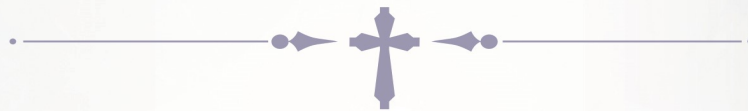


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PREPARE



“Prepare the way
of the Lord.”

MARK 1:3

“Preparen el camino
del Señor, enderecen
sus senderos”.

MARCOS 1, 3



St. Did's Nook

Find your place this Advent

It all begins with a cry in the wilderness. In the amazing cartoon movie (and the musical version) *The Lion King*, the action opens with the piercing wake-up call of Rafiki, the wise old baboon, who calls all the animals of the kingdom to take their place in the circle of life. The slow, insistent gathering of the animals is a powerful symbol of how every creature responds to the one call.

Today we read the opening lines of the gospel of Mark, which begins similarly, with the wise and wild John the Baptist calling all who would listen to take their place in the reign of God. It's a wake-up call, a voice crying out in the wilderness. Prepare the way.

At the culmination of this opening number of *The Lion King*, all the animals of the jungle have gathered and focused on the king and on the arrival of the king's son, who is held high above all the other creatures.

The culmination of John the Baptist's preaching was to focus everyone on the will of God and to point to God's son, Jesus, the one "who is mightier than I." In each scenario, all creatures gain a reference point beyond themselves and a focus that lets them know who they are and how they are to live.

Fr. Rey



¡Gracias!

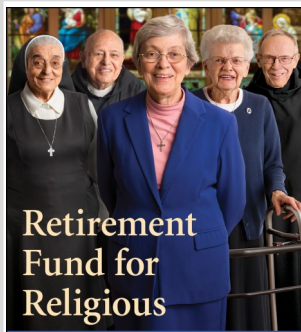
Thank you to the Divine Mercy Group who raised \$750.00 last weekend from their tamale sale to help the needs of the parish.



OUTDOOR MASS

We need volunteers to set up for Saturday 4pm Mass

We need a regular crew for the 4pm Mass who can come early to set up for the Mass, put chairs out, sanitize chairs and put canopies up. Call the Parish Office if you can help. 619.284.3472



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give generously to the upcoming collection.

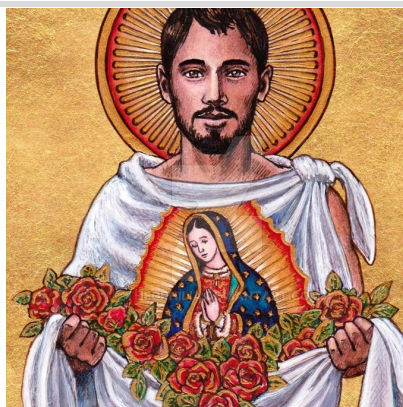
From left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSC; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCNY; Sister Anne Cecilia Muldowney, OCSO; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB. ©2020 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved.

Next weekend has been designated for the Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have served our Church and world. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet hundreds of religious communities do

not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. There are special envelopes available for this collection. Please take one with you and return them in the collection basket next week or to the Parish office. Please be generous.

Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm effective November 28th until further notice.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

On Saturday, December 12th, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Here is the story of her miraculous image. In the middle of December, 1531, our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego, a native of Mexico. She

petitioned for a Chapel to be built for her honor, and so St. Juan Diego went to the bishop to ask that this Chapel be built. However the bishop asked for a sign that this was really a request from the Blessed Mother. Then, St. Juan Diego went back to Mary, and she gave him roses, which generally did not bloom in December. He took them to the bishop, and when he took them out of his cloak, a picture of Mary was left on the fabric, which is still viewable in Mexico to this day. The picture has many hidden symbols, and has been the subject of a lot of study for many years.

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patroness of the Americas, pray for us!

Join us for our Spanish Mass on the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday, December 12th at 7:30am.



Christmas Novena of Masses

Remember your loved ones at Christmas time by enrolling them in our Christmas Novena of Masses—December 16th through December 24th. Please return your Novena envelope to the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 15th.

Christmas Mass Schedule



Thursday, December 24th
4:00pm Family Mass — English
7:00pm Bilingual Mass
Friday, December 25th
8:30am Mass — English
10:00 Mass—Spanish

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!

Sunday Masses

(Outdoor Effective November 28th)

Saturday 4:00pm (New time)

Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am in English and 11:30am in Spanish

Daily Mass

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:30am /Tues. 6:00pm

Thursday 7pm Mass in Spanish

Eucharistic Adoration

Suspended until further notice

Confessions—Saturday 3:30pm or by appointment

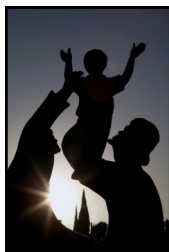
Baptisms: Arrangements must be made 3 months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for information.

Weddings: Arrangements must be made at least 9 months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

Mental Health Ministry Direct Line: For emergencies call 911. For non-emergencies please call 619-940-6193 or email saintdidacusmhm@gmail.com.

Pastor, Rev. Reynaldo Roque

**We continue to take your calls at the
Parish Office 619-284-3472**



Mass Intentions

Saturday.....December 5

4:00pm.....† John Matranga

† Ignacio and Modesta Alcazar

Sunday.....December 6

8:30am.....Members of the Altar Society

10:00am.....People of St. Didacus

11:30am.....† Alberto Platas

Elena Garcia de Platas, Spec. Int.

Monday.....December 7

7:30am.....† Fr. Al Ryan

Tuesday.....December 8

7:30am.....George Morzinski, Spec. Int.

and †Janice Morzinski

6:00pm.....† Mary Scott

Wednesday.....December 9

7:30am.....Msgr. Robert J. Ecker, Spec. Int.

Thursday.....December 10

9:00am.....† Leonard and Clara Geschwender

7:00pm........† Encisco Family, Spec. Int.

Friday.....December 11

7:30am.....John and Antoinette Polak, Spec. Int.

Saturday.....December 12

7:30am.....Travis Watson, Spec. Int.

4:00pm.....† Ronald and Gerald Redmond

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Tony Allen
Tessa Anderson
Diann Bauer
Dan Bauer
Martha Becerra
Bob Bellesi
Herminia Brignoni
Gail Cedercrans
Fred Cepeda
Irene Davis
Bob Demers
Josie Demers
Mick Donahue
Cecelia Dueber
Carlita Durand
Daniel Galvan
Irma Gordillo
Susan Guenzel
Anthony Flores
Tony Flores
Rocio Frias
Stan Hammack
Dolores Hansel
Maria Antonia Hernandez
Hernandez Family

Jennifer Hughes & Family
Al Hunt
Joanne Hunt
Ponciano Jimenez
Emily Johnson
Paul Kasha
Meri Kerekanich
Kerekanich Family
Marilyn Kober
Elizabeth La Costa
Irene Lazo
Juanita Lopez
Paul Mansell
Miguel Martinez
Terrence McCabe
Emma McPherson
Dolores Mediano
Peter Napolitano
Alex Piatek
Lupita Plascencia
Judith Pratt
Mark Price
Ruben Ranquel
Antonia Raya
Betty Rios

Pilar Rosas
Victor M. Sanchez
Shirley Scinocca
Carol Schmidt
Beverly Stemper
Phillip Sturock
Vaneza Torres
Maria Winters
Jean Woody
Helen Yturralde
Joan Venverloh

**And the special
intentions
in our Book of
Needs.**





Blessings and Thank you to the Martinez Family

Since the late 1960's Amelia and Antonio Martinez were faithful and active members of St. Didacus Parish. Their children and grandchildren attended St. Didacus school. After retirement, Antonio and Amelia served as active volunteers and

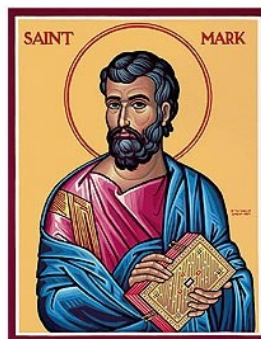
Eucharistic ministers for the parish. Amelia was a member of the Altar Society (Antonio was an honorary member) and volunteered as a classroom aide at St. Didacus School. Their faith was a gift to their children and a blessing in their lives.

In 2007, Amelia passed away suddenly and one year ago Antonio passed at the age of 95. They lived and worked selflessly for their family their entire lives.

Antonio and Amelia's greatest wish was that the fruit of their lives work would benefit their children and their Church. Their devotion to their Catholic faith was total, and, for that reason, they felt a duty to give back some of their blessings Our Lord had bestowed upon them.

Earlier this year, Amelia and Antonio's estate provided a gift to the parish for students attending St. Didacus School. The gift will help attending students in need of tuition assistance through a scholarship fund in their name.

Their donation was given with love and thanksgiving for their Catholic faith. We ask that you keep Antonio and Amelia, as well as their children, Christina Bowman, Mark Martinez, Roxanne Buelte, Julia Padfield, their grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in your prayers.



The Gospel of Mark

During this new liturgical year the Church meditates on the Gospel of Mark and uses it for most of the Sunday readings. Among the four Gospels, Mark's account is unique in many ways. It is the shortest account and seems to be the

earliest. Both Luke and Matthew use much of Mark's text. Luke's account contains over half of the verses in Mark's account (some 350 verses out of a total 660 verses in Mark). Unlike Luke and Matthew who begin their accounts with the events surrounding the birth of the Messiah, Mark begins his account with Jesus' public ministry and the mission of John the Baptist. Mark leaves no doubt as to who Jesus was. In the very first sentence of his account he proclaims that Jesus is the "Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). Jesus was not simply a man among men, but one who caused great wonder, amazement, and awe upon those who encountered him.: "They were astonished at his teaching" (Mk 1:22); "they were all amazed" (Mk 1:27); "they were utterly astounded" (Mk 6:51); "the disciples were amazed at his words" (Mk 10:24), etc.

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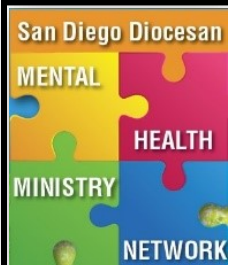
Join us for a three week session to explore the Gospel of Mark during the Advent season. Contact the parish office for details and a link to our Zoom meeting.

***St. Mark Zoom Meeting at 7 PM
Thursday's Dec. 10th and 17th
This is open to the whole community.
We look forward to seeing you!***



Did you know that each week of Advent has a "theme" or idea to think about? The second week of Advent's theme is JOY! Think today of all the joy in this month: the joy of planning for the holy day of Christmas, the joy of sharing with others by giving them gifts, and especially the joy of knowing that Jesus gave himself as a gift to the world on that first Christmas!

—365 Fun Facts for Catholic Kids



The St. Didacus
Mental Health Ministry
invites you to a
“Care—Prayer—Support”
Gathering
Sunday, December 6th
7:00pm—7:45pm
St. Didacus Prayer Garden

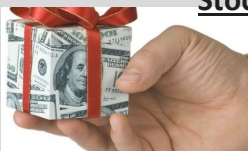
You are invited to experience the comfort and encouragement of God’s grace that is possible when you connect and pray with others.



*On Tuesday,
December 8th
we will celebrate the
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:30am Mass-English
6:00pm Mass-Bilingual

Stock and IRA Charitable Gift Donations



Have I been blessed with many gifts and am I inspired by Gospel teaching and my Catholic values that charitable giving is a profound and joy-inspiring expression of love and gratitude? How can I live out my Catholic values and put them into action for the greater good of the community? Your stock contribution will help you live out your Catholic values and benefit your parish or school at the same time. For more information on making a gift please visit our diocesan website at www.sdcatholic.org and click on Giving – Stock Donations at the top of the website. Or, you may contact the Office for Stewardship, Manny Aguilar, at 858-490-8294 or call Daniel Pritchard at Merrill Lynch, the Diocese’s broker, at 760-930-3122.



Christmas Poinsettia Donations

This year the season of Advent and Christmas will feel a little different in the sanctuary. We will still be doing some decorating including the poinsettias.

If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, St. Didacus liturgical environment committee is asking for RED POINSETTIA donations for our Christmas environment. The committee will be accepting your poinsettia donations in the parish office between December 13th and December 20th.

For questions or to help with the changing our liturgical environment, please contact the parish office at 619.284.3472 or by e-mail at mainoffice@stdidacuschurch.org.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Try out the Knights of Columbus - For Free!

The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael J. McGivney was beatified on October 31st. In honor of his beautification, the Knights are offering **FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP** through December 31st. There's no reason not to join for free and participate in our charitable works, faith efforts, and fraternal brotherhood. Interested men simply need to visit kofc.org/joinus and enter the code **CAKOFC** to take advantage of this special offer or call parishioner, Tom Davis, 619 929 9964 for more information.



Observances for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Friday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dear Lord,

Through the darkness,
I look for your wisdom.
I want my heart to be open to you.
But sometimes in these days,
it seems that
so many things come between us.
Help me to be awake and aware
of the radiance you bring to my life.
Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends. Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world. Let me pray especially for this difficult world and those who are so in need of an end to violence.
My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today. *Amen*





Notas del Padre Rey

Encuentra tu lugar en este Adviento

Todo comienza con un grito en el desierto, en la increíble película de dibujos animados (y la versión musical) El Rey León, la acción se abre con la penetrante llamada de atención de Rafiki, el viejo y sabio babuino, que llama a todos los animales del reino a ocupar su lugar en el círculo de la vida.

La reunión lenta e insistente de los animales es un símbolo poderoso de cómo cada criatura responde a una llamada. Hoy leemos las primeras líneas del evangelio de Marcos, que comienza de manera similar, con el sabio y salvaje llamado de Juan Bautista a todos los que quisieran escuchar y ocupar su lugar en el reino de Dios. Es una llamada de atención, una voz que grita en el desierto. Prepara el camino. En la culminación de este número de apertura de El Rey León, todos los animales de la jungla se han reunido y se han concentrado en el rey y en la llegada del hijo del rey, que se destaca por encima de todas las demás criaturas.

La culminación de la predicación de Juan el Bautista fue enfocar a todos en la voluntad de Dios y mostrarnos al hijo de Dios, Jesús, *"el es más poderoso que yo"*.

En cada escenario, todas las criaturas obtienen un punto de referencia más allá de ellas mismas y un enfoque que les permite saber quiénes son y cómo van a vivir.

P. Rey



Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Patrona de las Américas, ¡ruega por nosotros!

Acompáñenos a nuestra celebración de la Misa en español para celebrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el **Sábado 12 de diciembre a las 7:30 am**, vengase abrigado.

El martes 8 de Diciembre

Celebraremos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

Misa Bilingüe 6 PM

Acompáñenos



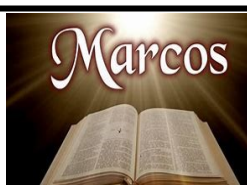
Donaciones de Noche Buenas para Navidad

Este año, la temporada de Adviento y Navidad se sentirá un poco diferente. Estaremos haciendo algunas decoraciones, para navidad con noche buenas. Si desea regalar una en honor a un ser querido, el comité de ambiente litúrgico de San Didacus está solicitando donaciones de noche buenas rojas para las decoraciones navideñas. Las puede traer **a partir del 13 al 20 de diciembre**. Si tiene pregunta o para ayudar con el cambio de nuestro entorno litúrgico, comuníquese a la oficina parroquial al 619.284.3472 o por correo electrónico a mainofice@stdidacuschurch.org. ¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!



ZOOM MEETING EVANGELIO MARCOS

Martes 15 de dic. - 7 PM
Martes 22 de dic.—7 PM



Comuníquese con Elena si quiere participar en estas clases en línea son gratuitas, para que ella les envíe el link de zoom.

Muchas gracias al comité de Hospitalidad por todo su trabajo el día de Gracias, y durante todos los domingos, por mantener a nuestra comunidad sana con la sana distancia y desinfectar después de cada misa. ¡Que Dios los bendiga!

