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**"I AM THE
LIVING
BREAD
THAT CAME
DOWN FROM
HEAVEN."**

**"YO SOY EL PAN VIVO
BAJADO DEL CIELO".**

Have you ever approached a hushed group and were certain they were talking about you? It's an uncomfortable feeling to catch people murmuring about what you did, said, or didn't do. It breeds division and exclusion. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to just the opposite.



The reading opens with the crowds "*murmuring*" their doubts about Jesus after he has proclaimed himself the Bread of Life. "*Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph ... how can he say 'I have come down from heaven'?*" In his response, Jesus brings up the Israelites and the manna God brought them in the desert. If you turn back to the story in Exodus, you'll see another similar word: *murmuring*. As the going got tough, the Israelites doubted Moses and God's plan to protect and care for them as a chosen people. Here, Jesus proposes a difficult theological concept. Jesus himself is "*the living bread*" and "*flesh for the life of the world.*"

This is not an exclusive concept. "*Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.*" Why? Because "*the Father who sent me draws him.*" The next time you're at Mass, take a few moments to watch the communion line. Young and old, families and singles, diverse races and cultures and stories ... we are all drawn to the Eucharistic table. Catholic doctrine may require faith, but it is a faith possible for anyone who seeks truth. Christianity does not hide behind locked doors in an exclusive clubhouse, whispering behind the backs of nonbelievers. Jesus compels us to share the love of God the Father for his children, that we one day be joined with Him and "*live forever.*"

—Cycles of Faith

We sometimes encounter people who keep complaining about the ways of God in their lives. Somehow they always see things and people conspiring against their taste and expectations. They have negative thoughts about everything and so they also worry and are anxious about everything. We can avoid this situation by seeing the blessings of God in our lives.



We are told that our hearts are made for God, but we also find ourselves dreaming of wealth and fame beyond our means. When Jesus says to the people, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," he is telling the people the truth about satisfying their hunger for God. Only Jesus can make them truly happy.

The mystery of the Eucharist that we come to celebrate every Sunday is Jesus as the Bread of Life. Before we receive the Lord during Holy Communion we are reminded of the last supper and his passion and death on the cross. By accepting Jesus as our Bread of Life we also embrace his challenge to live our life in union the Him and with the Church. We will realize that difficult and painful things in life are an integral part of the process of becoming truly human, truly divine.

Fr. Rick

On Care for our Common Home —Laudato Si

The Creation Care Team invites you to join them to read Pope Francis' encyclical "On Care for our Common Home." They will provide the book and will be reading and discussing each chapter. Instead of meeting on Thursday mornings, the last two meetings will be on Wednesday evenings, August 15th and 22nd at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

You are welcome to join them as you are able.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation celebrated on Wednesday, August 15th.

We will have a **bilingual Vigil Mass on Tuesday, August 14th at 6pm and an 8:30am Mass on Wednesday, August 15th.** Please plan to join us for this special feast day to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pope Benedict XVI wrote that "*precisely because Mary is with God, and in God, she is very close to each one of us. While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is actually 'within' all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God.*"

Our Lady "*knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness. She always listens to us and, being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and in his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother.*"

Blessed Virgin Mary, Pray for US!

Weekly Events at St. Didacus

Sunday, August 12		Location
Monday, August 13		Location
Knitting Club	4:00pm-6:00pm	Hall
Tuesday, August 14		Location
Laudato Si—Spanish	6:00pm	Hall
Wednesday, August 15		Location
Encuentro Matrimonial	7:00pm	Hall
Laudato Si—English	7:00pm	Hall
Thursday, August 16		Location
Friday, August 17		Location
Movie Night	6:00pm	Hall
Saturday, August 18		Location
Confessions	3:30pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	3:30pm-5:00pm	Church

Life can be confusing, and the demands and challenges of everyday life can easily cloud our vision. We can become tired. Because of all of the energy needed to manage our day-to-day routines, our spiritual lives can get neglected. Anger, apathy, bitterness, and competition readily distort our relationships with one another and with God. We are asked to imitate God and to put love, compassion, kindness, forgiveness, and gentleness over all things. We need to develop a strong life of prayer in order to bring balance to our lives and to realize who we really are.

General Collection, August 5, 2018:	\$3,768.00
Building Fund, August 5, 2018:	\$1,470.00

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
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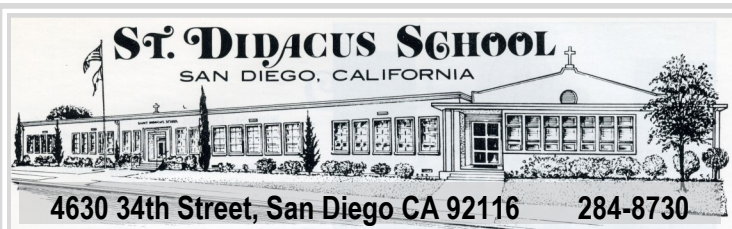
Readings for the Week of August 12, 2018

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58

PRAYER LIST

Tony Allen	Dolores Hansel	Peter Napolitano
Diann Bauer	Al Hunt	Lupita Plascencia
Dan Bauer	Joanne Hunt	Judith Pratt
Martha Becerra	Ponciano Jimenez	Antonia Raya
Bob Bellesi	Emily Johnson	Betty Rios
Herminia Brignon	Meri Kerekanich	Dolores Robertson
Gail Cedercrans	Kerekanich Family	Victor M. Sanchez
Fred Cepeda	Genevieve Keyser	Shirley Scinocca
Irene Davis	Marilyn Kober	Carol Schmidt
MaryLou De Luca	Elizabeth La Costa	Peter Schmidt
Bob Demers	Paul Mansell	Beverly Stemper
Josie Demers	Anthony Martinez	Maria Winters
Cecelia Dueber	Terrence McCabe	Helen Yturalde
Daniel Galvan	Emma McPherson	
Susan Guenzel	Dolores Mediano	
Stan Hammack	Vernon Meyers	

***And the special intentions
in our Book of Needs***



Why choose a Catholic education at St. Didacus School for your children?

Listen to these words from one of last year's 8th grade graduates in a letter written to a parent:

Dear Mom, Thank you for sending me to St. Didacus Parish School. My experience here has made me the best possible version of myself I could ever wish to be. I don't know what I would be like if I hadn't gone here, but I don't think I'd like to know. The people here are probably the best part about the school. All I know is that I would have had it no other way.

I know it hasn't been easy to send me to a Catholic school because of finances. But I am very grateful for your generosity and all of the work and service time you put in to make my experience here even better. I have learned so much here and I know that it is probably one of, if not the best, education I could receive. Although I am sad to go, I know I won't be leaving everyone and the friendships I have made here will most likely last a lifetime.

Contact the school office for more information about enrollment.



- Registration is now open for:**
- **CONFIRMATION I & II**
 - **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
 - **RCIA**

All classes begin in September.

See Elena outside after Mass or come by the Parish Office during the week.

What is RCIA? RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Through this process, people are introduced to the essential teachings of the Catholic Faith. The goal is for participants to be able to make an informed decision to join the Catholic Church through the reception of one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

RCIA is for Adults:

- ☐ Who were never baptized.
- ☐ Who were baptized in another Christian faith and who are interested in becoming Catholic.
- ☐ Who were baptized Catholic but did not receive Holy Communion or Confirmation.

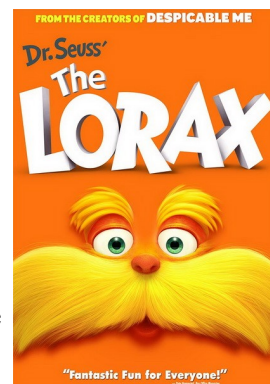
Call Elena at the Parish Office if you or someone you know would like more information about this process.



Mark your calendars for our next movie night!
Friday, August 17th at 6pm
The Creation Care Team will be showing the movie

THE LORAX

The imaginative world of Dr. Seuss comes to life like never before in this visually spectacular adventure from the creators of Despicable Me! Twelve-year-old Ted will do anything to find a real live Truffula Tree in order to impress the girl of his dreams. As he embarks on his journey, Ted discovers the incredible story of the Lorax, a grumpy but charming creature who speaks for the trees. Featuring the voice talents of Danny DeVito, Ed Helms, Zac Efron, Taylor Swift, Rob Riggle, Jenny Slate, and Betty White, Dr. Seuss' The Lorax is filled with hilarious fun for everyone. **A light meal will be served along with movie snacks. Invite a friend!**



Knitters Wanted

Do you knit or crochet? If you are interested in making items for the homeless and others in need, come to the next get-together of the Knitting Group on **Monday, August 13th from 4pm-6pm in the Parish Hall.**



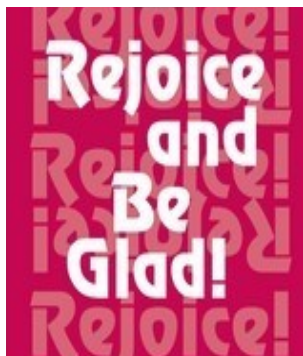
Thank you to those who donated yarn to the group. We are happy to accept any donations. Please drop them off at the Parish Office. Also, thank you for your monetary donations to help us pay for the cost of shipping knitted items to *Knitting4Peace*, an organization that collects items for those in need. Call the Parish Office to contact the group's leader, Marie Elisabeth with any questions.



The Divine Mercy Group will be selling Mexican food after Masses next Sunday. They are raising money to build a structure in the Prayer Garden to house an image of the Divine Mercy. Enjoy some delicious food and help them reach their goal.

Have you thought of becoming a Eucharistic Minister? We have need for more ministers at each Mass. If you would like more information talk with Fr. Rick.





This summer we're taking a closer look at Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "**Rejoice and Be Glad—A Call to Holiness in Today's World.**"

Last week we learned that Pope Francis warns us against a false form of holiness — **Gnosticism**. He sites one more stumbling block to holiness —

Contemporary Pelagianism. Here is what he says:

Gnosticism gave way to another heresy, likewise present in our day. As time passed, many came to realize that it is not knowledge that betters us or makes us saints, but the kind of life we lead. But this subtly led back to the old error of the gnostics, which was simply transformed rather than eliminated. The same power that the gnostics attributed to the intellect, others now began to attribute to the human will, to personal effort. This was the case with the pelagians and semi-pelagians. Now it was not intelligence that took the place of mystery and grace, but our human will. It was forgotten that everything "depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy" (Rom 9:16) and that "he first loved us" (cf. 1 Jn 4:19).

Pope Francis warns that: *those who yield to this pelagian or semi-pelagian mindset, even though they speak warmly of God's grace, "ultimately trust only in their own powers and feel superior to others because they observe certain rules or remain intransigently faithful to a particular Catholic style."...Ultimately, the lack of a heartfelt and prayerful acknowledgment of our limitations prevents grace from working more effectively within us, for no room is left for bringing about the potential good that is part of a sincere and genuine journey of growth...The Church has repeatedly taught that we are justified not by our own works or efforts, but by the grace of the Lord, who always takes the initiative...The Catechism of the Catholic Church also reminds us that the gift of grace "surpasses the power of human intellect and will" and that "with regard to God, there is no strict right to any merit on the part of man. Between God and us there is an immeasurable inequality."*

Read all that Pope Francis has to say about **Contemporary Pelagianism** in Chapter 2 of his Exhortation by visiting our parish website: www.stdidacuschurch.org.



A representative from the **Mental Health Ministry** will be outside after Mass today. Our Mental Health Ministry team has had specific training that will help them to help you

find the resources and guidance you or a family member may need in dealing with mental health issues. You are always welcome to call their direct line at (619) 940-6193.

The people started grumbling about Jesus, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

—John 6:41



During the Great Depression of the 1930s, a monastery gave out plain sandwiches in paper bags every afternoon at 5pm. The line of people was always long. After getting their sandwich some people ate it at once. Others ate only a portion of it and saved the rest for later. Still others took the sandwich home to someone in their family. Finally, a few

grumbled at the plainness of the sandwich and tossed it away. The people's reaction to the sandwich could be used as an example of the way people reacted to Jesus, "the bread that came down from heaven."

*How do I react to Jesus in the Eucharist?
How do I prepare to receive the Eucharist?
How do I follow up my reception of it?*

The effect of our receiving the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope Saint Leo the Great

Real Presence is what the Church calls the reality of Christ in our Eucharist. This isn't artificial presence, the sort we give to people we pretend to listen to, while our thoughts are light years away. It's not like the cardboard cutout of Pope Francis you can take a selfie with, while the actual pope is back in Rome. Real Presence is the same as Emmanuel, the name for Jesus that means "God with us." The living bread that came down from heaven is with us always, until the end of time.



Real Presence is real food. It's not the kind that sustains our bodies for a day, much less the sugar hit that feels good for all of thirty seconds until we're inspired to have another. Real Presence remains through eternity, which is much longer than any companionship we've ever enjoyed. If you're going to stop for a meal, this is one meal you can't afford to miss. Once a week, if not every day, you're invited to be as present to God as God desires to be present to you. Come and see.

—Exploring the Sunday Readings

In today's Gospel, Jesus identifies himself as the bread of life which is to be broken and shared "for the life of the world." The challenge for us, striving to live as faithful disciples of Jesus, is that we too must be willing to be bread for the world, "broken" in whatever particular ways we are called to be.

FROM THE PASTOR



A veces nos encontramos con personas que se quejan de los caminos de Dios en sus vidas. De alguna manera ven las cosas y las personas como una conspiración contra su gusto y expectativas. Siempre tienen pensamientos negativos sobre cualquier cosa, por lo que también se preocupan por cualquier cosa. Podemos evitar esta situación y ver las bendiciones de Dios en nuestras vidas. Nos dicen que nuestros corazones están hechos para Dios, pero también nos encontramos soñando con riquezas y fama más allá de nuestros medios. Cuando Jesús le dice a la gente: "Yo soy el pan que ha bajado del cielo", le está diciendo a la gente la verdad sobre la satisfacción de su hambre de Dios. Solo Jesús puede hacernos verdaderamente felices.

El misterio de la Eucaristía que venimos a celebrar todos los domingos, es Jesús Pan de Vida. Antes de recibir al Señor durante la Sagrada Comunión, recordamos la última cena y su pasión y muerte en la cruz. Al aceptar a Jesús como nuestro Pan de Vida también aceptamos su desafío de vivir nuestra vida en unión con Él y con la Iglesia. Y así, nos daremos cuenta de que las cosas difíciles y dolorosas en la vida son parte integral del proceso de convertirse en verdaderamente humanos y verdaderamente divinos.

P. Rick



La Asunción de María es un día de misa de obligación
15 de agosto

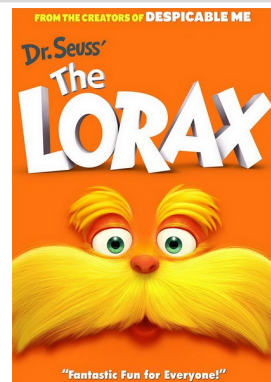
Tendremos una misa bilingüe el martes 14 de agosto a las 6 PM.
Y misa a las 8:30 AM el miércoles 15 de agosto.

NOCHE DE PELICULA

Viernes 17 de agosto
6 PMN

Salón Parroquial
El Equipo de Cuidado de la Creación mostrará la película

THE LORAX



El mundo imaginativo del Dr. Seuss cobra vida como nunca antes en esta aventura espectacular de los creadores de Despicable Me. Ted, de doce años, hará cualquier cosa para encontrar un árbol de Trufula vivo para impresionar a la chica de sus sueños. Mientras se embarca en su viaje, Ted descubre la increíble historia de Lorax, una criatura gruñona pero encantadora que habla por los árboles. The Lorax está lleno de divertidísima diversión para todos.

LOS ESPERAMOS CON TODA SU FAMILIA

Los invitamos a la reunión hoy, para planear la celebración de **XV Años de Misa en español el domingo 2 de septiembre**. Durante la misa y después de misa con una comida en el salón parroquial.



NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS BILINGUES PARA:

LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA PARA LOS NIÑOS, UN DOMINGO AL MES.

GRUPO DE JOVENES, TODOS LOS MARTES DE 6:30-8 PM, EN EL SALON PARROQUIAL.

Inscripciones de Catecismo



Catecismo y Confirmación

Las **clases del catecismo** comenzaran el **miércoles 19 de Septiembre** y terminan el **miércoles 29 de Mayo, 2019**. Los jóvenes de 9° de High School que van a la escuela publica deberán anotarse para **Confirmación I**. Los jóvenes que ya cursaron el año pasado y que están en 10 en la escuela católica pueden inscribirse para la **Confirmación en el 2019**. Las clases de jóvenes iniciaran, el **martes 4 de septiembre 2018 de 6:30 a 8 PM**.

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