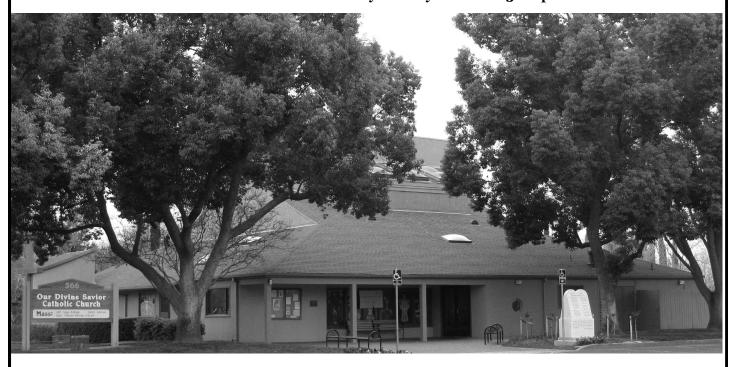
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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am-3:00 pm



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



Easter Sunday April 5, 2015

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

- Psalm 118:17

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 9."

PARISH PERSONNEL

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Rev. R. Francis Stevenson

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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 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

HOLY SACRAMENT OF 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, 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

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Rich Nichols, 520-4418

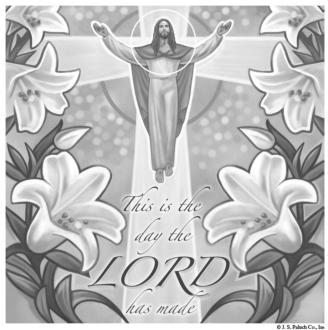
WELCOMING MINISTRY

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





SEEKING

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to "seek what is above." Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord's body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once-a-year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. For the newly baptized, this is the first day of a new life filled with promise and expectation. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, "saw and believed."

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Weekly Readings

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9;

Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-

21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-

24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

The bible makes it clear that God's Word is nourishment to His children as it says in 1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, long for the guileless milk of the word in order that by it you may grow unto salvation.

Mass Intentions

Sat 04	8:00	Jane Ohme, d (Joanie Frericks) Steve & Lena Ricci, d (Chris & Rita Sauer)
		Fr. Simon Twomey, (Fr. Francis Stevenson)
Sun 05	7:00	Leo Frericks, d (Joanie Frericks)
	,	John Hudacek, d (Marge Hudacek)
		Fr. Simon Twomey, (Fr. Francis
		Stevenson)
	9:00	Frederick Folger, d (Claire Folger)
		Marilyn Stone, d (Rosemarie
		Harrison)
		Claire Folger, 90th Birthday (her
		family)
		Fr. Simon Twomey, (Fr. Francis
		Stevenson)
	11:00	Peter Weiglein, d (Ed & Marilyn Fujii)
		Fr. Simon Twomey, (Fr. Francis
		Stevenson)
Mon o6	8:00	Kim Ron, healing (Connie Cox, Dave &
		Kay Brandt)
		Jim Canfield, d (Andy & Janet
		Bertagna)
Tue 07	8:00	Albert Perry, d (Marion Perry)
		Living Members of Catholic Ladies
		Relief Society, (CLRS)
		Rafat Brooks, d (Ed & Marilyn Fujii)
Wed 08 8:00		Travis Holochwost, d; Angela Clune, d;
		Karen Lizakowski, d (their family)
Thu 09	8:00	Jack Boone, d (Elva Boone)
		Robert Ainslie, d (Elva Boone)
Fri 10	8:00	Helen McGowan, d (Andy & Janet

Bertagna)

PARISH FINANCES

Collections for March 28 & 29, 2015

Sunday Collection \$6,307.03 Flower donations \$ 260.00 Projects & Initiatives \$ 133.00 St. Vincent de Paul \$1,813.18

Thank you for your constant generosity and loyal support of Our Divine Savior.

March Online Giving Report

Sunday Collection \$3,593.00 Projects & Initiatives \$694.00 St. Vincent de Paul \$ 10.00 St. Francis & St. Clare \$ 3.00 Mass Offerings \$ 20.00 Flower Donations \$ 60.00 **Easter Donation** \$50.00 Catholic Relief Services \$95.00 Campaign for Human

Development \$ 60.00

Total \$4,585.00

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS: You can now purchase tickets for our "SPRING FASHION SHOW and LUNCHEON"! It will be held at noon on Saturday, April 11 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's and ODS Churches. **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! Please call Carol Clairborne, 343-9701 or Mary Jo Johnston, 345-1252 for tickets.

SOCIETY: We will be attending Confessions Mass at 8:00 A.M. for our living before Mass. members at O.D.S. That is on Tuesday, April 7th. It is our Anniversary Brunch and Business Meeting with Election of the Nominating Committee. God bless you for taking care of those in need. Any Questions, Yvonne Hawkins, 898-1266.

40 DAYS OF LIFE: Thank you to everyone who participated in 40 Days for Life throughout our Over 10,000 babies have state! been saved from abortion and their mothers spared the life-long pain of abortion through your prayers and presence! Please watch this YouTube below. It will make you smile! https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=rUC0nN0Xqm8

DIVINE MERCY

DIVINE MERCY **SUNDAY**: This year Divine Mercy Sunday will be on April 12th. Father Francis will be offering a special homily for us at Our Divine Savior in honor of our Lord's Divine Mercy at each Mass.

DIVINE NOVENA: MERCY Beginning on Good Friday it is customary to start the Divine Mercy novena. Copies of this special novena will be provided on the table at the back of the church as well as some information about devotion to The Divine Mercy. REAL Please take a copy for yourself so you can say each day's prayer for the following 9 days ending on April 11th.

Thomas More Parish in Paradise will have a special celebration on Divine Mercv Sunday beginning with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2 pm, Mass at 3 pm, and singing the

CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF Chaplet of The Divine Mercy. will be available The day will end with an ice cream social in the parish hall around 4:15 pm.

> St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Oroville 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.

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 Sherri Miguel Norleen Manwill Claire Johnston Kelsey Fassieux

CATHOLIC RETURNING HOME

PEOPLE. **STORIES:** Take some time to view these powerful, real stories from former fallen-away Catholics who have come home to the Catholic Church. They testify about how the world and other life situations drew them away from their faith, but by God's grace, they felt a tug at their heart inviting them home to their family in the

Church. We hope that their stories will encourage you, and will serve missing! People readily share the as your own personal invitation to come back to the Catholic Church. Jesus and your fellow Catholic brothers and sisters are waiting questions rattle past: Where did the with open arms to welcome you home! Come join our 13 week session, where you will learn about for Jerusalem's edition of Ripley's the Bible, the Sacraments, truths about the Church, Prayer and find your way back into full communion of a city square filled with with the Church. For more information go CatholicsComingHome.org contact Deacon James Burkett 530 893-2348 or Sharon 891-5334. We are preparing for the Spring/ Summer session if you would like to join us.



LILIES ON THE TOMB

Easter lilies freshly bloom O'er the open conquered tomb Cups of incense pure and fair Pour oblations on the air Easter-glory sudden flows Through the portal none may close Death and darkness flee away Christ the Lord is risen to-day! M. Mason

REFLECTIONS

THE VIEW FROM WHERE **YOU STAND:** Imagine yourself in the Jerusalem marketplace Easter afternoon. An amazing story is circulating. That teacher who was

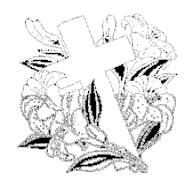
crucified on Friday, his body is "facts" they'd seen for themselves: a rock rolled aside, a discarded pile of linens, no body inside. Listen as body go? Who took it? Was it stolen, hidden, revived? This is one Believe It or Not. Suspicious glances are cast in every direction believers, believers in an empty tomb.

Now step inside the upper room where a different story is being told. Prayer and mourning has given way to celebration. The Messiah has risen! Scripture is fulfilled, salvation has come to the world. The painful events of Friday's crucifixion have melted into a miracle of resurrection. giving new hope Jesus' to followers. Suddenly they energized: there is great work to do, a world to reach with the good news! Eyes filled with love and hope beam from every face in a believers, filled with room believers in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Where would you choose to stand? Editors Assistant

EASTER PRAYER: Make us an Easter people, Lord, rejoicing, renewed, resurrected. May the wonder of Easter morning color every dawn we see. Teach us to cherish each day as a gift from You, as you roll away the stone of yesterday's sin and let us begin anew. Show us that, just like Jesus, our lives can be extraordinary if we trust in You. Give us this gift of eternal Easter Lord, that Your Church may be the gospel message You intended. Amen

Editor's Assistant



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Shawn Moore, in memory of Sr. Kathleen Dunne

Ed & Marilyn Fujii, in memory of Jack & Eva Wendell, and Bob & Mary Blach

Mimi Atkins, in memory of her **Deceased Family Members**

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Regina Deniz

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Anne Marie Deadmond & family, in memory of Pete & Eulalie Urrutia

> Jim & Julie Earney Regina Feder Richard & Joan King





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



TOTALLY CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

We are preparing for another amazing and life changing Chico area Catholic Vacation Bible School experience this summer here at Our Divine Savior. The theme for our June 15-19 VBS is "Everest—Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." Registration officially begins this weekend. You can find information online at ourdivinesavior.org/faith-formation/vacation-bible-school.

We are also 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 call the ODS Religious Education office at 345-6201 or come to our first build day in the social hall on Thursday, April 9th at 6PM.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Mercy High School in Red Bluff is excited to



announce its upcoming production of Phantom of the Opera! Dates and times are: Friday, April 24, Saturday, April 25 (a champagne Gala will happen this night, more info to follow), Saturday, May 2 – all shows

at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, May 3 matinee at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, \$10 for reserved seating. You an contact Mercy High School at 530-527-8313 for more information.

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL is now accepting applications for ALL GRADES (Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade) for the 2015-16 school year! Contact our principal, Terri Sobieralski, at 342-2502 or tsobieralski@ndschico.org for more information or to set up a school tour.

Thanks to the generosity of many, Notre Dame School is able to provide several payment options, making Catholic school tuition more affordable than you may think. If you would like more information about becoming a donor or applying for financial assistance, please contact our principal.



HAPPY EASTER!

There will be no youth group this Sunday so that we can celebrate the resurrection with our families!

NEXT WEEK

We have seen what marriage looks like on tv, movies, and in our homes, but what is God's plan for marriage? Join us April 12th following the 11:00AM Mass and get Hitched: a meeting on the Sacrament of Matrimony!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Help us serve our parish community next Saturday at 11:30 for the Catholic Daughters fashion show. Help us raise money for all the good works the Catholic Daughters do in the Chico Community.

DIVE DEEP BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday night at 7:00PM. Spend some time and get know God through His Holy Word and His plan of salvation.

DIOCESAN NEWS

FREELY GIVEN: Diocesan Young Adult Conference 2015. Calling all young adults ages 18-39! We invite you to attend FREELY GIVEN, the Diocese of Sacramento Young Adult Conference. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn, worship, and

be in community with other young adults from throughout the diocese. The day will focus on the Church as "a place of mercy freely given", drawing from Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium. The conference will be held on Saturday April 11, 2015 at St. James Parish in Davis, CA from 9:30am-5:00pm, with an option to stay for the 5:30pm vigil mass. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch. Price will increase to \$20 after April 4, so register early! For more information or to register, visit our website: www.yaconference.com



MARCH 2015

We welcome these newly-baptized children into the Body of Christ:

Luciano Cuahtemoc Alvarado, son of Ricardo & Saira Vazquez Alvarado

Zion Makai Ray-Brown, daughter of David & Regina Lawson Brown

Emily Christine Townzen, daughter of Michael Allan & Lisa Marie Silva Townzen

Receive into your kingdom those who have departed from us in death:

Jim Canfield, husband of Roxane Canfield
Robert Baker, father of Nicholas and Juliet
Dana Anderson, husband of Catherine Anderson

Congratulations to the following couples who made a covenant with God and each other to become husband and wife:

Brian Erickson & Krystal Merlo



FAMILY ROOM

WE ARE ALL PILGRIMS

Easter! This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia! Welcome to the Easter celebration at Our Divine Savior.

The pilgrims to Portugal and Spain have returned, filled with wonder and awe at the ways God touches his people. We could feel the prayers of the ODS community, and we lifted up those who stayed in Chico. We prayed for you at Fatima.

Our lives are a pilgrimage - a gradual journey, filled with joy, challenges, and sometimes sorrow, to the goal of our lives: an eternal place in heaven with our Risen Christ! As on any pilgrimage, we travel with others: our friends, families, community, and priests. As with any journey, we are a motley crew! Some of us are eager to get going, organized, and full of energy. Some are going along for the ride, not really engaged, but there. Some are reluctantly drawn along by the need in our own lives for healing, from illness, grief, or sinfulness.

The point is, we are all in this together. The strong reach out to help the weak, with an arm to hold as we go up the stairs, with encouragement, or with a listening ear. The weaker pilgrims discover how much they are loved and valued, regardless of their "capability." What we share is the common goal of all who spend time in this earthly pilgrimage: to be better than we are, to grow, and to walk in the peace of God.

Easter is the goal of our Lenten pilgrimage. Did Lent seem long, gloomy, tedious? Was Lent a time set aside for growing? Can we look back and see how far we have come on our earthly journey? Easter is our chance to shout "Hooray! Hosanna!" as we pass another milestone in our lives.

May our pilgrimage together continue, with each of us offering prayer support to the others, as we walk in joy this Easter season. Happy Easter!

If you would like to join the Our Divine Savior family, we welcome you! The parish office is open Monday through Friday from 10 - 3, and anyone there can answer questions or share information. Call 343-4248.







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