

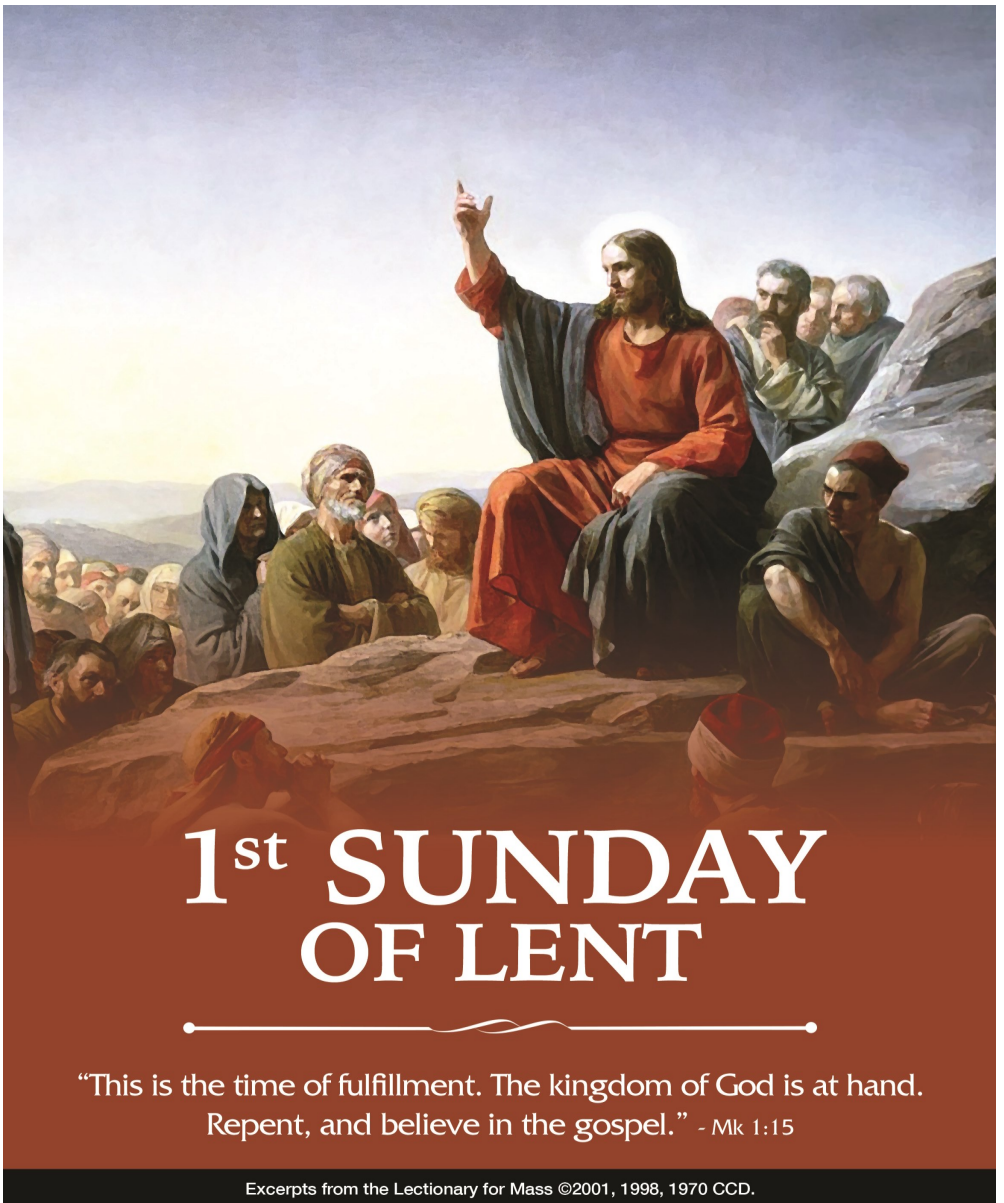


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon.– Fri. 10:00am–3:00pm



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.

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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 Lanphear, 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,
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CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Lyn Dorenzo, 891-8026

FLOWER DONATIONS

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

INNER HEALING MINISTRY

Derette Layne, 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, 893-1722

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

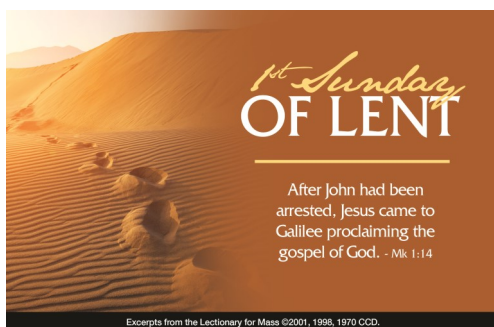
If interested in joining one of the Small Church
Communities, contact Carol Weigel, 343-3885

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Judith Rojas, 342-2676

TORRES SHELTER

Rich Nichols, 520-4418



READINGS

February 18, 2018

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
[cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
[Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,
18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,
18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6
[1]/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a,
7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
[1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-
34/Mk 9:2-10

**Parish Office will be closed
on February 19th in
observance of President's
Day.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	17	5:00	+ Ruth Fischer, d, (Pat Shaw)
Sun	18	7:30	+ Jason Sofranic, d, (Casey & Sue Simpson)
		9:00	+ Chuck & Eddie Kopel, d, (Carol Henderson)
		11:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Mon	19	8:00	+ Rita Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)
Tues.	20	8:00	Enrique Fernandez, Special Intention, (Tom
Wed	21	8:00	+ Constance Besse, d, (Tammy LaRossa)
Thurs	22	8:00	+ Mary Etmos, d, (Tammy LaRossa)
Fri	23	8:00	+ Steve Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

— Do you know a child who has trouble praying? Or a child who wonders if God is listening? Or one who loves to draw? PRAYING IN COLOR, Sybil MacBeth, might just be the book for them.

— TATTOOS ON THE HEART: The Power of Boundless Compassion, by Gregory Boyle, S.J., is a book of essays about universal kinship and redemption. Readers have described it as "jaw-dropping", "an astonishing book", "gorgeous and uplifting".

You can find these books and many others in the parish library, M - F, 10:00 - 3:00.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 18, 2018

1st Sunday of Lent

Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert?

Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" -- the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly.

As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose -- writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others.

The Gospel tells us that "the Spirit drove him out into the desert." In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness -- these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married Couples: Open your hearts and let your spouse in. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you that chance. It is the greatest gift you can give each other. The weekend will give you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Upcoming weekends are: April 13-15 in Reno, NV.; April 27-29 in Sacramento, CA.; August 24-26 in Sacramento, CA.; October 5-7 in Reno, NV.; and November 9-11 in Sacramento, CA. 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.

Chair of St. Peter

A feast for a chair? It might seem surprising, but this week on February 22nd we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter. The Latin word for "chair" is cathedra. From there we get the word "cathedral" to designate literally the "seat" of the bishop. Cathedrals - and the bishop's chairs inside - are symbols of the bishop's authority.

So on this feast we don't celebrate where the Apostle Peter sat down, but we celebrate the Church and her apostolic origin. As Pope Benedict XVIII said, "it is a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity" (Angelus Message, February 19, 2012).

CATHOLIC DOCTORS NEEDED

March 9-11, Mission Doctors Association will hold a weekend Retreat / Seminar at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles for Catholic MD, DDS, PA, NP who have considered serving for one month at Catholic Missions in Africa and Latin America. Visit the web site to learn more: www.MissionDoctors.org/lmu

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Come and See!

THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY have an April Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat for women 18-40. **April 20-22, 2018 in Los Altos Hills, CA. CONTACT: Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903**
srllaguna@doc1633.org www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

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 Fr. Mike Newman Jeff Carr Rueben Guerra Jo Ann Coules Vincent Lucido	Melanie O'Connor Joel Rivera Geoff Edmonds John Hauder Elmer Silvera Madeline Ballew Janet Grens Rosemary Hull	Tom Claiborne Pat Bernadett
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*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*



Camp Pendola is Hiring Staff for summer 2018! We are looking for fun, faith filled, caring and energetic adults looking for a summer job that will create lifelong memories for you and everyone you connect with this summer.

If you are someone looking or know someone please consider applying for a position with Camp Pendola Resident Camp in Camptonville, CA. We are currently looking to fill the below positions (click for more information about the positions):

[Kitchen Manager](#)

[Camp Counselors](#)

For more information about Camp Pendola and to apply go to www.pendola.org/employment

St. Vincent DePaul

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power, and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Your almsgiving to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.



Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross

Fridays: February 23 & March 9, 16, 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.

Pope Benedict's Encyclical "God is Love"

Pope Benedict XVI says the following words in his encyclical letter "God is Love": "In sacramental communion I become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. ... Love of God and love of neighbor are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to himself. ... Here the usual contraposition between worship and ethics simply falls apart. "Worship" itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented" (n. 14). These words remind us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn.

Everyday Stewardship

When I was a teenager, the experience of Catholic retreat basically changed my life. I wasn't lost or hurting, but the 3 days placed me on a path that led to where I am today. Certainly, my experiences of faith before and after that weekend also played a role in the person I have become. However, the power of God I felt in that short period of time had such a profound effect on me it became a type of lens through which I then came to see the rest of my life.

Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.

—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.

Sacramental Preparation

Do you want your children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Sacrament preparation is a two-year journey in our Diocese. Contact the office of Religious Education for more information or to register. We look forward to journeying with your family.

Jennifer Forward DRE

Phone: (530) 345-6201

Email: odsreligious@yahoo.com



Youth Ministry meets in the Youth Room (Social Hall) on Sundays from noon to 2PM.

Please check social media for youth schedule

More information can be found at odsyouthministry@yahoo.com.

Check Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or on the web.

Sharing the Gospel

Every day turn back to God. If your bedroom is messy, straighten it up. If you push your sister off her bike, help her get up and ride again. If you tear down your brother's blocks, help him build something new. If you disobey your parents, go and do the right thing right now. Ask God to help you stay close to him today. Then you will be close to him in heaven forever.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, help me remember to obey you every day.

Something to Draw

Draw your family cleaning up your house and your backyard.

Mission for the Week

I will be a builder, not a wrecker.

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World Marriage Day Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 11:00 am Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 1017 11th Street, Sacramento 95814 Copy English Bulletin Text Below On Saturday, February 24, 2018 Bishop Myron Cotta will preside at a special 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in which married couples may renew their marital commitments. An informal reception for couples and their families will follow. Special certificates will be given to couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+). If you are interested in attending this free event, please register (names and anniversary year) at www.SacWMD.com. For more information call the Dept. of Evangelization & Catechesis at [\(916\) 733-0123](tel:9167330123).

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

Responding to **Relativism** with **Logic and Love**

Feb 18th - Social

Feb 25th - The Lost Art of Living

Mar 4th - Moral Relativism

Mar 11th - How to Disagree

Mar 18th - Social

Mar 25th - No meeting

Apr 1st - No Meeting

Apr 8th - Exposing the Mask

Apr 15th - What is Truth

Apr 22nd - Social



PRAYER WORKSHOP TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Join us this Lenten season to transform your prayer life and achieve the peace and joy God promises.

Dan Burke, author of *Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer*, is presenting a half-day workshop featuring practical steps, inspiring stories and spiritual wisdom for anyone wanting a deeper, more fulfilling relationship with God.

Saturday, February 24

8:15 a.m. to noon

7:30 a.m. Mass (optional)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Tickets: \$20 per person (includes gift bag with book and free webinar access).

Tickets can be purchased at St. John the Baptist and ODS parish offices and after Masses this weekend.

For more information visit: spiritualdirection.com/events

Notre Dame School

Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. "The theme for this year's National Catholic Schools Week encompassed the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed. Notre Dame School is now enrolling for 2018-19! Interested in learning more? Contact our principal, Terri Schwabauer, at 342-2502 or tschwabauer@ndschico.org to set up a school tour.

Thanks to the generosity of many, Notre Dame School is able to provide several payment options that can be structured to the family financial situation, making Catholic school tuition more affordable than many think. If you would like more information about becoming a donor or applying for financial assistance, please contact our principal.

Family Room

Lent Began on Valentine's Day - It's All About Love!

We think of Valentine's Day as an opportunity to remember the special people in our lives - spouses, children, grandchildren, friends, and classmates. It is the one time of the year that we stop and *tell* those we love that they are important and special to us. We share candy, roses, and notes of appreciation.

This year Lent and Valentine's Day are the same day. That's funny, we might think. How can we celebrate Valentine's Day and begin Lent on the same day? Isn't Lent about suffering, fasting, and gloom, not flowers? Actually, we are greatly blessed with this opportunity to celebrate what Lent is all about - LOVE!

"For God so loved the world . . . " we read in our Gospels. Often we think of this reading at Christmas time and are grateful for the gift of the infant Jesus. The greatest part of that love, however, is the gift to us of the Passion and death of Jesus. This season of Lent is the time to remember how that great love for each of us is expressed: not with flowers and candy, but with the ultimate gift of God's self, for each of us. This gift comes to all, the lovable and the unlovable alike. We don't need to worry about being God's favorite Valentine - we are assured that EACH of us is that person, loved beyond all telling. While we can't *earn* this godly love, we are invited to *respond* with thanks to God and great rejoicing, and pass on that unconditional love to one another.



OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

We are looking for individuals, pairs, or couples who would be interested in being back-up Mass Coordinators, for weekend Masses, especially for Holy Day Masses, morning and/or evening. It can be for a couple of times per year or on a regular schedule. Training and orientation will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Joanie Frericks at 345-4283.