We are all concerned about the impact of the pandemic that has forced many unfortunate changes to our daily routine. One of the best antidotes to the downside created by the virus is to find reasons to be thankful. Being grateful opens up for us the possibility to be hopeful and even more calm and peaceful. What adds to the energy of being grateful is doing whatever we can to remain as connected to our parish community as possible, and in the process, to our Divine Savior. One concrete way to maintain this vital connection is to continue to offer sacrificial gifts of money to our parish. It makes no difference what amount that might be. The point is that it is important to do what we can to remain connected to something bigger than ourselves, namely, the Body of Christ. Please be assured of my gratitude to all who continue to offer regular contributions as well as those who make special gifts. May God bless us ever more abundantly because of our following God's example of being gracious and faithful.

~Fr. Roman Mueller, S.D.S.

QUO VADIS (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?)

Retreat for Boys is going *VIRTUAL* via Zoom!

Boys ages 13-17 will learn about the Priesthood, Diaconate and Married Life through daily on-line sessions. Using this virtual tool, there will be time for fellowship, games and prayer about their vocation. For more info contact the Diocese of Sacramento Office of Vocations at 916-733-0258 or email msmith@scd.org. Register by July 24 at <https://scd.formstack.com/forms/quovadis>

Cost: \$10 donation (for expenses involved).

ONLINE PRAYER REQUESTS!

As we 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>

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

Interested in deepening your knowledge of the faith, join Fr. Marcel's small faith group zoom sessions on **Sundays from 2-3pm**.

For more information or to join this group, email Fr. Marcel at

frmarcel@divinesavior.com