



Our Divine Savior  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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



# 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” - Jn 12:24

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**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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### OFFICE

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### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Cecelia Dickman, 802-1608  
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### Website:

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Monday - Friday

## PARISH MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

### 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, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### March 18 2018

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33  
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	17	5:00	† William A. Montero, d, (Nancy Montero)
Sun	18	7:30	† Jason Sofranac, d, (Casey & Sue Simpson)
		9:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
		11:00	† Darlene Jeffries, d, (Nancy Montero)
Mon	19	8:00	† William Gainok, d, (Michael & Laurel Gainok)
Tues.	20	8:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Wed	21	8:00	† Maria Thompson, d, (Carol Henderson)
Thurs	22	8:00	Juanita Wilcoxson, Health, (Michelle Korte)
Fri	23	8:00	† Jill Kortie, d, (Rick & Liz Kyle)



This week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 18, 2018  
5th Sunday of Lent

"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus?" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before. This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" -- death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain -- can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

## This Week Catholic Relief Collection

### THE POWER OF READING



Good literature offers a powerful opportunity for engagement and growth in faith, as it explores essential human questions in depth. This Lent may be a good time to turn off all those electronic devices and read a book instead.

Here are just a few suggestions. The starred \* titles can be found in our library.

- Silence*, Shusako Endo.
- \**The Power and the Glory, and The End of the Affair*, Graham Greene.
- \**The Moviegoer*, Walker Percy.
- Out of the Silent Planet, Perelandra, That Hideous Strength*, a science fiction trilogy by C.S. Lewis.
- \**The Brothers Karamazov*, Dostoevsky.
- \**The Man Who Was Thursday*, a detective novel by G. K. Chesterton.
- *The Children of Men*, P.D. James
- \**Gilead*, Marilynne Robinson

Enjoy a slightly different form of faith development this Lent. Read a good book!

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We all fear losing that which is familiar. We fear dying. When our securities and familiarities are threatened, the anxiety of uncertainty can lead us into fear and despair. We have difficulty believing that new life comes from death. This is the basis of what it means to hope. There are no dead ends or final endings with God. Through his passion and death, Jesus opens up the possibility for new life and new beginnings for all believers. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As our journey of Lent hastens to an end, the mystery of Christ's passion and death come before us to teach us valuable lessons both for this life and the next.



### St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor. Thank you for your support to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.



**ATTENTION**  
**Deadline**  
**For the April 1st, Easter bulletin,**  
**is March 21st by NOON**

### Please Keep In Your Prayers

Catherine Anderson	Joseph Cruz	John Hauder	Alex Sharrow
Leola McCampbell	Wayne Burkett	Elmer Silvera	Stephanine Elstins
Marie Viera	Jeff Carr	Madeline Ballew	Joanne Puritz
Esther Lund	Rueben Guerra	Rosemary Hull	Michael Kolonay
Larry & Kathy Grundmann	Jo Ann Coules	Tom Claiborne	Don Felipe
Mary Kay Bringham	Vincent Lucido	Pat Bernadett	Joseph Felipe
Ryan Watts	Melanie O'Connor	Fran England	Margaret Muravez
Bill Sheridan	Joel Rivera	Tom Fuszard	
Isabella Brazzale	Geoff Edmond	Juanita Wilcoxon	

*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](mailto:ourdivines@yahoo.com) for consideration.

**Third Scrutiny**

Our catechumens are excited about their impending celebration of the Easter Sacraments at our Easter Vigil. Let us keep them close to our hearts as they enter into final, intense preparation for the sacraments.



**Let us pray.**

Good and forgiving God,  
The Easter Sacraments are drawing near and your children who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist confess their faith in you. Help them to strive against worldly desires and rescue them from ignorance of you. Give us courage to walk with them as they approach your altar for the first time and receive you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Help us to be models of Christian life for them and welcome them to the Mystical Body of Christ. We ask all this in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen



**Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross**

Friday: **March 23**  
Soup is prepared by the ODS Ministries and served in the Social Hall at 6 pm. Stations follow at 7 pm in the Church.

**Everyday Stewardship**

During the Lenten season we observe certain practices of sacrifice and self-denial as an offering to God and as good spiritual training for this race we are engaged in called life. These things are good for us but they should not remain only in Lent. In fact, we should always be about working towards a complete surrender of ourselves to the will of God.

Jesus taught that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit. It will remain the same always and will not lead to any type of growth. We are the grains of wheat that need to die to ourselves in order to be born again. However, many of us are the same today as last Lent and the many Lents before that. We have not moved forward to a more mature faith that makes it possible for us to be transformed.

Surrender is not easy. But we need to see our observance of Lent as a way to move forward. No athlete lifts the same weight forever. No dieter finds satisfaction in losing the same 5 pounds year after year. We must work to always be moving toward holiness. This is the commitment of an everyday steward. We are called to pray more today than yesterday. We are called to give more today than yesterday.

We are called to love more today than yesterday. Standing still is not an option. Our God is calling us to grow in our discipleship and stewardship for the benefit of our souls and the health of the Body of Christ. May this Lent be a time of moving forward and may we all draw ever closer to our God who calls us to leave it all behind and follow Him.

–Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## 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.



*Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.*

## Sharing the Gospel

When you act bossy, selfish, or rude, no one will want to spend time with you. You will be lonely and unhappy. Follow the example of Jesus instead. Be strong in your faith. Do all that God asks you to do, even when it is not easy. Be honest. Be kind. Share what you have been given. Be helpful. Forgive. Show everyone what God is like. When you follow Jesus' example, you won't be lonely. When people around you see that your faith is real, they will come to you for help. They will want to know what makes you different. Then you can point them to Jesus.

### Prayer

God, help me to follow Jesus. I want to show everyone how great you really are.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself sharing your lunch with a friend who has no food.

### Mission for the Week

Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set the table. Take the trash out. Put away your toys and books without being asked. When your family notices you being so helpful, tell them you are trying to follow Jesus' example.

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## Notre Dame Schools



Notre Dame School is seeking a 3rd grade teacher for the 2018-19 school year. Applicants must be highly qualified with the ability to work as a part of a team that maintains a commitment to excellence. Notre Dame teachers are responsible for providing students with a first class learning experience that maximizes their intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development.

Candidate should be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing and hold a current CA teaching credential (multiple or single subject will be considered depending on placement.) He or she must also be able to demonstrate competency in all areas of content responsibility including computer literacy, standardized testing and interpreting data.

Salary is commensurate with education and experience. NDS offers a variety of formal benefit packages, but there are many additional benefits that can only be found in a Catholic school. Teachers share their love of God and our faith openly, model Jesus' influence in their lives, and ultimately receive a deeper understanding and love of their faith.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married Couples: Have you ever wanted to take a fresh look at your Marriage? Please consider making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You will find ways to enrich your marriage. It is a unique approach aimed at revitalizing your Sacrament of Matrimony. Upcoming weekends are as follows: April 13-15 in Reno, NV.; April 27-29 in Sacramento; August 24-26 in Sacramento; October 5-7 in Reno, NV.; and November 9-11 in Sacramento. **IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER FOR A WEEKEND THAT YOU WILL NEVER FORGET.**

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

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is an event that draws all of creation toward God. When we take part in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross, traditionally we say, "Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world." That means more than just the people of this world; it means all of creation.

As good stewards, we are called to attest to the glory of God in all he has created. Everywhere we look we can see evidence of his handiwork and have the opportunity to reflect on how he has created the world for our benefit. Seeing all of creation as redeemed because of the dying and rising of Christ helps us with this reflection. Truly, all things are made new.

With only two weeks left in Lent, we still have a chance to echo the words of this Sunday's psalm, "Create a clean heart in me, O God." Perhaps we are unable to see the glory of God in creation because of our own sin. We need to repent and return to God, and then we can see with new eyes. Make this Easter a time for real, meaningful celebration as all of creation sings to the Lord.



## Holy Week

### Holy Week Schedule

**There will be no morning 8 am Mass on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.**

**Holy Thursday, The Last Supper—7 pm  
Good Friday, The Passion—12 Noon**

**Easter Vigil—8 pm (Church)**

**Easter Sunday Masses**

**All Masses will be in the Social Hall**

**7:00 am—Please note the time change**

**9:00 am**

**11:00 am**

## Family Room

### Loving Our Way Through Lent By Fasting

Fasting— doing without. It's not our usual way of life! Our society teaches us that more is better; if you want it you can have it; if it feels good, do it. Why would we *not* take everything we can get? How does saying no to ourselves help us grow in love? Why does giving up meat on Friday or eating smaller meals make us better people?

We are children of a loving God. As our loving parent, he knows that always having everything we want leads to sinful attitudes of gluttony, greed, envy, and arrogance. If there is never *want*, there can never be a true appreciation for *abundance*.

Fasting gets our attention. In our parish, hunger is more often a choice than a necessity. Like the other Lenten disciplines, fasting focuses us on the immense gifts we have received from our loving God.

Fasting isn't necessarily about food. It can apply to other realms of our lives, like TV time, Internet games, gambling, drinking, or gossiping. Wherever our lives are out of balance, Lent provides an opportunity to re-prioritize. It can be helpful to see fasting as one half of a faith practice; for instance, "I will fast from candy and feast on sharing," or "I will fast from judging and feast on acceptance." Often fasting goes hand in hand with almsgiving, as people choose to give away the money they save when they eat more simply.

As we practice the Lenten disciplines, we are more thankful for the everyday blessings we receive as well as the greatest gift of all, our salvation through the generous love of Jesus at his Passion and death.

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