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Bringing Christ to All Nations SUMMER MISSION APPEAL

> Llevando a Cristo a Todas las Naciones

Apelación Misionera de Verano



#### Summer Mission Appeal—Bringing Christ to all Nations

We are pleased to welcome Fr. Vincent Anadi from Nigeria to share his story during the Masses today.

#### A Note from Fr. Vincent:

This missionary appeal is focused on the needs of children in seven communities (Alayere, Bolunduro, Ileyo, Molato, Wasinmi, Isagba, Ilado) in Akure north and south. I work in these communities as a social worker and a pastor of souls. I have a team of young people who assist me through the collaboration of the Justice Development and Peace Center (JDPC) in my Diocese, Ondo. All of these communities are largely rural communities cut off from the basic amenities of civilization. From the pictures on the bulletin cover, you can see that they seem to be in the heart of forests. Most of these communities are not accessible to cars.

My passion is for the children who are the most vulnerable and weakest in the population. These children are categorized into indigent children and orphans; mentally challenged, children abandoned due to their parents dying of HIV/Aids (they become victims of stigmatization) and those displaced due to terrorist activities (Fulani Herdsmen). The average children in these categories suffer multiple abuses every day. In fact, it is difficult being a child in these places. Some become the breadwinners of their families at the very tender age of 6 years old. They are exposed to untold hardships in the form of roadside hawking or child labor and rape. They suffer the brunt of hunger, lack of clothing and various forms of disease due to the lack of basic healthcare and lack of education.

This appeal is to help us provide for the needs of these little ones: feeding them, clothing them and giving them opportunity of education and in some cases rehabilitation. We do not have sufficient resources (financial and otherwise) to meet most of the needs of these children and that is why I am reaching out to you and counting on your goodwill to find it in your hearts to assist us in any way that you are able.

St. Didacus parishioner, Lucy Hutchings, and the St. Didacus Altar Society ladies have been of immense support in this mission of helping these children, giving them a glimpse of hope to live as human beings and fulfill their God-given purpose, by their constant provision of clothing, toys and Educational materials. As you will notice in the photos, the children are holding the items we received from Lucy and the Altar Society ladies.

### Please be prepared to listen and support as the message of mission, evangeliza-

tion, loving service and hope is shared. The proceeds from this Mission appeal are used to directly support the missionary, the organization and the people they serve. Your generous donation unites you as a missionary to our brothers and sisters around the world who need our help. There are special yellow envelopes in the pews for this collection.



#### From the Desk of the Pastor...

Following the Lord does not mean that we have to jump out of the boat and walk on water. Peter did that and he failed. We see Peter often failing and coming to grief as a result



of his impulsiveness. In the Gospel last week we saw Peter immediately suggesting to the Lord that they build three tents on the mountain where Jesus was transfigured. Obviously Jesus said no. They had to come down back to Jerusalem. In this week's Gospel we see that Peter wanted to follow the Lord by walking on stormy water. His faith was not strong enough to overcome the power of nature. Good thing for Peter, Jesus was there to forgive and save him.

Many failures in our Christian life happen when we act or decide on impulse and emotional eagerness. Like Peter, who in his moment of failure immediately called on to the Lord for help, we too should not hesitate to ask the Lord for help. Our failures, like Peter's, should make us love the Lord more deeply and trust in Him more devoutly. What is important is to realize that the Lord will always come to our rescue even if sometimes he doesn't seem to be there.

Fr. Rick



Join us for Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation

#### The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15th 8:00am 6:00pm—Bilingual

On this day we celebrate the promise of God expressed fully in the life of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. God invites us to eternal life, to enjoy the glorious new creation of his Son in body, soul, and spirit. Our final hope is the resurrection of our own bodies at the end of time to exist forever in this new order of creation. The Solemnity of the Assumption is our great celebration of this final hope. Mary is a pioneer for us in faith. She was the first among us to accept Jesus Christ into her life. In her bodily Assumption, she is also the first to fully enjoy eternal life at the side of her risen Son in the glory of heaven. Where she has gone, we hope to follow. We rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise in her, as we turn to her to guide us to the side of her risen Son who reigns in heaven.

#### **Mass Intentions**

| Saturday  | August 12                 |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 5:00PM    | †Eva Diaz Rondon          |
| Sunday    | August 13                 |
| 8:30AM    | People of St. Didacus     |
| 10:00AM   | †Mary Catherine Schoelles |
|           | †Rosalio Sanchez, Jr.     |
| Monday    | August 14                 |
| 7:30AM    | †Maria Van Tran           |
| Tuesday   | August 15                 |
| 8:00AM    | †James Caulfield          |
| 6:00PM    | †Frank Humphreys          |
| Wednesday | August 16                 |
| 8:30AM    | †Marian Krueger           |
| Thursday  |                           |
| 7:30AM    | †Ignazio Asaro            |
| Friday    | August 18                 |
| 7:30AM    | †Guadalupe Lopez          |
| Saturday  | August 19                 |
|           | †Bart & Juanita Diaz      |

#### The Joy of Giving

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to Jesus and how he is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has in mind for you.

# Jesus Calling

\$5,138.00

\$2,237.00

#### General Collection, August 6, 2017: Building Fund, August 6, 2017:

#### 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

<u>Confessions</u>—Saturdays 3:30pm or by appt.

**<u>Baptisms:</u>** 1st Saturday of each month. Arrangements must be made 3 months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for information.

<u>Weddings:</u> Arrangements must be made at least 9 months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office.

<u>Mental Health Ministry Direct Line:</u> 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

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|-------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Sunday, August 13, 2017       |               | Location |
| Monday, August 14, 2017       |               | Location |
| Tuesday, August 15, 2017      |               | Location |
| Youth Night                   | 6:30pm        | Hall     |
| Wednesday, August 16, 2017    |               | Location |
| Eucharistic Adoration         | 7:30am-8:30am | Church   |
| Men's Prayer Group            | 7:00pm        | Hall     |
| Finance Council               | 7:00pm        | Hall     |
| Encuentro Matrimonial         | 7:00pm        | Hall     |
| Thursday, August 17, 2017     |               | Location |
| Friday, August 18, 2017       |               | Location |
| Dinner & Movie Night          | 6:00pm        | Hall     |
| Saturday, August 19, 2017     |               | Location |
| New Family School Orientation | 9:00am        | School   |
| Confession                    | 3:30pm        | Church   |
| Eucharistic Adoration         | 3:30pm-5:00pm | Church   |

Weekly Events at St. Didacus

#### August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honoring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as his mother, the person who was called to share in and cooperate in his redemptive sufferings.



#### Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27 Tuesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15 Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Santiago Fontes

Rosalba Alarcon Helen Anton-Stohrel Maria Luz Arrellano Diann Bauer Dan Bauer Herbert Baxter Robert Bayles Martha Becerra Bob Bellesi Ken Bojok Judy Bouchard Norm Boyer Herminia Brignoni Ibeth Brianoni Ruben Campos Gail Cedercrans Joana Cisneros Cecil Crews Aaron Damishia Irene Davis MarvLou De Luca Pauline Dease **Bob Demers** Cecelia Dueber Mary Farrell

Jerry Goodwin Jorge Gordillo Susan Guenzel Dolores Hansel Al Hunt Joanne Hunt Caleb Jerome Carol Keppel Marilyn Kober Elizabeth La Costa Virginia Lantry Juanita Lopez Maria Lopez Marlene S. Magers Anthony Martinez Rosalie Martinez Claire Meighan Terrence McCabe Trish McCutcheon Emma McPherson Dolores Mediano Vernon Meyers Peter Napolitano Dominick Palestini



And the special intentions in our Book of Needs





The new school year begins on Tuesday, August 22nd. Enjoy your last week of summer vacation!

The School Office is now open from 7:30am-3:30pm. Stop by to purchase any gift cards you may

need. We have hundreds of vendors to choose from. If we don't have what you're looking for in stock, we can place an order.



Guess what's right around the corner?

The Altar Society's **BOOK & BOUTIQUE SALE** Friday, August 25th 8am-5pm Saturday, August 26th 8am-6:30pm Sunday August 27th 8am-1pm



You might have missed not seeing the book section at the last rummage sale. We've been saving all our books for this big book sale.

And don't forget about the boutique—we've got only the *"good stuff"* for this sale!

If you have books, new items, or like-new items you'd like to donate for this sale, please bring them to the Parish Hall August 21-24 9am-4pm.



BEAT THE HEAT AND LEAVE THE COOKING TO US!

JOIN US ON FRIDAY NIGHT FOR OUR FREE

#### DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT! Friday, August 18th 6pm in the Parish Hall

We'll see the movie "Greater," the story of Brandon Burlsworth, possibly the greatest walk-on in the history of college football. Brandon had always dreamed of playing for the Arkansas Razorbacks, but was considered too short and too fat to play Division I. Undeterred, Brandon took a big risk and walked on in 1994. This is the true story of the awkward kid who was once an embarrassment to his teammates and an annoyance to his coaches who ended up becoming the most respected player in the history of the program, changing the lives of all he touched. With 807 5-star reviews on Amazon, this is a movie you don't want to miss!

#### **BRING A COMFY CHAIR & A FRIEND!**

Daughters of St. Paul Catholic Book & Media Sale Next Weekend at all the Masses



The Daughters of St. Paul will be here after all the Masses on August 19th & 20th. They are religious Sisters whose mission is to communicate the Gospel with the

media in the spirit of St. Paul. Their publications of Catholic books, music, and DVD's, for children and adults, will be available for purchase after all the Masses. For more information, please contact the Sisters at Pauline Books & Media 3908 Sepulveda Blvd. Culver City, CA. Phone: <u>310-397-8676</u>. Plan to do some shopping!

Visit their website www.pauline.org to download a free coloring page from their coloring book for adults: <u>Jesus Speaks to You</u>, by renowned artist Veruschka Guerra.



Nobel Prize winner Dr. Alexis Carrel wrote a book called *Man, the Unknown*. In it, he makes this striking statement: "Prayer is the most powerful form of energy we can generate...The influence of prayer on the human mind and body is as demonstrable as secreting glands...Only in

prayer do we achieve that complete and harmonious assembly of body, mind, and spirit which gives the frail human reed its unshakable strength."

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#### The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened."

How can we describe Peter? At once faithful and fearful, his jumbled responses remind us that he was no spiritual superman, well intentioned though he may have been. Peter wanted to believe, and in fact showed a great deal of



confidence in Christ, but the temptation to doubt was strong enough to knock him off his feet, literally.

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Jesus reprimanded Peter. The words seem harsh. After all, Peter was the only one who had enough faith to even try something as ludicrous as stepping out of the boat onto the water in the first place. But perhaps Jesus wanted to emphasize that our faith needs to be strong enough to weather the storm, so to speak.

If we only believe in Jesus when the wind is calm and the waves are gone, is that truly having faith in him? Is that actually trusting in his supreme power over the forces of the universe? Peter began to sink as soon as a challenge appeared. Jesus called him, and he calls us, to stay on our feet even when the winds begin to blow.

So, what are the winds that threaten our faith? What kinds of gusts are blowing today? Whatever it might be-health problems, financial concerns, relational struggles—none of it is too much for Jesus to handle. But we must step out in faith and trust him! And we need to keep our eyes on him as we do so, instead of getting distracted by the force of the challenges we face. Jesus is bigger than any problem. We have nothing to fear as long as we are walking towards him. -Cycles of Faith



Fr. Rick joined St. **Didacus Small Faith** Group I&II last Sunday for an outing to visit parishioner, Lois Tennies,' horses that are boarded in the Tijuana River Valley area.



Spend some time this summer learning more about the men and women of the Catholic

Church who lived lives of holiness. St. John Eudes (1601-1680) Saturday, August 19th John Eudes was born in Normandy,



France, in 1601. He was the oldest son of a farmer. Even as a child, he tried to copy the example of Jesus in the way he treated his family, friends and neighbors. When he was only nine, another boy slapped his face. John felt himself becoming angry. Then he remembered Jesus' words in the Gospel: to turn the other cheek. So he did.

John's parents wanted him to marry and have a family. He gently but firmly convinced them that he had a priestly call. He joined the congregation of the Oratory and studied for the priesthood. After John was a priest, the plague hit Normandy. He volunteered to help the sick, caring for both their souls and bodies. Later, he became a popular preacher of missions in parishes. During his lifetime he preached 110 missions. St. John is responsible for the establishment of religious congregations: the



Sisters of Our Lady of Charity and the Good Shepherd nuns. He also started the Congregation of Jesus and Mary for priests which was dedicated to training young men to become good parish priests. He wrote a book about the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Holy Heart of Mary. John became sick after he preached an outdoor mission in very cold weather. He never fully recovered. John died in 1680. He was proclaimed "blessed" by Pope St. Pius X in 1908. He was proclaimed a saint by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

"Preachers beat the bushes. Confessors catch the birds!" -St. John Eudes

#### Christ is with Us

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy's entrance procession.

We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ's presence in our assembly; he will act in persona Christi, in the person of

Christ, who presides at every Eucharist.

As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can't sing well, but "Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice" (USCCB, Sing to the Lord, 14).





#### Mensaje del P. Rich

Seguir al Señor no significa que tengamos que caminar sobre las aguas. Pedro lo hizo y fracasó. Vemos a Pedro a menudo

fracasando como resultado de su impulsividad. En el Evangelio de la semana pasada vimos a Pedro que le sugirió al Señor que construyera tres tiendas en la montaña donde Jesús fue transfigurado. Obviamente Jesús le dijo que no, que era necesario regresar a Jerusalén. Ahora quiere seguir al Señor caminando sobre el agua. Su fe no es lo suficientemente fuerte como para superar el poder de la naturaleza. Lo bueno para Pedro es que Jesús estaba allí perdonarlo salvarlo. para y Muchos fracasos en nuestra vida Cristina ocurren cuando actuamos o decidimos por impulso y ansiedad emocional. Hoy aprendemos de Pedro, que, en los momentos de fracaso, él le llamó inmediatamente al Señor para pedirle ayuda, nosotros tampoco debemos dudar en pedirle ayuda al Señor. Nuestros fracasos, como los de Pedro, deben hacernos amarlo más profundamente y confiar más en El. Lo importante es darse cuenta de que el Señor vendrá a nuestro rescate incluso aunque parezca que a veces Él no está ahí.

#### Regístrate para el Catecismo, la Confirmación I - 2 y

**RCIA** Si eres mayor de 18 años y te falta algún sacramento de iniciación bautismo: confirma-



ción, primera comunión. te invitamos a inscribirte con Elena a la salida de misa o en la oficina estas clases son gratuitas.



#### ¡Ánimo, soy yo, no tengan miedo!

Podemos encontrar al Señor en el caos de nuestras dudas, nuestra confusión, nuestra fe vacilante. ¿Él está aquí en las tormentas y dificultades del pequeño mundo de nuestro propio corazón; y también en el ancho

mundo, dividido y amenazante, en donde es difícil reconocerle. Si realmente encontramos al Señor en la fe, en la amistad y en el amor, entonces el Señor hace que todo se vuelva tranquilo, aun cuando el viento huracanado siga soplando, ya que el Señor deja sentir su presencia. Sigamos confiando, sigamos creyendo, pues el Señor está aquí con nosotros. Acompáñenos a la misa de Obligación de la Asunción de la Virgen María

Martes 15 de agosto



Misas a las 8:00 AM 6:00 PM Bilingüe



#### **Publicaciones Paulinas**

Las Hijas de San Pablo tendrán su venta de Libros católico y videos el próxi-

mo fin de semana después de todas las misas, venga con su dinerito.

#### Apelación de Verano para las Misiones - Llevar a Cristo a todas las naciones

Nos complace darle la bienvenida al P. Vincent Anadi de Nigeria el compartirá su historia durante las misas de hoy, y tendremos una segunda colecta para ayudarle.





La Sociedad del Altar tendrá su venta de *LIBROS Y VENTA DE BOUTIQUE* Viernes 25 de agosto 8 am-5pm Sábado, 26 de agosto 8 am-6:30pm Domingo 27 de agosto 8 am-1pm

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