

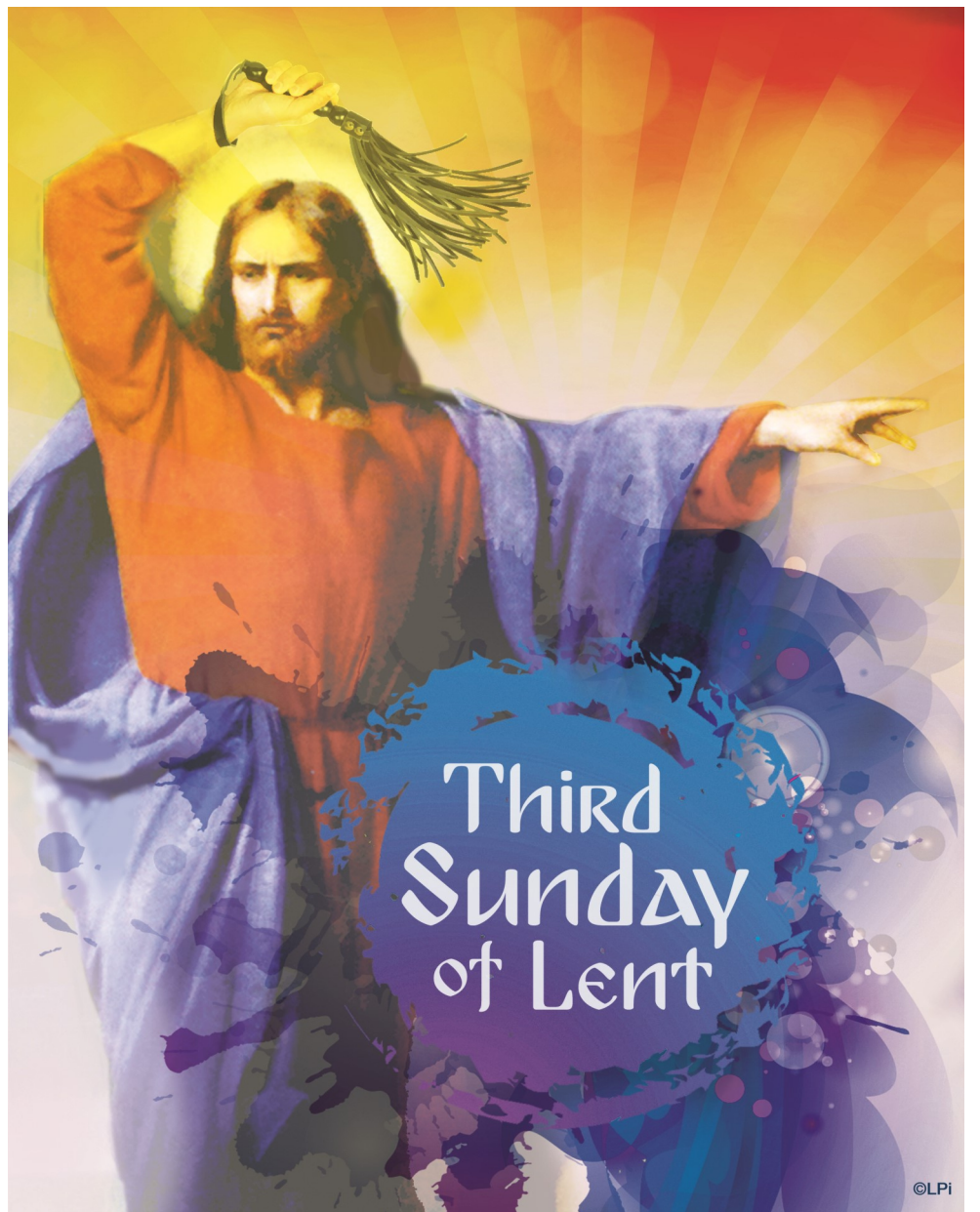


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon.– Fri. 10:00am-3:00pm



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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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
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

March 4, 2018

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/
Jn 2:13-25

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
[cf. 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1
-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6
and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35 Ex 17:1-7/
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-
16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps
95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
[8]/Lk 11:14-23 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-
7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9,
10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk
12:28-34 or Ex 17:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-
9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-
21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14 or Ex 17:1-
7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 [8]/Jn 4:5-42

Next 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



March

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	03	5:00	† Dan Muravez, d, (Carol Weigel)
Sun	04	7:30	† Kay Baker, d, (Jackie Griswold)
		9:00	† Irvin Merrifield, d, (Ruth Merrifield)
		11:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Mon	05	8:00	† Richard King, d, (Joan King)
Tues.	06	8:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Wed	07	8:00	† Lavier Pritchett, d, (Erlinda Partsch)
Thurs	08	8:00	† Doris Feder, d, (Feder Family)
Fri	09	8:00	Muravez Family, Special Healing, (Carol Weigel)

Out of Business

When Jesus chased the merchants and money changers out of the Temple, he was sending a message to the church today. It isn't an indictment of rummage sales and bake sales as much as a warning not to allow our places of worship to become commercialized. Jesus is talking about how we function as a church. The important message is for the church not to accept business as its model for how we operate. We are not primarily about money, we are about God -God's word, the worship of God, and God's people. Anything that interferes with that mission, we want to avoid. Our church is a faith community where we gather to worship, to learn, and to save God by saving God's people .

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 4, 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here."

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: therefore, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.


The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin -- our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.


This Week
Projects & Initiatives Collection

CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY: We will be having our next meeting on March 6th, at Our Divine Savior, in the small room of the Social Hall. Our social lunch will be at 12:30 followed by a meeting at 1:00. We are a group that has compassion to serve those in need here in Chico. Come meet some inspiring women. Any Questions, Yvonne Hawkins, 898-1266.

“The main thing God asks for is our attention.”



St. Vincent de Paul: In today’s Gospel Jesus is asked “What sign can you show us?” Everyday we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God’s love by being a blessing to others. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so together we can be a sign of God’s love to the suffering and poor.



Knights of Columbus

If you believe in the importance of investing your time in friendship, the Church, and helping others, the Knights of Columbus is for you. The Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men and their families that derive a great sense of satisfaction from being able to develop lasting friendships with each other while helping the less fortunate.

Every day, the Knights provide its members with the opportunity to discover the importance of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism to our country and the world.

I urge all men in this parish whose families are not involved, to join the Knights of Columbus. Representatives of the local Council 13765 will be available after Mass to answer questions and accept applications for membership. We welcome your interest and invite your participation.



MARCH 11TH, 2 AM
DON'T BE LATE!

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." - Jn 4:13-14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Please Keep In Your Prayers			
Catherine Anderson	Joseph Cruz	Geoff Edmonds	Tom Fuszard
Leola McCampbell	Wayne Burkett	John Hauder	Juanita Wilcoxon
Marie Viera	Fr. Mike Newman	Elmer Silvera	Alex Sharrow
Esther Lund	Jeff Carr	Madeline Ballew	Stephanine Elspins
Larry & Kathy Grundmann	Rueben Guerra	Janet Grens	Joanne Puritz
Mary Kay Bringham	Jo Ann Coules	Rosemary Hull	Michael Kolonay
Ryan Watts	Vincent Lucido	Tom Claiborne	
Bill Sheridan	Melanie O'Connor	Pat Bernadett	
Isabella Brazzale	Joel Rivera	Fran England	

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.

Third Sunday of Lent

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.



Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross

Fridays: **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.

Everyday Stewardship

Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship.

Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.

To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

–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

Imagine coming to your church to pray. All around your church, you see people selling animals. It smells like a barn. The animals are loud. The people are shouting. You cannot even pray with all the noise and activity going on around you. That is what Jesus found in today's Gospel. It broke his heart and made Jesus angry. God's house is not supposed to be turned into a barn or a store. It should be special place where people can meet with God and talk to him. Jesus cleaned out his Father's house. He turned it back into a place of prayer.

Prayer

God, my church is a place for prayer. Help me to remember that always.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of people singing and praying in your church.

Mission for the Week

Read John 2:13-25 with your family. Ask God to help you keep your church clean. Church should never be a store or a barn. It should be a special place to pray.

The First Catechumenal Scrutiny

In our RCIA process, the scrutinies are opportunities for our catechumens to begin to look closely at their commitment to Christ and His Church. It is also a time for those of us who are already publicly committed Christians to model self-reflection and sorrow for our sins.

Let us pray for our catechumens as they celebrate their first scrutiny.

Good and gracious God,

We pray in earnest this day for our catechumens.

They look forward to the Easter Vigil

when they will receive Baptism, Confirmation and their First Eucharist.

Help us to help them ponder your word in their lives.

May they humbly confess their sins

as we also confess our sins

with the sure and certain knowledge of forgiveness.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

Mar 4th - Moral Relativism
Mar 11th - How to Disagree



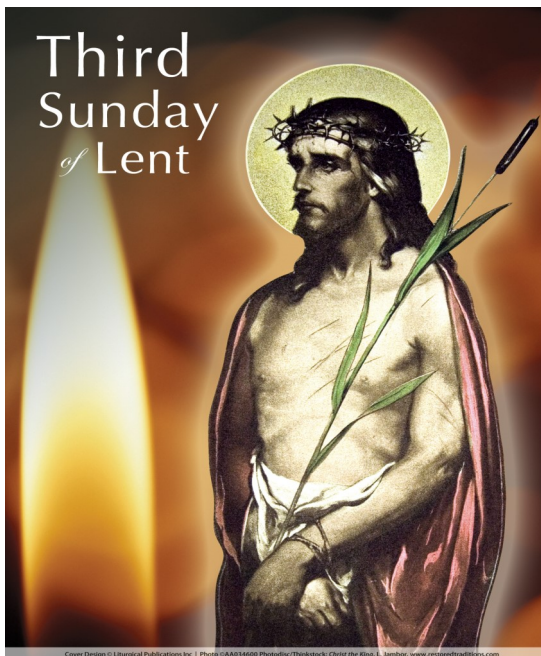
Responding to **Relativism** with **Logic and Love**

Mar 18th - Social
Mar 25th - No meeting
Apr 1st - No Meeting
Apr 8th - Exposing the Mask
Apr 15th - What is Truth
Apr 22nd - Social

Notre Dame Schools

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

Loving Our Way Through Lent With Almsgiving

What exactly is almsgiving? It is an old-fashioned word, one we never hear except in church. One definition is that almsgiving is sharing our abundance with those who are in need. In the Old Testament it meant giving food or money to a beggar or a widow with no means of support. In our modern world we can isolate ourselves from those in need. We can be tempted to think we deserve all we have, that we have earned it, and it is ours to use as we please.

Almsgiving reminds us everything we have—our health, our home, our job, our family—is a gift. It all comes from God, and it is HIS, not ours! When we realize we have enough to meet our own *needs* (not necessarily our *wants*) we can look around and see others who are suffering from lack of shelter, food, health care, or companionship.

Almsgiving comes in many forms. We can donate money to charities at home, like the St. Francis and St. Claire Fund or to Saint Vincent de Paul. We can give food to the Jesus Center or the Torres Shelter or we can donate our excess clothing and household items to charities. We can also give our time and talents, by helping with transportation for someone who is without a car, by assisting children in foster care, or by reading in a classroom.

Almsgiving isn't a punishment for us or a struggle to do without. It is an awareness each of us is rich in one way or another, and we are prompted by love to look around and share our riches. God has no hands but ours, and Lent is a time of growing in love by giving, as God has given to us. It is true—we can't out-give God!



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.