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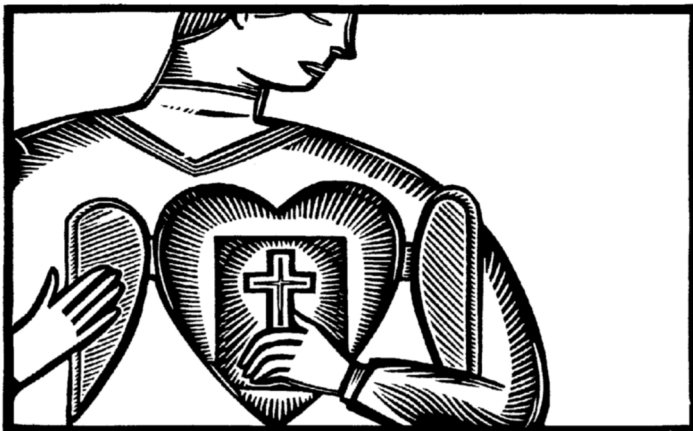
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am-3:00 pm



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



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2015

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

— *Jeremiah 31:33*

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

Parochial Administrator

Rev. R. Francis Stevenson

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James & Stephanie Burkett

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Jennifer Forward, 345-6201

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Maura Polk, 893-8092
Rienna Boe, 342-4919



PARISH INFORMATION

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS**

Emmitt Posey, 892-1985

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348

MARRIAGES

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 Linqvist, 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, for details.

**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

Mary Waldorf, 345-8638

PRO-LIFE ROSARY GROUP

This group meets the 1st Thursday of the month in the Prayer Room in office from 6-7 PM. For more information call 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, 343-4248

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. Contact Terry Matthews, 893-1644, for details





THE NEW COVENANT

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term “new covenant” he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus the “new covenant” speaks the language of his “new commandment” of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

Weekly Readings

- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 ; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 – 15:47 [15:1-39]

Fed by the Word: When we read the Bible we are fed by God’s Word and supplied for our Christian life.

Jesus mentioned this in Matthew 4:4 when He said “Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God.”

Mass Intentions

- Sat 21 5:00** Steve Frericks, d (Joanie Frericks)
Fr. Roy Doner, (Fr. Francis Stevenson)
- Sun 22 7:30** Ed Phalen, d (Rich & Bunny Ripp)
Fr. Roy Doner, (Fr. Francis Stevenson)
- 9:00** Fr. Roy Doner, (Fr. Francis Stevenson)
- 11:00** Gordon Mathews, d (Wed. SCC)
Fr. Roy Doner, (Fr. Francis Stevenson)
- Mon 23 8:00** Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
- Tue 24 8:00** Intentions from Hear Our Prayer Book
- Wed 25 8:00** Chepida Cuadra, d (Cuadra/Dabrowski Families)
- Thu 26 8:00** Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
- Fri 27 8:00** Intentions from Hear Our Prayer Book



PARISH FINANCES

Collection for March 14 & 15, 2015

Sunday	\$6,038.63
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,150.99
Projects/ Initiatives	\$ 425.00
Torres Shelter	\$ 65.00

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generosity and loyal support of
Our Divine Savior.*

Next Week

Second Collection ODS

St. Vincent de Paul Society

PARISH NEWS

PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Bishop Jamie Soto will be here Friday, March 27th at 6:30PM to Confirm 19 candidates who have spent months preparing to receive the Holy Spirit in this beautiful sacrament. Help us pray for them, and for their families who will continue to encourage them, on their journey of faith. In the Fall we passed out prayer cards with photos and the names of each candidate. If you have one of those cards, have been praying for them, and would like to send them a note on their Confirmation day you can bring it by the office. Thank you for your prayers and support.

HOLY WEEK SIGN UPS: Calling all available Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers & Greeters. You will see sign up sheets for Masses and services for Holy Week. Please think about signing up. It is a busy week and there is a great need for all your

ministries.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: You can now purchase tickets for our



“SPRING FASHION SHOW and LUNCHEON”. It will be held at **NOON** on **SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH** in the social hall at Our Divine Savior Church. **Door Prizes and Opportunity Drawing** will be offered. It will benefit numerous charities and services throughout the year for St John and ODS Churches. Please call Carol Clairborne, 343-9701 or Mary Jo Johnston, 345-1252 for tickets. **FASHIONS** will be presented by our parishioner Genoveva Santana’s ‘**Sassy & Classy Boutique**’ located on Mangrove, ‘**The Shop**’ on East Avenue and ‘**Christopher & Banks**’ in Chico Mall. You’ll have a **WONDERFUL TIME!**

EASTER SUNDAY MASS: Please note that our first Mass on Easter Sunday is at **7:00 AM** (not 7:30) This is to help with traffic in the parking lot. Our regular 7:30 Mass will continue after Easter.

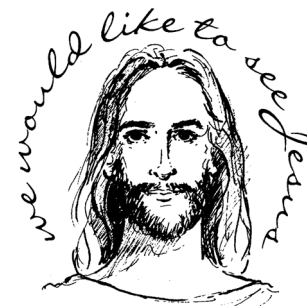
SECOND COLLECTION: Our Divine Savior, St. Vincent de Paul is blessed to be able to ask our parishioners for their financial support, **next Sunday, March 29th**, during our second collection. All monies are used locally, to help our Chico community? Thank you, and God bless you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS: We had a beautiful evening of reconciliation on Thursday, March 12th. Thirty-one of our students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Thank you Fr. Francis and Fr. Mike for making this a wonderful experience. Special

thanks to Rick Dorenzo for an amazing job with music.

CONGRATULATIONS

TAYLOR! We would like to share our prayers and congratulations with Taylor Doerr and her family. Taylor received her first Holy Communion on Sunday, March 15th at the 9:00AM Mass. Taylor moved with her family to Tennessee on Monday the 16th but wanted to experience this special occasion with the Parish community that she has grown up in. We will miss you all and wish you great luck in your new home and Catholic community.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL EVENTS

“30 THIRTY CHALLENGE” SCHOLARSHIP

FUNDRAISING DRIVE: Mercy High School will be kicking off a new scholarship drive during the month of March, and you can help! Here’s how: with just a \$30 donation, the cost of tuition can be made more affordable to new and current students desiring the benefit of a college prep education in a small school setting who otherwise might not have this opportunity. The more people who donate; the more the students at Mercy High School will benefit! Students will be outside following masses on the weekend of March 22 ready to share with you the ways that the

privilege of being at Mercy has made a difference to them, and happy to accept your tax deductible donation. Call Mercy at 527-8313 with any questions.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Bishop Jaime Soto is extending an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to practicing adult Catholics of the Diocese of Sacramento who were never confirmed. Contact the office of Religious Education now at 345-6201. A series of short classes will begin on March 29th.

A LENTEN TABLE BLESSING FROM TABLE BLESSINGS

Almighty and eternal God, in your wisdom and mercy

You have brought us to these holy days of Lenten fast.

May they serve us for the purification of our bodies and souls,

And for the controlling of our passions...

Bless this table, our food and those who prepared it for us,

And keep us in good cheer during our pilgrimage

Toward the feast of feasts.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

40 DAYS OF LIFE

BE ENCOURAGED! We are beyond the half-way mark!! Please pray fervently this week for the workers inside the Planned Parenthood. Pray that they may realize the humanity of the preborn, seek and know God's forgiveness. May we all absorb the truth that God is paying attention to

us, and to each human life, personally and individually.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sandra Hughes

Jennifer Konyn

Michael Moriarty

Michel Desilets

Martha Gutierrez

Erin Wooldridge

Si Wrigley

Rachel Findlay

Patty Childs

David Jeffries

Rebecca Jayne

Chris Sauer

Elaine Puritz

Marjorie Yowell

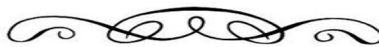
Lorie O'Shea

Sherri Miguel

Norleen Manwill

Claire Johnston

Kelsey Fassieux



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Helen Hackett

**Theresa Chau, in memory of
Joseph & Mona Wang**

Ronald Husa

**Charleen & Pat Hurton, in
memory of Charles & Betty
Maschinot**

**Lou & Mari Mozzini, in memory
of the Mozzini Family**

Leonard Cummings

**Al Holen, in memory of Elizabeth
Holen**

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

Notre Dame School is now accepting applications for all grades (TK-8th) for 2015-16! Contact our principal, Terri Sobieralski, at 342-2502 or tsobieralski@ndschico.org for more information or to set up a school tour.



Holy Week Schedule

*There will not be an 8 am Mass
Thursday or Friday of Holy Week.*

Holy Thursday,

The Last Supper

7:00 pm

Good Friday,

Celebration of the

Lord's Passion

12 Noon

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil

8:00 (Church)

Easter Sunday

All Easter Sunday Masses

in Social Hall

*7:00 (**Special time)*

9:00; & 11:00 AM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SACRAMENTS

It's the season of Sacraments. We currently have 19 students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and 32 students preparing to receive their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Do you have children who need and want to receive the Sacraments? Students are eligible to receive their first sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion any time after 2nd grade. Our program is designed to accommodate students in 2nd-7th grade when they and their family are ready. Students are eligible to receive their Confirmation after 8th grade when they and their family are ready.

How do you know if your student and your family is ready? You are probably ready when your family is able to attend Mass and religious education classes regularly. Sacrament preparation is 2 years. We look forward to preparing for and celebrating this special time with our Parish families. Please contact the Religious Education office at 345-6201 for more information.



A FUN AND EASY WAY TO HELP OUT!

We are preparing for another amazing and life changing Vacation Bible School experience this summer at Our Divine Savior. The theme for our June 15-19 VBS is "Everest—Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." We are organizing a Decorations Team and need lots of help! No creative abilities are necessary. We need visionaries, busy people with very little time, creative people, and many who just want to help in some way but can't join us June 15-19 (or who can). Truly, we need a mighty team of many to share the work of turning our social hall into a snow-capped majestic mountain. Our VBS will be full of icy colors, craggy tundra, and breath taking views that kids will be excited to explore. ***Please consider taking a tag from the donation board after Mass today and/or join us on April 9th in the social hall from 6—8 PM for our Build Day.***

March Schedule	
3/22	Confirmation 10:05-10:50AM Religious Ed 10:05-10:50AM Children's Liturgy 11AM Mass
3/27	Confirmation w/ Bishop Soto 6:30PM
3/29	Religious Ed 10:05-10:50AM Children's Liturgy 11AM Mass



THIS SUNDAY

We will be discussing the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Suffering and illness have been a part of our lives since the beginning due to sin. Come learn how Jesus gives healing to not just our bodies but our souls as well through this wonderful ministry of the Church.

NEXT WEEK

It's Rob's birthday and our teens get the present! Bring your friends to Rob's Birthday Social Spectacular Sunday March 29th following Palm Sunday Mass!

There will be no Bible Study on Wednesday March 25th. We will resume April 1st!

CORE TEAM

Are you an adult who is jealous of all the fun the teens in youth group have? Then join us as a CORE TEAM Member. The time commitment is small and the joy of working with the teens of our parish is great! If you want to join CORE TEAM contact Rob Sheridan by phone (530)-680-4294 or email odsyouthministry@yahoo.com

Local Church Penance Services

March 23	St. Monica Parish, Willows	7:00 PM
March 25	St. Thomas More Parish, Paradise	4:00 PM
March 30	St. Dominic Parish, Orland	7:00 PM
March 31	St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City	6:00 PM
April 1	Sacred Heart Parish, Gridley	7:00 PM

DIVINE MERCY

Starting on Good Friday, April 3rd, 3 PM at St. Thomas the Apostle in Oroville, we will begin the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet. Continue the Novena and Chaplet in your home privately or church through April 11th.

The closing Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12th at St. Thomas the Apostle in Oroville. We will have a priest for confession at 2 pm, one hour before 3 pm Mass. Following Mass a potluck will be served to all attending Mass at the Parish Community Center. More information contact Sandra Lehman, 530-534-4342.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CHRISM MASS - Thursday, March 26, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament : The CHRISM MASS is one of the most important and most beautiful Liturgies in the Church. At this Mass the Bishop blesses the HOLY OILS that will be used in sacramental celebrations throughout the Diocese for the coming year.

REFLECTIONS

SPIRITUAL AGRICULTURE: What have you surrendered to Christ: your talents, time, treasure? Anything and everything we possess can be transformed by the resurrection power and love of Jesus Christ, if we will simply let go of our hold on it. Once we have placed those "seeds" into Christ's hands, who knows how many lives will be touched, how many hearts will come to God? Sadly though, we most tighten our grip, surrendering only those seeds we think we can "live without". In John 12:20-33, Jesus gave His formula for changing the entire world, that has touched millions of hearts to the present day: "Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground and dies, it will not produce fruit." He was not only speaking of His crucifixion, but the "little death" each believer must agree to, burying their will, sacrificing themselves as spiritual seeds, sown to multiply the kingdom.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Library Hours:

Parish Office, M-F 10:00-3:00; Sundays 11-12:00

FAMILY ROOM

PILGRIMAGE, CHICO-STYLE

Spain and Portugal may be out of reach, but we are blessed to have a couple of places right near us that can serve the same purpose. The Abbey of New Clairvaux, just up highway 99 in Vina, is one example. The Trappist priests and brothers who live there are dedicated to sharing their facilities and prayers with pilgrims from all over. You can arrange a visit of a couple of hours or a couple of days by calling and making a reservation. There is no charge, but donations are greatly appreciated for the use of the guest rooms and the simple meals provided. Visitors are welcome to join the monks as they pray five times a day. You can make an appointment for spiritual direction or confession. It is holy ground, and you will come away refreshed to continue your Lenten journey with a peaceful heart and the determination to place your spiritual needs in the center of your life. For more information about visiting Vina, call the guest master at 530-839-2434.

For those wanting a more guided experience, the Passionist's at Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights welcome the entire Christian community to attend their activities and retreats. The two official weekends for the Chico parishes (one for men and one for women) were in February, but anyone can attend the appropriate men's or women's retreat on any weekend where space is available. There are three more weekend retreats for women and one midweek retreat (for men and women both, March 17-19). The retreats include a combination of talks, liturgy, penance, and prayer, along with plenty of time for personal reflection. The retreat center is an island of calm in the midst of the Sacramento urban area. Don't miss the resident wild turkey flock!

Christ the King can also accommodate pilgrims wanting to come for a place of solitude and spiritual growth at times other than the scheduled retreats. You can come for an overnight or a few nights. Reservations are required and are available only on a space-available basis. For more information or to make a reservation, call Christ the King, 916-725-4720.

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