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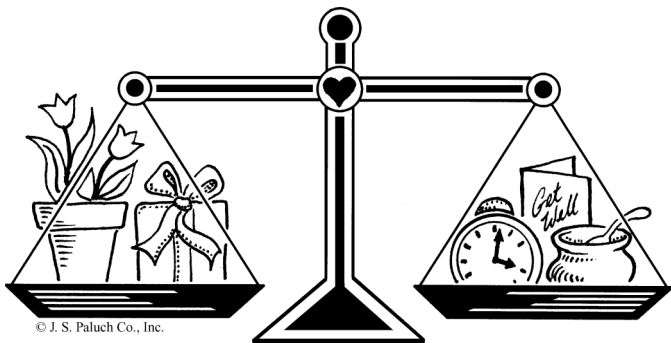
Mr. James Burkett, Deacon



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm, Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am, Morning Mass: 8:00 am (Monday-Friday)

Confessions: Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017

Those who are just must be kind.

— *Wisdom 12:19*

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Divine Savior Parish, a Roman Catholic community, nourished by God's grace and the sacraments, embraces the mission of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we live the gospel through our worship of God and through loving service to one another and to the greater community.

"Where two or more are gathered, there am I."

PARISH PERSONNEL

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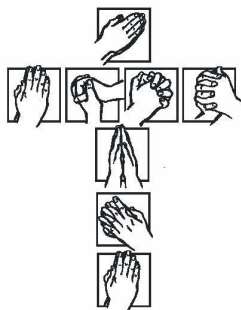
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Website:

www.ourdivinesavior.org

Parish Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday
10:00 am-3:00 pm**



PARISH INFORMATION

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS**

Director of RCIA :
Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348
rciaods2@yahoo.com

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

By appointment, 6 months in advance. Call the
Parish Office

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays from 10:05am - 10:50am (SH)
Wednesdays from 7-8 pm (SH)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 11:00am Mass - Matt & Pamela
Meuter, 566-0425

PARISH MINISTRIES /ORGANIZATIONS

ALTAR SERVERS

Dan & Derette Layne, 895-8071

**BEREAVEMENT /FUNERAL
RECEPTION COMMITTEE**

Tamara La Rossa, 809-1782

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings 9-11AM in the ODS Prayer
Room. Everyone is welcome. Contact Terry
Matthews, 893-1644

BULLETIN

ourdivines@yahoo.com , 343-4248
Deadline: Monday, 3:00 pm

Bulletin Advertising: Please call the Parish
Office, 343-4248

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Sharon McQuirk, 530-570-0181
Carole Claiborne, 530-228-9701

CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY

Kathy Lanpheir, 899-7783

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348

CHOIR

Children's: Wednesday, 4:30-5:30pm
Adults: Thursday, 7-8pm
Both in the Social Hall. Contact Cecelia
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Lyn Dorenzo, 891-8026

FLOWER DONATIONS

Pat Mulholland, 891-8342
Norina Egan, 342-2027

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Jim Callas, 894-2142

LEGION OF MARY

Claire Richard, 893-1722

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Joanie Frericks, 345-4283

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER and
VOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Deacon James & Stephanie Burkett,
893-2348

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday mornings, 6-7AM in the Knights of
Columbus Room at ODS Parish. Contact
Deacon Steve Schwartz, 891-0626.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK
& HOMEBOUND**

Bunny Ripp—Please call Parish Office,
343-4248.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Steve Appleby, 899-1672

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Scott , 343-2484

PRO-LIFE CATHOLIC MINISTRY

We meet the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday of the
month in the ODS Prayer Room, 6-8:30 PM.
Mary Waldorf, 345-8638

PRO-LIFE ROSARY GROUP

This group meets the 1st Thursday of the month
in the Social Hall, #4, 6-7 PM.
Diane Lusk, 519-9749.

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

If interested in joining one of the Small Church
Communities, contact Carol Weigel, 343-3885

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Barbara O'Brien, 680-7917

TORRES SHELTER

Rich Nichols, 520-4418





THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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Weekly Readings

- Monday:** Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Today's Readings

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind. (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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Mass Intentions

- Sat 22 5:00** Darlene Jeffries, d, (ODS Parish)
- Sun 23 7:30** Dorothy Vrisimo, d, (Vrisimo Family)
- 9:00** John Fassieux, d, (Tatiana Fassieux)
- Guadelupe Chavez, d, (Chavez Family)
- Marilyn Hoobler, d, (Janet Bertagna)
- 11:00** Darlene Jeffries, d, (ODS Parish)
- Pauline Schmidt, d, (Louise Rau)
- Mon 24 8:00** Barbara Gainok, d, (Mike & Laurel Gainok)
- Rita Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)
- Tue 25 8:00** Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
- Wed 26 8:00** Intentions from Hear Our Prayer Book
- Thur 27 8:00** Mike Leighty, d, (Joseph Massolo)
- Fri 28 8:00** Intentions from Hear Our Prayer Book



**Collection Next Week
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Collection

July 15/16 2017

Sunday Collection:	\$ 4958.70
Projects & Initiatives:	380.00
Peter's Pence	1310.85
SVDP	10.00
St. Francis/St. Clare	70.00
50th Anniversary	50.00

Parish News

BIBLE TIMELINE: St. Jerome is quoted, "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ." Come and learn how to read, pray and live the Bible in your life and be able to teach your family the story of salvation. We will be offering The Bible Timeline (the narrative story of the Bible) and Matthew's Gospel (for those who have already studied The Bible Timeline). We will accommodate your family's schedule ~ no kidding! Both programs are 23 weeks long for only 60 minutes/week! No homework, no guilt! Even if you can't make all 23 weeks, sign up with your best guess and come irregularly because you will still learn a lot. Sign up forms will be available in August and we will start both programs after Labor Day. Please call Susan at 961-2004 if you have questions.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Hearing this Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom. This week, please say a special prayer each

day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

Reflections

GOD, THE GARDENER:

Humanity is comprised of both good and evil which, like the wheat and weeds, must grow together until the harvest. Just as the servants in today's reading pointed out the bad seed, we too quickly judge the worth of others without considering God's mercy. Our self righteousness highlights others' failings and blinds us to the fact that even on our best days "there remains an un-uprooted small corner of evil" in our own hearts. Take warning today! Leave the final judgment between good and evil to the Divine Gardener who will do the final sifting at His harvest. What we call wheat may well be weeds and vice-versa.



WHEAT AND TARES

This is the field, the world below,
In which the Sower came to sow;
Jesus, the wheat; Satan, the tares;
For so the Word of God declares.

PATIENTLY AWAITING

JUDGMENT: Matthew, more than any other evangelist, talks about Jesus leaving and returning home. Often Jesus leaves the house because crowds have assembled

outside and want to be taught. Today, after having taught and dismissed the crowds, his disciples follow him home, seeking further explanation of what seem to be, at least to us today, pretty straightforward parables.

For both Matthew and Mark, when Jesus is in the house with his disciples it signals a special teaching moment, and it should cause us today to perk up our ears. Usually it is Jesus giving commonsense advice about what it will mean to follow him. Today is no different. To follow Jesus means to be ready to encounter the followers of evil, to have to live and work and preach among them. It means patiently awaiting the judgment that can only come from God, the judgment of justly deciding who will be thrown into the flame and who will live to be a brightly shining saint. Let us heed this house-teaching, for it will be the same for us who follow Jesus Christ today. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:

Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor on Christmas Day, 800, had a major interest in shaping the worship life of the church, and began a long period of reform and regulation. We owe many confirmation policies and practices to his rule. A baptized person was required to be confirmed as soon as the bishop's presence made it possible. Priests were expected to do their best in seeing to it that a newly-baptized child received the Eucharist. One twelfth-century ritual insists if the child is not yet capable of eating or

CHURCH RENOVATION

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE SOCIAL HALL AFTER MONDAY, JUNE 19TH UNTIL COMPLETION IN SEPTEMBER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.



drinking, then the priest might give him or her some of the Precious Blood on a leaf or a finger.

Despite the best efforts of the Empire to hold liturgical life together, the rules were not always lived out with great beauty. St. Richard of Chichester of thirteenth-century England, for example, was canonized for his holy life as a bishop. One of the remarkable signs of his sanctity was his willingness to climb down from his horse to confirm “merely baptized” layfolk who crossed his path! This praise worthy practice points a finger of blame at less zealous bishops, whose casual attitudes revealed a sacrament in need of rescue. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

Knights of Columbus

Scholarship Winners

The Knights of Columbus Council 13765 would like to congratulate the winners of three scholarships. This year we are awarding college scholarships to :

Nicholas Gomersall, Jafet Cordova and Madeline Trites.

Congratulations!

The scholarships were made possible by your support of the Knight's' Cowboy Poetry event held last year in Durham.....stay tuned for more information on this year's event which will be held August 27th.

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?

Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a **Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat** with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul **September 15-17, 2017 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area)**. If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact **Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.** at **650/949-8890, 213-210-9903**, or email us at Srllaguna@doc1633.org. Learn more about the Daughters of Charity on Facebook at: **Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S.**, follow us at **Twitter.com/DofCharity** or read about us on www.DaughtersOfCharity.com. Register for the retreat at www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/.

Mass Times for Travelers

Will you be looking for a church to attend while you are traveling? This website will help you stay connected.
masstimes.org

SAVE THE DATE FOR:

Cowboy Poetry & Music Roundup, Sunday, August 27, 2017 with performances at 1:30 & 6:00 pm. Tickets available soon! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

REBOOT LIVE!

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2017 ODS Parish Hall, 7—9:30 pm

An event that will change your life! With internationally renowned speaker, author and evangelist CHRIS STEFANICK and special music guest, Jon Niven.



Please keep in your prayers



Serena Cervantez
Catherine Anderson
Carmela Sorrentino
Tom Claiborne
Esther Lund
Larry & Kathy Grundmann
Jim Hubbard

Mary Kay Bringham
Virginia Bourdic
Rosa Maria Santos
Conner McCampbell
Isabella Brazzale
Joseph Cruz

Wayne Burkett
Ruth Fischer
Jeff Carr
Sandra Dilger
Jo Ann Coules
Carmen Loza

Bob Montgomery
Geoff Edmonds
John Hauder
Elmer & Mary Ann Silvera

Please note: In order to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please resubmit after that time by contacting the Parish Office, 343-4248.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Our Religious Education classes are officially on Summer Schedule. Thank you to all of the families who participated in the 2016/2017 year. It was a great year of faith and fellowship. Stay safe this summer. We look forward to seeing you at Mass through the summer!

SACRAMENTS

Our Divine Savior offers Religious Education classes for children in kindergarten – 6th grade. Classes meet on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings during the school year. We are currently on summer schedule and plan to resume regular classes in September. Registration information will be announced in August. If you are new to our parish or to our Religious Education programs, please contact the Religious Education office for more information at 345-6201.

Students are eligible to begin preparation for their first sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion any time after 1st grade. Students are eligible to prepare for Confirmation in 7th grade..



Diocesan News

Married Couples: Don't let another month pass you by without registering for a World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You don't know what you are missing. It will be a weekend you will never forget. Your love will be renewed. Upcoming weekends are: August 4-6, 2017 in Sacramento; October 6-8, 2017 in Reno, NV.; and November 3-5, 2017 in Sacramento. **IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER FOR A WEEKEND YOU WILL NEVER FORGET.**

For more information visit our website at: <https://www.sacramentowwme.org> or contact Terry & Janet at applications@sacramentowwme.org or (916)489-3464.

SUMMER OF SOCIALS

Jr. & Sr. High School Welcome

*incoming 7th & 8th Graders

Youth Room

Sunday

Noon—2 pm

Schedule subject to change

July 23—RSVP Only Pool Party Social

Special Time: 5—8 PM

Orland—RSVP to odsyouthministry@yahoo.com

July 30—no meeting

August 6—Floor Hockey

August 13—Attack of 1,000 Board Games

August 20— Choose your own social

August 27—RSVP Only Pool Party Social

Special Time: 5—8 PM

Orland—RSVP to odsyouthministry@yahoo.com



OPEN YOUTH ROOM

Monday—Wednesday

Noon—4 PM

Videos Games, Movies, Games, Hoops Friends, Fun!!!

INTERCESSORY PRAY-ER MINISTRY

By wisdom a house is built, by understanding it is established; and by knowledge its rooms are filled with every precious and pleasing possession. Proverbs 24:3-4

JULY INTENTIONS



† **50th Year Anniversary—Church Renovation**

† **Projects & Initiatives—Addition to the Social Hall**

† **REBOOT Inspirational Event**



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THURSDAY, September 28th, 7:00 – 9:30 pm

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Look for ticket-sellers after Masses!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

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If you are an Amazon Prime Subscriber, you can help ODS, St. Vincent de Paul by going to Amazon Smile before you purchase and put in Our Divine Savior, St. Vincent de Paul, Chico. When you put in our name, Amazon will donate 5% of the purchase price to our non profit organization. How wonderful and easy! Thank you for considering this type of donation.

Also, ODS, and St. John the Baptist, are sponsoring the second "Friends of the Poor" walk on September 30th at St. John's. All proceeds will go towards assisting the poor in Chico and Durham. We will be walking a one mile loop through town and campus, then return to the church for refreshments. Please come join us. Registration begins at 9:00 and the Walk at 10:00am.

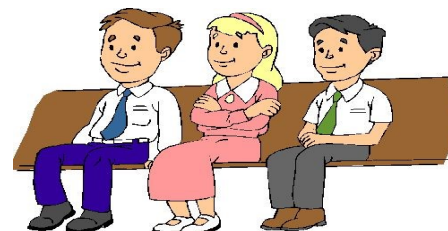
FAMILY ROOM

Where Shall I Sit?

As we get accustomed to our temporary church home in the ODS Social Hall, we are settling in. Have you noticed, it is almost universal among Catholics that we have a certain pew that is "ours," a place where we have gotten comfortable? Maybe it's because we can see well, or hear well, or it is a quick exit, or we have come to know the people who sit in that area. One community member referred to the "vibes" being different in different parts of the church, and that is true. Some little areas are full of life and children, some are sedate and quiet, some sing, some don't. In any case, when our worship space is the same we can settle into a routine that never changes. We never question it - we just head for our own spot without thinking.

Suddenly there is change! The "church" looks different and the chair arrangement is just novel enough to throw off our sense of ease. We can walk in and see folks we have never noticed in the church because they usually sit on the other side. Our usual place is filled by someone else! What to do?

This is one of the opportunities presented to us in a time of change. We grow. We meet new people. We see things from a new perspective and we become aware that our church family is much bigger and more diverse than we realized. As the old saying goes, "A stranger is just a friend we haven't met yet." Let's hope this shakeup of physical place leads also to a shakeup in our open-heartedness to meeting new people and worshipping with full-hearted enthusiasm no matter where we sit. It is contagious!



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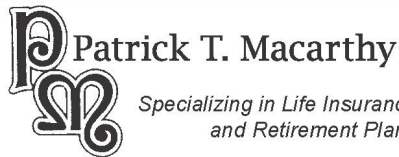
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