# **Our Divine Savior Church**



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## **January 2, 2022**

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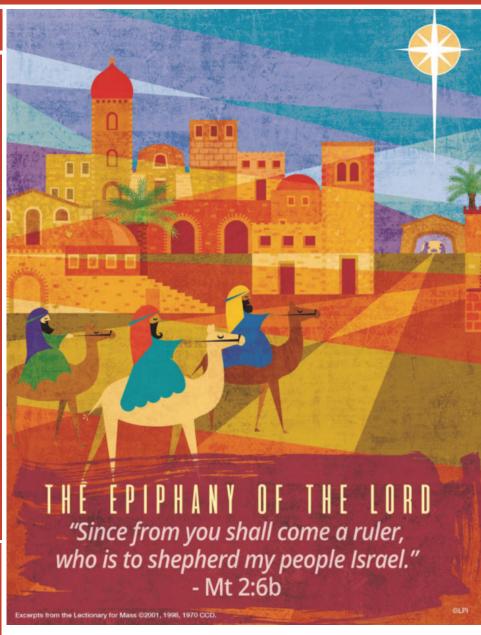
10 am—3pm

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5 PM & Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 8:30 am

Confessions
Tues-Friday 9:00 am
or by appointment
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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.

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# QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a time of great joy for Israel when nations and kings would come to Israel praising the Lord. How do you show gratitude to the Lord for the great joys of your life?

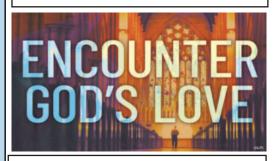
## **Second Reading:**

It was revealed to Paul that God intended to save all people (Jews and Gentiles) through his Son, Jesus Christ. Paul tried to convey the significance of this revelation to the Ephesians by using the language of "coheirs" and "copartners." What does this language signal to you?

## Gospel:

The visit of the magi is one of the most well-known stories from the Gospel infancy narratives. It was an event that manifested God's revelation of His newborn Son to the world. It also foreshadowed the threat that some would experience because of Jesus. How does Jesus challenge the status quo even today?

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## **Weekly Observances**

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the

Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of

Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thursday: St. André Bessette,

Religious

Friday: St. Raymond of

Penyafort, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord LPi

## READINGS

## Cycle C January 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

[cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk

6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and

15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and

6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	01	9:00am 5:00pm 8:00	Robin Thompson, d, (Tom & Mary Ann Ward) Don Nelson, d, (ODS)			
Sun	02		Tomiwo Suzuky, d, (Fitial Family			
		10:00	Parishioners of Our Divine Savior			
Mon.	03					
Tues	04	8:30	Rita Frericks, d, (Joanie Frericks)			
Wed	05	8:30	Kate Hoover, d, (Tom & Mary Ann Ward)			
Thurs	06	8:30	Irene Weagant, d, (ODS)			
Fri	07	8:30	Katherine Pugel, d, (ODS)			

# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco

**Because Women Deserve Better than Abortion** 

### WalkforlifeWC.com

Saturday January 22, 2022 Your Care, Your Voice, Your presence, Their lives,

Stand for the most defenseless among us.

## We will NOT be having a bus this year.

To go you will need to provide your own transportation Be prepared to walk 4 miles and carry your food and water.

## Event schedule:

Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral IIII Gough St.10:30 am Talks by Silent No More 10:45-12:15 Civic Center Info Faire 11:00-12:30 Civic Center Rally Speakers 12:30-1:30 Civic Center Actual Walk down Market Street to the Embarcadero -1:30

For those who don't go you can go Please pray for the success and safety of this mission. To change the perceptions of a society that think abortion is an answer. Abortion does violence to women and to their children.

## Holy Graffiti 2022

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This year the *Epiphany* is on Jan. 2nd, 2022. Chalk will be available at all the Masses this weekend to use for the tradition of "Chalking the door". The "door blessing", as it is known, is seen as invoking Christ's blessing not only on the physical house but on the people who live there and those who visit.

## A STAR FOR US ALL

Did you think the star was meant just for the Magi and the shepherds, just for that one night alone? Ah, no! God hung it there against the ages. It is for all of us. Its radiance enfolds us all, knowing no bound of creed, color or servitude. It guides the aged home, it is reflected in the eyes of babes, generation after generation and in the eyes of mothers seeking in their babes the countenance of Christ. All, all of us are come once more under the spell of the star, come to take new hope in peace and the Prince of Peace.

## **Epiphany Prayer**

O Father may that Holy Star Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar To fill the world with light.

## PARISH NEWS



## From the Pastor's Desk... Cor unum et anima una (Acts 4:32)

**Pastor's Mission Statement:** Appointed as a servant-leader of Our Divine Savior Catholic Church and in the light of the Parish Mission, I commit myself to empower, inspire and help each parishioner to be in "one heart and one mind" (Acts 4:32) in the liturgical, sacramental, spiritual and social celebrations and prayers to build an Amazing Parish.



For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission (Familiaris Consortio, no. 14)

Our focus today is still on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph with Jesus who manifests Himself to the whole nation. This is called *epiphany* which means "appearance or manifestation." This is a time of revelation. Jesus revealed himself to the Israelites and the Gentiles represented by the three Magi. The three Wise Men listened to the Holy Spirit as they journeyed together in search of the

newborn Son of God being guided by the star. As they journey home, they take with them the love and joy that they experienced with God in Christ Jesus, the fruit of their encounter and listening.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis remarked that "A Synodal Church is a Church which listens more than simply hearing". It requires an intentional and attentive listening to each other.

To be able to have a fruitful encounter and journey, we need to listen. Listening is never easy and at times it is easier to play deaf. Listening means paying attention, wanting to understand, to value, to respect and to ponder what the other person says. It involves a sort of martyrdom or self-sacrifice, as we try to imitate Moses before the burning bush: we have to remove our sandals when standing on the "holy ground" of our encounter with the one who speaks to me (cf. Ex 3:5). "Knowing how to listen is an immense grace, it is a gift which we need to ask for and then make every effort to practice." (Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 50th World Communications Day, 2016)

Listening is necessary for all relationships, be it, in marriages and families, friendships, and even in work places. We need to pay attention to each other with an open heart for we can only truly care if we carefully, attentively and intentionally listen.

In his Homily on the Opening of the Synodal Path, Pope Francis said: "Participating in a Synod means placing ourselves on the same path as the Word made flesh. It means following in his footsteps, listening to his Word along with the words of others. It means discovering with amazement that the Holy Spirit always surprises us, to suggest fresh paths and new ways of speaking. It is a slow and perhaps tiring exercise, this learning to listen to one another – bishops, priests, religious and laity, all the baptized — and to avoid artificial and shallow and pre-packaged responses. The Spirit asks us to listen to the questions, concerns and hopes of every Church, people and nation. And to listen to the world, to the challenges and changes that it sets before us. Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. So often our certainties can make us closed. Let us listen to one another."

Please Keep In Your Prayers											
Tom Claiborne Michael Kolonay Carolyn Mormann Carolyn Ellis Mary Ann Olson Chris Mendoza Audrey Downes	Dianna Marvin Tim Merrifield Sherry Scofield Dennis McCosker Rachelle Currier Bryn Rau Patricia Arrequi	Nathan Liebert Mike Miterko Phil & Lorri Beaucham Tillie Holman Tony Duffy Dana Hicks Joan Costa Jasper Mazzocco	Janie Montgomery Jerry Kowalkowski Dave Parker Donald Fabish Rick Ruz Karen Hamar Aurora Blosiu	Allan White Carol Matthews Linda & Gerry Grandstaff Nancy Lodge Lorraine Overton Bobby Henry Hal Currier	Tammy La Rossa Marvin Garcia Rebecca Markey Lori Perry Jackie Little Samuel Hoffman Mary Sams	Steffen Nelson Myrti Bedford Mary Sajben Rusty Phillips Rhianna Dutra Darcy McNabo Navarro Family	Lavinia Divine Gloria Trent Diane McVittie Jason Cousins Warren Childs Kathleen P. Karen Hamer				

Please note: in order to keep our Prayer List current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

## **PARISH NEWS**

# COLLECTION DEC. 13—DEC. 19, 2021

 Sunday
 \$ 7,859.50

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 250.00

 Religious Retirement
 1,850.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity to ODS

## Monthly Budget Report November, 2021

Budgeted Expense \$ 40,870.86 Actual Income 35,016.69 Net Operating (Loss) (5,854.17)

## **Second Collections**

Jan. 01/02 Projects & Initiatives
Jan. 29/30 Youth Ministry



## Catholic Ladies Relief Society

The next meeting of The Catholic Ladies Relief Society will take place on Tuesday, January 4th in the Social our Hall at Divine Savior Parish. Social hour begins at noon, followed by lunch at 12:30 and a business meeting at 1:00. welcome new members. Questions? Call Stephanie Beyers at (530) 891-1615.

## **ON-LINE GIVING**

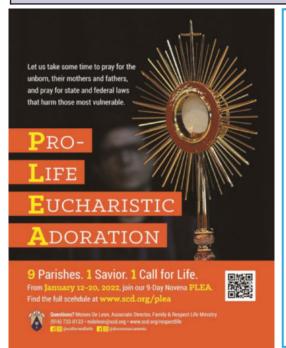
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## The Pope Speaks to Us about Indifference

"There are so many real, "flesh-and-blood" brothers and sisters, people with names and faces, deprived in ways that we have not been able to see, listen to, or recognize because we have been so focused on ourselves. But now some of these blindfolds have fallen away, and we have a chance to see with new eyes.

"COVID has unmasked the other pandemic, the virus of indifference, which is the result of constantly looking away, telling ourselves that because there is no immediate or magic solution, it is better not to feel anything. If you start worrying about what you see, how are you ever going to relax? This attitude ends up armor-plating the soul; that is, indifference bulletproofs it, so that certain things just bounce off. One of the dangers of this indifference is that it can become normal, silently seeping into our lifestyles and value judgments. We cannot get used to indifference. God is never indifferent! Indifference blocks the Spirit by closing us to the possibilities that God is waiting to offer us. It blocks the chance of discernment.

"We know that we don't have the answers all ready and neatly packaged, yet we trust that the Lord will open for us doors we had no idea were there. We feel, at once, both inadequate to the task and called to it.



## Bible Study of Luke's Gospel

Start the new year with a new habit! The Tuesday morning Bible Study, which meets every week from 9-11, will begin the study of the Gospel of Luke on January 4. We use the Scott Hahn study guide which includes both information about context and questions for reflection to share. All are welcome - no experience required! For now, due to COVID, we meet on Zoom. If you are unfamiliar with the format. we provide instructions! For information call Terry Matthews, 530-591-0398.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation Contact the Religious Education Office for questions, 530-345-6201

## Sharing the Gospel

Isn't God amazing? He made all the stars and planets to move, so every night the sky looks a little different. When God created the world, he planned exactly when the wise men would see the star. He wanted them to find Jesus.

## **Prayer**

Dear God, thank you for making the planets and stars so the wise men could find Jesus.

## **Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of stars and planets shining in the night sky.

#### Mission for the Week

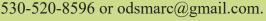
Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.

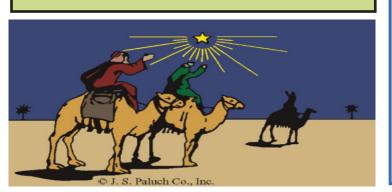
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## **ODS Gift Card Tool Wish List**

Check out the board outside of church with tags to purchase gift cards for items needed for maintenance and minor repairs of the church property. If you are able, please take a card to help ODS update tools and other items needed to keep ODS looking beautiful. Gift cards can be dropped off at the ODS office or in the

collection basket. Any questions, contact Marc Betenbaugh,





# RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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The "Vocation Cross" program is an opportunity for families to pray daily for vocations to the religious life and priesthood in their homes. The Vocation Cross will be presented at the end of weekend Mass. Along with the cross, suggested prayers will be given. After one week, the family who takes the cross home returns the cross to the Church and another family will have the opportunity to take the cross home. This program will be on-going. Is your family interested in participating? If so, please call or email the parish office.

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

## The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and selfabsorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

#### FAMILY ROOM

WRITTEN BY TERRY MATTHEWS

The Pope Speaks to Us

We Need Everybody!

Now that we know a bit about synod, what are the "nuts and bolts" of our ODS listening sessions on Saturday, January 22?

The Sacramento Diocese has provided an outline of the process and materials to share. After our invitation to everyone, the next step is . . . to step up. Each of us has strengths that are needed. We hope to have about five listening groups of ten people each, in addition to a facilitator and a note taker for each group.

The questions are available now and on the flier on the table at the rear of the church. Our most pressing need, and something we can all do, is to pray for the Holy Spirit to bless this time of discernment. In addition, we will need at least five facilitators and five note takers. Some of us have these skills and we need to step forward to serve. There will be a training session to go over the ground rules and provide specifics for the listening time. We want to be sure each person attending has an equal chance to speak and listen.

The key to the entire process is the PEOPLE of God! The Pope directs us to include the marginalized, those who are not going to learn about this opportunity at Mass or from the bulletin or website. We need outreach! We are looking for fallen-away Catholics, for the elderly and infirm, for teens and young parents, for the homeless, for the unemployed, for the addicted and the mentally ill. In other words, we want to include the same people that Jesus did when he walked among us! If you know someone who can give us their unique point of view, please personally invite them. Their story is our story too.

As we gather on Jan. 22, the Holy Spirit will guide us to compose the groups so there is a good mix of listeners. We already know what our friends think, the ones we serve with now. What we need is a fuller understanding of what will help the whole community to grow. Our listening parish will collect the responses not only for the Bishops' meeting in Rome (which will be held in 2024) but equally importantly for the growth of our own parish, right here in Chico, in the near future.

As we gather, we will adhere to the ODS parish mask wearing recommendations.

If the Holy Spirit touches your heart to participate with us, please call Tatiana (521-7502) or Angela (520-6999) to register. Each of us is a critical component of the whole, the Catholic Church. Let us dream together!





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