

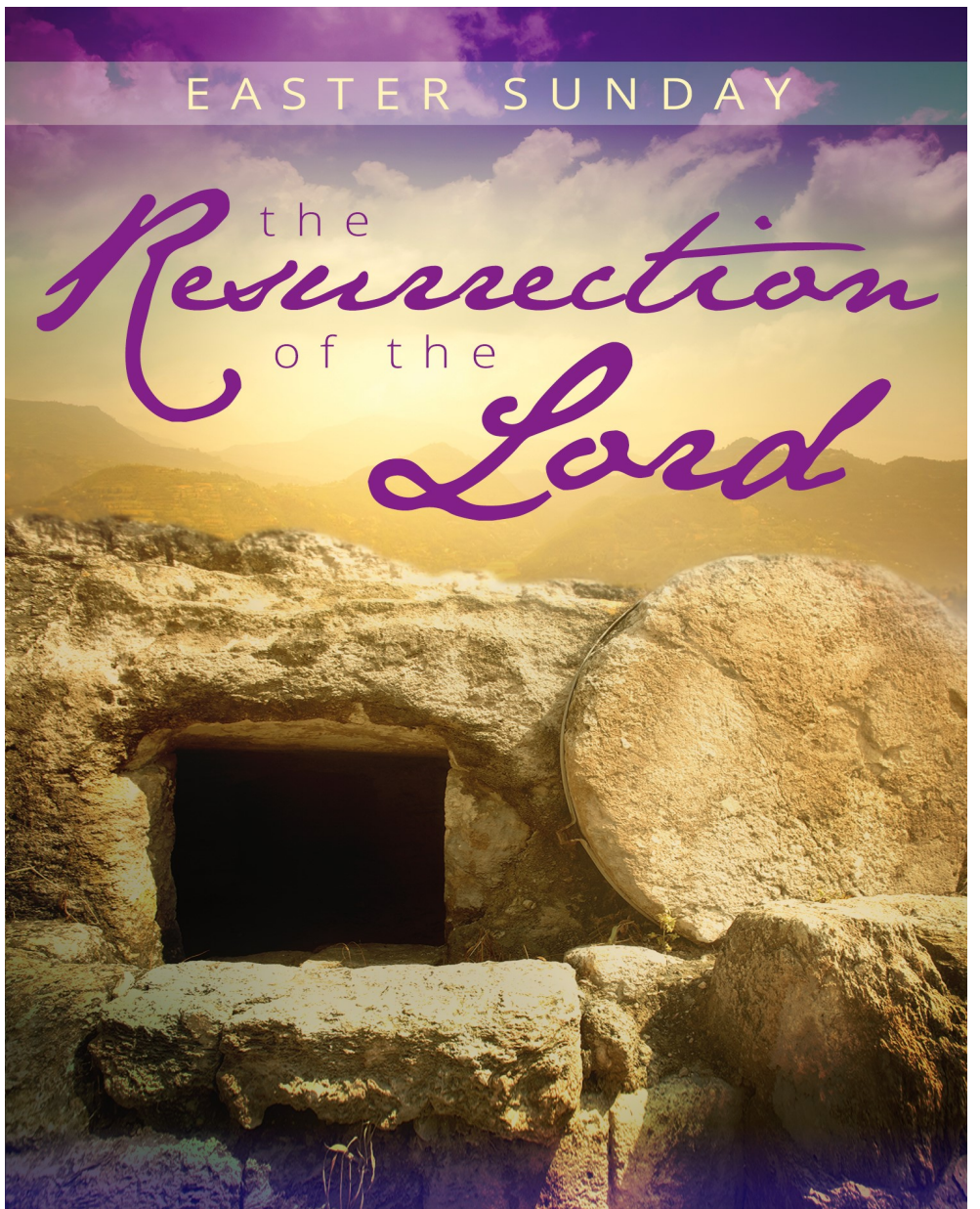


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon.- Fri. 10:00am-3:00pm



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

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.

PARISH PERSONNEL

FACILITY MANAGER

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Monday - Friday
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PARISH MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Director of RCIA :
Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348
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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, 521-6520

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: Friday, by 1:00 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: Tuesday, 4:30-5:30pm
Adults: Tuesday, 7-8pm
Both in the Social Hall. Contact Cecelia
Dickman, 802-1608,
odsmusicdirector@gmail.com

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Lyn Dorenzo, 891-8026

FLOWER DONATIONS

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

INNER HEALING MINISTRY

530-588-4386
for a confidential appointment.

JESUS CENTER

Randy Linquist, 894-0460

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #13765

Steve Mormann, 410-5882

LEGION OF MARY

Claire Richard, 518-0619

LITURGY COMMITTEE

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 Thursdays
of the month in the ODS,
Social Hall #4, 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

Judith Rojas, 342-2676

TORRES SHELTER

Rich Nichols, 520-4418

READINGS

April 1, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	31	8:00	Kimberlee Boswell Clifford, Happy Birthday, (Brian & Gail Boswell)
Sun	01	7:00	† Rita Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)
		9:00	† Leo Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)
		11:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Mon	02	8:00	† Jack Boone, d, (Elva Boone)
Tues.	03	8:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Wed	04	8:00	† Jane Ohme, d, (Joanie Frericks)
Thurs	05	8:00	† Sandra Hughes, d, & Ed & Rosa Schaeferd, d, (Solveig Stephens)
Fri	06	8:00	James & Stacey Heaton, conversion, (Jerry & Lily Scheele)

Easter Truth

The great Easter truth is not that we are to live newly after death, that is not the great thing, but that we are to be new here and now by the power of the resurrection; yes, Easter means we can live forever, but more critically, it means we can live nobly now because we are to live forever.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

The first light of Easter dawn had begun to creep over the horizon. The steadfast women from Friday's gory events are returning again to the body of their Lord. "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" How quickly we return to mundane concerns and how thoroughly God wants to surprise us! Imagine the utter shock upon seeing the stone rolled away, the tomb empty, and a stranger clothed in light proclaiming the impossible. "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." He is risen indeed and the world will never be the same.

We know from other Gospel passages that Mary Magdalene made haste to the disciples to proclaim the Good News. We know that Peter and John rushed to the tomb to see for themselves. We know that the wonder and awe of the Resurrection permeated the lives of the apostles until their own dying day.

Can we comprehend the utterly world-changing nature of this surprise? The historical reanimation of a dead man is of no real value to us. But we know that Easter Sunday is so much more. By the Resurrection of Jesus, life has triumphed over death for us all. The gates of heaven are opened and the treasury of graces is poured out upon the here and now. This Resurrection Day, let us draw near, amazed yet unafraid, to the risen Christ. Let us recall the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, "Jesus is not a character from the past. He lives, and he walks before us as one who is alive, he calls us to follow him, the living one, and in this way to discover for ourselves the path of life" (Easter Vigil, April 15, 2006).

Next Week Projects & Initiatives Fund

AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph!

Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more.

Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master,

Who paid the debt of Adam,

Who frees those doomed to die,

Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds,

Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly, Who destroys death forever,

Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

God our Father, eternal is your love for us!

Christ the Son, in victory you reign!

Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.

Together you live and reign and ransom your people,

one God forever and ever.

Amen. .



Happy Easter!!!



May the joy of this day be with you throughout the year!

St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank you for remembering our less fortunate brothers and sisters with alms and prayers. During January and February we were able to help 49 families. \$10,999.79 was spent on utilities, rent, emergency shelter, and emergency transportation. Added to that, we delivered 26 bags of food worth \$400. As you can see, we continue to need your generous support. Please don't forget us!

Blessings and deep gratitude to you all.

Are You Wounded?

When I hear the word wounded, I generally think of a physical wound. However, the type of wound I am referring to is spiritual. We have all experienced spiritual wounds. Those of you in my age group may recall the old saying "sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me." If this was true, we would not have bad memories of wounds we received during childhood. 1 Peter 2:24, 25 talks about how we can be healed by the wounds Jesus received at His crucifixion. By His sacrifice we can go to heaven upon our death and be spiritually healed now. The Diocese of Sacramento has embraced and endorsed Unbound as a model for inner healing of spiritual wounds. If you need help overcoming spiritual wounds, please call the Inner Healing Ministry at 530-588-4386 for a confidential session of Unbound.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Catherine Anderson
Leola McCampbell
Marie Viera
Esther Lund
Larry & Kathy Grundmann
Mary Kay Bringham
Ryan Watts
Bill Sheridan
Isabella Brazzale

Joseph Cruz
Wayne Burkett
Jeff Carr
Rueben Guerra
Jo Ann Coules
Vincent Lucido
Melanie O'Connor
Joel Rivera
Geoff Edmonds

John Hauder
Elmer Silvera
Madeline Ballew
Rosemary Hull
Tom Claiborne
Pat Bernadett
Fran England
Tom Fuszard
Juanita Wilcoxon

Alex Sharrow
Stephanine Elspins
Joanne Puritz
Michael Kolonay
Don Felipe
Joseph Felipe
Margaret Muravez
Jeana Francis

*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*



**ODS Music Director
Job Position Available**

The Director of Music Ministry is a professional staff member who has a thorough understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy. This person of faith is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, and execution of music within the liturgical celebrations of the parish and special events.

Job Qualifications • BA in music with emphasis on choral direction or Equivalent experience in choral direction and cantering

Skills: Knowledge of Catholic liturgy; Knowledge of Scripture; Familiarity with traditional sacred music, hymns, and polyphony; Ability to cantor; Experience in choral conducting; Excellent communication skills; Proficiency in keyboard or organ preferred.

Hours: Part-time, 15-20 hours per week

Compensation: Compensation to be determined based on experience and ability.

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Father R. Francis Stevenson at ourdivines@yahoo.com for consideration.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

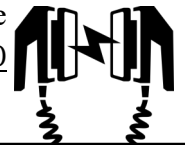


A very special thank you to all those who participated in any way to make Fr. Mike's Celebration of Life a huge success on Saturday, March 10th. Fr. Mike's family and those of us involved in his care can't thank you enough for your generous donations of cash, food, paper goods, decorations, the slide presentation and time and effort to make his celebration special. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Daughters, the staff of ODS, who put in hours preparing food organizing and setting up the Social Hall for the reception. Although Fr. Mike was not with us that day, we all know he was celebrating with us from above. Thank you all again from the bottom of our hearts.

Gail Boswell, Bernie Hietpas & Julia Roberts

Defibrillators

Our Divine Savior and the Knights of Columbus have purchased two Semi-Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs). One has been placed in the Altar Servers room in the church and the other is in the kitchen in the Social Hall. There will be an orientation and demonstration on the use of the AED on April 4th at 6 pm and April 7th at 4 pm in the Social Hall. For more information, contact Dan Layne [530-521-6520](tel:530-521-6520).



Everyday Stewardship

When I was younger and growing up in Alexandria, VA, I remember one year it actually snowed on Easter. It was crazy to see it that late in the year. We got up and dressed in our best spring clothes so we could venture into the snow on our way to Easter Mass. I remember thinking that the day did not feel much like Easter. It was hard to really get into the mood of God making all things new on a day so cold and full of flurries. If I am honest, I think we rushed home after Mass just so we could get on warm pajamas and just watch TV for the rest of the day, snuggled up on the couch with blankets. It might as well have been a Sunday in January.

This year the odds are against it snowing on Easter where I live here in North Carolina. However, for far too many it might as well snow. To them, Easter has nothing to do with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, new life, or anything of the sort. It is just another Sunday. Some of them don't care and never think of Jesus or God on any Sunday of the year. But for others, it will not feel like Easter because they have been forgotten. On this day they will sit at home, just like they sit every single day of their lives. They might be poor, elderly, disabled, or simply alone. On this day, there is no resurrection celebration because they have no real experience of the joy of life.

This is where good Everyday Stewards can make a difference. In the midst of buying candy and decorating eggs for baskets and buying new clothes to wear to Easter Mass, find someone who needs to experience the power of Easter. Don't tell them Jesus rose for them, but show them. Instead of the cold of isolation, bring to them the warmth of new life.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Ed Classes

Classes meet September through April. New students are **always** welcome! To register your student call or email the Religious Education office or simply come to our next class meeting. Our K-6th grade Religious Education classes meet on Sunday morning from 10:05-10:50AM between Masses. We also have a Wednesday night option from 7-8PM for 2nd-6th graders.

Sharing the Gospel

In the time when Jesus lived, people did not have shoes like we wear today. Sandals were cloth wrapped around the feet with straps tied to hold the cloth in place. The apostles walked from place to place on roads made of dirt. Their feet got dusty. Jesus washed their feet to make them clean. Jesus wants you to be kind to others. He wants you to make people comfortable on their heavenly journey.

Prayer

Lord, teach me how to help those on your path.

Something to Draw

Draw Jesus washing the feet of his disciples with water and a wash cloth.

Mission for the Week

I will pray for those without shoes every time I put on my shoes.

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CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY REMINDER!

On Tuesday, April 3rd, the 8 am Mass at Our Divine Savior Church will be said for our living CLRS members. After Mass, we will have our Anniversary Pot Luck Brunch followed by our Business Meeting. Please call Yvonne Hawkins, 530-898-1266, if you have any questions. See you on Tuesday.

Each of you is so precious in God's sight!

Janua Caeli Young Women Retreat

Day of Retreat for Young Women: Want to learn more about living your Catholic faith as a young, single woman in today's culture? *Janua Caeli* is for you! The theme for the April 21st *Janua Caeli* Retreat Day is **Fullness of Grace: How to Receive an Overabundance of God's Gifts**; This one-day retreat will be from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM and will include talks, confessions and opportunities for one-on-one spiritual guidance, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and the Divine Office prayed with the Dominican nuns, and more! For more information and to register, visit our website at www.opnunsmenlo.org or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org.

Christ is risen and life reigns!

- St. John Chrysostom



TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time Easter? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online:

EASTER TV MASS

KQCA channel 58 (My58) at 6:30 a.m.

Christ the King Retreats

Spring has arrived! Take advantage of these Retreat opportunities to spend some quality time at Christ the King. Upcoming events are listed on our website; check them out and click the links to see more information.

<http://christthekingretreatcenter.org/>

Married Couples: Spring is approaching when flowers start to bloom and we see and hear the birds singing. What about giving your marriage a "Spring Fling." A World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you new love for one another. The weekend will give you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Upcoming weekends for 2018 are: April 13-15, 2018 in Reno, NV.; April 27-29, 2018 in Sacramento; August 24-26, 2018 in Sacramento; October 5-7, 2018 in Reno, NV.; and November 9-11, 2018 in Sacramento. **IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER, CALL NOW!** For more information visit our website at: <https://www.sacramentowwme.org> or contact Terry & Janet at applications@sacramentowwme.org or 916-489-3464.



Congratulations to our Candidates and Catechumens receiving Sacraments at our Easter Vigil

Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
Gary Brune and Zachary Stine

Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
Jeana Francis and Ryan Haley

EASTER JOY

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs

Family Room

It's Personal!

Easter is full of celebration, eggs, candy, and families. Why does Easter draw us to worship? Is our gathering for Mass just one more tradition, or is it a response to the call of our God to meet Him and thank Him, face to face?

If we understand God as a force in the universe, a power, a creator, we are only seeing part of the picture. Our God is ALIVE! Our God is personal, as real and close to us as our mother or father, as our spouse or child. Jesus isn't "a story." As a man, He lived 2000 years ago and He lives today! He doesn't just live for "religious" people, He lives for each one of us, and he dearly wants us to know His love. Through the Holy Spirit, we are each invited into the relationship with God that is the core of our faith.

Our Mass, while beautiful and moving in its own right, has no meaning unless it is based on our relationship, built on love, with our God. God is doing everything He can to invite us to live as His sons and daughters. In the greatest generosity of all, He sent Jesus to restore us to fullness of life for eternity!

What part do we play in our salvation? We *accept* it with heartfelt gratitude. It may not happen all at once, but step by step as we seek our God we will be drawn to Him. May this Easter season be a time of transformation, a new beginning of our life with our personal God right beside us.

All visitors are invited to walk with the ODS family on this shared journey. Call the church office (343-4248) to find out about Catholics Returning Home, RCIA, Bible Studies, or Small Church Communities.

You are always welcome!

