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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri.10:00am-3:00pm



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:20

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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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danlayneods@gmail.com

OFFICE

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ourdivines@yahoo.com
530-343-4248

BOOKKEEPER

Barbara Linquist, 343-4248

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jennifer Forward, 345-6201

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Amanda Ball
Cynthia Boucek

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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
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

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

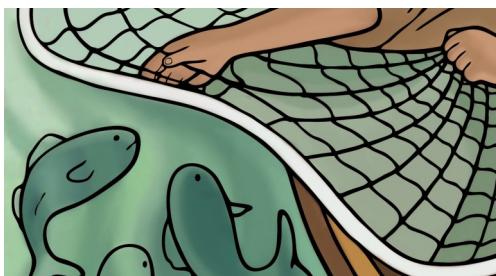
If interested in joining one of the Small Church
Communities, contact Carol Weigel, 343-3885

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Judith Rojas, 342-2676

TORRES SHELTER

Rich Nichols, 520-4418



READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:16-17

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	20	5:00	† Stanley Korock, d, (Ed & Marilyn Fujii)
Sun	21	7:30	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
		9:00	Judy Purvis, special intention, (Tom & Mary Ann Ward)
		11:00	Joan Dolan & Mary Ellen Gorman, special intention, (Tom & MaryAnn Ward)
Mon	22	8:00	† Patrick Howlin & Family, d, (Rich & Ines Williams)
Tues.	23	8:00	† Stanley Korock, d, (Connie Cox)
Wed	24	8:00	† Jane Ohme, d, (Joanie Frericks)
Thurs	25	8:00	† Stanley Korock, d, (Brian & Gail Boswell)
Fri	26	8:00	† Sally Stoner, d, (Brian & Gail Boswell)

Observances for the Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools week

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 21, 2018 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything-or anyone-else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives.

We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.

Parish Finances for December

Sunday Collection: \$32,666.55
 Christmas Collection: \$19,351.16
 Projects & Initiatives: \$1,750.00
 St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,988.71

CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY

Do you know about the Chico Food Project known as the Blue Bags? When a Blue Bag is given to you, it will be collected once every two months, and you can fill it with non-perishable grocery items. It will then be picked up by volunteers off your front porch. We are then able to collect the bags from a central location and bring it to the Chico Community Food Locker. We sort the food and help those that are in an emergency situation. Our food also goes to help St. Vincent De Paul to feed the hungry. Check out more information at <http://chicofoodproject.org> or by calling 530-230-7232. You can also pick up a Chico Food Project application at the Food Locker, 1386 Longfellow, from 9-12 on weekdays. In 2017 our Food Locker was able to feed over 9000 men, women, and children. This Food Project has helped us to continue to serve Christ by blessing those in need with basic food. Yvonne Hawkins, Director of the Food Locker.

THANK YOU! 🙌 Here is what your generosity was able to accomplish in December. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL helped 126 people. \$8919 went to helping with utilities, rent, groceries and Christmas gifts.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
 Your continued generosity and support will be a blessing for many in our community. 🙏

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 the parish offices and after masses. For more information, visit spiritualdirection.com/events

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Catherine Anderson	Isabella Brazzale	Geoff Edmond
Carmela Sorrentino	Joseph Cruz	John Hauder
Marie Viera	Wayne Burkett	Elmer Silvera
Esther Lund	Jeff Carr	Madeline Ballew
Larry & Kathy Grundmann	Rueben Guerra	Janet Grens
Derette Layne	Jo Ann Coules	Rosemary Hull
Mary Kay Bringham	Vincent Lucido	Tom Claiborne
Virginia Bourdic	Melanie O'Connor	Pat Bernadett
Bill Sheridan		Joel Rivera

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

PRAYER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The date for the next "Evening of Prayer for Law Enforcement" is Wednesday, January 24 from 6:30-8:00PM at St. Augustine Church, 2nd St. and Salem. Our Men and women in Law Enforcement stand on the "Thin Blue Line" everyday to protect and serve our community. This past year Law Enforcement lost 125 officers and 20 canines across our nation. Please come join us in prayer and show your support for our officers. For more information contact Deacon James



It's Baby Bottle time!

Our Annual "Change for Life" fundraiser is back, and we need your help!

Beginning in February, schools, churches and other organizations in the Sacramento area will be handing out baby bottles to their students and families to raise money for disadvantaged pregnant mothers and their unborn babies. These bottles are to be filled with cash, checks and coin and returned to your organization before Easter Sunday. This is a fantastic way for children to learn the meaning of helping those less fortunate. The Sacramento Life Center will deliver the bottles and pick them up when you are ready, and we count all the money. It's so easy!

If you or your organization would like to participate, please contact Renee Pegues-Haynie at reneep@saclife.org or (916) 451-4357
Your help is crucial in keeping our mission alive. We truly appreciate your participation!

To learn more about the Sacramento Life Center visit www.saclife.org or call us at (916)451-4357

OUR DIVINE SAVIOR HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass February 3, 2018 at 11:00am followed by a lunch in the social hall.

TAX TIME

2017 contribution letters have been mailed to those that donated \$100 or more to the church. If you did not get yours and need it, please contact the parish office.

Everyday Stewardship

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

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



Registration fees increase this month

If you haven't already done so, be sure to register soon for the 2018 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress because prices go up after January 26. Registration fees for Youth Day will increase to \$35 per person, Congress registration increases to \$80 per person. Note: The last day to request refunds is Friday, January 19th. And consider staying in Anaheim at one of our contracted hotels, but act quickly, some hotels have already sold out.

Have questions about Congress? Go to www.RECongress.org



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

Men's retreat is **February 16-18, 2018.**

Don't delay!

Register at:

christthekingretreatcenter.org.



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.

WHO AM I TO JUDGE?

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

Jan 21st - Don't Impose

Your Morality on Me

Jan 28th - Virtue and Friendship

Feb 4th - Real Freedom, Real Love

Feb 11th - Retreat

Feb 18th - Social

Feb 25th - The Lost Art of Living

Mar 4th - Moral Relativism

Mar 11th - How to Disagree

Mar 18th - Social

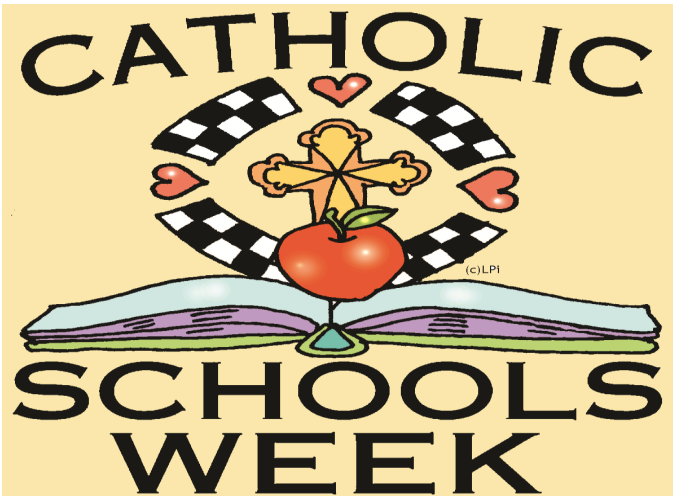
Mar 25th - No meeting

Apr 1st - No Meeting

Apr 8th - Exposing the Mask

Apr 15th - What is Truth

Apr 22nd - Social



Notre Dame School will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, January 28th - February 3, 2018!

This year's theme is: ***Catholic Schools; Learn. Serve. Lead. SUCCEED.*** Come see for yourself the great benefits of a Catholic education at the Open House. Join us Sunday, January 28, from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm at 435 Hazel St., Chico.

14th ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2018

SATURDAY JANUARY 27TH 2018

Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco

Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 9:30 AM

Info Faire 11 AM to 12:30 PM at the Plaza

Ralley from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Walk starts at 1:30 PM

Be prepared for possible rainy weather and wear comfortable shoes. Bring snacks or lunch and water to drink. To check out other events going on and get more information go to www.walkforlifewc.com



Family Room Jan. 20-21, 2018

It's FLU Season!



Sad to say, the flu shows no respect for gatherings of Christians! This year in particular the flu has hit hard, especially in California. Our emergency rooms are working overtime and all of us know someone who has been very ill. As good stewards of our healthy community, Our Divine Savior church is requesting some temporary changes in behavior at Mass, just until Easter.

1. If you are sick, please stay home! God understands, and all of u will be grateful to not catch your bugs! If you need to cough, sneeze, or blow your nose, use good hygiene - cover up.
2. We will no longer be offering the Precious Blood at the Masses.
3. We encourage everyone to receive the host in the hand, not the mouth.
4. We ask that all of us limit contact one to another during the Our Father (we can raise our hands, but not hold hands). Please use a gesture (a nod, a smile, or a peace sign) during the Greeting of Peace rather than a hug or handshake.

These limits may feel awkward when we are use to expressing our affection with touch, but it is temporary. We will all rejoice when the flu is past!
P.S. If you know someone who has the flu, consider bringing a pot of soup to ease their needs as they recover.