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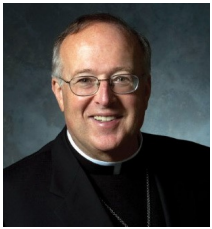
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Alleluia!

*Christ is
Risen!*

¡Cristo ha Resucitado!





Easter Takes on a Whole New Meaning

This Easter will be unlike any other in our lives and in the world.

We stand in a moment filled with fear, in which the shadows of darkness, isolation and illness surround us.

But we stand also in a moment of light and solidarity. The bonds of family have taken on new depth and meaning in our estrangement from our normal social interactions. Compassion shared in common care for the vulnerable witnesses with new intensity to the beauty of the human spirit that lies within each one of us. The kindnesses that we encounter every day have a new richness because we are recognizing the power of goodness precisely in a time of hardship.

And in this moment, the feast of Easter takes on a whole new meaning. For the victory of Christ over death itself points to the power and love of the God who has formed us in the first moment in our mother's womb and calls us to ultimately embrace the Risen Lord in the Kingdom of Heaven.

In these days, drawn to a perspective which looks beyond the momentary lures of pleasure and self-seeking that dominate so much of our lives, we perceive more fully that each of us has a mission and purpose in this world that goes beyond ourselves and calls us to ennoble the earth with grace and hope.

The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Day is the ultimate revelation of hope for our world, a hope that is not transitory or superficial, but rather a hope that faces suffering and sadness forthrightly and recognizes that it is in our very times of trial we encounter most fully the God who suffered for us on the cross and stands triumphant over the grave.

I pray that in this Easter season especially the Lord may reveal His risen presence in your life and the glory that is our ultimate destiny as believers and as a world.

—Bishop Robert W. McElroy's Easter message in the The Southern Cross, April 2020



Join us for Mass and Adoration streamed live on Facebook each night at 6pm! Fr. Rick will be celebrating Mass each evening and streaming it from the St. Didacus Facebook page. Let's stay connected! Use this link to connect to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/saintdidacus.parishchurch>

Today once again we affirm our belief that the power of God is far greater than death or defeat. His grace will see us through this pandemic. This is the best time to pray with family at home. We keep our optimism that this "stay at home" order will be over soon. But with the current rate of infections and hospitalization we cannot let off our guard. Rather we take extra precautions to be safe and those we love safer. Nonetheless, let us continue to share God's blessings and love for one another. Yes, the Lord is risen and He is with us. Our hope tells us that we will also rise from our misery and pain to greater joy and glory.

Thank you for your continued support of the Church. Be always assured of our prayers and on this special day the Church's Easter blessings. God bless you and your family.

Fr. Rick



Thank you to everyone who made an Easter flower offering honoring these loved ones:

Norman Boyer
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Luis, Louise, Pat & Tom Onak
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Paul & Therese Lunetta
Saturnino & Anselmo Fuentes
Juana Guadarrama
Faustino Fuentes
Procoro Hermosa
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James Family
Michael & Ben
The Watson Family
John Campos
Gus & Jennie
Vince & Tina
Vince & Alice
Rudy & Betty
Chuck & Jenny Jacobo



John & Margaret Jacobo
Manuel & Vera Jacobo
Richard & Toni
Frank Serano
Philip Quirk
Janice Quirk

When we awoke this morning, we found ourselves blessed with another day. It is Easter Sunday. As that thought crossed our minds, did we find ourselves saying “so what” or “alleluia”? For many, today is truly a day of alleluia. For others, it is just another day of “so what.” Faith makes a huge difference. It not only makes a difference in how we understand today and the significance of what we celebrate, it also makes a huge difference in terms of how we understand ourselves.



Succeed, live well, be productive, find your niche, follow your dreams, make money, protect your social status, be politically correct, and keep your preferences to yourself are pretty good examples of the messages our secular life wants us to hear. In and of themselves, they don't sound all that harmful. But when really examined, they are. The life of resurrection embodied in the Gospel tells us a much different story.

Life keeps us busy. We are always connected, distracted, occupied, and working. For many of us, an agenda awaits us before we even start our day, and unfinished stuff is brought with us when we retire at night. Make the best of life and “find your own road to happiness are messages we all too easily believe. The “so what” response to the new life of resurrection is often the result of believing that life is only what I make it. What God has to say isn't important to me securing my next raise.

Sadly, we live as if the grave is the end. While we may give the wonder of heaven a blink now and then, its glory really doesn't impress us or matter all that much. It's all about the here and now and what I need to do today to get where I want to be tomorrow. We tend to put off considering the one significant “tomorrow” that will come the millisecond after we take our last breath. When that happens, will we want to be thinking “so what?” or “alleluia”?

There is only one Jesus, one mission, and one resurrection. There is also only one of us. Have you ever pondered what one solitary, humble human life can do? Faith, not our world, tells us how special we are. We are not robots. We are not replaceable. We have one shot. There are no do-overs. Love is at our core and unites us together as one with the God of love who so desperately wants us to be with Him forever. This may not match our secular agenda, but it ought to make our true inner agenda leap for joy. There doesn't need to be an end. I can live forever. Alleluia!

—©LPi

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 11
.....	People of St. Didacus
Sunday	April 12
.....	People of St. Didacus
Monday	April 13
.....	People of St. Didacus
Tuesday	April 14
.....	†Teddy Matranga
Wednesday	April 15
.....	People of St. Didacus
Thursday	April 16
.....	†Lucille Jackson
Friday	April 17
.....	People of St. Didacus
Saturday	April 18
.....	People of St. Didacus

Please note that Fr. Rick continues to celebrate a Mass each day at 6pm for your intentions. Watch it live on our Facebook page.

Readings for the week of April 12, 2020

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

PRAYER LIST

Tony Allen	Stan Hammack	Peter Napolitano
Tessa Anderson	Dolores Hansel	Lupita Plascencia
Diann Bauer	Joseph Hastings	Judith Pratt
Dan Bauer	Jennifer Hughes & Family	Antonia Raya
Martha Becerra	Al Hunt	Betty Rios
Bob Bellesi	Joanne Hunt	Dolores Robertson
Herminia Brignoni	Ponciano Jimenez	Victor M. Sanchez
Gail Cedercrans	Emily Johnson	Shirley Scinocca
Fred Cepeda	Paul Kasha	Carol Schmidt
Irene Davis	Meri Kerekanich	Beverly Stemper
MaryLou De Luca	Kerekanich Family	Phillip Sturock
Bob Demers	Marilyn Kober	Vaneza Torres
Josie Demers	Elizabeth La Costa	Maria Winters
Mick Donahue	Irene Lazo	Jean Woody
Cecelia Dueber	Juanita Lopez	Helen Yturralde
Carlita Durand	Paul Mansell	Joan Venverloh
Daniel Galvan	Miguel Martinez	
Susan Guenzel	Terrence McCabe	
Anthony Flores	Emma McPherson	
Tony Flores	Dolores Mediano	

*And the special intentions
in our Book of Needs*

Our parish families share their EASTER GREETINGS

Joe, Elizabeth and Katie LaCosta send this message:
A happy Easter to everyone. All our prayers for good health and comfort during this time. The hope of the Risen Christ will sustain us!



Sylvin and Pat Watson send this message:
Hey Everyone, I must admit that we never imagined a time when we would be writing to all of you from home, especially at Easter, instead of celebrating and praying with all of you at church. Never thought there would EVER be a time when churches throughout the world would be closed. On Easter! Doesn't even sound right to say that. We are doing as well as can be expected but there is now new meaning to the words [you don't know what you have until it's gone.] We truly miss everyone very much and pray that all is well with all of you. As we remember the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, we pray for the time when we have survived this chapter in our lives and look forward to getting back to normal, seeing and worshiping with all of you at church. In the meantime please stay at home and stay safe. Till we meet again. HAVE A BLESSED EASTER.

Deacon Dino and Kari Lorraine send this message:
Christ is risen, alleluia! Let us rejoice and be glad. Let us also continue to support our parish by mailing or dropping off our offerings. Looking to the day when we are all together again.



Cristina & John Alba & Cristy and Nicky send this message:
The Celebration of Resurrection is a Celebration of Life. Together we will overcome this difficult time. May the glory of this joyous time bring peace and happiness to everyone. With love from our family to yours.

The Audiss Family sends this message:
Blessings to all in this most beautiful season of Easter...Peace...



Paul Mansell sends this message:
Rejoice! Christ is Risen!



Katherine Kamrath sends this message:
Happy and Blessed Easter from your Choir. We miss you all!



Mick, Aisling, Paddy and Cathy Ward send this message:
Easter greetings to our fellow parishioners!



Tony Quirk sends this message:
We may not be able to sing together this Easter, but we can sing in our hearts. He is Risen! Happy Easter, everyone!



The Ottey clan would like to wish you all a wonderful and Blessed Easter.



Mrs. Dean sends this message: *St. Didacus School would like to wish everyone a very blessed Easter. Thank you for all your love and support for the school over the year; it is so much appreciated! May the resurrection of the Lord bring great joy and hope to the lives of everyone at St. Didacus Parish.*



Happy Easter to All. Love from John, Teresa, Alexander and Andrew White

Maria, Edgar, Daniel & Erik Granados send this message: *May God always remain in all of our hearts. Happy Easter from our family to yours!*





Joanne & Al Hunt send this message: *We wish you a Blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter.*



Richard Griswold and Rita Sanchez send this message: *Be sure to wear masks! We have been sheltering-in-place for 5 weeks. We understand vitamin C and laughter promote health! We share our hearts with all of you, especially our dedicated staff and Fr Rick. Praying you and your families are doing well.*



The Piatek Family send this message: *Easter Blessings and Sincere Wishes for Good Health and Happiness to our St. Didacus Family.*



Dan Jones and Cindy Tiano send this message: *We miss you all and look forward to seeing you again. May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy until that time. All our love to you and your family!*



Belen Zermeno sends this message: *Happy Easter from our family to yours!*



Marka, Mike and Matthew Herrera send this message:
Happy Easter to all of you. We miss seeing you in our beautiful church. Take care. Love and prayers.



Elena Platas sends this message:
Happy Easter to all my family of Saint Didacus. I copy a phrase that I really like: "We isolate ourselves today, so that when we get back together, NO ONE IS MISSING."

Felices pascuas de Resurreccion para todos ustedes mi familia de San Didacus. Copio una frase que me gusta mucho: "Nos aislamos hoy, para que cuando volvamos a estar juntos, NO FALTE NADIE".

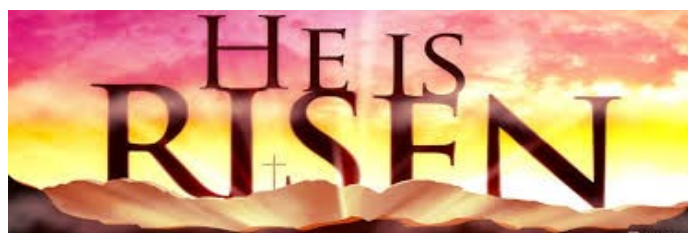


Nicolás Peters sends this message:

My dear fellow parishioners in Christ , I love & miss you all. Keep the Faith and let us band together as a community and with ALL around the world: God's Global Kingdom On Earth.



Lupe Cabrales & Guille Delgado send this message:
Happy Easter to our St. Didacus family!

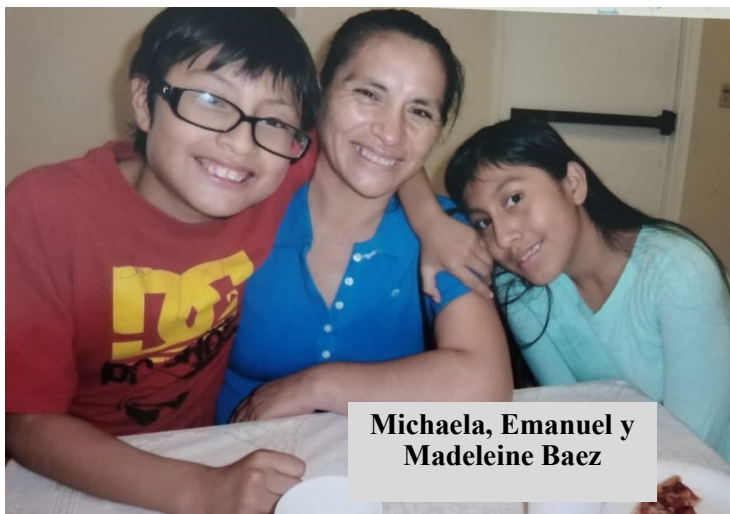




Irma & Consuelo



Celeste and Gary Taylor wish you all a
HAPPY EASTER!



Michaela, Emanuel y
Madeleine Baez

HAPPY EASTER FROM THESE PARISH FAMILIES!



John & Jean Earl send this message:
Wishing our St. Didacus Family a very holy and happy Easter! We miss all of you, especially our brothers and sisters at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass. We pray for your health and safety during this time and ask that our risen Lord shower you with His many blessings. We hope that we will be together again in the near future.



Irisa De la Torre & Family



Amelia, Diego & Sandro Bedoya send this message:
To our Saint Didacus Family, May God bless you. We love you!



Oscar and Anhai Rodriguez



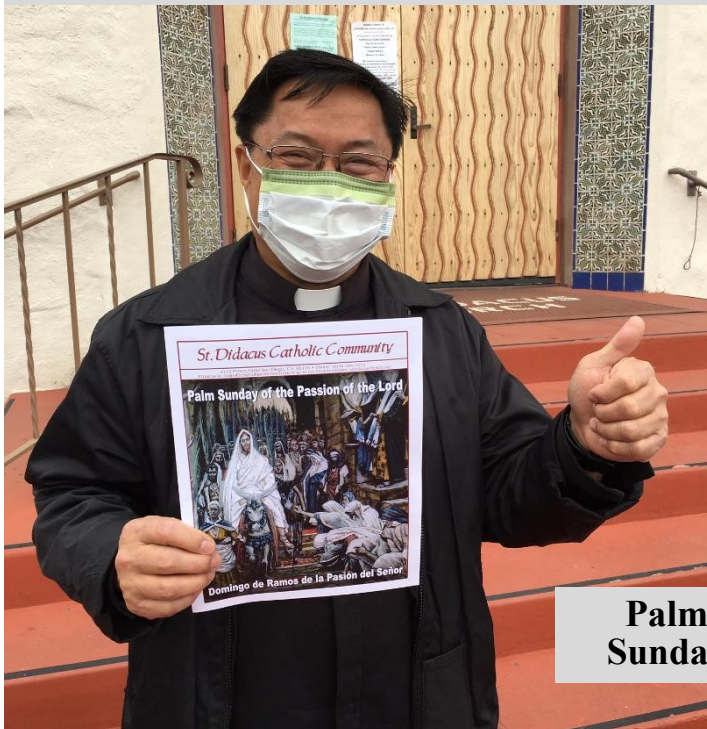
Remember in your Prayers all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

Compassionate and Loving Father, In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart. Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Deacon Marco and Ricardo handing out food to those in need. If you need a food bag, please call the Parish Office and we'll set up a time for you to pick it up.



Fr. Rick using his mask and social distancing skills giving out palms on Palm Sunday.



Palm Sunday





Hoy una vez más afirmamos nuestra creencia de que el poder de Dios es mucho mayor que la muerte o la derrota. Su gracia nos apoya a través de esta pandemia.

Este es el mejor momento para rezar con la familia en casa. Mantengamos nuestro optimismo de que esta orden de "quedarse en casa" terminará pronto. Pero con la tasa actual de infecciones y hospitalización, no podemos perder la guardia. Más bien, tomamos precauciones adicionales para estar seguros y los que amamos están más seguros. No obstante, continuemos compartiendo las bendiciones de Dios y el amor mutuo. Sí, el Señor ha resucitado y está con nosotros. Nuestra esperanza nos dice que también nos elevaremos de nuestra miseria y dolor a una mayor alegría y gloria.

Gracias por su continuo apoyo a la Iglesia. Esté siempre seguro de nuestras oraciones y en este día especial que las Bendiciones de la Pascua los llene a usted y a su familia.

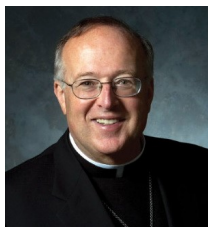
P. Rick



Ricardo Vasquez &
Juanita Lopez



Familia Balderas



La Pascua adquiere un significado completamente nuevo esta Pascua será diferente a cualquier otra de nuestras vidas y en el mundo.

Estamos en un momento lleno de miedo, en el que nos rodean las sombras de la oscuridad, el aislamiento y la enfermedad.

Pero también estamos en un momento de luz y solidaridad. Los lazos familiares han adquirido una nueva profundidad y significado en nuestro alejamiento de nuestras interacciones sociales normales. La compasión compartida en el cuidado común de los más vulnerables le da una nueva intensidad a la belleza del espíritu humano que yace dentro de cada uno de nosotros. Las bondades que encontramos todos los días tienen una nueva riqueza porque estamos reconociendo el poder de la bondad precisamente en tiempos de dificultades y, en este momento, la fiesta de Pascua adquiere un significado completamente nuevo.

Porque la victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte misma señala el poder y el amor del Dios que nos formó en el vientre de nuestra madre y nos llama a abrazar al Señor resucitado en el Reino de los Cielos. Una perspectiva que mira más allá de los atractivos momentáneos de placer y búsqueda propia que dominan gran parte de nuestras vidas, percibimos más plenamente que cada uno de nosotros tiene una misión y un propósito en este mundo que va más allá de nosotros mismos y nos llama a ennoblecer la tierra con gracia y esperanza.

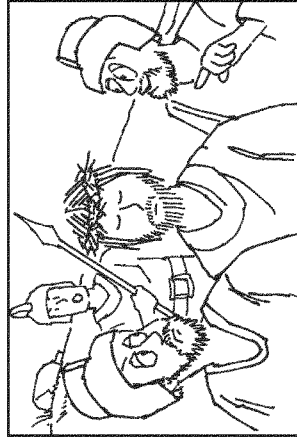
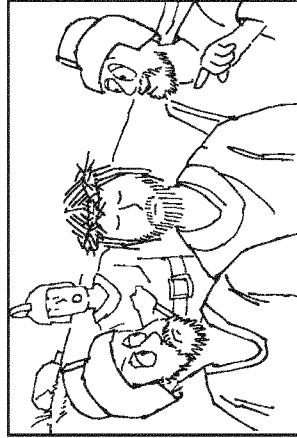
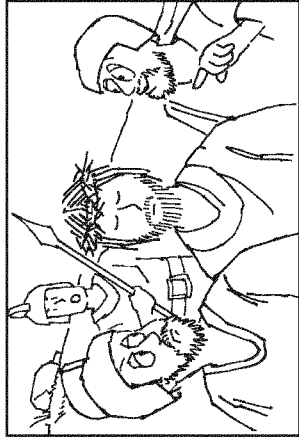
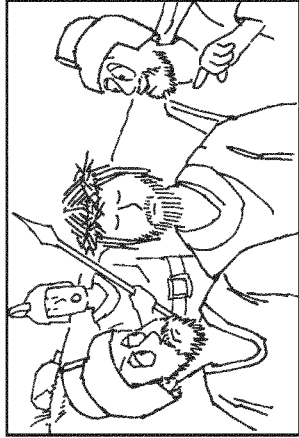
La resurrección del Señor Jesucristo en el día de Pascua es la máxima revelación de esperanza para nuestro mundo, una esperanza que no es transitoria ni superficial, sino una esperanza que enfrenta el sufrimiento y la tristeza directamente y reconoce que es nuestra en los momentos de prueba donde nos encontramos con el Dios que sufrió por nosotros en la cruz y sale triunfante de la muerte.

Oro, para que en este tiempo de Pascua, especialmente el Señor pueda revelar su presencia resucitada y gloriosa, en su vida. Este es nuestro destino final como creyentes y como mundo.

— Mensaje de Pascua del Obispo Robert W. McElroy en La Cruz del Sur, abril de 2020

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus and put a scarlet robe on Him, and they twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head.

Circle the two pictures that are the same.



They put a staff in His right hand, knelt in front of Him and mocked Him. Then they led Him away to crucify Him.

They met a man named Simon, and forced him to carry the cross to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). Two rebels were crucified with Jesus, one on His right and one on His left. ...

Use the clues given under the blanks to write the missing words.

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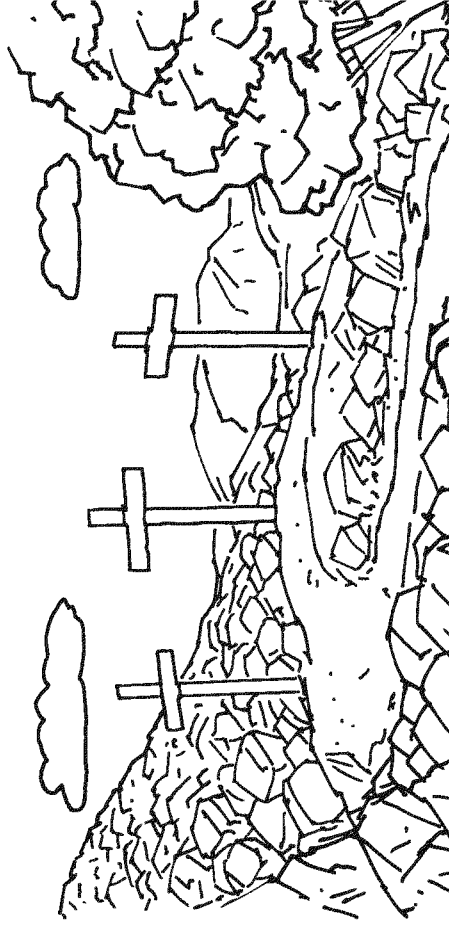
_____ After morning and before evening

darkness came _____ all the _____
Opposite of under

land. And when _____ had _____
Another name for Christ

_____ out in a _____
Opposite of laughed Opposite of quiet

voice, He gave _____ His spirit.
Opposite of down



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