



December 26, 2010
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph





Reflections From the Pastor

In the Tridentine Liturgy (before Vatican II), the gospel twice was proclaimed. The second proclamation came at the very end of the Mass and was known as the last Gospel. While the first gospel changed each Sunday, the second gospel remained the same. It was the prologue to the Gospel of John.

On Christmas Day the Church, as it celebrates the grand mystery of the Incarnation, proclaims the prologue to the Gospel of John. It is worth noting that for Christmas there are four separate liturgies with four different sets of readings: the Vigil of Christmas, Midnight Mass, the Mass at Dawn, and the Mass of the Day. Each Mass uses a different Gospel text. But what needs noting is that the various texts crescendo to the reading of St. John's Prologue, a meditation on the wondrous mystery of the Word of God becoming flesh among us.

The Second Vatican Council in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy speaks of two moments in the Mass when one is invited to experience communion with and in the Lord: the celebration of His Word and the celebration of the Eucharist. For the Church, there is an essential link between the two that brings to the Mass its unity.

It is sad that all too often the feast of Christmas is cheapened by sentimentality. For some, it is reduced to simply the notion of a birthday. Then, there is the statue of Santa Kneeling at the crib of Baby Jesus. Somehow the sense of awe is lost—awe at the marvelous surprise that God (who has brought and continues to bring, all that is into existence by His Word) now, through that very Word, visits His people in the person of the Christ, the Word, Jesus of Nazareth.

Each and every time one comes to the Table of the Lord at Eucharist, one is called to enter into the awesomeness of the Incarnation, to truly experience a communion in the Lord—body, soul and divinity. I think it's no accident that a few pages into the Gospel of John (6) one comes to the "Bread of Life" passage that follows Jesus feeding the multitude. It is Jesus, Word made flesh, who now tells us "to eat of His flesh and drink of His blood". John tells us that many who had walked with Jesus as His disciples found these words of the Master too difficult to accept. As many who find these words difficult and troubling, as many also find difficult the mystery of the Word of God being enfleshed in our humanity in the person of Jesus. Beautiful and meaningful the song: "Ave Verbum, corpus natum de Maria, virgine!" (Hail Word of God, flesh born of Mary, the Virgin).

- Fr. Bill Conway

En la Liturgia Tridentina (antes del Concilio Vaticano II), el evangelio fué proclamado por segunda vez. La segunda proclamación se dió al final de la Misa y se conocía como el último evangelio. Mientras que el primer Evangelio cambiaba cada Domingo, el segundo evangelio quedaba igual. Era el prólogo para el Evangelio de San Juan.

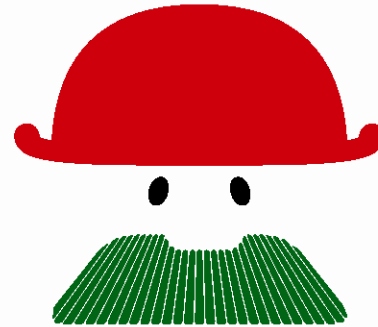
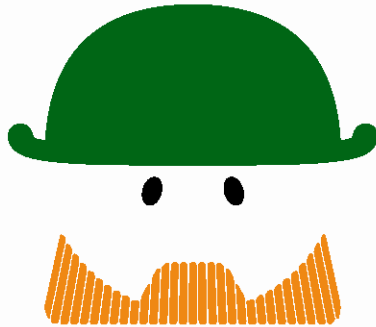
En el día de Navidad, la Iglesia, mientras celebra el gran misterio de la Encarnación, proclama el prólogo del Evangelio de San Juan. En Navidad, nada vale más la pena que, haya cuatro liturgias por separado con cuatro diferentes lecturas: la Vigilia de Navidad, Misa de Medianoche, la Misa de Alborada y la Misa del Día. Cada Misa usa un texto del Evangelio diferente. Pero lo que no necesita nada es que los variados textos en orden se dirigen a la lectura del Prólogo de San Juan, una meditación sobre el maravilloso misterio de la Palabra de Dios, que se vuelve carne entre nosotros.

El Segundo Concilio Vaticano, en la Constitución de la Sagrada Liturgia habla de dos momentos en la Misa cuando se nos invita a experimentar la Comunión con y en el Señor: la celebración de Su Palabra en la celebración de la Eucaristía. Para la Iglesia, han sido un eslabón fundamental que le dan a la Misa su unidad.

Es triste que muy continuamente, la fiesta de Navidad se inunda de sentimentalismo. Para algunos se reduce simplemente a la noción de un cumpleaños. Entonces se tiene la idea de Santa arrodillándose en la cuna del niño Jesús. De alguna manera, el sentido de conciencia se ha perdido – conciencia de lo maravilloso que Dios nos ha traído y continúa dándonos a través de nuestra existencia con su Palabra, y en esa palabra Cristo nos visita en persona, la Palabra, Jesús de Nazareth.

Cada vez que venimos a la Mesa del Señor para recibir la Eucaristía, se nos invita a entrar en la conciencia de la Encarnación, para experimentar verdaderamente una comunión en el Señor – cuerpo, alma y divinidad. Yo creo que no es accidental que en algunas páginas del Evangelio de San Juan (6) llegamos al pasaje llamado “Pan de Vida” que sigue a Jesús alimentando a la multitud. Es Jesús, la Palabra hecha carne, quien nos dice “coman de Su carne y beban de Su sangre”. Juan nos dice que muchos de quienes han caminado con Jesús como Sus discípulos, encontraron estas palabras del Maestro, muy difíciles de aceptar. Así como muchos que encuentran esas palabras difíciles y problemáticas, también encontramos dificultad en el misterio de la Palabra de Dios, siendo encarnado en nuestra humanidad en la persona de Jesús. Hermoso y lleno de significado el canto: “Ave Verbum, Corpus natum de Maria, virgine!” (Santa Palabra de Dios, carne nacida de María, la Virgen)

**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY EVENING
MARCH 5TH, 2011**



CABBAGE & CANNOLIS

**WE'LL MAKE YOU AN OFFER
THAT'S MAGICALLY DELICIOUS**

Grab your shillelaghs and brush up on your badda-bings, for an evening of excellent food, fun raffles and lots of dancin' at Divine Savior's St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day Dance!

We will be hosting our event at Ashton Place. Join us for a lively celebration of Irish & Italian cuisine plus fun entertainment!

 **MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**



GIVING TREE





Sunday, December 5-
Advent Speaker—Fr. Tom Borkowski
 —7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 12 -
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration—
Mass and Fiesta—4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15 -
 Simbang Gabi Celebration—7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 16 -
 Advent Penance Service—1:00 p.m.
 Advent Penance Service—7:00 p.m.



Saturday, December 4—3:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.
 Saturday, December 11—3:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

Thursday, December 16 -
Penance Service—1:00 p.m.
Penance Service—7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 18—3:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.
 No Confessions on December 25th and 31st



**Christmas
 Office Hours**

The Parish Offices will be closed from Friday, December 24th through Sunday, January 2nd. The answering service will be monitored for emergencies. We apologize for any inconvenience. The offices will reopen for regular hours on Monday, January 3rd. Thank you for your understanding.



*Christmas
 & New
 Year's
 Worship
 Schedule*

Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve
 4:00 p.m.—Family Mass
 9:30 p.m.—Christmas Choir Concert
 10:00 p.m.—Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 25—Christmas Day
 8:00 a.m.—Mass
 10:00 a.m.—Mass
 11:30 a.m.—Mass

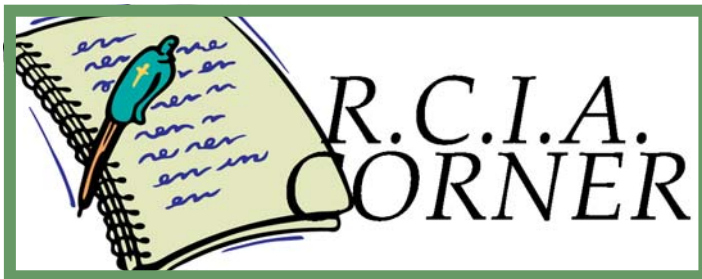
Sunday, December 26
 8:00 a.m.—Mass
 10:00 a.m.—Mass
 11:30 a.m.—Mass (Baptism Mass)
 1:30 p.m.—Spanish Baptisms

Friday, December 31— Eve Mary, Mother of God
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
 5:00 p.m.—Mass
 6:30 p.m.—Spanish Mass
 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 1—Mary, Mother of God, Not a Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 a.m.—Mass

Sunday, January 2—Epiphany
Regular Sunday Schedule



Paul Jara will present **Life & Teaching of Jesus, "King of the Journey,"** for the Tuesday, January 4th meeting at 7:00 p.m. Usually, our meetings are in the rectory basement (entrance on the eastside of the building) unless otherwise noted. Remember, everyone is invited to join our journey and may attend selected sessions or the whole journey. Hope you'll be there.

Tuesday, January 4:
"King of the Journey"
The Life & Teaching of Jesus
 Presenter: Paul Jara

Tuesday, January 11:
The Commandments
 Presenter: Art Leamy

Tuesday, January 18:
The Beatitudes
 Presenter: Jan Walters

Tuesday, January 25
Morality & Conscience
 Presenter: Father Bill



Date: Monday, January 31
 Time: 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Pastoral Center
 More details to follow shortly!!

Religious Formation News

Please note that the Religious Formation Office will be closed from Friday, December 24th through Sunday, January 2nd. We wish all of our Religious Formation families a most wonderful and blessed week between Christmas and Epiphany.



We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the following families:

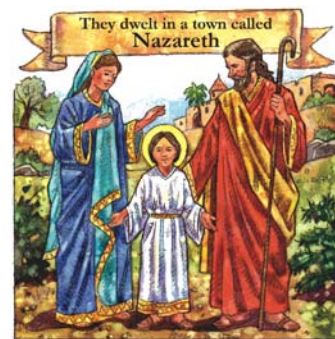


Donna Ramos-Keller who passed away on December 6, 2010 and whose funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, December 11, 2010.

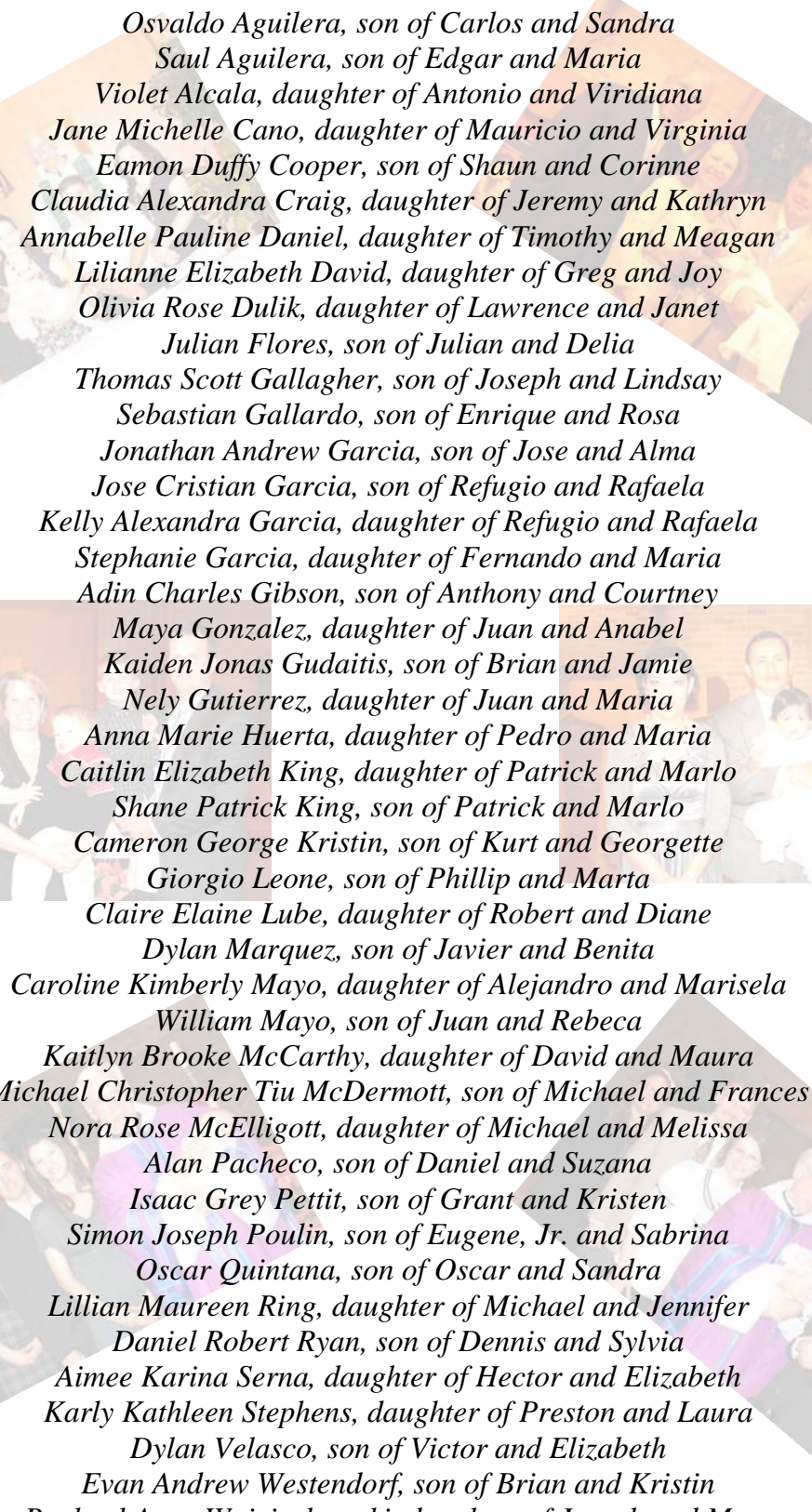
Edward Kania who passed away on December 7, 2010 and whose funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, December 11, 2010.



Please remember all of them in your prayers and pray also that their families may receive the Lord's consolation in their time of need.



We remember in a very special way these families whose children have been baptized at Divine Savior Parish in 2010:



Oswaldo Aguilera, son of Carlos and Sandra
Saul Aguilera, son of Edgar and Maria
Violet Alcala, daughter of Antonio and Viridiana
Jane Michelle Cano, daughter of Mauricio and Virginia
Eamon Duffy Cooper, son of Shaun and Corinne
Claudia Alexandra Craig, daughter of Jeremy and Kathryn
Annabelle Pauline Daniel, daughter of Timothy and Meagan
Lilianne Elizabeth David, daughter of Greg and Joy
Olivia Rose Dulik, daughter of Lawrence and Janet
Julian Flores, son of Julian and Delia
Thomas Scott Gallagher, son of Joseph and Lindsay
Sebastian Gallardo, son of Enrique and Rosa
Jonathan Andrew Garcia, son of Jose and Alma
Jose Cristian Garcia, son of Refugio and Rafaela
Kelly Alexandra Garcia, daughter of Refugio and Rafaela
Stephanie Garcia, daughter of Fernando and Maria
Adin Charles Gibson, son of Anthony and Courtney
Maya Gonzalez, daughter of Juan and Anabel
Kaiden Jonas Gudaitis, son of Brian and Jamie
Nely Gutierrez, daughter of Juan and Maria
Anna Marie Huerta, daughter of Pedro and Maria
Caitlin Elizabeth King, daughter of Patrick and Marlo
Shane Patrick King, son of Patrick and Marlo
Cameron George Kristin, son of Kurt and Georgette
Giorgio Leone, son of Phillip and Marta
Claire Elaine Lube, daughter of Robert and Diane
Dylan Marquez, son of Javier and Benita
Caroline Kimberly Mayo, daughter of Alejandro and Marisela
William Mayo, son of Juan and Rebeca
Kaitlyn Brooke McCarthy, daughter of David and Maura
Michael Christopher Tiu McDermott, son of Michael and Frances
Nora Rose McElligott, daughter of Michael and Melissa
Alan Pacheco, son of Daniel and Suzana
Isaac Grey Pettit, son of Grant and Kristen
Simon Joseph Poulin, son of Eugene, Jr. and Sabrina
Oscar Quintana, son of Oscar and Sandra
Lillian Maureen Ring, daughter of Michael and Jennifer
Daniel Robert Ryan, son of Dennis and Sylvia
Aimee Karina Serna, daughter of Hector and Elizabeth
Karly Kathleen Stephens, daughter of Preston and Laura
Dylan Velasco, son of Victor and Elizabeth
Evan Andrew Westendorf, son of Brian and Kristin
Rachael Anne Wojciechowski, daughter of Joseph and Mary
Luke Ryder Zizek, son of Richard and Marcia

Enter the Grand Raffle Today

There will be 33 \$1,000 winners!



St. Joseph Parish is pleased to partner with Divine Savior to offer the Grand Raffle for the first time!

The Raffle is a great way to generate excitement and support of our parish communities, as well as Catholic education. There are two options to enter – \$50 for one ticket or \$100 for three tickets – that gives you up to 20 chances to win \$1,000 over a 2-month period. Proceeds support Divine Savior's and St. Joseph's ministries and parishes.

In December and January, we'll have 10 Grand Prize winners of \$1,000!

That's 20 \$1,000 winners! Monthly drawings will be held in The St. Joseph Church Narthex at 4801 Main Street following 5 pm Mass on December 19, 2010, and at St. Joseph Trivia Night on January 22, 2011 – everyone is welcome! You don't need to be present to win. Additionally, if you sell a winning ticket, you'll be entered into a \$1,000 drawing that month.

Each ticket is a \$50 donation, or get THREE tickets for \$100.

All entrants will be added back to the Raffle for subsequent drawings, so you could win more than once! We accept cash, check or credit cards for payment (Visa, Mastercard, Discover). Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph School.

Here's how to enter

Please call Matt Borgard at 630-969-3467 for tickets. You can also buy tickets at the Divine Savior Church Office, or mail to: Divine Savior Church Office, Attn: Grand Raffle 6700 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516.

Enter the Grand Raffle today for your chance to win!



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St. Nicholas Festival

On Monday, December 6, a number of our small children and their parents celebrated the feast of St. Nicholas. The celebration started with a prayer service in the Church, followed by a festival in the Pastoral Center with crafts and food. As these pictures show, the children had a lot of fun!



Father Bill with the children at the St. Nicholas Festival.



A couple of the teens working on crafts with a few children.



Treats—such as bags of popcorn—were available to all.



Father Bill watching one of the smaller children work on her craft.



Even adults got to try their hands at coloring with the children.



Due to the early publishing deadline, figures are not available at this time.



Please keep Father Robert Sum in your prayers. He has been diagnosed with colon and rectal cancer. He is currently undergoing treatment and we pray for his speedy recovery. If you would like to send him a get well card, his address is:

St. Procopius Abbey
5601 College Road
Lisle, IL 60532-4463




**PRAY FOR OUR
MILITARY**

If you have family members currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces overseas, we would like to include their names in our weekly bulletin so that parishioners could include them in their prayers. Please submit their names with branch of service to bulletin@divinesavior.net. Please notify us when the service person returns home.

WE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- Nicholas Leamy—Navy, Okinawa
- Greg Jablonski—Army, Iraq
- Jeremiah Curtis—Taji, Iraq
- Nicholas Zefeldt—Army, Afghanistan
- Joe Giltug—Army, Afghanistan
- Calven Ourren—Air Force, Afghanistan
- Kristopher Bosi—Marines, Afghanistan
- David Leamy—Army, Kuwait
- Gerardo Serriteno—Army, Afghanistan

Christmas comes but once a year. But you can be Christ to others the remaining 364 days. In fact, He is counting on you.

				
Friday, December 31 5:00 PM	Father Conway	Sign-up	Ray Vicha Bev Goste Chris John Marilyn John Kathy Hamilton	Geri Parker
Friday, December 31 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)	Father Conway			
Saturday, January 1 9:00 AM	Father Conway	Sign-up	Sign-up	Ginny Munson
Sunday, January 2 8:00 AM	Father Conway	Carolyn Heinrich	Barbara Fidanza Pam O'Donnell Ralphine DiProspero Herb Gosewisch George Koltz Janice Walters Helen Bienik	Dave Gallagher
Sunday, January 2 10:00 AM	Father Conway	Jami Leach Danny Campagna Sarah Major	Fe Asuncion Christine Campagna Debbie Campagna Katie Campagna Traci Leach Donna Dhein Janet Orr	Elaine Jara
Sunday, January 2 11:30 AM	Father Conway	Matthew Santie Michael Dizon Kevin O'Sullivan	Eric Alvarez Marilou Alvarez Mercedes Selvarajan Eric Dizon	Marietta Dizon

Jesus chose to be born and to grow up within a family. His family, made up of his foster father Joseph, his mother Mary and himself, was marked by holiness, love and fidelity to God's will.

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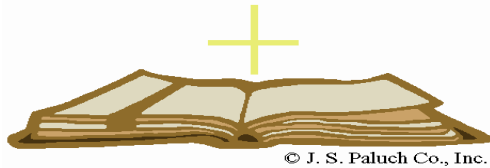
Bible

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intentions



Monday, Dec. 27-Saint John, apostle and evangelist

8:30 AM— † Loraine Sigerich

Tuesday, Dec. 28-Holy Innocents, martyrs

8:30 AM— † Una Walters
 † Lourdes Lozada

Wednesday, Dec. 29-Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM— † Ludwik & Antoinette Makowski

Thursday, Dec. 30-Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM— † Dorothy Vrastil
 † Chacko Stephen

Friday, Dec. 31-Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM— † Meredith Williams

Saturday, Jan. 1-Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM— For a Blessed Happy New Year

Sunday, Jan. 2-Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM— † Richard Holec
 10:00 AM— † Robert Heartt
 11:30 AM— † Baby Luke Zicarelli

KEY: A=Away; C=Church; **CR**=Conference Room; G=Grounds; M=Mass; **MSR**=Mother Seton Room; N=Narthex; **PC**=Pastoral Center; **RB**=Rectory Basement

Monday, December 27, 2010

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 29, 2010

Office Closed

Thursday, December 30, 2010

Office Closed

Friday, December 31, 2010

No 8:30 a.m. Mass
 Office Closed
 Masses of anticipation 5:00 PM M
 (Spanish) 6:30 PM M
 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament C
 following 6:30 Mass until
 midnight

Saturday, January 1, 2011

Food Drive [FISH] N
 Mass 9:00 AM M
 No 5:00 or 6:30 Mass

Sunday, January 2, 2011

Food Drive [FISH] N
 Baptism Workshop 1 11:00 AM CR
 Women's Cursillo 3:00 PM RB
 Vespers 7:00 PM





Contacting the Parish

The Parish Office is open Monday-Wednesday from 7:30 AM - 8:30 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:00), Thursday from 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:00). Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

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Eucharist Min.: EM@divinesavior.net
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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:	8:00 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 Baptismal Preparation meetings. 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.