

St. Didacus Catholic Community

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WATCHFUL



“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.”

MARK 13:33

“Velen y estén preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento. ... Lo que les digo a ustedes, lo digo para todos: permanezcan alerta”.

MARCOS 13, 33

Slow down, you're moving too fast

Like so many others before and after me, when I was in college I discovered the power of caffeine. I could stay up all night and prepare for an exam. With my great memory it was just a matter of going over the material enough times to imprint it in my brain.



The combination of staying awake and strong espresso did the trick for a factual kind of exam. But, if the test meant using my reasoning abilities or writing a long essay, I was in trouble. With the caffeine as stimulant my mind would race too quickly for me to sort things out. It would have been better to have rested and do the long preparation before those exams.

Advent begins with the encouragement to stay awake and be ready for the coming of our savior. There are no short cuts or artificial ways to do this. And we have only four weeks to prepare ourselves. It's a short period of time, especially when we are ironically so busy with all the preparations for what we are trying to celebrate.

So what are we to do? We need to take the time to remember why we have all these traditions: the tree, ornaments, presents, parties—all of this must be put in their context.

We can either walk through them like we are asleep, or become frantic and overstimulated by it all. Or we can make the conscious choice as Advent begins to pray and reflect on what the birth of Jesus means to us and to our world and how we can make the presence of Jesus more real for ourselves, our loved ones, and people of good will.

Today we have the time. But we know how quickly this time will pass.

Fr. Rey

Tamales and Champurrado to Go Sale after Sunday's Masses

Champurrado:	\$2.00
One Tamale	\$2.00
12 Tamales	\$25.00



All proceeds support the needs of the parish!



Happy Liturgical New Year!

The First Sunday of Advent heralds the beginning of the new Church Year, or Liturgical Year. The main Gospel account we will hear in the year ahead is from Mark. This shortest of all New Testament gospels is likely the first to have been written, yet it often tells of Jesus' ministry in more detail than either Matthew or Luke. It recounts what Jesus did in a vivid style, where one incident follows directly upon another. Mark stresses Jesus' message about the kingdom of God now breaking into human life as good news and Jesus himself as the Gospel of God.

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. 3rd, 10th and 17th
This is open to the whole community.
We look forward to seeing you!***

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



Advent is a Time to Wait for Jesus

During Advent we count the weeks until Christmas. The candles of the Advent wreath remind us to wait for Jesus and to prepare a place for him in our hearts. We light one candle on each of the four Sundays of Advent. Their bright flames bring light to our lives and hope into our world.

Let us pray this week:

Jesus, help me to make this Advent a time to prepare my heart for your coming.

Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next 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

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

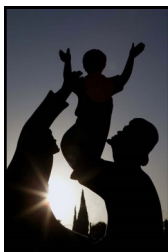
Baptisms: Arrangements must be made 3 months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for information.

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.....November 28

4:00pm.....Watson Family, Spec. Int.

Sunday.....November 29

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

10:00am.....† Ronnie Scinocca

11:30am.....Herminia Brignoni, Spec. Int.

Monday.....December 30

7:30am.....† Dolores Lopez

Tuesday.....December 1

6:00pm.....† Sergio Garcia

Wednesday.....December 2

7:30am.....† Lucille Jackson

Thursday.....December 3

9:00am.....† Richard Geschwender

7:00pm.....† Sergio Garcia

Friday.....December 4

7:30am.....† Aaron Shepard

Cecelia Joy Bauer, Spec. Int.

Saturday.....December 5

4:00pm.....† John Matranga

† Ignacio and Modesta Alcazar

Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm effective November 28th 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

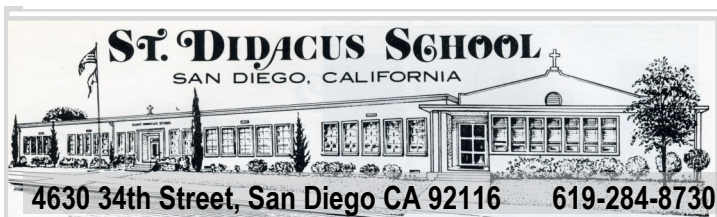
Maria Winters

Jean Woody

Helen Yturralde

Joan Venverloh

And the special intentions in our Book of Needs.



Join us for the next Family Mass

Through the Christian Action Program this year, St. Didacus students and their families are taking an active role at Mass. Once a month one of the grades will participate at Mass. **The next school Mass will be next weekend, Saturday, December 5th at 4pm with the 5th graders. Please note the time change.**



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

Sponsor a Child for Christmas!

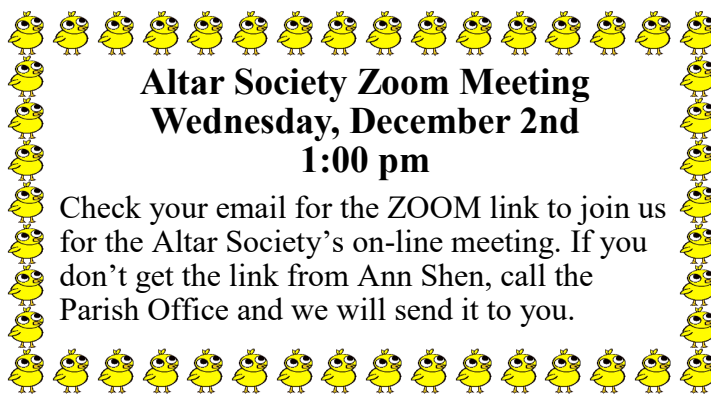
Our parish is collecting clothes and shoes to be distributed to an orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico:
Casa Hogar Morada De Niño Jesus



We will provide a gift bag with a child's name, shoe and clothes size for your convenience. The orphanage requests that candy is not included in the gift bag. Toy donations should be something that can be used by a group

of kids such as games for boys and girls from toddler to teen years. Monetary donations are also welcome and will only go to buy toys and gifts. Call the parish office to make arrangements to pick up a gift bag with information about the child you are sponsoring or see Elena on Sunday. Bring your items in the gift bag provided to the parish office by Wednesday, December 16th. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generosity!



Altar Society Zoom Meeting Wednesday, December 2nd 1:00 pm

Check your email for the ZOOM link to join us for the Altar Society's on-line meeting. If you don't get the link from Ann Shen, call the Parish Office and we will send it to you.

Thank you to everyone who supported *Mama's Pie's*. Your purchases helped Mama's Kitchen serve meals to those suffering in our community.



**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

**Plan on joining us for this
holy day of obligation.**

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.



Try out the Knights of Columbus - For Free!

The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael J. McGivney who was beatified on October 31st. In honor of this, the Knights are offering **FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP** for new members until his beatification. There's no reason not to try us out with no obligation- join for free and participate in our charitable works, faith efforts, and fraternal brotherhood.

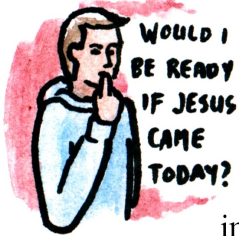
Interested men simply need to visit kofc.org/joinus and enter the code **CAKOFC** to take advantage of this special offer or call parishioner, Tom Davis, 619 929 9964 for more information.

Advent is Here!

Today is the beginning of Advent, the time when we prepare for Christmas.



The word "advent" comes from the Latin word that means "coming". In Advent we are preparing for Jesus' coming. We look forward to Christmas, which is the celebration of His first coming and we also look forward to His second coming.



Did you know that the most important thing to have ready for Christmas is a clean soul?

During Advent you can try extra hard to be good. It is also a very good idea to go to confession before Christmas so that your soul will be good and clean when Jesus comes!



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel.

WATCH
READY
TIME

COME
MASTER
EVENING

MIDNIGHT
DAWN
MORNING

U W A T H O W Y S W U
M O R N I N G T I E L
A T Y U T K U A G V P
S U N H A Y C O M E Y
T I M E W I H P A N D
E C B W U E W I E I A
R E A D Y L A N O N L
Y H O A E I T E H G E
S A R W L S C P Y H W
M I D N I G H T W O R
A T E K U A O U S F I

GROWING Gospel

WITH THE

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



1st Sunday of Advent • Mark 13:33-37

God Gets Ready for Baby Jesus!

God loves to work with all creation—especially people! God always planned to send the Son of God as a human baby. God always planned to ask God's people to get ready for Jesus. In the weeks before Christmas (called *Advent*), we remember all the ways that God got the world and humanity ready for baby Jesus and this helps us get ready for him to come into our lives now.

Although Jesus is no longer a baby, God still asks us to get ready for him. We get ready for Jesus when we take care of one another.

This Advent ask your family to help you get ready for baby Jesus.

How can you spend time with God this week?

Notas del Padre Rey

¡Disminuya la velocidad!

Como tantos otros, antes y después de mí, descubrí el poder de la cafeína cuando estaba en la universidad. Podría quedarme despierto toda la noche y prepararme para un examen. Con mi gran memoria, tenía que repasar el material las veces suficientes para grabármelo.



La combinación de permanecer despierto y un café expreso fuerte me funcionaba para un examen basado en hechos. Pero, si el examen significaba usar mis habilidades de razonamiento o escribir un ensayo largo, estaba en problemas. Con la cafeína como estimulante, mi mente se aceleraba demasiado para poder resolver las cosas. Hubiera sido mejor haber descansado y haberme preparado con tiempo antes de esos exámenes.

El Adviento comienza con el estímulo para permanecer despiertos y estar listos para la venida de nuestro Salvador. No hay atajos ni formas artificiales de hacerlo. Y solo tenemos cuatro semanas para prepararnos. Es un período corto de tiempo, especialmente cuando, irónicamente, estamos tan ocupados con todos los preparativos para esta celebración. Entonces, ¿qué vamos a hacer? Necesitamos tomarnos el tiempo para recordar por qué tenemos todas estas tradiciones: el árbol, los adornos, los regalos, las fiestas; todo esto debe ponerse en su contexto.

Podemos caminar a través de ellos como si estuviéramos dormidos o volvernos frenéticos y sobre estimulados por todo. O podemos tomar la decisión consciente cuando el Adviento comience a orar y reflexionar sobre lo que significa el nacimiento de Jesús para nosotros y para nuestro mundo y cómo podemos hacer que la presencia de Jesús sea más real para nosotros, nuestros seres queridos y las personas de buena voluntad. Hoy tenemos el tiempo, y sabemos lo rápido que pasará este tiempo.

P. Rey

Venta de Tamales y Champurrado to Go después de Misa

Champurrado:	\$2.00
Un Tamal	\$2.00
12 Tamales	\$25.00



Todas las ganancias son para ayudar a la parroquia.



¡Feliz año nuevo litúrgico!

El Primer Domingo de Adviento anuncia el comienzo del nuevo Año de la Iglesia o del Año Litúrgico. El relato principal del Evangelio que escucharemos en este nuevo año es de Marcos. El más corto de todos los evangelios del Nuevo Testamento es probablemente el primero que se haya escrito, sin embargo, a menudo habla del ministerio de Jesús con más detalle que Mateo o Lucas. Relata lo que Jesús hizo en un estilo vívido, donde un incidente sigue directamente a otro. Marcos enfatiza el mensaje de Jesús sobre el reino de Dios que ahora irrumpe en la vida humana como una buena noticia y el mismo Jesús como el Evangelio de Dios.

ZOOM MEETING CLASE EVANGELIO DE MARCOS

Martes 24 de Noviembre a las 7 PM

Martes 15 de diciembre a las 7 PM

Martes 22 de diciembre a las 7 PM

Retiro de Adviento y el Evangelio de San Marco

**Sábado 5 de dic.
de 10 a 12 PM**



Vía Zoom, comuníquese con Elena si quiere participar, para mandarle el link, es gratuito.



Misa Bilingüe de la Inmaculada Concepción

Martes 8 de diciembre a la 6 PM

Celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe

sábado 12 de dic.— 7:30 AM