

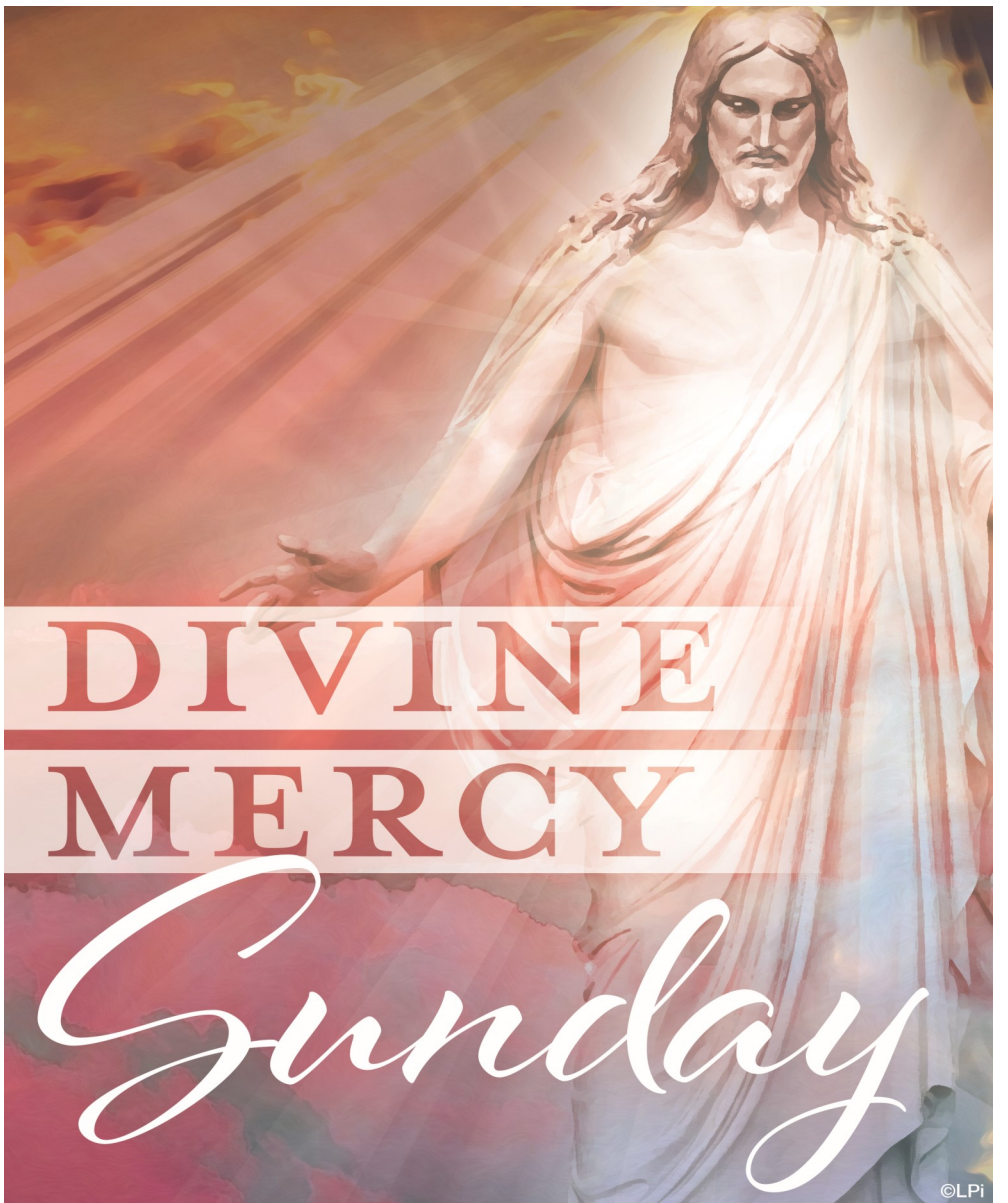


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Mon.– Fri. 10:00am-3:00pm



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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.

PARISH PERSONNEL

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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
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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 Lanpheir, 899-7783

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Deacon James Burkett,
893-2348

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Lyn Dorenzo, 891-8026

FLOWER DONATIONS

Pat Mulholland, 891-8342
Norina Egan, 342-202

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 Thursdays
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

April 8, 2018

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	07	5:00	† Leo Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)
Sun	08	7:00	† Richard & Juanita Wilcoxon, d (Michelle Korte)
		9:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
		11:00	† Patrick Ward, d, (Tom & MaryAnn Ward)
Mon	09	8:00	† Robert Ainslie & Jack Boone, d, (Elva Boone)
Tues.	10	8:00	Narcisa Unciano, Happy Birthday, (Unciano Family)
Wed	11	8:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Thurs	12	8:00	† Ronald Greer, d, (Richard & Dorothy Hartnett)
Fri	13	8:00	Adelaide Clifford, Happy Birthday, (Brian & Gail Boswell)

PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

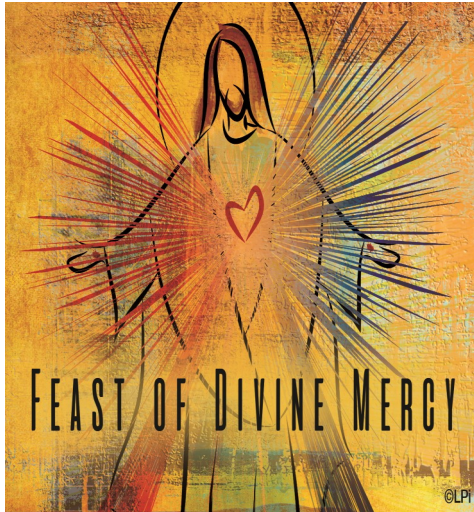
Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below.

On the standalone beads, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

On the decade beads, pray: "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

At the end, pray the following three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: "Jesus, I trust in you."



GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 8, 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few disciples-Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene's quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of this been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

After his resurrection, Jesus' body-mangled and bloody from the crucifixion-is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him-wound for wound-and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.

PARISH NEWS

This Week

Projects & Initiatives Fund

Next Week

Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Collection for the month of March 2018

Sunday	22,623.02
P & I	4,105.00
St F & C	563.00
SVdP	555.00
Torres Shelter	155.00
Catholic Relief Serv.	1,711.24

March On-line Donations

Sunday	3,065.00
P & I	675.00
St F & C	17.50



GOOD CITIZENSHIP

When questioned about paying taxes, Jesus uttered now-famous words. "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Being a part of a community isn't always easy, and being active members of civil society includes responsibilities we don't always prefer.

When Tax Day comes around, we can suffer through, or we can choose to offer up our frustration as intercession. If you disagree with the decisions of civil leaders, pray for them! If the state and federal government fund causes you support, thank God! While Jesus acknowledges that we "do not belong to the world," we nonetheless are called into it. Through our words, actions, and prayers, we are called to transform the world according to God's plan.

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.

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

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to Father R. Francis Stevenson at ourdivines@yahoo.com for consideration.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Catherine Anderson	Wayne Burkett	Elmer Silvera	Joanne Puritz
Leola McCampbell	Jeff Carr	Madeline Ballew	Michael Kolonay
Marie Viera	Rueben Guerra	Rosemary Hull	Don Felipe
Esther Lund	Jo Ann Coules	Tom Claiborne	Joseph Felipe
Larry & Kathy Grundmann	Vincent Lucido	Pat Bernadett	Carolyn Mormann
Mary Kay Bringham	Melanie O'Connor	Fran England	Martha Romero
Bill Sheridan	Joel Rivera	Tom Fuszard	Carianne Wrona
Isabella Brazzale	Geoff Edmonds	Alex Sharrow	Margaret Muravez
Joseph Cruz	John Hauder	Stephanine Elstins	

*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*

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 the Masses April 14 & 15 to answer questions and accept applications for membership. We welcome your interest and invite your participation.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus are now accepting applicants for several \$1000 college scholarships. These scholarships are the result of funds generated from last year's Cowboy Poetry Event and we wish to thank everyone who attended. Those students interested in applying should be high school seniors that plan to graduate this June. The cut-off date to submit applications is May 1st. Application packets can be obtained at the church office or by contacting Ed Grens at: (530) 521-8555.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTER'S SPRINGTIME FUN!



Join us, Saturday, April 28th for BUNCO GAMES, PRIZES plus DELICIOUS HOMEMADE DESSERTS! This event starts at 12:30 pm in the ODS Social Hall and is presented by The Catholic Daughters from St. John the Baptist and ODS Parishes. Tickets are: Adults=\$15, Children=\$7.50. Unique BASKETS will be offered, and a TERRIFIC prize will be given away! Proceeds will be distributed between both parishes and local charities! For questions and tickets, please call Carole at 228-9701 or Greta at 899-9938.



For the **Knights of Columbus** "Cinco De Mayo Dinner Fundraiser and Silent Auction."

This event will take place on May 5th at 6:00 PM in the ODS social hall at a cost of only \$20.00 per person. The Knights are preparing a wonderful evening of Mexican food, music and entertainment for you. More information and tickets sales coming soon!



Everyday Stewardship

What do you own and what owns you? You can find this question asked many times in several different contexts. Are you looking to find some kind of financial freedom? How about trying to live simply in a complex world? Has a mountain of stuff invaded your home garage to the point where parking a car inside is only a dream?

The early Church practiced a radical form of fellowship called koinonia, which literally means "sharing in common." Those who had homes and other major possessions would sell them and then place the proceeds in the care of the Apostles to be shared with the entire community. People focus mostly on the fact that people sold all their possessions for the benefit of the community. However the real point is the action that occurred after every selling: the proceeds were given to Church authority, in essence, to God first. I wasn't just selling my house and then giving the money to random people. My offering was to God and it was for the Apostles (those who personally encountered Jesus and now represented him on earth) to decide how to divide up the wealth.

Why do such a thing? One could say it was so that no one wanted for anything. If we push that thinking too far, as some in history have done, we can create a system that takes from some to give to others. Nothing was taken from anyone in that first Christian community. It was freely given. And perhaps the reason why people were moved to do so lies at the heart of stewardship: because all we have already belongs to God anyway.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Calling ALL Castaways!!! The best week of the summer is coming to Our Divine Savior this June.

It's time to register for Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School June 11th to the 15th. Come and venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Kids will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries us through life's storms.

It's not just for the kids. We need many Adult Castaway Crew Leaders and Helpers to survive and thrive in this amazing week. Don't tell the kids, but our teen and adult volunteers have the most fun of all! Sign up and register before or after mass beginning this weekend!

We believe that God will use this incredible program to reach many children with the message of his love, so please prayerfully consider your roll in our Shipwrecked VBS. Feel free to contact the Religious Education office by email, phone or in person at 345-6201 or odsreligious@yahoo.com if you have any question.



Sharing the Gospel For Kids

After Jesus died, his disciples were afraid the Jewish leaders would kill them, too. They hid together in one room. They locked the doors and windows. Then Jesus appeared in front of them. They were not afraid any more. When you are afraid, Jesus will help you too. Tell him why you are afraid. Believe in Jesus. He will give you everything you need. He wants you to live with him forever in heaven.

Prayer

Jesus, I believe in you. Lead me to your heavenly home.

Something to Draw

Draw your family standing in a circle. Draw Jesus in the middle.

Mission for the Week

I will ask Jesus to help me and my family when we are afraid.

Observances for the Week of April 8, 2018

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

Friday: St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Gospel:

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:28-29)

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Come and See!

THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY have an April Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat for women 18-40. **April 20-22, 2018 in Los Altos Hills, CA. CONTACT: Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903**
srllaguna@doc1633.org www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

Married Couples: Spring is approaching when flowers start to bloom and we see and hear the birds singing. What about giving your marriage a "Spring Fling". A World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you new love for one another. The weekend will give you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Upcoming weekends for 2018 are: April 13-15, 2018 in Reno, NV.; April 27-29, 2018 in Sacramento; August 24-26, 2018 in Sacramento; October 5-7, 2018 in Reno, NV.; and November 9-11, 2018 in Sacramento. **IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER, CALL NOW!** For more information visit our website at: <https://www.sacramentowwme.org> or contact Terry & Janet at applications@sacramentowwme.org or 916-489-3464.

Are You Wounded?

When I hear the word wounded, I generally think of a physical wound. However, the type of wound I am referring to is spiritual. We have all experienced spiritual wounds. Those of you in my age group may recall the old saying “sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me.” If this was true, we would not have bad memories of wounds we received during childhood. 1 Peter 2:24, 25 talks about how we can be healed by the wounds Jesus received at His crucifixion. By His sacrifice we can go to heaven upon our death and be spiritually healed now. The Diocese of Sacramento has embraced and endorsed Unbound as a model for inner healing of spiritual wounds. If you need help overcoming spiritual wounds, please call the Inner Healing Ministry at 530-588-4386 for a confidential session of Unbound.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

April 8-Second Sunday of Easter:

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: “Peace be with you!” During Mass we turn to each other and say “Peace be with you!” When you donate to St. Vincent de Paul you are saying “Peace be with you!” to those who are poor and hungry.

FROM THE LIBRARY:

New DVDs:

- ◆ *-The Feast of Life: Stories from the Gospel of Luke*
- ◆ *- Paul the Apostle*
- ◆ *-The Bible*
- ◆ *-Mother Teresa*
- ◆ *-The Song of Bernadette*
- ◆ *-Thérèse*
- ◆ *-Celtic Woman: Believe*
- ◆ *-Celtic Woman: Songs from the Heart*
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THANK YOU FATHER MIKE!

Family Room

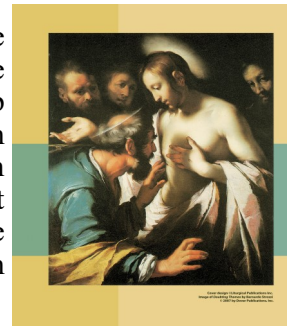
How Do We Recognize the Risen Savior Among Us?

TOUCH

God speaks to us in the ways we know best, through our senses. Each sense is a pathway for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us and guide us to new understanding. Maybe the most fundamental sense is our sense of touch.

An old telephone ad urged us to, “Reach out and touch someone!” Today we try to reach out and touch through our electronic devices, through email, text or phone calls. The tactile touch, the personal skin-on-skin contact, is too often “replaced” by devices.

Our Gospel talks about the way Jesus uses touch. First he breathed on his disciples, up close and personal, his breath against their skin. Then when Thomas, who missed the first encounter, wants to see the hands and side of the risen Savior, he is told to *touch* him.



We can learn so much about someone through touch! Is this person cold, feverish, shaking, weak, strong, eager or shy? A hand on the shoulder or a hug communicates God’s love, through us, to one another.

Touch is so human! New life begins with intimate contact between a man and woman. A baby is completely dependent on touch for survival and infants deprived of touch can die. Being nursed and carried forms strong bonds that last for life. The elderly and frail depend upon the touch of others for eating, bathing, and support.

Touch is a part of our sacramental life, too. Baptism, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Confirmation all use touch to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit. We touch ourselves when we make the Sign of the Cross and feel the rosary beads with our fingers. The Holy Spirit uses physical contact to reach us and open our hearts. We are invited to be aware of the touch of Jesus so we can receive his blessings.