

Our Divine Savior Catholic Church

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Rev. R. Francis Stevenson, Parochial Administrator
Mr. James Burkett, Deacon



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



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2015

Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures
for eternal life.

— *John 6:27a*

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.

"Where two or more are gathered, there am I."

PARISH PERSONNEL

**DIRECTOR OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Jennifer Forward, 345-6201

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Cecelia Dickman, 802-1608

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Scott & Judy Keller, 898-8512

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Juliet Polk, 893-8092

Rienna Boe, 342-4919

Website:

www.ourdivinesavior.org

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

10:00 am-3:00 pm



PARISH INFORMATION

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS**

Parish Office, 343-4248

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 in the Parish Hall

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 11:00am Mass - Matt & Pamela Meuter, 566-0425

**PARISH MINISTRIES /
ORGANIZATIONS**

ALTAR SERVERS

Kay & Dave Brandt, 343-8331

**BEREAVEMENT /FUNERAL
RECEPTION COMMITTEE**

Tamara La Rossa, 809-1782

BULLETIN

ourdivines@yahoo.com , 343-4348

Deadline: Monday, 3:00 pm

Bulletin Advertising: Please call the Parish Office, 343-4248

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Greta Souza, 899-9938

CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY

Susan Struble, 345-4642

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348

CHOIR

Choir rehearsal held weekly on Wednesday,

7:00-8PM in church. Contact Cecelia

Dickman, 802-1608

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Lyn Dorenzo, 891-8026

FLOWER DONATIONS

Pat Mulholland, 891-8342

Norina Egan, 342-2027

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Contact Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348,

Sharon Haselton, 891-5334, or Nancy Overton, 899-1600.

INNER HEALING MINISTRY

Derette Layne, 530-588-4386 for a confidential appointment.

JESUS CENTER

Randy Linquist, 894-0460

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #13765

Mike Ferguson, 343-7178

LEGION OF MARY

Claire Richard, 893-1722

LITURGY MINISTRY

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**

Maureen Vogel—Please call Parish Office, 343-4248.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Dave Abbott, 891-1491

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jim Earney, 918-520-1161

PRO-LIFE CATHOLIC MINISTRY

We meet the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday of the

month in the ODS Prayer Room, 6-8:30 PM.

Mary Waldorf, 345-8638

PRO-LIFE ROSARY GROUP

This group meets the 1st Thursday of the

month in the ODS Prayer Room, 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

Barbara O'Brien, 680-7917

TORRES SHELTER

Rich Nichols, 520-4418

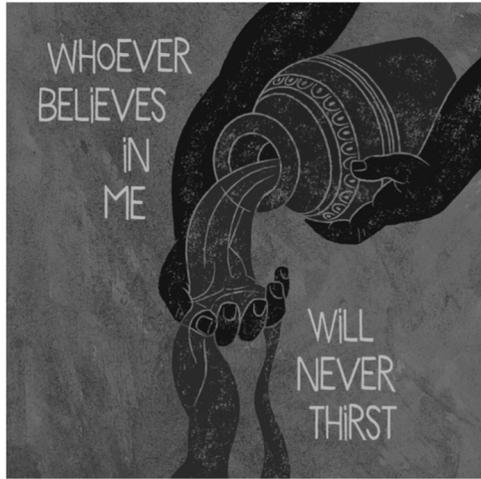
WELCOMING MINISTRY

Charlie McCarthy, 520-0334

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings 9-11AM in the ODS

Prayer Room. Everyone is welcome.



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GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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Weekly Readings

- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17;
Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23;
Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
- Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21;
Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51;
Mt 17:14-20
- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30
— 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

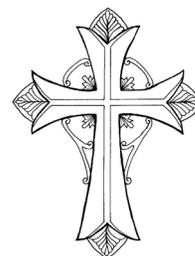
Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

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Mass Intentions

- Sat 01 5:00** Florence Feder, d (Feder Family)
Juan & Esperanza Reyes, d (Azelia Vidal)
- Sun 02 7:30** Florence Perdue, (Louise Ritchie)
9:00 Loras D'sa, d (Joanna Boylan)
11:00 Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
- Mon 03 8:00** Steve & Lena Ricci, d Chris & Rita Sauer)
Olga Araya, d (Patty Bowman)
- Tue 04 8:00** Intentions from Hear Our Prayer Book
- Wed 05 8:00** Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
- Thu 06 8:00** Intentions from Hear Our Prayer Book
- Fri 07 8:00** Albert Perry, d (Marion Perry)
Timothy & Christopher, d (Macarthy Family)



Parish Finances

Collection for

July 25—26, 2015

Sunday	\$3,955.38
Projects/Initiatives	165.00
Torres Shelter	35.00
St. Vincent de Paul	25.00
St. Francis/St. Clare	300.00

Thank you for your generosity support. Your ongoing donations are essential in helping us meet the many needs of the parish and community.

Second Collection Project & Initiatives Collection

Inner-Healing Ministry

HOW DO WE HEAR GOD SPEAK? This is a question that comes up quite often in Christian circles. Back in the Old Testament there was this prophet by the name of Elijah. He had slain all the prophets who were serving Ahab and his wife Jezebel. Because of this his life was in danger and he had fled to a cave in the mountains.

Elijah was told by God to leave the cave and go stand on the mountain and wait for God to pass by. Four things happened. First a strong wind went by; it was not the Lord. Then an earthquake happened; the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake a fire appeared but the Lord was not in the fire. Finally a whisper was heard and Elijah knew it was the Lord.

The Lord says be still and know that I AM. In our fast paced lives we have a hard time sitting still and tuning into God's frequency. Jesus said I shall never leave you or forsake you. He is always with us and lives in us once we are

baptized.

Our mission here at the Inner-Healing Ministry is to help you be still and listen to God. You will be amazed at how much He loves you. If you are having trouble hearing God please call for an appointment. 530.588.4346

Divine Mercy Conference

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Divine Mercy Conference on October 3, 2015. The conference this year will begin with a Mass officiated by Bishop Jamie Soto and an opening talk on the upcoming Year of Mercy. There will be exciting speakers to inspire us. *Mark your calendars for October 3rd.*



Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers:

Sandra Hughes	David Jeffries
Claire Johnston	Pat Bell
Janet Grens	Marie Vieira
Calvin Foster	Kathleen Ramey
Leo Crampton	Fran England
Terry Thomas	Jamesie Sullivan
Mary Sams	Steven Riley
Elaine Puritz	Pam Kruger
Gayle Hoaney	Dr. James Hine
Claire Richard	

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.

Pilgrimage to Italy

Pope Francis declares a Jubilee year of Mercy. A pilgrimage to Italy is planned for March 5-15, 2016 under the spiritual direction of Father Simon Twomey.

The tour includes Rome, the Vatican, San Giovanni Rotondo (home of Padre Pio), Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri, Amalfi, Naples and more. Father will meet us in Italy.

The price is \$3850 per person, double occupancy, round trip from Sacramento. Price is all inclusive except for lunch and insurance. For more information and a brochure please contact Cathie Ensel 530-274-1991 or cell 530 277-4313.

Marriage Encounter

Married Couples

By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on August 21-23, 2015. For more information contact Deacon James and Stephanie Burkett 893-2348 or sacramentowwme.org.



Notre Dame School

Now accepting applications for ALL GRADES (Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade)

for the 2015-16 school year! There are currently openings in all grades, but a couple of grades are nearly full. If you are considering Notre Dame, now is the time to contact our principal, Terri Sobieralski, at 342-2502 or tsobieralski@ndschico.org for more information or to set up a school tour.

Reflections

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING FOR?

At the end of your week, what brings you a sense of accomplishment? Maybe it was a special family event, a big work project or a successful school exam. This week's gospel asks you to stop and think about the value of what you've worked so hard to complete. Jesus said, "do not work for food that perishes but for the

food that endures for eternal life." Did any of your work this week include God? Would He value your completed tasks as much as you do? Before you schedule next week's to do's, consider prayerfully what God would like to see on the list - and add a little "eternal food" to the perishable kind.



August 6

The Transfiguration has lived on through ages, and has shed its light upon all ages. In the light of that "countenance which was altered, of that raiment which was white and glistening," all human countenances have acquired a brightness, all common things have

been transfigured. A glimpse of the Divine beauty has broken through the darkness, and has cheered the humblest pilgrims."

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ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

**Feder Family,
in memory of
Florence Feder**

If you are remembering a loved one, giving thanks, or celebrating a special occasion, think about a gift of flowers for the altar. What a better way to show your love to those special people in our lives



RCIA

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Is and adult who has not been baptized?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the Religious Education office at 345-6201 or odsreligious@yahoo.com.

Regular RCIA classes will begin on Thursday, September 10th and will meet Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes

It is nearly time to register for a new year of religious education classes. Look for information in an email, in your mailbox, on our website, and after Mass beginning August 1st and 2nd. Religious Education classes for kindergarten through 6th grade take place on Sunday mornings from 10:05AM-10:50AM in the social hall beginning September 13th.

Sacraments for students

Families wishing to prepare their children for sacraments this year, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, or Confirmation, can register now. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion takes place on the second Thursday of each month in the social hall. Preparation for Confirmation is every Wednesday in the social hall. Contact the Religious Education office for details and schedules by calling 345-6201 or accessing our website at www.ourdivinesavior.org

Save the Date

Every year we offer an orientation for our Religious Education program. This year, orientation for all NEW K-6th families will be on Sunday, September 27th in the social hall during regular classes. Find out how you can best pass on our Catholic Faith to your children with the help of your Parish.

The required orientation for Confirmation will be Wednesday, September 2nd from 7-8:30PM in the social hall. Parents and students both need to attend.

Required orientation for families preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be Thursday, September 10th from 6-7:30 in the social hall. Sacrament Preparation is designed for students and parents to attend together.

Retreats

San Damiano Retreat—Danville CA
www.sandamiano.org

Mercy Retreat Center—Auburn CA
www.mercycenter.org

Youth Ministry
End of the
Summer Party
Social Hall
Noon
August 2nd & 9th



Parish Facebook page

Have you seen our parish's new Facebook page? Log in to get up-to-date information about what is happening in our parish and with our many ministries. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/ODSChico>

If you would like to promote your parish ministry's event or activity via Facebook please contact our Social Media Specialist Rob Sheridan via email odsyoung@yahoo.com

Updating Address

If you are moving or have recently moved, please let us know of your change of address. If you have not been receiving your parish contribution envelopes, or have had a change of phone number, an addition to the family, or you are new to our parish, please fill out a Parish Registration form, so that we may update our records. Thank you!

Diocesan News

Attention All Catholic Scouts – Ad Altare Dei Retreat 2015 & Mary, The First Disciple Retreat 2015 : Attention all Catholic Scouts! During the weekend of October 2-4, 2015, scouts can work towards the prestigious Ad Altare Dei and Mary, The First Disciple awards. Scouts must be 13 years or

older. Space is limited to 40 Boy Scouts and 40 Girl Scouts. Sign up now to reserve your spot. Cost is \$55 includes lodging, food and some supplies. Questions: Jon Kantola, Event Chairman troop115.sm@gmail.com. For registration & information, please visit www.scddec.org/upcoming-retreats.

4—Part Liturgy Specialization Workshop Series Begins this August

The Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Sacramento in partnership with the Department of Evangelization and Catechesis will present a four-part series of workshops designed to provide comprehensive liturgical catechesis. The training will be rooted in the teachings of the Church and offer practical instruction and formation to anyone involved in liturgical ministry. The program will result in 40 hours of training and complements the Basic Ministry Certificate. Sessions will be held on Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at various locations and the cost to participate in the entire series is \$100, or \$35 per workshop. Deadline for early registration is August 14. Late registration per session is \$45. For more information, visit www.scd.org

Session 1: Aug. 28-29 These Sacred Mysteries: Foundations of Sacred Liturgy—(St. Anthony Parish, Sacramento)

Session 2: Oct. 23-24 Source and Summit: Sacraments of Initiation—(Holy Trinity Parish, El Dorado Hills)

Session 3: Jan. 22-23 Medicine of Mercy: Sacraments of Healing —(Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield)

Session 4: March 4-5 The Joy of the Gospel: Sacraments in Service to the Church & the World—(SS Peter & Paul Parish, Rocklin)



Family Room

Silence is Golden

Have you noticed the prayerful atmosphere that is resulting from our moment of silence before Mass? It is lovely to catch our breath and intentionally turn our focus to the importance of the Eucharist we are about to share. Thanks to everyone for the cooperation!

There is another opportunity for silence during our celebration. As a result of our unique kneeler arrangement, we have many (hundreds) of kneelers that are raised and lowered during the course of the Mass. This can create quite a racket, but we can avoid the noise and lift our hearts to heavenly realms with a little attention.

First, please don't let the kneelers fall, either down or up. It is easy to guide them with your hand or with a toe to silently restore them to the necessary position.

Consider pre-planning. When we stand at the start of the preface, we all know that we will be kneeling for the "Holy, holy." How about (quietly!) lowering the kneeler as we stand? If half of us remember to do this, it will cut the noise by half! When we rise for the Lord's Prayer, it has become a habit to raise the kneelers (with the accompanying noise). In most cases, we can accomplish the greeting of peace without moving our feet. The kneelers can stay down, to be handy for the "Lord, I am not worthy." This, again, will decrease the noise. Of course, safety is the first priority, so if you are moving around, please do raise the kneelers.

For Communion, it is helpful to everyone if the kneelers for the whole row are raised. They can remain up until we leave after the Mass.

This is a little "housekeeping" item which may make our worshipping atmosphere a bit more reverent. Thank you for your help.

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