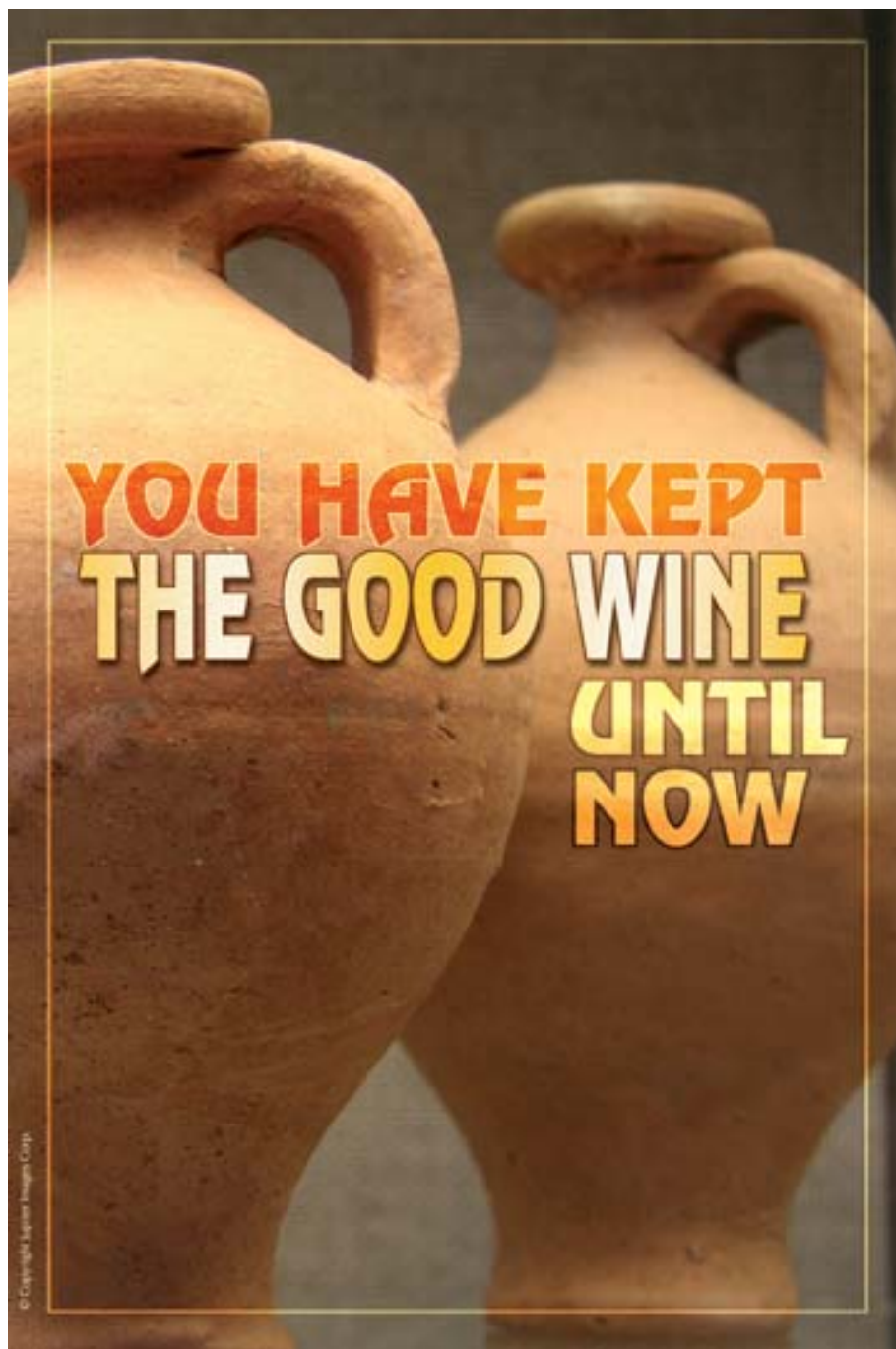
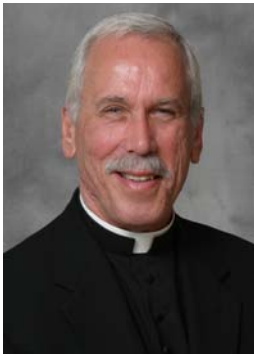




January 17, 2010
Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time





Reflections From the Pastor

*For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet!*
Isaiah 62:1

The first reading of today's liturgy offers a beautiful and powerful lyric poem that sings of the Lord's goodness. It is a poem written after Israel's return from years of exile in Babylonia. One recalls the exilic lament "*if I should forget you Jerusalem, may my right hand wither!*" Coming home to Jerusalem meant that God had not forsaken His people.

The experience of exile was traumatic for the Israelites. Many over the years in exile had not only forgotten their language but more sadly had forgotten their God. The word, a popular word today, for what happened is *assimilation*. The conqueror gained power over the vanquished by pressuring them to assimilate – abandon their language, traditions and customs, as well as their faith. Happily there were some, the *Anawim*, who remained faithful to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Moses.

It is worth noting how often Israel and later Christians have had to deal with the pressure to assimilate. The feast of Hanukkah, recently celebrated, recalls the martyrdom of the Brothers Maccabees and the restoration of the temple. The cult of the martyrs in the early Church celebrated their resistance to the pressure to offer sacrifice to the gods. For the Romans both the Jews and the Christians were troublesome because of their stubbornness in refusing to water down their faith by joining their God to the Roman *pantheon* of gods.

In my office I have a picture of a priest celebrating Mass in a field during the Penal Days in Ireland. For many years the Irish, especially Catholics, endured a tremendous persecution by the British. The British outlawed both the speaking of Irish (Gaelic) and the celebrating of Mass. Priests would clandestinely celebrate the Mass, risking being shot. Many Irish succumbed to the pressure of abandoning the faith, especially during the *Great Famine*. Such Irish Catholics were known as *soupers* because they would deny their faith for a bowl of soup!

In our times one experiences the pressure of secularism and civil religion. While sometimes Americans fancy themselves as being religious, quite often the religiosity is a *one size fits all!* Benjamin Franklin, a Deist like Jefferson and many of the founding fathers, saw religion as useful and practical in maintaining a civil society. Civil religion is about pragmatism, not belief. Its cousin is secularism. We pledge allegiance "*one nation under God,*" but who is the God?

Reflecting on the history of Judaism and Christianity, both thrive most when their faith is tested most. It has always been and always will be the *Anawim* (the Faithful Remnant) who will keep us close and faithful to our God. The early Church believed that it was the blood of the martyrs that nourished and strengthen the Church. It has been their stubborn resistance to the pressure of assimilation (syncretism) that keeps the Church the unblemished spouse of the Lord (*Ephesians*).

- Fr. Bill Conway



SMALL TALK
By Rosemary Bleuher

BEING PRESENT
... AND AWARE

As most of you, I have heard today's Gospel (The Wedding Feast at Cana) many times through the years. But for the first time I was struck with Mary's simple statement, "They have no wine." She didn't ignore the problem, offer a solution or chastise the bride and groom for not adequately preparing. Mary noticed and cared. This reflection spawned memories in my life and the lives of others.

Parker Palmer, noted author and educator, wrote of his deep depression. He said that his most vivid memory of that time was the many friends came to visit and offer solutions as, "You're such a good person. Try to remember all the good you've done and you'll surely feel better." Or, "I know how you feel..." But one man stopped by every afternoon, sat Parker down in a chair, removed his shoes and socks and for a half hour simply massaged his feet. "He rarely spoke a word and when he did, he never gave advice but simply mirrored my condition. He would say, 'I can sense your struggle today' or 'It feels like you are getting stronger'. He never invaded my awful inwardness with false comfort or advice. . . It is impossible to put into words what my friend's ministry meant to me."

Edwina Gateley, author, speaker and friend of mine, began Genesis House in Chicago for women prostitutes who wanted to change their lives. She walked the streets around Wrigleyville for months, spoke and spent time with these women then decided there was a need for a safe haven and pursued her goal.

Some years ago in my own life when finances were very tight, a friend who was a part-time nurse, asked if I would pick her up from work. I did and on the way home, she asked if I would stop at the Jewel so she could cash her check. When she returned to the car she handed me the cash from her check. No comment, no "pay me back when you can", no advice.

There are so many gifted moments in our lives, just like the bride and groom at the Wedding Feast at Cana.

*Take time to remember for they represent
God's presence in our life*



EVERYTHING
IS GRACE

A book discussion in the parish is about to begin! Starting February 14th, participants will meet every other Sunday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to explore contemporary Catholic literature. Our first selection is *Everything is Grace: The Life and Way of Therese of Lisieux* by Joseph F. Schmidt, FSC.

To join the discussion, please register with Tracy O'Brien at Divine Savior, 630-969-1532 ext. 21. You can purchase *Everything is Grace* from the parish at the discounted price of \$14. (Checks should be made payable to Divine Savior Parish.)

PLEASE NOTE: You don't need to read the entire book before our first meeting. We intend to discuss *Everything is Grace* over four sessions, making the reading load light – about 80 pages every two weeks.





Have a touch of the Post-Holiday Blues? Shake them loose with an authentic N'awlins-style Mardi Gras Stay-cation.

Let's face it, times are tough. But you can still experience a New Orleans celebration without breaking the bank or even leaving the city.

Our Mardi Gras ball tickets are on sale for \$50 per person. Call 630.969.1532 to reserve your seat today.

One night not enough? Why not make a weekend out of it? We've partnered with the Hickory Ridge Marriott.

Rooms are available at \$69 with free shuttle service to and from the event! Call 630.971.5000 and make your hotel reservations.

Mark your calendar for Saturday February 13, 2010 6:30pm — Midnight

Seven Bridges, Signature Room
6440 Double Eagle Drive
Woodridge, Illinois





Letters have gone out to the Confirmandi and their parents regarding the date (Saturday, January 23 or Sunday, January 24) and time of the individual interviews, along with instructions. Any parents or students who have questions regarding the interview schedule or process should contact Mark Hoffmeyer at (630) 969-1673 ext. 32.



Many thanks to those of you who have signed up for e-giving. This is an easy and convenient way to have your weekly offering automatically deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card (you can get points).

During the month of November, \$3,849 was donated via e-giving bringing our year-to-date total of e-contributions to \$11,080. A total of almost 30 families are participating in the program.

If you would like to be a part of the e-giving program, visit the parish website at www.divinesavior.net and complete instructions are available or if you do not have access to the internet, you can stop in the parish office during regular business hours and fill out a form. Thank you again to all who have participated.



Committee Needed

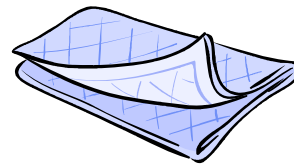
The Divine Savior Finance and Administration Council is seeking to form a Building and Grounds Committee to act as advisors to our Parish Staff as well as the Council and Fr. Bill. This committee would be comprised of people familiar with the building trades, skilled trades people, facilities and maintenance management and contractors, etc.

If you would be willing to donate a few hours a month to "walk" the buildings and grounds and help make recommendations and assist with the prioritizing of projects, please contact Sue Hartig (sue@divinesavior.net or 630-969-1532 ext. 23). Our facilities are aging and all the needed repairs cannot financially be accomplished at once.

Please note, we are not seeking people to do the work only to advise on what needs to be done and the time involved.

If you have any questions, please see Sue or Fr. Bill.

Prayer Blanket Ministry



Have a loved one who is in physical or emotional distress? Wrap him or her in a blessed prayer blanket or shawl made by members of Divine Savior's Prayer Blanket Ministry. Call Jackie Griffith at 630-737-0755.



As we approach the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court ruling that brought legal abortion to the United States, it is appropriate that we take time to reflect on our attitudes and beliefs regarding God's gift of life to mankind. Ponder the loss of fifty million babies since 1973 and the contributions they would have made. This is the equivalent of executing one out of every seven Americans! Who could stand idly by and allow that to happen? In the words of Pope John Paul II, "it is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop" (The Gospel of Life, no. 101).

Our commitment to the right to life may begin with the issue of abortion, but it covers the full spectrum from conception to life's natural end. It is God's perfect knowledge that must determine when souls are gathered to him. No earthly judge should presume to have the wisdom to weigh "quality of life" issues and determine when a life is no longer profitable to society.

We need to marshal our efforts to strengthen life that is struggling. Single parents need help raising their families. Children in dysfunctional homes, deficient schools and dangerous neighborhoods need protection and mentoring. Aged and infirm citizens need assistance and companionship. Their needs often do not require any special talent or financial commitment – just genuine caring and a little time. Why not get involved!

Here are a few things that you can do to get involved; to become what Pope John Paul II asks us to be: *a people of life and a people for life.*

- Educate yourself, so that you can educate others. Use the parish & diocese resources to familiarize yourself with issues, and join into discussions with colleagues and co-workers. Read the Gospel of Life.
- Support our outreach programs, such as the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Women's Choice Network, PADS, local food pantries, or any other church-affiliated organization that seeks to aid those in distress and those in need.
- Volunteer to help those in your community that need assistance. Prepare a meal for a shut-in or offer to provide transportation to someone who needs to shop or keep an appointment with a physician. Drive someone to church.
- Mentor if you can. We all have little talents and skills that we could share.
- Express your beliefs to your elected representatives, and at the ballot box concerning poverty, war, capital punishment and all that demeans the sanctity of human life.
- Pray. Read the Bible and meditate on God's Word. Pray every day!

“Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. — Jn 2:10-11

St. Isaac Jogues Men's Group
 Spirituality – Fellowship – Service

"A New Year -- A New You"
 Phillip S. J. Moriarty
 Sigita Balzekis

Phillip Moriarty is the Founding Partner of "Next New You LLC." He is also a partner of an executive search consulting firm, Moriarty/Fox, Inc. in Chicago, and a member of SIJ Parish. Sigita Balzekis will join Mr. Moriarty for the presentation.

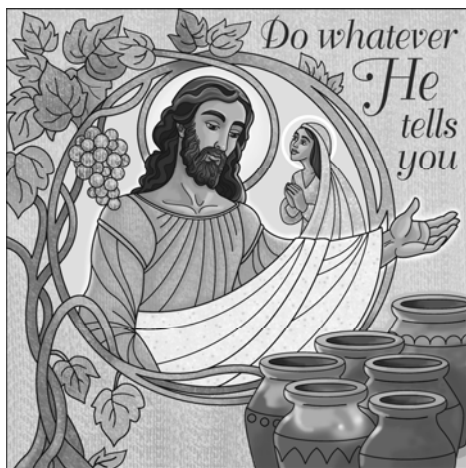
Saturday, January 16, 2010
St. Isaac Jogues Parish Center

Our **breakfast meeting** will start at **8:30 AM** after the Parish's 8:00 AM Mass.

All men of SIJ and surrounding parishes are invited to attend.
Please RSVP in advance to reserve your meal.

By email:
jane@stisaacjoguescc.org

By phone:
Barbara or Jane 630-655-6668



Legion of Mary
 International Catholic Apostolate

Typical Work of Active Legionaries

Newer members are instructed by the master-apprentice method. Ideally, the praesidium will hold evangelization and conversion contacts as its highest priority, with conservation of the Faith and consoling works following.

A partial list of works includes:

- Instructing and preparing others to receive the Sacraments.
- Teaching the Catholic faith to children and adults.
- Assisting the pastor by conducting an area census.
- Visiting jail inmates, the hospitalized, the homebound, sick, elderly, or residents of nursing homes.

Join Us!
 New groups are forming every week.
Call (630)434-2408

Legio Mariae

Are things out of Control? Get on track with the



“Out of Poverty” Program

Let “Out of Poverty” help you take control of your goals, time, and money for a prosperous future. Work against hunger, homelessness, unemployment and low self-esteem. There is no fee for this program. Graduation Diplomas are awarded.

Topics include:

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| Who am I? | Personal Responsibility |
| Choosing to live beyond my history | Competence |
| Changing unproductive patterns | Industriousness |
| Creating a new world and new me | Integrity |
| Getting and spending a paycheck | My personal prosperity plan |

Classes are held each Monday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

February 22, 2010 to April 5, 2010

with a Graduation Ceremony on April 12, 2010

Babysitting Services Will Be Available

Catholic Charities
26 W. St. Charles Road
Lombard, IL 60148
Fax 630-495-9854

Any questions about the program, registration, transportation, homework, etc?

Please feel free to call:

Jane Tyschenko or Ron Madsen at (630) 495-8008

Participant Registration

Name: _____ Agency Referring: _____
 Address: _____ Contact Name: _____

 Phone: _____

**SHOUT TO THE LORD,
"CATHOLICS COME HOME!!!"**

The Lord wants you to do your part to support the "Catholics Come Home" Campaign. The Good Shepherd delights in finding His lost sheep. Invite relatives, friends, and even people who you struggle to be friends with to attend:

**A Joliet Diocese
Charismatic Renewal Healing Mass**

**Which Are Scheduled on the
Last Sunday of Every Month**

**This Month, the Mass Will Be on
Sunday, January 31, 2010**

**Father Jason Brooks Will Be the Celebrant
Deacon John Freund Will Be Assisting**

Sacred Heart Church

114 S. Elizabeth Street

Lombard, IL 60148

**Contemporary Christian Praise & Worship Music starts at 5:30 P.M.
With Celeste Donner
And The Donner Music Ministry**

Holy Mass is at 6:00 P.M.

As Catholics, we know and believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and that the Eucharist is an ultimate gift earned for us by Jesus' death on the Cross to strengthen us on our journey to be with God forever in Heaven.

**Come join us and be filled with
the peace and love of the Holy Spirit and
your brothers and sisters in Christ!**



SORPRESAS

La vida está llena de sorpresas, algunas placenteras y otras no. La Biblia está llena de relatos de las sorpresas de Dios que surgen cuando menos se las esperan: hijos menores que reciben la herencia; el menor que se sienta junto a la cabecera; un predicador itinerante que es crucificado como a un criminal, exaltado a la eterna gloria celestial.

Cualquiera que haya planeado una boda o evento similar sabe que están llenas de oportunidades para las sorpresas. Para el novio en el Evangelio de hoy, que no tiene contacto directo con Jesús, le llegó una agradable sorpresa porque otra persona prestó atención y tenía fe en Jesús.

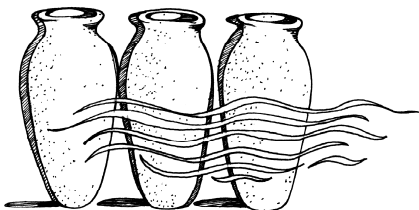
Tal vez pensamos que el punto del familiar relato de la boda de Caná es que cuando tenemos fe en Jesús, habrá cambios placenteros en nuestra vida. Sin embargo, el cristiano necesita tener una perspectiva más amplia y darse cuenta de que tener fe en Cristo significa que en la vida del otro —no necesariamente en la nuestra— habrá buenas sorpresas.

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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS OBSERVANCIAS

Domingo:	Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes:	Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.; Semana de Oración por la Unidad Cristiana
Martes:	Teofanía (Epifanía) Ortodoxa
Miércoles:	San Fabián; San Sebastián
Jueves:	Santa Inés
Viernes:	San Vicente; Día de Penitencia por Violaciones ontra la Dignidad de la Persona
Sábado:	Santa María Virgen

*Tú has guardado
el vino mejor
hasta ahora*



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SAN VICENTE (Siglo III)

22 de enero

San Vicente nació en Zaragoza, España y, debido a su buen uso de la palabra y formación académica, fue nombrado como coadjutor del obispo Valerio para que le ayudara en la predicación, pues el obispo era tartamudo. Una vez ordenado diácono se distinguió por la predicación elocuente y la defensa de la fe. Fue arrestado mientras visitaba a su obispo, preso a causa de la persecución impulsada por el emperador Daciano quien, al saber que visitó a su obispo mandó que lo apresaran, haciéndolo caminar desde Zaragoza hasta Valencia. Una vez preso se le sometió a la tortura, no obstante, la tortura no lograba nada y el emperador, lleno de ira, mandó que golpearan a los torturadores. Posteriormente le hizo encerrar en una celda oscura, llena de tientos filosos para que se cortara sus pies, pero no renunció a su fe cristiana, convirtió al carcelero y cantó himnos de alabanza. Finalmente, puesto que nada lograba contra él, lo encarceló de por vida y ahí, en la soledad de su celda y sus enfermedades encontró la muerte.

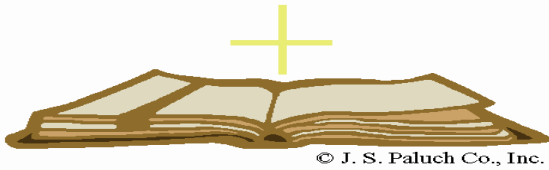
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Saturday, January 23 5:00 PM	Father Conway	Jamaica DeGuzman Leo Januszewski Grace Januszewski	Beth McNeeley Kathy Hamilton Maryann Gogola Marilyn John Chris John	Michael Januszewski
Saturday, January 23 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)	Father Conway			
Sunday, January 24 7:00 AM	Father Conway	Emily Hurst	Barbara Fidanza Valerie Schmidt Ginny Munson	Jack Cantlin
Sunday, January 24 8:30 AM	Father Conway	Payton Buresch Brooke Buresch Kevin Purackel	Rosanne Widrlechner Roberta Muehlhaus Geri Parker Art Leamy Maureen Chmel	Jan Walters
Sunday, January 24 10:00 AM	Father Tapper	Donald Wilkin Kacey Ford Danny Campagna	Paul Jara Kim Moustis Tara McCloskey Mary Barton Cathi Loris Katie Campagna Christine Campagna	Chuck Elly
Sunday, January 24 11:30 AM	Father Tapper	Michael O'Sullivan Jack O'Sullivan Matthew Santie	Lynn Thomas Susan Williams Marianne Koys Joan Deutschmann Marilou Alvarez	Marietta Dizon

There was a wedding between God and us: "to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse." God is faithful and true. Let us do the same.



Mass Intentions



Monday, Jan. 18-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Dora Wrobel
 † William Klein

Tuesday, Jan. 19-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Thomas Mangiantini Family
 † Edward Putlack

Wednesday, Jan. 20-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Giacomo Rinella

Thursday, Jan. 21-Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr

8:30 AM— † Chuck Widrlechner
 † Estella Tloczek

Friday, Jan. 22-Weekday

8:30 AM— † Roy Putlack

Saturday, Jan. 23-Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM— † Phyllis Cozzola
 6:30 PM— † Amanda Montemayor

Sunday, Jan. 24-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM— † Ray Broome
 8:30 AM— † Roy Putlack
 10:00 AM— † Arthur Newey
 11:30 AM— † Victoria Augustyn

Monday, January 18, 2010

Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Baptism Workshop	7:00 PM	CR
Catechist Meeting	7:00 PM	PC
Legion of Mary	7:30 PM	A

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Religious Education A [9]	4:00 PM	PC
Religious Education A [9]	6:30 PM	PC
10:00 Choir	7:30 PM	C

Thursday, January 21, 2010

F&A Council	7:00 PM	CR
8:30 Choir	7:30 PM	C

Friday, January 22, 2010

Youth Choir Rehearsal	4:00 PM	PC
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Saturday, January 23, 2010

Bible Study—Intro to James	9:00 AM	PC
Confirmation Interviews		PC
Latin America Collection		M

Sunday, January 24, 2010

Preschool [7]	10:00 AM	
Baptism Service	1:00 PM	C
Confirmation Interviews		PC
Latin America Collection		M

Key: C=Church; N=Narthex; M=Mass; A=Away;
 PC=Parish Center; MSR=Mother Seton Room;
 CR=Conference Room; G=Grounds



Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM, Thursday from 9:00 AM -4:30 PM. Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

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WEB SITE:
<http://www.divinesavior.net>

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:30 AM
SATURDAY: 5:00 PM
6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)
SUNDAY: 7:00 AM
8:30 AM
10:00 AM
11:30 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Mass of anticipation the
Evening before 7:00 PM
Holy day 7:30 AM
12:00 Noon

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30-4:40 PM and by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION

Stop in the Parish Office during regular business hours to register as a Divine Savior Parishioner.

BAPTISMS

Once a month at special Baptism Service. Arrangements must be made two months in advance. Parental preparation requires registration in the Parish, active Saturday or Sunday participation in Parish Worship and attendance at a Baptismal Preparation meeting. Please call the office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements for celebration of marriage must be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call Parish Office.

RCIA

Anyone seeking information about becoming a fully participating member of the Catholic Faith should contact the Parish Office. Classes begin in September.