

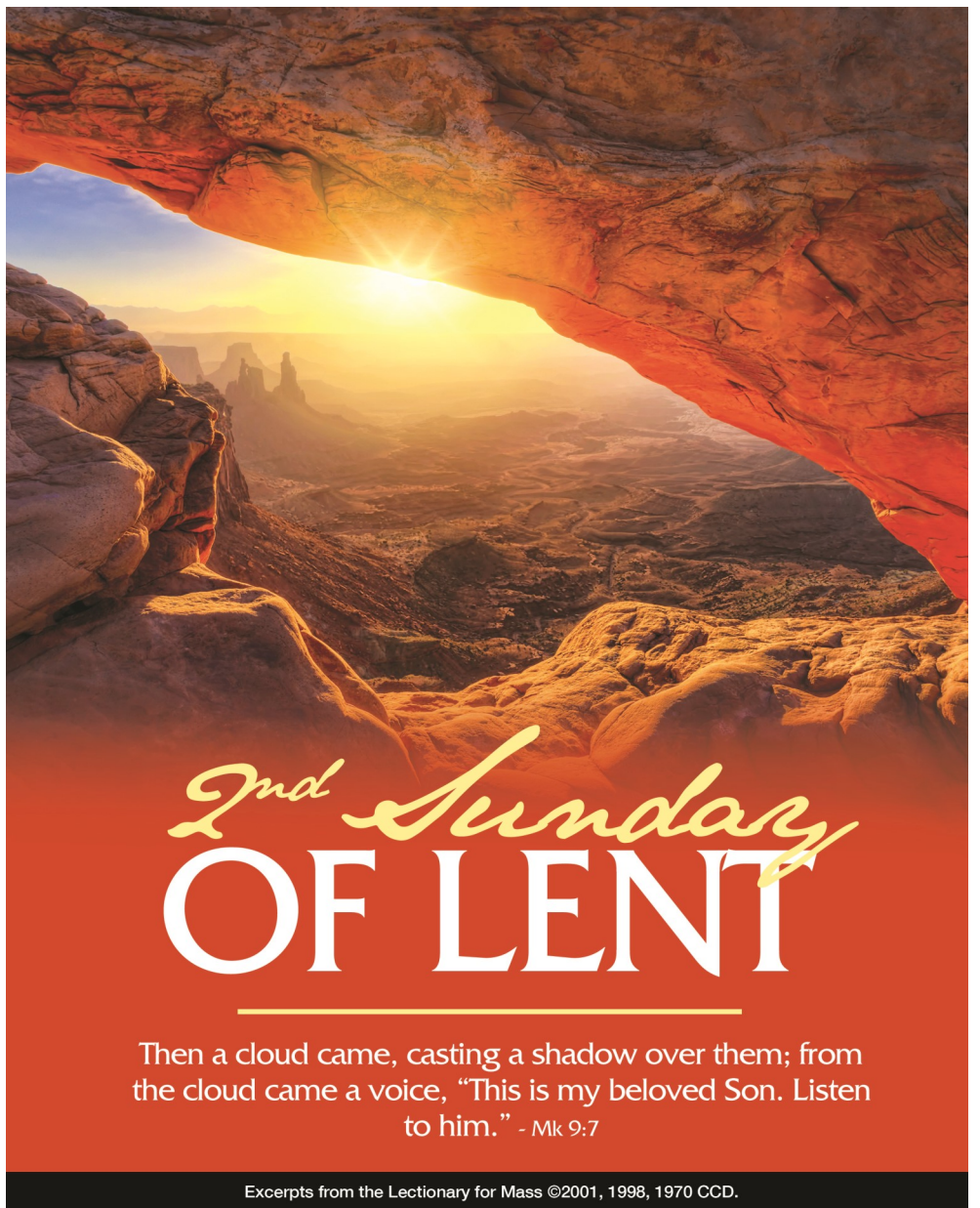


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon.- Fri. 10:00am-3:00pm



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
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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
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CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Lyn Dorenzo, 891-8026

FLOWER DONATIONS

Pat Mulholland, 891-8342
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Randy Linquist, 894-0460

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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 25, 2018

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next 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

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

TRUST

PERSEVERANCE

GLORY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	24	5:00	† Stanley Korock, d, (Pat Shaw)
Sun	25	7:30	† Leo Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)
		9:00	† Daniel Augustus Rodrigues III, (Rodrigues)
		11:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Mon	26	8:00	† Ernest J. Lohndorf, d, (Brian & Gail Boswell)
Tues.	27	8:00	† Doris Feder, d, (Feder Family)
Wed	28	8:00	† Frances R. Lohndorf, d, (Brian & Gail Boswell)
Thurs	01	8:00	† Gail Hughes, d, (Dick & Laura Hughes)
Fri	02	8:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS



ADORATION

Next Friday is Adoration at 8:30am. Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him" join us for Adoration Friday, March 2nd, after 8:00AM Mass and Benediction will follow at noon.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 25, 2018 2nd Sunday of Lent

How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether.

Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah's revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor.

A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

Next Week
Projects & Initiatives Collection



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

FAST & FEAST
 Lent is a season where we fast as Christ fasted for 40 days and nights. As Christ died for the weaknesses of our attitude and rose again for our strength, let us **fast from the weaknesses of our attitude and feast on our strength in Christ** this season.

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| <p><i>Fast from judging others; feast on Christ dwelling in them</i></p> <p><i>Fast from emphasis of differences; feast on the unity of all life</i></p> <p><i>Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of the light</i></p> <p><i>Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God</i></p> <p><i>Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify</i></p> <p><i>Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude on gratitude</i></p> <p><i>Fast from anger; feast on patience</i></p> <p><i>Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism</i></p> <p><i>Fast from worry; feast on God's providence</i></p> <p><i>Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation</i></p> <p><i>Fast from negativity; feast on the positive side of things</i></p> <p><i>Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer</i></p> <p><i>Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance</i></p> | <p><i>Fast from revenge; feast on forgiveness</i></p> <p><i>Fast from self concern; feast on compassion</i></p> <p><i>Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth</i></p> <p><i>Fast from discouragement; feast on hope</i></p> <p><i>Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift</i></p> <p><i>Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm</i></p> <p><i>Fast from suspicion; feast on truth</i></p> <p><i>Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire</i></p> <p><i>Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity</i></p> <p><i>Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence</i></p> <p><i>Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that sustains</i></p> <p>From the Solomon Star Newspaper
 Jimmy Samuel Hanahunu (The Solomon Islands)</p> |
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Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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

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.

March 2nd



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BAKE FISH DINNER: Our Catholic Daughters of Our Divine Savior are at it again. They will prepare and serve a delicious, complimentary baked fish dinner before the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 2, at 6 pm in the Our Divine Savior Social Hall, 566 E. Lassen Ave. Chico. RSVP to Candy Priano at [530-519-9754](tel:530-519-9754). We want to make sure we have enough food for all.

The Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 pm in the church and remind us of the reason for the Lenten Season. The 14 steps, or Stations, are commonly used as a mini-pilgrimage to focus on specific events of Jesus' last day on Earth as a man. This Catholic devotion is a beautiful way to remember and honor Jesus.



**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

I have had the honor of coaching all three of my kids in soccer. When you are a coach of a team of little ones, along with the fundamentals of the game and good sportsmanship, you want to teach the value of teamwork. If they can learn about how a team functions and why working together matters, that lesson can benefit them for many years to come.

The Body of Christ is a type of team. We are all called upon to use our talents and gifts in such a way that they complement those of others. We are stronger and capable of so much more together than when we are apart.

Our stewardship isn't just about our personal call to God to cultivate our gifts and give them back with increase to Him. It is about how our stewardship way of life builds up the Body of Christ. The Body cannot function as God intended it to if parts of it are not fully giving of themselves. In community, we have the power to change the world around us because we bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to hear it and witness it by our actions.

This Lent, consider how you fit into the Body of Christ. How can your gifts and talents make the Church stronger? You just might be the missing component of a team that really needs help to make the greatest impact for Jesus.

–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? Sacramental 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

Start with a pile of blocks. Add your imagination and you can build a castle or a city. You can change that pile of blocks to look completely different and wonderful. In today's Gospel, Jesus was completely changed. He started out looking like an ordinary man. Then, right in front of Peter, James and John, something happened. Jesus glowed brightly like the sun. Even his clothes became bright white. Talk about changing into something different and wonderful! God let Peter, James and John see Jesus as he looks now in heaven.

Prayer

God, I can hardly wait to see Jesus glowing in heaven.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself with Jesus, glowing in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Make some lemonade with your family. Then add food coloring to completely change the way it looks. As you mix the ingredients together, talk about how Jesus was completely changed.

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The flu, colds and influenza are still around us.

Please continue to observe the temporary rules for not holding hands during the Our Father and just smile and say: "Peace be with you" during the sign of Peace.

We ask that everyone receive the host in the hand and not in the mouth. This is for the protection of you, our priest, Eucharistic Ministers and those receiving Communion behind you.



WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

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

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



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.



Saint Katharine Drexel, S.B.S., was an American heiress, philanthropist, religious sister, educator, and foundress. She is the second American-born saint to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church in 2000; her feast day is observed on March 3.

Family Room

Loving Our Way Through Lent With Prayer

God *is* love. What does he ask of us this Lenten season? Our church teaches us the disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It sounds like a lot of rules and misery, so where is the love?

The discipline of prayer isn’t a “duty” but it is an invitation to bask in the love of God that is beyond our understanding. We can recite prayers, which pleases God of course, but what really matters is where our heart is. If we just say the words without connecting our minds and hearts with what we say, we are “sounding gongs or clanging cymbals.” Prayer begins deep within us, in the place beyond words, as a *decision* to be in the presence of God, to be in conversation with the one who loves us. We focus our attention on *expressing* our love as gratitude to God for all we have been given and on *receiving* God’s love as pure gift to us. We can’t earn it, we don’t deserve it, and yet God’s love washes over us as we spend time with him in prayer.

Have you ever watched an elderly couple in love with one another? They often sit quietly, without a word spoken, just grateful to be in the company of this special person. That is what prayer is— *being with* our beloved God.

Some see prayer as a waste of precious time. Everyone is so busy! In truth, the relationship, journeying together with God, makes us more in line with God’s will and allows us to respond to what is really important in our day. We find our peace of heart and calm thinking increase our efficiency and lead to more time, not less. Most important of all, God delights in the prayers of his people (that’s us!) and calls us to deepen our love this Lent.

ODS Lenten Penance Service

Monday, February 26th

12 Noon

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.