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January 23, 2022

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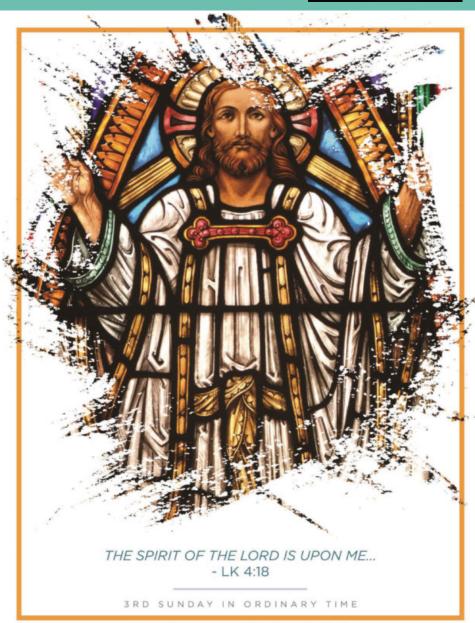
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Saturday Vigil 5 PM & Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 8:30 am

Confessions
Tues-Friday 9:00 am
or by appointment
Call or email the office.

Masks are required!



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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:

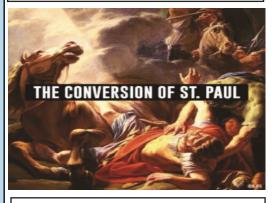
Ezra and Nehemiah were the religious and political leaders of Judah in the mid-5th century BC. They grounded their leadership in Scripture ("the book of the law.") What role does sacred Scripture have in guiding your life?

Second Reading:

Paul used the human body as an analogy for the "many parts" of the Christian community in Corinth that should unite as the "one body" of Christ. In what ways do you find this a challenging vision for community?

Gospel:

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?



Weekly Observances

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

READINGS

Cycle C January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-

21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-

26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:

1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5,

27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-

5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-

6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-

15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5 -6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-

13/Lk 4:21-30

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Sat.	22	5:00pm	Don Nelson, d, (Sharon McQuirk)
Sun	23	8:00	Mass for the People
		10:00	Jane Ohme, d, (Joanie Frericks)
Mon.	24		
Tues	25	8:30	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Wed	26	8:30	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Thurs	27	8:30	William & Barbara Gainok, d, (Michael & Laurel Gainok)
Fri	28	8:30	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS

GOSPEL MEDITATION 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

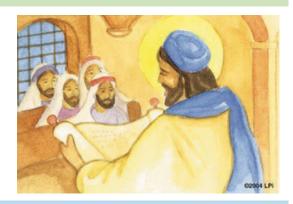
Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

- Lk 4:18a, 19



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.

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As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it."

(1 Cor 12:12-14, 27, Today's Second Reading)

As we continue to reflect on the Theology of the Church according to St. Paul, the metaphor of the physical body consisting of different body parts symbolizes and uncovers the deep meaning of who we are as followers of Christ, gathered together as one body, the Body of Christ. That the Church is truly the Body of Christ as we make the Church. Each part (member) of the Body of Christ is a part (member) of the family. The members of the family are given different and unique physical and spiritual gifts so that the family, as a domestic unit, can build each other up. move along and forward.

In my homily last Sunday, we reflected on the profound meaning and theology of Baptism. Incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church, we are called and commissioned to be priests to offer sacrifices, prophets to proclaim the Kingdom of God and kings to serve our brothers and sisters. The signs and symbols used speak of themselves of our Christian duties and responsibilities, pooling together all that we are and have so that we make the Church, the *Body of Christ*.

We can be a huge Church in the world, but each one of us is part of making this Church, local, particular, visible and amazing, being apt for spiritual and physical growth. It is through our parish to live a life of synodality. Affirming who we are, the People of God, through synodality, every baptized human being, you make up the Church, whole and complete. In order to make our Parish, the Our Divine Savior Church, your presence, contributions, prayers and participation make us complete. Being away from and passive to the Church hurts the our Christian Community of ODS. Your absence therefore renders the Church incomplete. Therefore, you are very important and significant in the life of the Church. You are a son or daughter of God, the Father. He doesn't want you to be away, passive and not belonging to his Church.

If you are reading this, "Come, be a part of the whole!"

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

PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION DEC. 27—JAN. 09, 2022

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Sunday \$ 1,437.44 P&I 370.00

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Jan. 29/30 Youth Ministry
Feb. 05/06 Projects & Initiatives

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MIRACLES STILL HAPPEN

We learn the miracles of Jesus at an early age, stories of awe and mystery that happened long ago. And for many of us that is where the stories end, long ago. Certainly those miracles occurred, when Jesus walked the earth, but that was over 2000 years ago and has little to do with the world we face every day.

It's time to look at those miracles again. Jesus hand may not be turning your glass of ice water into Chianti, but He will fill your empty heart with the warm wine of faith and love if you only ask. He will pour out the wine of His power into your empty life and change you forever. He will fill your empty hands with the blessed and holy work of God.

In a world so hollow, so void of purpose, are these not truly the miracles we most need?





Sunday, January 30th after the 8am and 10am Masses Join us for good food and fellowship!

The Pope Speaks to Us About Service

"A sober, humble lifestyle dedicated to service is worth far more than thousands of followers on social networks. Our greatest power is not in the respect that others have for us, but the service we can offer others. In every action we carry out for the sake of others we lay the foundations for restoring the dignity of our peoples and communities, and in so doing allow us to better heal, care, and share.

"We must avoid the temptation to center on ourselves. A crisis forces you to move, but one can move without going anywhere. I prefer the contrasting image of the pilgrim, who is one who decenters and so can transcend. She goes out from herself, opens herself to a new horizon, and when she comes home she is no longer the same, and so her home won't be the same. This is a time for pilgrimages.

"We have to leave behind the "selfie" culture and look at the eyes, faces, hands, and needs of those around us; and in this way find, too, our own faces, our own hands full of possibilities.

"We belong to each other in a mutual relationship, we are part of a people, and our destiny is a shared one. Let yourself be pulled along, shaken up, challenged. Stop and pray. And then act. Call up, go visit, offer your service. Say you don't have a clue what they do, but maybe you can help. Say you'd like to be part of a different world, and you thought this might be a good place to start." The Pope ends his book with this poem, written by Alexis Valdez, called "Esperanza".

When the storm has passed and the roads are tamed, And we are the survivors of a collective shipwreck,

With tearful heart and our destiny blessed We will feel joy simply for being alive.

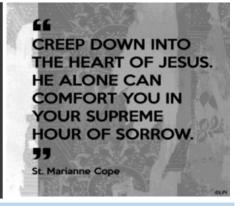
And all will become a miracle, and all will become a legacy. And we'll respect the life, the life we have gained.

When the storm passes I ask you Lord, in shame That you return us better, as you once dreamed us.

CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Catholic Ladies Relief Society will take place in the parish hall at Our Divine Savior Church on Tuesday, February 1st. Social will begin at noon, followed by lunch at 12:30 and a meeting at 1:00.

We welcome new members. Our mission is to feed the hungry and reach out to those in need. Questions? Call Stephanie Beyers at (530) 891-1615.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



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

Sharing the Gospel

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Isaiah, the prophet, writing about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!

Create Awareness in Vocations!

SAVE THE DATE for some upcoming workshops that will be a great opportunity to launch, enhance, renew, revive and provide tools and guidance to continuously create awareness in vocations! Statistics show that most of the vocations to priesthood and religious life come from parishes where lay people are involved in this ministry, information about the role that a parish community has in the work of creating awareness, promoting, accompanying and maintaining vocations in our parish community and ministries. We are all connected!

Workshop for Lay-People involved in Ministry at a Parish, Sunday March 6th, 2022 at the Pastoral Center. Members of the following ministries are encouraged to attend: Knights of Columbus, Parish Vocation Committees, Youth Ministers, Altar Server Coordinators, Religious Education Directors, Coordinators and Catechists (in general, all lay people who are interested in supporting vocations and in gaining tools to systematically work on creating awareness, promotion and sustenance of vocations to priesthood and religious life).

The workshop will be offered by speaker Rhonda Gruenewald, founder of Vocation Ministry (https://vocationministry.com/about/about-the-author/), who will provide valuable

Please contact Marisela Smith at msmith@scd.org or by phone at (916) 733-0258 for more details, if you are interested in attending or have questions.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS Lpi

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.

Knights Corner

St. John Paul II during his Papacy stated "The Knights of Columbus" are the right arm of the Catholic Church"

The ODS Council of KofC is involved in every Parish ministry. We have awarded nearly \$100k in College Scholarships to our young high school senior parishioners and others. Your Knights also have outreach projects that are ongoing and support the community needy in our town.

Upcoming events:

Pancake Breakfast- Jan 30 after 8 and 10am Mass 5th Sunday Rosary- Jan 30 9:30am Fat Tuesday Gumbo Drive Thru Dinner- March 1 5:00pm-6:30 St Patrick's Day Drive Thru Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner- March 17 5pm-6:30

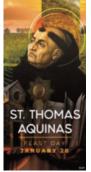
Cinco De Mayo Festival- Sat April 30 6pm-9pm Sunday Donuts- Every 2nd Sunday of the month



If you are interested in becoming a Knight, please contact Dan Rodrigues coachd0019@yahoo.com

St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 -1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, ST. THOMAS where he spent much of his youth. To change AQUINAS his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He



spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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FAMILY ROOM

WRITTEN BY TERRY MATTHEWS Jan. 22-23, 2022

This is an important weekend, an historic one, really. This Saturday the ODS community met in synod to discuss the direction of our Church going forward into the next Millennium. There was some trepidation - change is always a bit scary. We weren't sure how things would work out. We didn't know exactly what would be spoken. We hoped there wouldn't be technical glitches!

But the important thing is that we stepped forward with trust in the Holy Spirit to listen, to discern, to do our part to guide the path of the Church into the future.

What happens next? The note takers from each listening group have recorded the comments of the speakers, anonymously. The comments will be sent from our parish to the diocesan office in Sacramento. At that level, there will be a compilation of the notes to be presented to the United States Catholic Bishop Conference. The bishops will summarize the needs of the Church in the United States. Similar steps will be happening all over the world. In 2024, the bishops will meet in synod in Rome to pray and discern the direction forward in the midst of the challenges we all face today.

What happens at ODS? We hope to be able to present to the community the results of the listening sessions. The notes can be a blueprint for us, and can reveal to us our strengths and our weaknesses. With that information we can set priorities to address the most pressing needs here at home.

Our participation in the synod is ended, but the work is just beginning! Each of us must now step forward to ACT as the Holy Spirit directs us. We need to "come, make a difference in our world." For each of us, it will be a personal invitation that uses our unique gifts and abilities.

This is our new beginning.

May God bless us, one and all!





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