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**“I
am
the
good
shepherd.”**

**“Yo
soy
el
buen
pastor.”**

Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader. *"I am the Good Shepherd ... I will lay down my life for the sheep."* The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. *"I lay down my life in order to take it up again ... I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again."* Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world.



Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the *"hired man"* who *"runs away"* from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences. The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. *"I know mine and mine know me."* We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, *"sheep not of this fold."* Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives.

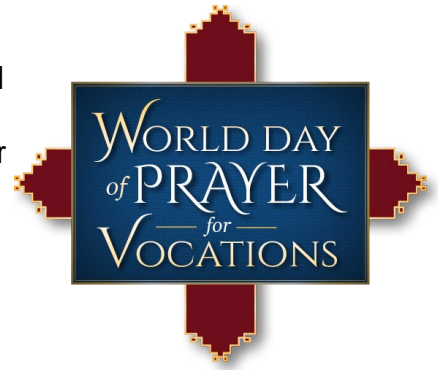
While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep. In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.

—Cycles of Faith

2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life?

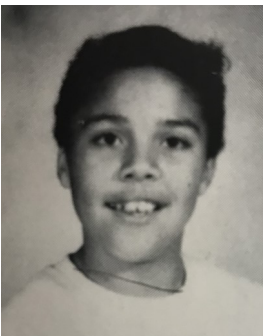
- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests and deacons in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



Last Sunday at the 10am Mass we witnessed the joy of love as Angela and Brandon McGinnis renewed their marriage vows. May God continue to bless their union with many years of love and fidelity. Thanks to Eric Allen for the great photo.

REST IN PEACE

†Wesley Whetstone III



Wesley graduated from St. Didacus School in 1989. He was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery last week. Donations can be made in his name to Holy Cross Cemetery to defer the cost of his burial. May eternal rest be granted to him

and may God continue to comfort his family during this difficult time.

Just as every sort of gem when cast in honey becomes brighter and more sparkling, so each person becomes more acceptable and fitting in his own vocation when he sets that vocation in the context of devotion. Through devotion, family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere, the service we owe to God becomes more faithful, and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable.

—St. Francis de Sales

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....April 21	
5:00PM.....†Bart Diaz	
Sunday.....April 22	
8:30AM.....the Priests of St. Didacus	
10:00AM.....the Deacons of St. Didacus	
11:30AM.....the People of St. Didacus	
.....Alberto Velez, Spec. Int.	
Monday.....April 23	
7:30AM.....†Carolyn Curiel Hastings	
Tuesday.....April 24	
6:00PM.....the People of St. Didacus	
Wednesday.....April 25	
8:30AM.....Shirley Scinocca, Spec. Int.	
Thursday.....April 26	
7:30AM.....†Mary Kathleen Healey	
Friday.....April 27	
7:30AM.....Bev Rayl, Spec. Int.	
Saturday.....April 28	
5:00PM.....†Mark De Luca	
.....†Lucille Heidmiller	

The Joy of Giving

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers," so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.



General Collection, April 15, 2018: \$4,251.00
Building Fund, April 15, 2018: \$ 434.00

Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!**Sunday Masses**

Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am
 11:30am in Spanish

Daily Mass

Mon., Thurs., Fri. 7:30am / Tues. 6:00pm / Wed. 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed. 7:30am—8:30am / Saturday 3:30pm—5:00pm
 First Fridays 8:00am—9:00am

Confessions—Saturdays 3:30pm or by appt.

Baptisms: 1st Saturday of each month. 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.

Pastor, Rev. Enrique Fuentes

The Parish Office is open 8am-noon, 1-5pm M-F
619-284-3472

Weekly Events at St. Didacus

Sunday, April 22		Location
Rummage Sale	after Masses	
Monday, April 23		Location
Tuesday, April 24		Location
Youth Night	6:30pm	Hall
Wednesday, April 25		Location
Eucharistic Adoration	7:30am-8:30am	Church
Religious Education	5:30pm	School
Men's Prayer Group	7:00pm	Hall
Choir	7:00pm	Church
Encuentro Matrimonial	7:00pm	Hall
Thursday, April 26		Location
RCIA	7:00pm	Office
Friday, April 27		Location
Saturday, April 28		Location
Scouts	2:00pm-4:00pm	Hall
Confessions	3:30pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	3:30pm-5:00pm	Church

"The Lord has created persons for all states of life, and in all of them we see people who have achieved sanctity by fulfilling their obligation well."—St. Anthony Mary Claret

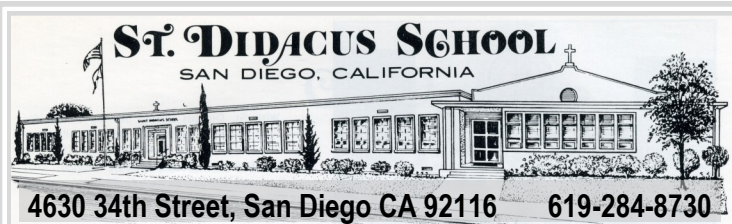
Readings for the Week of April 22, 2018

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

PRAYER LIST

Diann Bauer	Stan Hammack	Lupita Plascencia
Dan Bauer	Dolores Hansel	Judith Pratt
Martha Becerra	Al Hunt	Antonia Raya
Bob Bellesi	Joanne Hunt	Bev Rayl
Herminia Brignoni	Meri Kerekanich	Betty Rios
Loretta Calfee	Genevieve Keyser	Dolores Robertson
Gail Cedercrans	Marilyn Kober	Victor M. Sanchez
Irene Davis	Elizabeth La Costa	Shirley Scinocca
MaryLou De Luca	Paul Mansell	Beverly Stemper
Bob Demers	Anthony Martinez	Maria Winters
Josie Demers	Terrence McCabe	
Cecelia Dueber	Emma McPherson	
Reyna Frias	Dolores Mediano	
Jorge Gordillo	Vernon Meyers	
Susan Guenzel	Peter Napolitano	

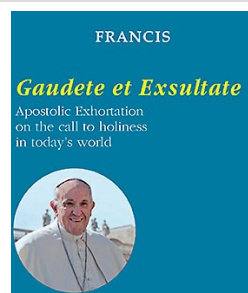
*And the special intentions
 in our Book of Needs*



Thanks to our First Grade families for helping at the 10:00am Family Mass last Sunday.



It's not too late to shop at the
Rummage Sale!
Stop by the Parish Hall
after Mass!



Rejoice and Be Glad

Published April 9th, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, or "Rejoice and be Glad," is Pope Francis' third apostolic exhortation. It is subtitled "On the call to holiness in the contemporary world." The 44-page exhortation explains that holiness is the mission of every Christian, and gives practical advice for living out the call to holiness in ordinary, daily life, encouraging the practice of the beatitudes and performing works of mercy.

"The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created," the Pope begins. "He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence," and he reminds the faithful that the call to holiness "is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible." Therefore, Pope Francis said, to walk the path of holiness requires prayer and contemplation alongside action; the two cannot be separated.

Printed copies of "Rejoice and Be Glad" can be ordered from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website or it can be read online for free. We have the link on our website.

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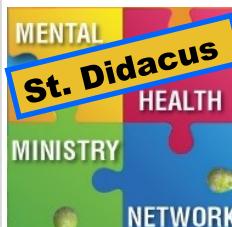
1st Communion Retreat for students

Saturday, May 5th at 10am –12pm in the Parish Hall

1st Communion

Saturday, May 12th: 10am for the school and at 1pm for our Religious Education students.

All children, after receiving the sacraments, **MUST** continue to attend the Religious Education classes until Wednesday, May 30th for May Crowning.



**St. Didacus
Mental Health Ministry
619-940-6193**

Give us a call with any questions or concerns you may be having. We are here to help you find the resources available for your needs.

Mother's Day Novena



A Novena of Masses will be offered for all mothers, living and deceased, beginning on May 4th. If you would like to have your mother remembered, please complete an envelope available at the Church entrance and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office.

**Our Mother's Day
Novena of Masses is
May 4th through May 12th.**

Many thanks to those who donated to our Easter flower fund in memory or in honor of these loved ones:

Diana M. Widner
Lobato Family
Escobar Family
Roberts Family
Berach Family
Souls in Purgatory
Maria Alfaro
Virginia Rubio
Brian Patterson
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On the cover: A limestone figure of Christ from France from the Romanesque period. Romanesque art is the art of Europe from approximately 1000 AD to the rise of the Gothic style in the 13th century, or later, depending on region.

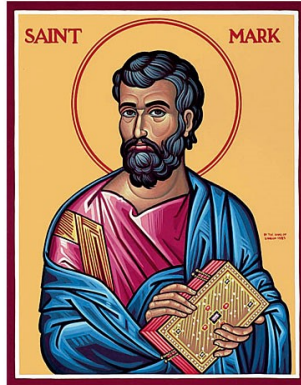


To you, O Lord, we lift up praises. To you, O Lord, we shout cries of joy and thanksgiving. Majestic is your name. Your name is filled with wonder, joy, and awe. O beloved fill our hearts with your love, mercy, and compassion as we care for your creation. Praise the Lord.

We invite you to join the St. Didacus Creation Care Team! Our next meeting is May 1st at 6:30pm. For more information contact Phyllis at cepedahouse@cox.net.

St. Mark, Evangelist Feast Day, Wednesday, April 25th

Who was St. Mark? A disciple of Jesus and thus a witness to the story recounted in his Gospel? Perhaps the John Mark who appears in the book of Acts as a companion to Paul in his missionary journey? Regardless of his sources or his identity there is no doubt in writing the first Gospel narrative, sometime around the year 70, Mark had a decisive influence on the subsequent shape of Christianity. Previously the teachings of Jesus circulated in the form of sayings; Paul's letters contain almost no reference to the actual life story of Jesus. But for Mark, the authority of Jesus' message was rooted in his paradoxical identity as the suffering and crucified Messiah. For Mark, this was best communicated in the form of a story.



His Gospel ends on a curiously dynamic and open-ended note. In place of an explicit account of the resurrection, he ends with the discovery of an empty tomb and the words of an angel: "Go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, as he told you." Thus Mark addresses contemporary disciples. Jesus is no longer in the past or confined to Mark's story. He has gone ahead to Galilee. Mark's readers must write their own conclusion by taking up the cross of discipleship and going forth to meet him for themselves.

"'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

— Mark 8:29



Jesus' figure of the Good Shepherd is not an idyllic, serene image. Palestinian shepherds were tough, earthy characters who fearlessly swung their staffs (more like clubs than walking sticks) against poachers and wolves. While the shepherd/sheep metaphor is found throughout Scripture, Jesus' vow to lay down his life for his sheep is something new and likely shocking to his audience. Of course, the image becomes clear in light of the resurrection. But ancient shepherds did not sacrifice their own lives for sheep, even if the sheep were their own! Jesus lays down his life for us, his sheep, and is therefore rightly called the Good Shepherd.

—Living Liturgy



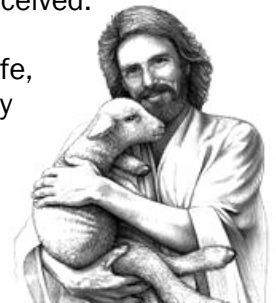
Many thanks to Elena Platas, our Director of Religious Education, for preparing 34 teens of our parish for Confirmation this year. Also, thanks to her teen helpers: Adrian Ortiz, Katherine Shen and Cristobal Balderas (not pictured).

A Prayer for Vocations

Good and gracious God, You call each person by name and invite them to follow you. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may each person hear and respond to the call they have received.

We pray for all discerning marriage, the chaste single life, consecrated life, or ordained ministries, that your Holy Spirit would guide, inspire, and strengthen them. May your Church and the world be enriched by the "yes" of your children.

Amen.



"There may be many flowers in a man's life, but there is only one rose."

~ Unknown Author



We, at St. Didacus, are blessed with *many* beautiful roses because of the special care they receive from Michele Trevino and her grandson, Spencer. May God continue to bless them both for bringing such beauty into all our lives.

Yo Conozco a los Míos y los Míos Me Conocen a Mí

Nos sorprendemos gratamente cuando a la vuelta de muchos años alguien nos reconoce y nos llama por nuestro nombre.

“¡Él / ella todavía me recuerda!”, decimos. Jesús nos ase-

gura hoy: “Yo conozco a los míos, y los míos me conocen a mí”. Por medio de Jesús,

que es uno de nosotros, Dios nos conoce y nos ama y nos llama hijos suyos. Las lecturas de hoy nos hacen tomar conciencia del amor con que Dios nos ama. Es un amor que nos transforma en hijos. Es un amor que a Jesús le hizo dar la vida por nosotros, igual que hace un pastor por sus ovejas. Es un amor que nos ayuda a crecer, que nos empuja a ser libres y adultos, hermanos de nuestros hermanos. Es un amor que nos hace sentirnos miembros de la familia y responsables de cada uno de los que viven con nosotros. Eso, y no otra cosa, es ser hijos de Dios.



RUMMAGE SALE

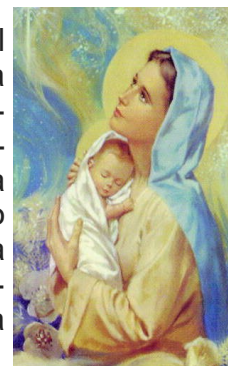
No es demasiado tarde para ir de compras a la **Venta Anual de artículos usados**. Pase por el salón parroquial después de misa.



Muchas gracias a nuestra comunidad de la misa de español, por toda su ayuda la semana pasada acomodando cosas para la venta de la Sociedad del Altar.

Novena del día de las madres

Tendremos nuestro tradicional Novenario de misas por el día de las madres, tanto vivas como difuntas: del 4 al 12 de mayo. Si desea que recuerden a su madrecitas, complete uno de los sobres disponibles a la entrada de la Iglesia y devuélvalo en la canasta de la colecta o en la Oficina de la parroquial.



Nuestra Novenario de Misas por el Día de la Madre es del 4 de mayo al 12 de mayo

V Encuentro Regional



El V Encuentro Regional será los días 27, 28 y 29 de abril en Visalia California y nosotros como parroquia que formamos parte de la diócesis mandaremos a cuatro dele-

gados para que nos representen: Oscar y Anaih Rodríguez, Guillermina Delgado y Elena Platas.

Nuestra Diócesis junto con todas las Diócesis de California, Nevada y Hawái, harán un compromiso concreto para avanzar en la Nueva Evangelización y tener un plan de trabajo en las parroquias, en las pequeñas comunidades y en los movimientos eclesiales.

Les pedimos sus oraciones por el Encuentro para que de fruto y podamos ponerlo en práctica en nuestra comunidad parroquial de San Didacus.



INFORMACIÓN PARA LOS PADRES DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

El retiro de primera comunión es solo para los estudiantes, el sábado 5 de mayo de 10 AM a 12 PM en el salón parroquial.

La Primera Comunión, es el Sábado 12 de mayo a la 1 PM para nuestros niños del catecismo, la misa es bilingüe.

Todos los niños, después de recibir los sacramentos, DEBEN continuar asistiendo a las clases del Catecismo hasta el miércoles 30 de mayo para la Coronación de la Virgen María.

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