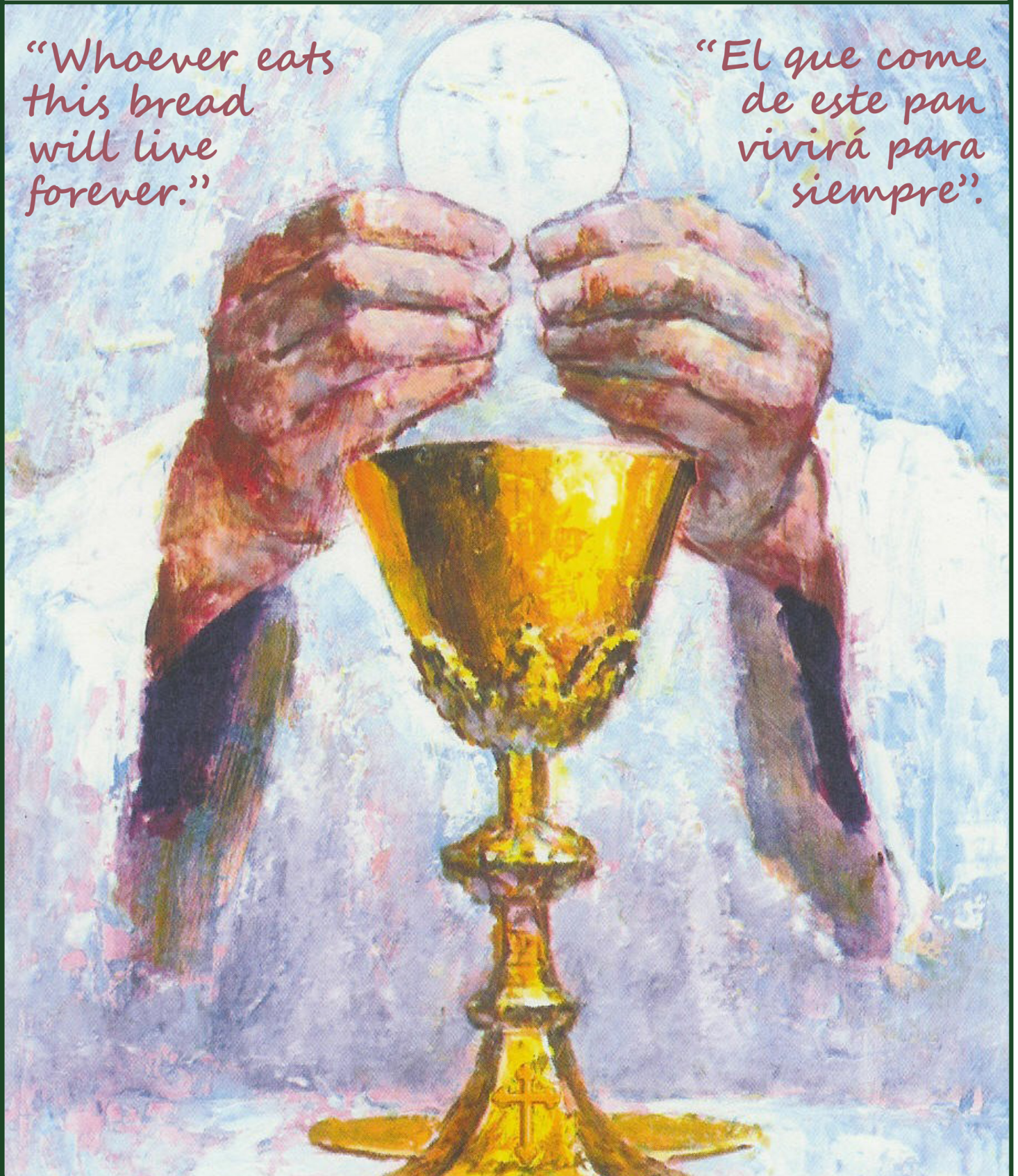


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*"Whoever eats
this bread
will live
forever."*

*"El que come
de este pan
vivirá para
siempre".*





In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life Discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically. Jesus doesn't seem to help, however, and only drives his point home with more emphasis. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Jesus would later institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper. There

he would definitively establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially his own Body and Blood. We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.

Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive. "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." What is the essence of food and drink? Food nourishes our bodies, providing essential calories for our survival. Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints, regulate body temperature, and protect sensitive tissues like the brain. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the spiritual equivalent of these essential elements. Like water, the Eucharist strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The Eucharist connects us intimately to Jesus and confirms our union with him. That is why we abstain from the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin. It would be a contradiction and deep disrespect to these words of Jesus. To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is not a right but a gift we receive with deep humility.

As we receive the Bread of Life, grace strengthens our love, separates us from sin — even wiping away venial sins — unifies us with the universal Church, and helps commit us to humble service. Together we are nourished for our mission in the world!

—Cycles of Faith



World Meeting of Families 2018

The World Meeting of Families will take place August 22-26, 2018 in Dublin, Ireland. Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Thousands of families and

individuals from all over Ireland and the world are expected to attend. The theme for each World Meeting of Families is chosen by the Pope. In choosing *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*, as the theme for the ninth World Meeting of Families, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on a theme that was central to the Synodal process that led to his post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*: On Love in the Family. Please pray this week for Pope Francis and all those attending the meeting.

First, the Jews murmured and then they quarreled among themselves. Understandably, the teaching of Jesus was incomprehensible. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they asked. It was too profound and too good to be true. Jesus claimed to be the bread that came down from heaven and said "whoever eats this bread will live forever." How could Jesus be coming down from heaven when he had always been there in their neighborhood? The Gospel tells us that Jesus disappeared in two instances; first, when he was about twelve. He could not be found for three days. Second, when he went into the desert to fast immediately after he was baptized. After forty days of fasting he came out, called disciples to follow him and began teaching.

How can I explain the Holy Eucharist in a meaningful and comprehensible manner? The people in Jesus time asked for signs. Jesus performed miracles but people wanted more. We are in the same predicament today. We want more than just signs and symbols. Don't we have enough? We need to empty our hands and open our minds to understand the mystery of God's love. Jesus continues to offer himself as our food in the Eucharist so that we will not be hungry for what the world is offering us. I pray that the Holy Eucharist we celebrate and receive every Sunday will continue to strengthen us and inspire us to live "Eucharistic" lives for others. Literally "Eucharist" means a good gift. Jesus is the greatest gift for humanity. He gave up everything for the love of us. Now it is up to us to choose how we will give up our lives to love and serve him.

Fr. Rick



Wow, How Time Flies!

On Sunday, September 2nd we will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the start of the celebration of the Spanish Mass at St. Didacus Church. The whole parish is invited to help us celebrate this special day! On Sunday, September 2nd at 11:30am we will have a bilingual Mass (instead of our usual Spanish Mass) so that our whole community is welcome. Following Mass, you are invited to lunch in the Parish Hall provided by the Hispanic community. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this joyous occasion.



Mass Intentions

Saturday.....August 18	
5:00PM †Guadalupe Lopez, †Mark De Luca, †Lucille Heidmiller	
Sunday.....August 19	
8:30AM.....†Leonard Geschwender	
†Adolph & Lucille Yturralde	
†Joseph & Rosemary Kirsch	
10:00AM.....†Lori Avalos	
11:30AM.....People of St. Didacus	
Monday.....August 20	
7:30AM.....†David Hulsey	
Tuesday.....August 21	
6:00PM.....†Frank Matranga	
Wednesday.....August 22	
8:30AM.....†Eileen Connolly	
Thursday.....August 23	
7:30AM.....†Carolyn Curiel Hastings	
Friday.....August 24	
7:30AM.....†Maurizio Matranga	
Saturday.....August 25	
5:00PM†Bart Diaz	

The Joy of Giving

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom on earth.

General Collection, August 12, 2018: \$3,768.00
Building Fund, August 12, 2018: \$ 509.00

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, August 19		Location
Divine Mercy Mexican Food Sale	after Masses	Hall
Monday, August 20		Location
Encuentro Matrimonial	7:00pm	Hall
Tuesday, August 21		Location
First Day of School		
Laudato Si—Spanish	6:00pm	Hall
Spanish Choir	7:00pm	Church
Wednesday, August 22		Location
Laudato Si—English	7:00pm	Hall
Thursday, August 23		Location
Friday, August 24		Location
Saturday, August 25		Location
Confessions	3:30pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	3:30pm-5:00pm	Church



The Blessed Virgin Mary has been crowned Queen in virtue of the Lord Jesus Christ, her son, who is the King of the universe. In heaven as on earth, she points the way not to her own glory but to his, with which she has been robed and which she seeks only to reflect.

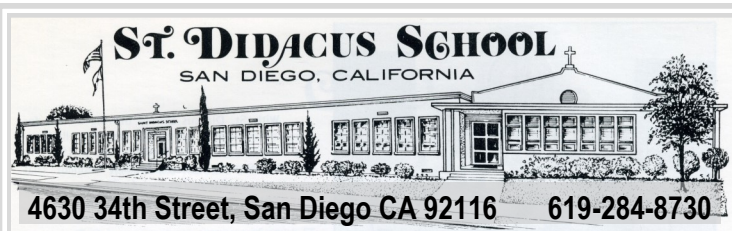
Readings for the Week of August 19, 2018

Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/ Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69

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 Brignoni	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 Yturralde
Daniel Galvan	Emma McPherson	
Susan Guenzel	Dolores Mediano	
Stan Hammack	Vernon Meyers	

*And the special intentions
 in our Book of Needs*



Welcome Back Teachers and Staff!
The new school year begins on Tuesday, August 21st!



St. Didacus teachers and staff spent the week preparing to welcome students for the new school year.



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER 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. Call Elena at the Parish Office if you or someone you know would like more information about this process.



On August 1st, the Vatican released a **revision of the Catholic Catechism** that calls the death penalty *"inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person."* To read more about this topic, visit our parish website: stdidacuschurch.org and click on the link provided.

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. The last meeting is on Wednesday, August 22nd at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Whole Person Care Initiative California Catholic Bishop's Response to Physician Assisted Suicide Pastoral Care for the Sick and Dying

Saturday, September 8, 2018

9:30am—noon at St. Michael Parish

15546 Pomerado Road, Poway, Ca 92164

The Diocese of San Diego is hosting a workshop for extraordinary ministers of communion, bereavement and health ministers, Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus, and all who serve the homebound, the hospitalized and those in convalescent care. Join Bishop Dolan, Liz Sumner (California Conference Director for WPCI), and Noreen McInnes (Diocesan Director for Liturgy) to discuss Church teaching on end of life ethics, palliative and hospice care, and pastoral care of the sick. This event is free and lunch is included.



Please register by September 6th at mvalencia@sdccatholic.org

The **Divine Mercy Group** will be selling Mexican



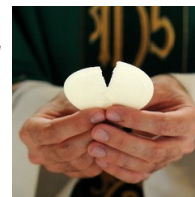
food after the Masses on Sunday.

They are raising money to build a structure in the Prayer Garden to house an image of the Divine Mercy. They still have \$3000 to raise to meet their goal. Please support their fundraiser.

Donations are welcome, too!

"Show me what is physically different between a host that is consecrated and one that is not." These are words that

can be heard on the lips of anyone struggling with faith. Perhaps, they are heard on yours. Physical tests will reveal no difference. The difference is seen through faith. In one sense, it is simple. Either we believe that the risen Christ is present — soul and divinity — or we do not. The fruits of faith are the proof. In the Eucharist, God enters into the very depths of who we are. However, it is our choice whether we ignore what He does or act fully upon it. The Eucharist can change us. When people see that we are different, they in turn will themselves believe.





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.**"

Today we'll take look at Chapter 3: **In Light of the Master.** In this chapter Pope Francis puts the focus on Jesus' own teaching

that lays out for us as a path to holiness. He says: *Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes (cf. Mt 5:3-12; Lk 6:20-23). The Beatitudes are like a Christian's identity card. So if anyone asks: "What must one do to be a good Christian?" the answer is clear. We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount. In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives.*

In the Beatitudes, "*The word "happy" or "blessed" thus becomes a synonym for "holy." It expresses the fact that those faithful to God and his word, by their self-giving, gain true happiness.*"

Read all that Pope Francis has to say about **our call to be holy through Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes** in Chapter 3 of his Exhortation by visiting our parish website: www.stdidacuschurch.org.



Communion from the Cup

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 281, states "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clear expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord." However,

since the Council of Trent, the church has also taught that Christ, whole and entire, is present in the consecrated bread. If we receive only the Body of Christ, we receive the full grace of the sacrament. So why bother receiving from the cup?

In today's First Reading, Wisdom invites us, "Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed," and at every Eucharist, we hear Jesus' command, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it..." Drinking from the Eucharistic cup is essential to understanding the meaning of Communion and Jesus' sacrifice—a sacrifice in which we participate. Rev. Edward Foley, OFMCap, said that eating the Body of Christ shows us who we are to become. But drinking the Blood of Christ shows us how to do that, and to do that on Christ's terms, not ours.

Drinking the Blood of Christ makes us accountable to the "amen" we gave in assenting to become what we have eaten, the Body of Christ. "Will you drink this cup?" In other words, will you pour yourself out for the sake of others as Jesus did for us? Drinking from a common cup may be unusual, yet it is essential if we are to be the Body of Christ for others. —Living Liturgy

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wednesday, August 22nd

This Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary is relatively new on the Catholic calendar, established by Pope Pius XII in 1954. But its roots reach deep into our Catholic tradition. The early Church Fathers recognized that the Mother of Christ, the King, is herself a Queen. Through the centuries, artists have loved to paint the humble Virgin, crowned by the Holy Trinity amid the glories of heaven. In the **Litany of Loreto**, we call upon Mary as "Queen of Angels," "Queen of All Saints," "Queen Conceived without Sin," "Queen Assumed into Heaven," "Queen of the Rosary," and "Queen of Peace." Mary is our Queen, but she is also our Mother. In the words of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower, "She is more Mother than Queen."



What is the Litany of Loreto? The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Marian litany originally approved in 1587 by Pope Sixtus V. It is also known as the *Litany of Loreto*, for its first-known place of origin, the Shrine of Our Lady of Loreto (Italy), where its usage was recorded as early as 1558. Although it is often prayed privately, especially after the rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary has the distinction of being one of only six litanies approved for public recitation by the Holy See.

Diocese of San Diego Office for Evangelization and
Catechetical Ministry is offering the course:

The Bible and Prayer

Mondays, September 10 to October 15, 2018 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
at St. Thomas More, 1450 S. Melrose Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056
Instructor: Gloria Salinas Cost: \$35.00 per person, includes materials
and certificate of completion.



The Bible and Prayer will explore the human quest for God, unveiling the true nature of prayer: what it is, how it works, and the bountiful blessings available to those who walk the path of intimacy with God. It looks at the prayer lives of the

towering figures of salvation history in both the Old and New Testaments. It also examines three types or modes of prayer every Catholic is called to engage in: vocal prayer, meditation, and contemplation. *Lectio Divina*, Liturgy of the Hours, and many essential characteristics of prayer are also covered. The study culminates in a study of the prayer life of Jesus Christ, the ultimate example of how to commune with our Father. This course is based on the Scripture study and reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn. **Please contact Lisa Vaca at 858-490-8230 or Lvaca@sdccatholic.org by 9/7/2018 to register for this course.**

Marquen sus calendarios...

CELEBRACION DE LOS XV ANOS DE COMUNIDAD HISPANA EN LA PARROQUIAL DE SAN DIDACUS



Domingo 2 de septiembre
Misa Bilingüe para invitar a nuestra comunidad
de ingles a nuestra celebración



Invitamos al P. Mike

La celebración será
el domingo 2 de
septiembre, des-
pués del misa de
11:30 AM. Los invi-
tamos a traer comi-

da regional de donde son ustedes para compa-
rtir por lo menos con 7 personas.

INVITACION

Los invitamos ayudarnos a decorar el salón pa-
rroquial el sábado 1o de septiembre a las 10 AM
en el salón parroquial. También este día, ven-
dremos vestidos con nuestros trajes típicos de
México o Latín América. **A c o m p á ñ e n o s ...**

NECESITAMOS AYUDA DE PERSONAS BILINGUES:



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

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

20° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



Las enseñanzas de Jesús fueron incomprensibles para los que lo escuchaba. Primero, los ju-
díos murmuraron y luego se pelearon entre ellos. Comprensiblemente se decían: "¿Cómo puede
este hombre darnos su carne para comer?" le preguntaban. Era demasiado profundo y demasiado bueno para ser verdad. Jesús afirmó ser el pan que descendió del cielo y les dijo: "El que coma de este pan vivirá para siempre". ¿Cómo Jesús podría descender del cielo cuando siempre había estado allí entre ellos? El Evangelio nos dice que Jesús desapareció en dos ejemplos: primero, cuando tenía alrededor de doce años. No se lo pudo encontrar durante tres días. Segundo, cuando se fue al desierto a ayunar inmediatamente después de ser bautizado. Después de cuarenta días de ayuno, salió y llamó a sus discípulos para que lo siguieran y comenzó a enseñar.

¿Cómo puedo explicar la Sagrada Eucaristía de una manera significativa y comprensible? La gente en el momento de Jesús pidió señales. Jesús realizó milagros, pero la gente quería más. Estamos en la misma situación hoy. Queremos más que solo signos y símbolos. ¿No tenemos suficiente? Necesitamos vaciar las manos y abrir la mente para comprender el misterio del amor de Dios. Jesús continúa ofreciéndose a sí mismo como nuestro alimento en la Eucaristía para que no tengamos hambre de lo que el mundo nos ofrece. Oro para que la Santa Eucaristía que celebramos y recibimos cada domingo continúe fortaleciéndonos e inspirándonos a vivir la "vida eucarística" para otros. Literalmente "Eucaristía" significa un buen regalo. Jesús es el mejor regalo para la humanidad. Él renunció a todo por nuestro amor. Ahora depende de nosotros cómo renunciar a lo que nos ha dado para servirlo a Él. **P. Rick**

CAPILLA AL SENOR DE LA MISERICORDIA

El grupo de la Divina Misericordia necesita recaudar \$3000.00 para hacer una capillita al Señor de la Misericordia en el área del jardín de la Sagrada Familia, necesitamos donaciones, la venta de comida de este día es para esta causa, por favor apoyen comprando comida y también pueden hacer un cheque o donar efectivo, pase a la oficina parroquial, escriba en su sobre que el dinero es para la capillita.



Inscripciones de Catecismo



ULTIMOS DIAS DE INSCRIPCIONES PARA EL CATECISMO Y LA CONFIRMACION

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**. Las clases de jóvenes iniciaran, el **martes 4 de septiembre 2018 de 6:30 a 8 PM**. El **domingo 26 de agosto** es el ultimo día para inscribirlos.

As we prepare to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the beginning of the Spanish Mass at St. Didacus, let's look at a brief history of how it started and how it has enhanced our parish community during the past fifteen years.

An effort to reach out to the St. Didacus Parish Hispanic community was begun by Father Michael Robinson when he introduced the Guadalupe Mass on December 12, 2000, a service during which parishioners' presented sprays of roses to the Virgin Mary. He also added a Mass in Spanish at Christmas and at Easter the following year.

The effort to include the Hispanic community in parish life continued with Father Michael Baumgardner. When he took over as pastor in the summer 2002, he was contacted by Father Rich Perozich, pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, our neighbor to the southeast. Father Rich told him, "I have a lot of people trying to register in CCD that live within your parish boundaries and we have over one hundred families with Spanish surnames from your zip-code that attend this parish."

Father Michael realized that there was a need to serve the local Spanish-speaking community. He talked to some of the Spanish speakers he knew in the parish and they assured him that if we offered something on a regular basis we could get a good turnout. Fr. Michael decided to add a weekly Spanish Sunday Mass to our schedule and on September 7, 2003 he celebrated the first 11:30am Sunday Mass in Spanish. There were about 125 people in attendance.

In July 2004, the parish hired bilingual speaker and bicultural, Elena Platas, as Director of Religious Education to better serve the Spanish-speaking community. Elena worked to improve our faith formation classes and grew our program from 39 children enrolled in 2004 to 109 in 2005. Elena also helped put together the parish's first La Posada, a family celebration and party during Advent where parishioners go door to door reenacting Mary and Joseph's search for shelter before Jesus was born.

In 2005, Elena registered 150 new Hispanic families into the parish, a worthy accomplishment since in Mexico families choose a parish simply by attending Mass but never register.

The St. Didacus Hispanic community has continued to grow through the years. In 2009, Fr. Michael Sinor welcomed the Encuentro Matrimonial Group. In 2013, he approved the formation of the Divine Mercy Group. This year we were blessed to witness the ordination of Deacon Marco Huizar, the first Spanish-speaking deacon to serve our parish. Also, this year, Fr. Rick has worked with the Divine Mercy Group to design and build a structure in our Prayer Garden to house an image of the Divine Mercy. He also has been involved in starting monthly Spanish Eucharistic Adoration and Spanish Healing Masses.

In the past fifteen years the Hispanic community has grown to become a vital part of our parish. They have brought life to our parish through the celebrations of Día de los Muertos, Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Posada, the Pastorela, Divine Mercy Sunday and Spanish Adoration and worship. Spanish-speaking groups such as Encuentro Matrimonial and the Divine Mercy Group help support our parish through fundraisers like our annual Kermes and regular Mexican food sales. Also, bilingual groups like our Mental Health Ministry and Creation Care Team help create a cohesive parish community.

"Working with the Hispanic community at St. Didacus for the past fourteen years has been a privilege and a blessing for me, especially when I see how they have become such an integral part of parish life at St. Didacus," said Elena. "They are proud and excited to celebrate their 15th anniversary. I'm looking forward to seeing where the Holy Spirit will take us at St. Didacus in the next fifteen years."

Nos preparamos para celebrar los 15° Años del comienzo de la Misa en español en San Didacus, veamos una breve historia de cómo comenzó y cómo ha mejorado nuestra comunidad parroquial durante estos últimos quince años.

El Padre Michael Robinson inicio el esfuerzo por incluir a la comunidad hispana en la vida de nuestra parroquia de San Didacus, cuando implemento la misa de Guadalupe el 12 de diciembre de 2000, en este servicio los feligreses presentaban pétalos de rosas a la Virgen, también el agregó una Misa en español en Navidad y una misa el domingo de Pascua el año siguiente.

El Padre Michael Baumgardner continuo con este esfuerzo al asumir su liderazgo como párroco el verano del 2002, y vio muy clara la necesidad cuando el P. Rich Perozich párroco de Nuestra Señora del Sagrado Corazón, le dijo: "Tengo muchas personas que quieren registrarse en el catecismo y que viven dentro de los límites de su parroquia, tenemos más de cien familias con apellidos en español en el código postal de su parroquia que asisten a misa aquí".

El P. Michael B. vio la necesidad de servir a la comunidad hispanohablante local. Habló con algunos de los hispanohablantes que conocía en la parroquia y le aseguraron que si ofrecíamos algo de manera regular podíamos obtener una buena participación. El P. Michael decidió agregar una misa dominical en español, mientras preparaba a la comunidad de inglés para este acontecimiento, la primera misa en español fue el 7 de septiembre de 2003 a las 11:30 AM. Hubo alrededor de 125 personas que asistieron a esta misa.

En julio de 2004, la parroquia contrató a una persona bilingüe y bicultural, Elena Platas, como Directora de Educación Religiosa para servir mejor a la comunidad hispana. Elena trabajó para mejorar las clases del catecismo y aumentó las registraciones del programa del catecismo de 39 niños inscritos en el 2004 a 109 en 2005.

Elena también organizo la primera Posada comunitaria de la parroquia. En 2005, Elena ayudo a que se registraran 150 nuevas familias en la parroquia, fue un logro ya que las familias hispanas no tienen la cultura de registrarse.

La comunidad hispana de San Didacus ha seguido creciendo a través de los años. En 2009, el P. Michael Sinor le dio la bienvenida al Grupo del Encuentro Matrimonial; y en el 2013, el P. Mike aprobó la formación del Grupo de la Divina Misericordia. Este año tuvimos la bendición de presenciar la ordenación del Diácono Marco Huizar, el primer diácono de habla hispana que sirve a nuestra parroquia. Además, este año, el P. Rick ha estado trabajando con el grupo de la Divina Misericordia para diseñar y construir una estructura en nuestro Jardín de la Sagrada Familia para albergar una imagen de la Divina Misericordia. También por iniciativa de este grupo, tenemos la Adoración Eucarística mensual en español y cada tercer jueves del mes hay una Misas de Sanación en español.

En los últimos quince años, la comunidad hispana se ha convertido en una parte vital de nuestra parroquia. Han traído nueva vida a través de las celebraciones del Día de los Muertos, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, La Posada, la Pastorela, el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia y la adoración y alabanzas en español. Los Grupos de habla hispana son el Encuentro Matrimonial y el Grupo de la Divina Misericordia, ellos apoyan y ayudan a nuestra parroquia a través de recaudaciones de fondos como nuestra Kermes anual y las ventas regulares de comida mexicana. Además, ya hay grupos bilingües como el Ministerio de Salud Mental y el Equipo de Atención para la Creación que ayudan a crear una comunidad parroquial unida.

"Trabajar con la comunidad hispana en San Didacus durante estos últimos catorce años ha sido un privilegio y una bendición para mí, especialmente cuando veo cómo se han convertido en parte integral de la vida parroquial de la comunidad de San. Didacus. La comunidad que habla español está orgullosos y emocionados de celebrar sus 15 ° años. Estoy ansiosa por ver hacia dónde nos llevará el Espíritu Santo a nuestra parroquia de San Didaus en los próximos quince años ", dice Elena.

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