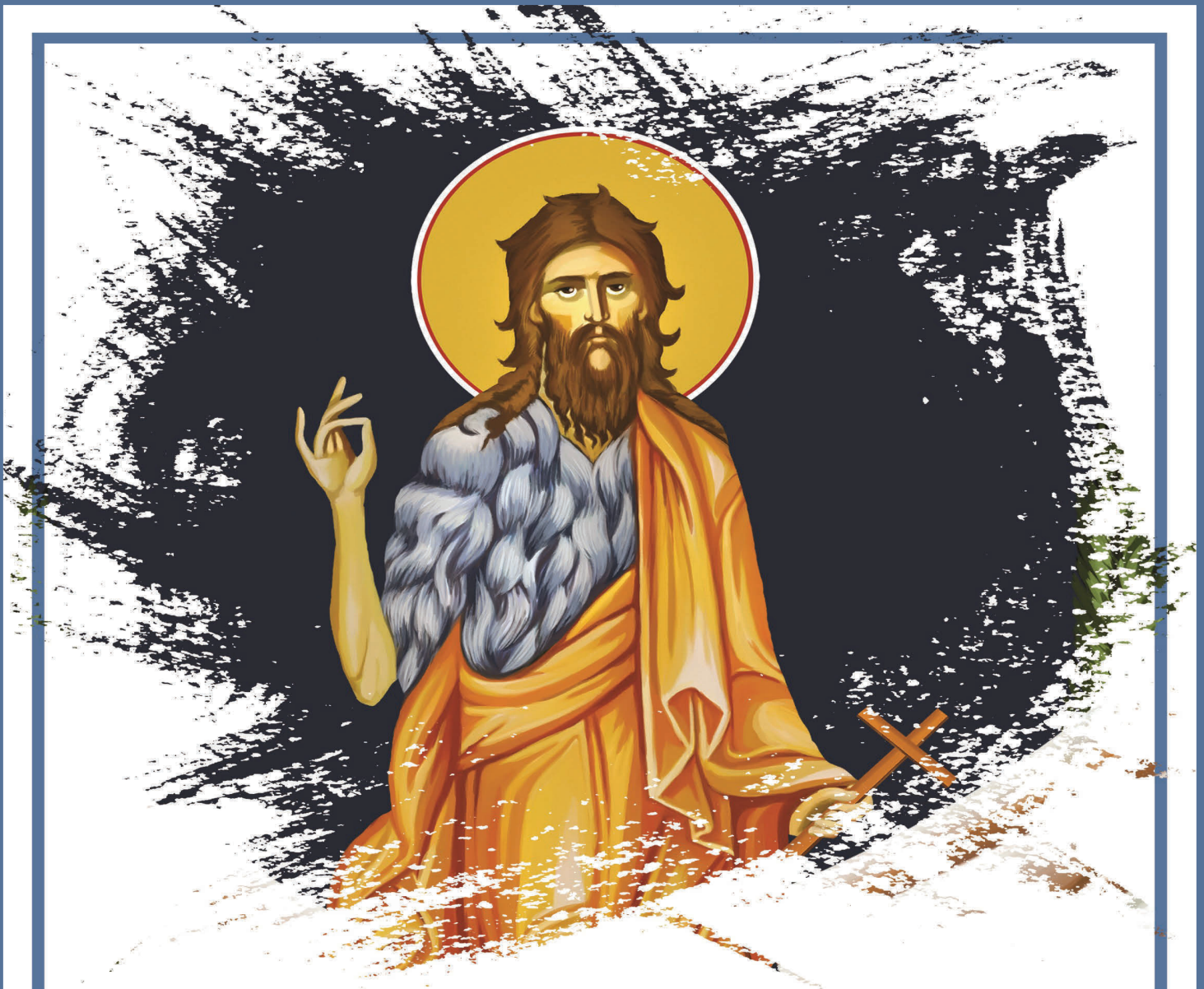


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A MAN NAMED JOHN WAS SENT FROM GOD. HE CAME
FOR TESTIMONY, TO TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT, SO THAT
ALL MIGHT BELIEVE THROUGH HIM. — JN 1:6-7

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ESTE VINO COMO TESTIGO, PARA DAR TESTIMONIO DE LA
LUZ, PARA QUE TODOS CREYERAN POR MEDIO DE ÉL. EL
NO ERA LA LUZ, SINO TESTIGO DE LA LUZ. — JN 1, 6-7

3^{ER} DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



St. Did's Nook

Labels get sticky

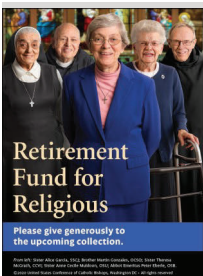
I was at a birthday party standing around the chips and dip with a number of people, most of whom I hadn't met before. We were enjoying lively conversation about movies, politics, and current events. Then one of the people made a pointed comment about capital punishment. Clearly he had strong feelings about the appropriateness of capital punishment, but it wasn't clear whether he was for it or against it.

What was clear is that he was fishing to find out how the rest of us felt. His question was designed to put the rest of us on the spot while not having to take a risk of his own.

The question wasn't really meant to involve people in an honest and respectful search for mutual understanding but rather was a means for him to pin each of us down on some arbitrary scale of his making. Then he could deal with each of us not as persons but as a category.

John the Baptist went through the same ordeal with the representatives of religious leaders who were out to get him. He was burning inside with a message of repentance and openness to the power of God, and all the religious leaders wanted to know was what religious camp he was in. They weren't true seekers trying to broaden their own understanding. Instead they were cowards who wanted to diminish this passionate prophet by reducing him to a label.

Fr. Rey



This 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. Please take an envelope and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish office. Thank you.



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.



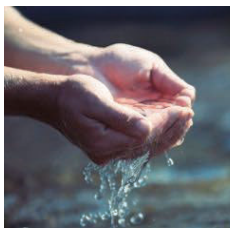
9th Annual San Diego Walk for Life

Stand up for Life at the 9th annual San Diego Walk for Life: a hybrid week-long event (January 11-16, 2021) which includes a series of webinars, a virtual concert, two masses, and a vehicle caravan that will replace the actual walk. The theme is *"Never Alone: Meeting their Needs at Every Turn."* Mass will be outdoors with a live-stream option. We encourage you to show your pro-life spirit by wearing blue for the webinars and Mass and by decorating your cars with life-affirming signs. Check the entire program at www.sdcatholic.org/event/san-diego-walk-for-life.



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 as soon as possible.



A Baptism of Repentance

Forms of "baptism" were common in the Judaism of Gospel times. But John's baptism was distinctive: his baptism at the Jordan was a rite of repentance and metanoia—a *conversion of heart and spirit*.

John's ministry fulfilled the promise of Ezekiel: at the dawn of a new age, the God of Israel would purify his people from their sins with clear water and instill in them a new heart and spirit.

Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

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

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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 2:30pm-3:30pm or by appointment

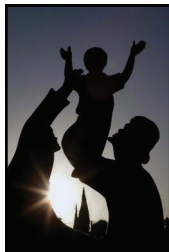
Baptisms: Arrangements must be made 3 months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for information.

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 12

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

Roxanne Tylosky, Spec. Int.

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

Sunday.....December 13

8:30am.....† Norman Boyer

10:00am.....Hunt Family, Spec. Int.

11:30am.....People of St. Didacus

Monday.....December 14

7:30am.....† Albert Shepard

Tuesday.....December 15

6:00pm.....Gail Cedercrans, Spec. Int.

Wednesday.....December 16

7:30am.....Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena

Thursday.....December 17

7:30am.....Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena

7:00pm.....Robert Hodge, Spec. Int.

Friday.....December 18

7:30am.....Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena

Saturday.....December 19

4:00pm.....Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena

Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm until further notice.



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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.





Thank you to the 6th Grade Class and their families for participating at our Family Mass last Saturday, December 5th.

St. Didacus Parish School will be on Christmas break from December 21, 2020 through January 1, 2021. School will resume on Monday, January 4th.

3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**



**DON'T TOUCH
YOUR FACE**

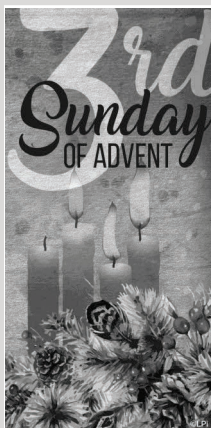


**KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE**

Stay Connected While You're Away.



Go to www.parishesonline.com to view your church bulletin and stay up to date.



Gaudete Sunday

Rejoice Always

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as "Gaudete Sunday." *Gaudete* is the Latin word for "rejoice." We light the pink candle on our Advent wreaths to highlight the joyful mood that is elicited by our growing awareness that the Lord is near. Like Mary, we do not rejoice in ourselves or in our possessions, but "our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior," the Son of God who alone can bring true "joy to the world!"

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

The Voice of Saint Mark



The beginning of Advent marked the start of a new liturgical year for the Church.

We are now in Year B and our guide for most of the Sunday readings will be St. Mark. What will we hear when we listen attentively to the voice of Saint Mark?

In the first eight chapters of his gospel, Mark is primarily concerned with presenting Jesus's identity as the Son of God in such a way that it could be readily apprehended by a first century Jewish mind. Jesus's divinity is writ large as we read about the Father's endorsement of his son (1:11) and Jesus's subsequent public ministry in the rural region of Galilee, where he repeatedly manifests his power and authority, firstly over evil spirits. They have kept numerous people's souls and bodies bound for years, yet they have no choice but to obey Christ's command to depart. In fact, the first acknowledgement of Jesus as the Holy One of God comes from a demon who finds his presence unbearable (1:23-28). Jesus then claims and exercises the authority to forgive sins (2:1-12) and, following this, the sabbath comes under his rapidly extending dominion (2:23-28). Since the sabbath has its origins in the Genesis creation story, it comes as no surprise that Jesus then displays the ability to calm the stormy sea (4:35-41) – even the natural world is obedient to the one who was present in the beginning. Finally, when Jesus brings Jairus's daughter back to life (5:21-43), Mark shows us that Jesus's authority extends even beyond this world and into the realm of the after-life. ----www.thinkingfaith.org/articles

Join us for our last 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, December 17th
This is open to the whole community.
We look forward to seeing you!***

Observances for the week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent



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 beatification, 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.

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.



St Lucy's Lesson of Light

Light is very important to us as humans. Light is a necessity as darkness sets in. As humans we count on and sometimes take for granted the physical light around us as well as the light within. That is, until we know darkness. St. Lucy, whose feast day is celebrated on December 13, is known as the patron saint of blindness. Legend has it that St. Lucy was tortured by Diocletian because of her deep faith. Legend continues that her eyes were taken and concludes that God miraculously restored Lucy's eyesight. The important message, as I "see" it, is the importance of light and living our faith openly and without fear. -- www.loyolapress.com/saint-lucy

¡Gracias! Thank you!

Thank you very much to everyone who made the Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe so beautiful.



Thank you for the decorations...
Thank you to the choir for the beautiful music and singing...
Thank you for the delicious food...

"O God, you have been pleased to bestow upon us unceasing favors by having placed us under the special protection of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant us, your humble servants, who rejoice in honoring her today upon earth, the happiness of seeing her face to face in heaven...."



Casa de los Pobres

"We invite you to share your Christmas generosity with our impoverished sisters and brothers who live in the polluted hills and dumps of Tijuana. They are our neighbors in Jesus. Several days prior to Christmas they receive a special bag of food which, this year will be about \$50. Last year, with your help, we provided for over 1600 families.

This year, no toys will be allowed to cross the border for Christmas, but we can provide these sorely needed items to make the holidays brighter for our brothers and sisters in Tijuana:

- New shoes and socks
- New Blankets
- Caps
- Tarps
- FOOD! (protein-based food especially needed now)
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Milk, etc.
- MULTI-VITAMINS (especially needed now).

You can drop off your gifts at:
6432 Cardeno Drive
La Jolla, Ca 92037

We are happy to share what God has given us with those who suffer cold, hunger and extreme deprivation as a part of daily life.

• Tax deductible donations to Casa de los Pobres, USA (tax ID# 45-0514951) insures a happy and warmer Christmas for hundreds of our brothers and sisters in Christ. You can donate at their website. Everything goes to the people as we have NO Overhead.

<http://www.casadelospobresusa.com/about-the-non-profit-group/donate-to-the-casa/>

Or please make your checks out "Casa de los Pobres, USA" and mail to the address or drop your gift in the collection baskets or at the church office with an inscription "Casa de los Pobres" on the envelope or package. Thank you!

Notas del Padre Rey

Las etiquetas se vuelven pegajosas



Estaba en una fiesta de cumpleaños de pie junto a las papas fritas y un dip con algunas personas, la mayoría de las cuales no había conocido antes. Disfrutamos de una animada conversación sobre películas, política y eventos actuales.

Luego, una de las personas hizo un comentario sobre la pena de muerte. Claramente, tenía fuertes sentimientos sobre la conveniencia de la pena de muerte, pero no estaba claro si estaba a favor o en contra. Lo que estaba claro es que estaba pescando para saber cómo nos sentíamos los demás. Su pregunta fue diseñada para ponernos en un aprieto sin tener que correr riesgos por su cuenta. La pregunta no tenía la intención de involucrar a las personas en una búsqueda honesta y respetuosa de entendimiento mutuo, sino más bien era un medio para que él nos ubicara en una escala arbitraria de su creación. Entonces podría tratar con cada uno de nosotros no como personas sino como una categoría.

Juan el Bautista pasó por la misma prueba con los representantes de los líderes religiosos que querían atraparlo. Estaba ardiendo por dentro con un mensaje de arrepentimiento y apertura al poder de Dios, y todo lo que los líderes religiosos querían saber era en qué campo religioso se encontraba. No eran verdaderos buscadores que intentaran ampliar su propio entendimiento. En cambio, eran cobardes que querían menospreciar a este apasionado profeta reduciéndolo a una etiqueta.

P. Rey

Parroco

MUCHAS GRACIAS

A todos los que hicieron posible nuestra celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe ayer, gracias por las bellas decoraciones, gracias a quienes prepararon los tamales y champurrado para hacer posible ganar un dinerito para nuestra parroquia.



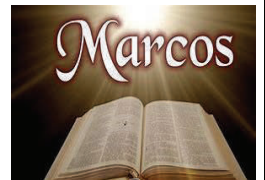
Novenario de Misas



Recuerde a sus seres queridos en el Novenario de Misas de Navidad, inscribiéndolos, a las misas, del 16 al 24 de diciembre. Por favor devuelva su sobre a la oficina parroquial lo antes posible.

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.

Donaciones de Noche Buenas para las decoraciones de 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 14 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!



Para Reflexionar: Piensa en un momento en que alguien te hizo un gesto de amor y bondad. ¿Como te hizo sentir eso? ¿Como puedes corresponder con un acto de amor y bondad a otra persona?