

St. Didacus Catholic Community

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

"Hoy les ha nacido, en la ciudad de David, un salvador,
que es el Mesías, el Señor". - Lc 2, 11



¡Muchas Gracias! Thank you!

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

The Divine Mercy group raised \$900 for the needs of the parish from the tamale sale.

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





St. Did's Nook

Let God be God

In his fine book *The Works of Mercy: The Heart of Catholicism*, James F. Keenan, S.J. recounts a time he gathered for a spirituality conference with a group of priests and nuns, most of whom were models of joy, love, fidelity, and service.

There was one, however described by the author, "who was miserable and who perpetually manipulated her community by her very dominating dispositions."

Participants were asked by the group leader to tell the dominant image of God that they had when they prayed. Keenan reports an impressive variety of ways God leads people at different times in their spiritual lives.

The leader asked the "miserable one" to contribute, as she had not yet spoken. "I have always prayed to the Infant Jesus," she said. "What does he say to you?" the leader asked. "He's a baby, he can't talk," she snapped. "Well, what do you do?" the leader inquired. "I take care of him. I change his diapers, burp him, let others visit with him. When their time is up, I send them away." The group was stunned into silence.

Keenan writes, "I saw how this person never let God speak to her. She had infantilized God, kept God in a crib, pampered God. She had such a powerless image of God that she never let God be God."

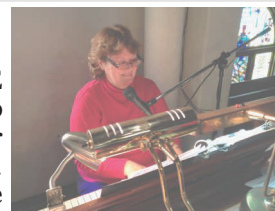
Fr. Rey

Thank You Katherine!

Over the years KATHERINE KAMRATH has brought great joy to the people of this parish through her gift of music in the music ministry. Thus, it is with a heavy heart that we must end her service here at St. Didacus effective December 25, 2020. This pandemic really changed everything on how our liturgy is celebrated and also the financial position of the parish.

St. Didacus will be keeping her in our prayers at this difficult time. She has shared her amazing gift for so many events: masses, funerals, weddings, First Communions, and many more occasions. She will forever be a part of the St. Didacus community. We are grateful for her true Christian spirit, generosity and talent.

Fr. Rey



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.



The Parish Office will be CLOSED

December 23rd—January 1st 2021

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, our Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 23rd through Friday, January 1st.

We will reopen at 8:30am on Monday, January 4th, 2021.



Welcome and thank you for spending Christmas with us!



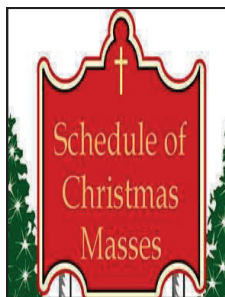
Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether you're a long-time parishioner, newly arrived in the parish or a visitor.

If you are not yet formally registered, we invite you to fill out a registration form that can be found on our website at www.stdidacuschurch.org

If you are registered, but have a new address, phone or email address, email us your updates at: mainoffice@stdidacuschurch.org. You may also clip this form and drop it into the collection basket or feel free to give us a call so that we can update our records. Thank you!

Name: _____ Parish ID #: _____
Address: _____ Email Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Would you would like to be added to our weekly parish email? Please check Yes ☐ or No ☐.



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 20, 2020

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

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20.

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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 19

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

Sunday.....December 20

8:30am.....People of St. Didacus

10:00am.....Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena

11:30am.....† Adela Fernandez

† Augustina Rumaldo

Monday.....December 21

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

Tuesday.....December 22

6:00pm.....Those enrolled in the Christmas Novena.

Wednesday.....December 23

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

† Carolyn Curiel Hastings

† Joseph Hastings

Thursday.....December 24

4:00pm.....Diane Yanke, Spec. Int.

7:00pm.....† Renato Zarate Sr., Spec. Int

Friday.....December 25

8:30am.....† John Matranga

10:00am.....† Anthony Onah

Saturday.....December 26

4:00pm.....† Msgr. Raymond Moore

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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***





May your days be merry and bright with God's love.

The St. Didacus School Community wishes you all the joy and blessings of the Christmas Season.

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



"Give and gifts will be given to you."
—Luke 6:38

Christmas is often a time of reciprocal giving. We give gifts to others, and they

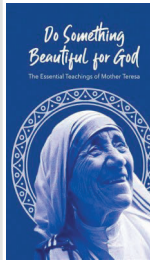
give gifts to us. It is supposed to be a sign of love, but often it is more a sign of obligation. In fact, during the last week of Advent, we might worry about who will surprise us with a gift and leave us feeling embarrassed because we did not remember to get them something in return. Yet, the best gift-giving is when we can give without expecting anything in return. This is how God gives to us, and this is how he expects us to give to others.

From the moment of our birth, God has showered us with gifts that we do not deserve and can never repay. This list is longer than even the most spoiled child's Christmas list. Our very lives, our families, our education, our homes, our health, our unique talents, our financial security—all these and so much more are gifts God has poured to overflowing in our lives. And on Christmas morning, we are reminded of the greatest gift of all. God does not expect us to give him anything in return. Just as his gifts flow down upon us, we are called to let our gifts flow down upon those who can give us nothing in return.

—Our Sunday Visitor



They're here! A gift from Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum—our 2021 Calendars! This year featuring "Our Devotions to Mary." Pick one up on your way out of Mass today. One per family!



A Special Gift for Christmas

Please pick up a copy of "*Do Something Beautiful for God*" by Mother Teresa. The book is a collection of short daily inspirations for the New Year based on Mother Teresa's teachings, encouraging us to do small acts with great love. Matthew Kelly's books have been provided by one of our faithful parishioners as a Christmas gift. Merry Christmas!



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

• 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

Deja a Dios ser Dios

En su excelente libro “**Las obras de misericordia, el corazón del catolicismo**” (The Works of Mercy: The Heart of Catholicism), James F. Keenan, S.J. relata un momento en que se reunió para una conferencia de espiritualidad con un grupo de sacerdotes y religiosas, la mayoría de los cuales eran modelos de alegría, amor, fidelidad y servicio. Había una religiosa, sin embargo descrita por el autor, “que era miserable y que manipulaba perpetuamente a su comunidad con sus disposiciones muy dominantes”. El líder del grupo le pidió a los participantes que contaran la imagen dominante de Dios que tenían cuando ellos hacían oración. Keenan informa una variedad impresionante de formas en que Dios guía a las personas en diferentes momentos de su vida espiritual. El líder le pidió a la “religiosa que se sentían miserable” que contribuyera, ya que aún no había hablado. “ella dijo que siempre le reza al Niño Jesús”. Y el líder le preguntó: ¿y que te dice? “El Niño Jesús es solo un bebé, no puede hablar”, le dijo. Ella contesto: “*Yo lo cuido. Le cambio los pañales, lo hago eructar, dejo que otros lo visiten. Cuando se acaba su tiempo, los envió lejos*”. El grupo quedó atónito y se quedó en silencio. Keenan escribió: “Ví cómo esta persona nunca dejaba que Dios le hablara. Había infantilizado a Dios, había mantenido a Dios en un pesebre, mimado a Dios. Tenía una imagen de Dios tan pequeña, que nunca dejó a Dios que fuera Dios”.

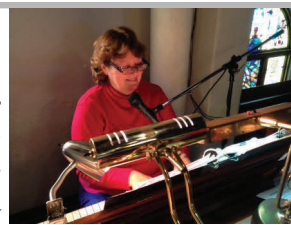
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Novenario de Misas

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.



GRACIAS KATHERINE



A lo largo de los años, **Katherine** nos ha dado una gran alegría a la comunidad de San Didacus a través de su don de la música en el ministerio de música. Por lo tanto, es con gran pesar que debemos terminar su servicio aquí en San Didacus a partir del 25 de diciembre de 2020. Esta pandemia realmente cambió todo sobre cómo se celebra nuestra liturgia y también la situación financiera de nuestra parroquia. La comunidad de San Didacus la mantendrá en nuestras oraciones en este momento difícil. Ella ha compartido su increíble talentos en muchos eventos como: misas, funerales, bodas, primeras comuniones y muchas otras ocasiones. Ella siempre será parte de la comunidad de San Didacus. Estamos agradecidos por su verdadero espíritu cristiano, generosidad y talento.

Fr. Rey

MISAS DE NAVIDAD



Misa Vespertina, martes 24 de dic.
400 Misa familiar en ingles/ 7:00 PM Misa bilingüe

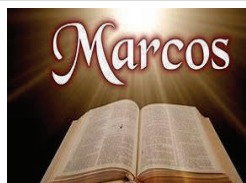
Misa de Navidad, miércoles 25 de dic.
8:30 AM en ingles/ 10 AM Bilingüe

Están aquí, los nuevos calendarios 2021 de nuestra parroquia, son un regalo del cementerio y mausoleo católico de Holy Cross. Por favor tome uno por familia, y que Dios lo bendiga el nuevo año 2021.

Muchas Gracias al Grupo de la Divina Misericordia



El grupo de la Divina Misericordia vendió \$900.00 de tamales y champurra-do el pasado 12 de diciembre, y donaron la nueva imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe para nuestra iglesia. Muchas Gracias por su trabajo y su generosidad, son una bendición para la comunidad.



REUNION ZOOM EVANGELIO DE SAN MARCOS

Martes 22 de diciembre a las 7 PM

Comuníquese con Elena, estas clases en línea son gratuitas. O envíe su correo electrónico a elana@stdidacuschurch.org, para el link.