



Our Divine Savior  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

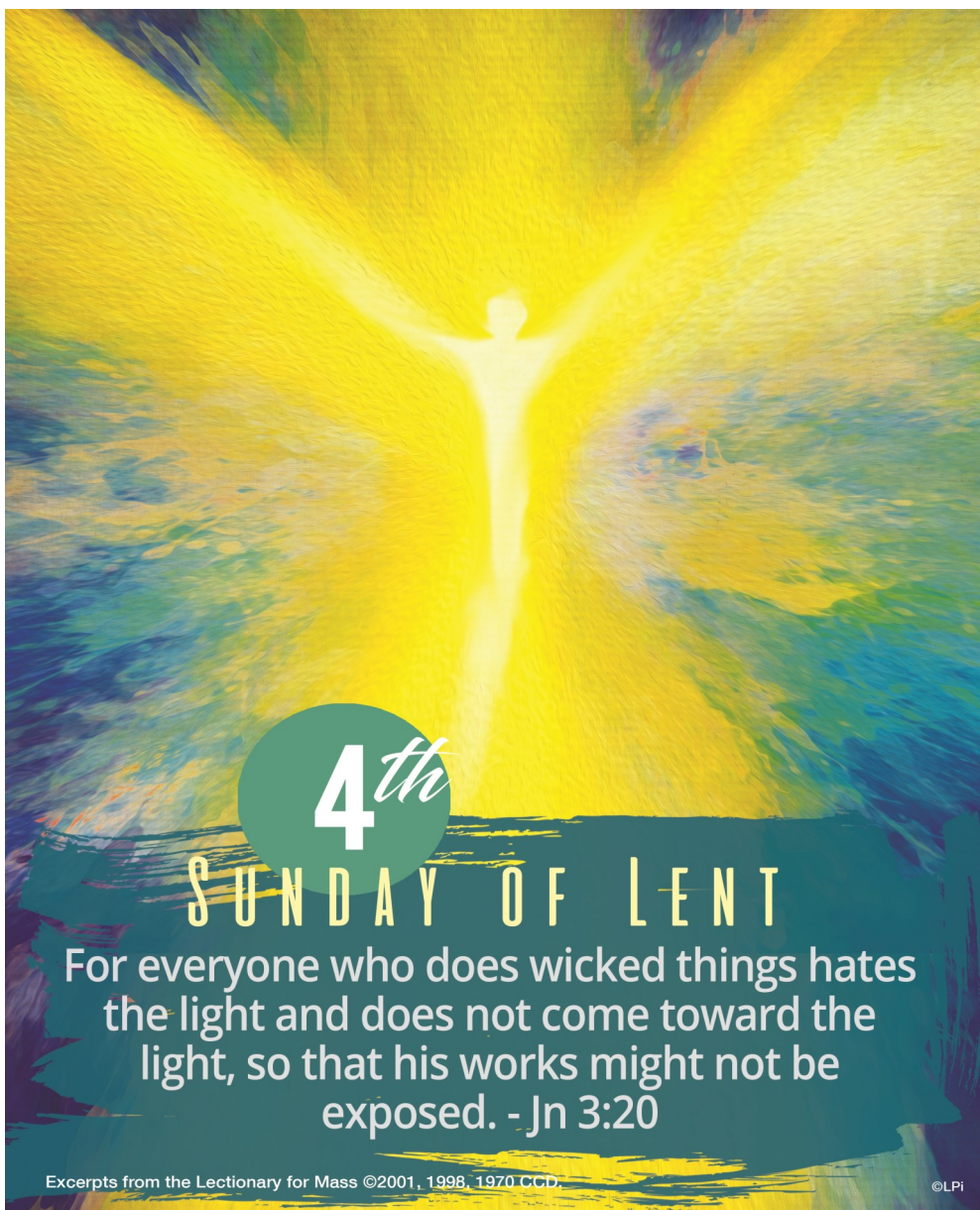


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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon.- Fri. .... 10:00am-3:00pm



4<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

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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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### BOOKKEEPER

Barbara Linquist, 343-4248

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jennifer Forward, 345-6201

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Cecelia Dickman, 802-1608  
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Amanda Ball  
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### Website:

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Parish Office Hours:

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 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,  
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 11, 2018

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next 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



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sat</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Geoff Edmonds, Health, Madeline Keaveney</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>† Colleen Nelson, d, (C. Stephen Nelson)</b>
		<b>9:00</b>	<b>† Prospero Tablizo, d, (Friend)</b>
		<b>11:00</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners of ODS</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>† Kay Baker, d, (Jackie Griswold)</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Ryan Watts, Thanksgiving, (Jackie Griswold)</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>† John Decker, d, (Pat Decker)</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>† Mae Tilton, d, (Carol Henderson)</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Living &amp; Deceased Parishioners of ODS</b>



Next 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. Next week, 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 11, 2018  
4th Sunday of Lent

Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most often quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still -- to our eyes -- being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination! This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Next Week  
Catholic Relief Collection

**Collection for the month of  
February 2018**

Sunday	29,903.16
P & I	9,903.18
St F & C	282.00
SVdP	365.00
Torres	185.00
Ash Wed.	1,711.24

**Feb. On-line Donations**

Sunday	3,065.00
P & I	675.00
St F & C	12.50
SVdP	127.50



*Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.*

*Jn 9:35-38*

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**ATTENTION**

**Easter Time Bulletin Deadlines**

**Deadline for March 25th issue is March 14th  
Deadline for April 1st issue is March 21st  
All due by Noon**

**Thank you**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

We might think of candles and light more during the Advent season than during Lent, due to Advent wreaths, candles in windows, and the light of a star. But the real focus on light, as seen in this week's Gospel, is during Lent, when we prepare for Easter and Jesus' triumphant rising from the dead. It is in this game-changing event that the light of Christ destroys the power of darkness.

If you have never been to an Easter Vigil, why not plan on attending this year? The theme of light is so prevalent, with processional candles everywhere and the new Paschal candle being lit for the first time. The candle is then plunged into the baptismal font before it is used for sacraments, breaking into the darkness of our sin. Through these waters, men and women will be washed clean and the darkness they were born into will exist no more. Their blindness of original sin will be healed and they will not only be able to see, they will be new creations in Christ.

This Lent, before it is all over, spend time in prayer and use a candle to focus. Reflect on your life and determine what areas you need the light of Christ to shine. Then when Easter comes, know that the One who is the light is shining brighter than ever so you may be in darkness no more.

**Please Keep In Your Prayers**

Catherine Anderson Leola McCampbell Marie Viera Esther Lund Larry & Kathy Grundmann Mary Kay Bringham 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 Janet Grens Rosemary Hull Tom Claiborne Pat Bernadett Fran England Tom Fuszard Juanita Wilcoxon	Alex Sharrow Stephanine Elspins Joanne Puritz Michael Kolonay Don Felipe Joseph Felipe
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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*



**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.

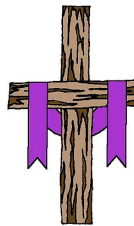
The Memorial Mass for Fr. Edward O’Hara will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Sacramento.

Reception to follow at Holy Cross Parish, 911 Park Blvd., West Sacramento.

Please continue to keep Fr. O’Hara in your prayers.



If you are unable to attend the Mass in Sacramento, the 8 am Mass at ODS on March 14<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated in Fr. O’Hara’s memory



**Soup Supper &  
Stations of the Cross**

Fridays: **March 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.

**The Parish Office will be closed on  
Friday, March 16th for Spring Cleaning.**

**Everyday Stewardship**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life. John 3:16*

When I first saw each of my three children, I loved them with a love that I did not realize existed in me. These were flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone, and were the result of the love between their mother and me. This made them mine.

My love for them continues to be so strong as they grow older and I cannot fathom ever losing them. Then I look around and see friends of mine who have lost a child. It makes me want to hold them tighter and not let go.

But as I have continued to grow in this stewardship way of life, I realize that these three wonderful human beings are not really mine. They belong to God. They are entrusted to me in this world, but they belong truly to the One who loves them even more than I do. Yet, it is not easy to offer them back to God, especially due to tragedy. If that day ever were to come, how could I handle it?

Not only did God offer his Son to the world, the offering was done with full knowledge that the Son would die a brutal death. God loves us so deeply he placed Himself in the very position that any parent dreads the most. So this Lent I will look at my children and I reflect on the depth of love a parent has for a child and the even more profound love God has for us.

–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.



## Second Scrutiny

Today our catechumens celebrate the second scrutiny in our RCIA process. Earlier in the week they each received a copy of the Creed that we all profess each Sunday. Let us pray with them as they ponder the deep confessional truths in our creed as they look forward to the Easter Vigil.

Let us pray.

We confess our faith in you,  
our One and eternal Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We pray today for our catechumens who have  
received the gift of faith  
and now reflection on the Creed.

May they trust in the truth of Christ as they find  
freedom from sin.

We know that we must model for them what it  
means to live for Christ.

Help us and our neighbors to profess the faith  
in our actions and thoughts.

Give wisdom to our catechumens  
to persevere in faith even when it is difficult.

We ask this and profess our faith in you,  
God and Father with the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## Dear parishioners and teens of ODS.

I am sorry to announce that I will be stepping down as Youth Minister here at ODS. God lead me to this position and I am so thankful for everyone who participated in and supported our youth program. I know the timing is not great but we do not get to choose when or where God calls us to move on. Please pray for whoever the incoming youth minister is and give them the same love and support you have shown me these years. Our final meeting will be this Sunday, 3/11/18 at noon. All high school students are invited to come join Keith and I so we can say goodbye to you. Once again thank you all for the opportunity to serve in this parish community.

Yours in Christ,  
Robert Sheridan

**ROB SHERIDAN**  
*The ODS community  
wants to say...*



*Thank You &  
God Bless You!*



**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 on their lives, and ultimately receive a deeper understanding and love of their faith.

**Family Room**



**The Death of Our Father, Mike Newman**

Our family at ODS, and all of Chico, grieves the death of Father Mike Newman on March 1, 2018. He was 79 years young! The last couple of months were challenging with health problems, but in true Fr. Mike style he found the courage and hope to do his best with the health demands he faced. He knew we were all praying for him, as a parish and as individuals, and he appreciated that greatly.

Father Mike's time in Chico was long and full, beginning with his leadership and love for the Newman Center for 13 years, and followed by his "retirement" which, as we all know, really wasn't! Our family at ODS was blessed with his homilies, his jokes, and his generous service at weekend and daily Masses. His assistance with the Penance Services and Healing Masses touched our hearts and encouraged us. At weddings or funerals he was fully involved with the *people* who were celebrating or grieving and each one became his friend. We remember with gratitude sharing his 50 year celebration of ordination.

Fr. Mike had a special love for youth and showed it. He was always ready to step out and support those who are marginalized or homeless. He was a member of the Chico Interfaith Council and worked to break down barriers and form bonds between people of all faiths. He was state chaplain for two years for both the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus. He was active in the national leadership of the Salvadorians as well, and savored his travels to be with his community of priests and friends.

Can't you see him now? He is singing "Zippity do dah, zippity a. My oh my what a wonderful day!" His cheer and joy will be forever praising our God. There is no doubt that his joy will be shared with us on Easter morning, as always, even though his physical presence is gone from our sight. ***We will miss you, Father Mike!***



Thank you, parishioners, for your generous and continued support.

At this time SVDP is gladly accepting donations of tables, chairs and dressers.



*We are not in need of clothing.*

Thank you.

**MERCY HIGH 300 CLUB**

Mercy High School's 300 Club raffle is back! Only 300 tickets are being sold at \$100 each. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$5,000 cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$2500 cash, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a home security system.

**As an added bonus, if all 300 tickets are sold, the 1<sup>st</sup> prize will double to \$10,000!**

All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit tuition assistance programs for students wishing to attend Mercy High school.

There will be a Mercy student outside after the masses, this weekend, to assist you with your tax deductible ticket purchase or you may call the school at 530-527-8313. **March 16<sup>th</sup>** is the drawing so be sure to get yours before they are sold out!