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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri.10:00am-3:00pm



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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.

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

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 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
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JESUS CENTER

Randy Linqvist, 894-0460

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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

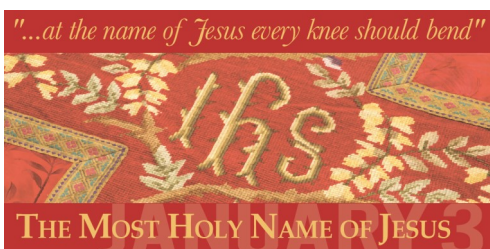
If interested in joining one of the Small Church
Communities, contact Carol Weigel, 343-3885

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Judith Rojas, 342-2676

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READINGS

**Week of
December 31, 2017**

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:39-40

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	30	5:00	† Steve Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)
Sun	31	7:30	Geoffrey Edwards, Health, Madeline
		9:00	Madeline Ballew, Health, (Anonymous)
		11:00	† Joseph Anthony Brune, d, (Gary Brune)
Mon	01	9:00	† Nick Sylvester, d, (Sylvester Family)
Tues.	02	8:00	† Patrick Ward, d, (Tom & Mary Ann Ward)
Wed	03	8:00	Intentions from Hear Our Prayer Book
Thurs	04	8:00	† Rita Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)
Fri	05	8:00	† Maria Poliquit, d, (Erlinda Patsch)

Observances for the Week of December 31, 2017

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God (not a holy day of obligation in 2018); Octave of Christmas; World Day of Peace; New Year's Day

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 31, 2017 The Holy Family

"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that "the favor of God was upon him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.

Parish Finances will be reported after the holidays because of the time constraints in publishing the bulletin.

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND
COLLECTION
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



**NEW YEAR'S DAY
SCHEDULE**

January 1, 2018

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9 AM (Church)

There will not be a Vigil on
December 31st

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the 20TH annual Marian Eucharistic Conference, January 12, 13, 14, 2018 at St Rose of Lima Church Hall, Paso Robles, Ca.

Mark your calendars now! Jan. 6

An inspirational movie, *Phil's Camino*, will be shown in the Small Reception Room in the Social Hall on January 6, Saturday, at 10 a.m. This is the story of a man with stage 4 cancer who was too ill to walk the Camino pilgrimage in Spain so he set up a "Camino" in his back yard. During his journey, Phil was coping with three "C"s, Cancer, Camino, and Catholicism. The film explores the power of faith and healing. The director will be here on Jan. 6 and will answer questions and seek feedback on this not-quite-finished version. No charge.

Retreats

RESTORE YOUR SOUL!

All the Christmas gifts are ready to be given, except the ones for YOU and YOUR SPOUSE! This year give a lasting, healing gift of the heart. Jesus is inviting YOU to Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights, California. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday and ends at lunch on Sunday. The women's retreat is early this year, **January 12-14**. The men's retreat is **February 16-18, 2018**. Don't delay!

On-line registration is preferred. Go to: christthekingretreatcenter.org for the registration form, select programs then parish weekend retreats. If you need help, please call Stephanie Burkett at 893-2348 or Terry Matthews at 893-1644.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Catherine Anderson
Carmela Sorrentino
Marie Viera
Esther Lund
Larry & Kathy Grundmann
Jim Hubbard
Mary Kay Bringham
Virginia Bourdic
Bill Sheridan

Isabella Brazzale
Joseph Cruz
Wayne Burkett
Ruth Fischer
Jeff Carr
Rueben Guerra
Jo Ann Coules
Vincent Lucido

Geoff Edmond
John Hauder
Elmer Silvera
Madeline Ballew
Janet Grens
Rosemary Hull
Tom Claiborne
Pat Bernadett

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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry

Are you Catholic and want to learn more about your Faith? Do you have family members who don't practice the faith anymore? Are there family or friends who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church? In this world there are trials and tribulation in our lives. What are we doing about it or do we feel that there is no hope? There is hope! It is with finding guidance and direction through faith.

We will be starting another session of RCIA Inquiry soon. If you would like to join us, please, contact RCIA coordinators Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348, rciaods2@yahoo.com or visit us online at ourdivinesavior.org. It is never too late to join us!

COME & SEE DAYS



Every vocation is a call to love, a path to happiness, and every baptized person has one! Come and see! Single Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 years are invited to spend

a day with the cloistered Dominican nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, CA, Saturday, January 20th. Learn more about discerning God's will for your life and catch a glimpse of the same hidden life of love that has been lived at the heart of the Church and the Dominican Order since St. Dominic founded the first community of Dominican nuns in 1206.

For more information about this or other upcoming retreat days and events, visit our website at www.nunsmenlo.org, or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at vocations@nunsmenlo.org

Everyday Stewardship

I have heard people say, "You don't get to choose your family!" I believe that to be only partially true. I did not choose my father and mother, but my family is greater than my family tree of ancestors. My family includes those who have been there when both my father and mother passed away. My family includes those who came to see my newborn children in the hospital. My family includes those who celebrated with me my greatest triumphs and consoled me in my greatest times of trial. Each and every one of them I have chosen to be a part of my family.

Most of the time we talk about stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure. We quantify the size of our gifts, seeing them as things that have a finite value. However, true stewardship has no limits. What we are called to give is everything. When we fully empty ourselves into another and into the reality of God we find ourselves transformed. We truly grow into our own as the creations we became at baptism.

It is in that transformation that we find ourselves connected to others in a profound way. Those who were not connected to us by blood are now connected to us by spirit. Our family, the body of Christ, grows and becomes stronger. In this family, a man can be father to a Son not of his flesh and a woman mother to a Son of a divine origin. In this family, we find our hope and our home. And we must never make the mistake of thinking that is not a choice.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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. The holidays have arrived. Be sure to check the calendar for class times as we will not be meeting every week.

Religious Ed/Sacraments Schedule	
12/20-31	No Religious Ed- Christmas Break

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DO YOU LOVE FUN?

Are you organized? Do you love to be lifted and surrounded by faith filled fun? We are looking for a Co-Leader to help plan and organize our Annual Vacation Bible School. This position comes with a small salary. Help us keep this great ministry going.



Sharing the Gospel
Love God and trust him with your life. Then you will want to do what God asks. Simeon listened to God. Anna served God for many years in the temple. Mary and Joseph did everything God asked them to do for Jesus. Everyone in the temple knew that Jesus was sent by God to be their Savior. They trusted God with Jesus' precious life.

Prayer
God, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask me to.

Something to Draw
Draw a picture of God watching over you and your family.

Mission for the Week
Jesus belonged to God. Look up the word "belong" in the dictionary. Thank God that you are his child, too.

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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.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.
She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank
you
for the gift of her Son as our brother and
savior.

Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability
to create a world of peace.

We ask all this,
through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

It's a NEW year!

What does NEW mean to us? We think of fresh, unexplored, and full of delights. Maybe we also think of unknown, scary, and full of challenges.

Like a gift package waiting to be opened, the NEW year waits for us to come and explore. We can hide our heads in the sand so that we don't need to face the changes ahead, or we can embrace the excitement of growth. We can mutter about 2017 - "It was a hard year, so much evil, so much distress" or we can enter this fresh, untarnished new year looking for the good in our lives: our personal faith life, the life of our families, our community, and our world. There is plenty to worry about, but Jesus tells us over and over, "Be not afraid!" That means that while we engage in the struggle to make things better here in our own lives, we also place our full trust in God's mysterious plan for 2018.

We are surrounded by suggestions for resolutions about how to change in the year ahead. Maybe we only need one resolution: To ask ourselves before each decision, "What is God's will for me here and now?" Sometimes the answer is more action, and sometimes the answer is less action and more prayer. It is not possible to lay out a year in advance. Our determination is not the only factor to consider! Sometimes God has other plans for us, and our job is to listen and learn what those plans may be.



Q What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

A Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope. The focus needs to be on who we are: God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterwards. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

MARY
MOTHER OF GOD
OUR MOTHER

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