

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2018

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must

sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dis-



mayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "*The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.*" For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "*Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.*" For them, their doubt proves too much.

Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt? —Cycles of Faith



Everyone is Welcome to Attend the Anointing of the Sick Mass Saturday, September 1st 9am

Like all the sacraments, holy anointing was instituted by Jesus during his earthly ministry. The *Catechism* explains, "This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord" (CCC 1511; Mark 6:13; Jas. 5:14-15). *All are welcome to attend this Mass.* Jesus is calling us to his friendship and intimacy through the Eucharist. What will it take to truly believe that Jesus comes to us under the appearances of bread and wine? In the Gospels, Jesus repeatedly speaks about having a heart of a child. Only



the childlike will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. A childlike attitude means to be open to the marvels of God in ordinary things. The teachings of Jesus were not only difficult to understand but also humanly impossible. Like the disciples, we too face the challenges of getting involved in the life of the church, at the heart of which is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Many may disbelieve in the Eucharist and in the claim of Jesus to be the bread of life for humanity, but we must remain in the Lord. Like Peter, we say, "To whom shall we go; you have the words of eternal life." Let us continue to marvel at God's revelation. Jesus continues to reveal himself to us in the Mass and in our daily routines. We look for ways to grow in our knowledge and friendship with the Lord. He is here with us. The Psalm tells us, "when the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves."

Our parish school began last Tuesday. I warmly welcomed our returning and new students. I felt their excitement and the enthusiasm of the teachers and parents as well. We also look forward to the start of High School Ministry and our faith formation classes in September. There is so much to do and we pray that the Lord will bless all our plans and all our hard work. This is the new school year that the Lord has made possible for all us. We bless and thank the Lord.

I wholehearted thank you also for your continued support to our parish. Your weekly and regular contributions to our parish of St. Didacus keep us on the right road. Thank you very much.

Fr. Rick

Help us Celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Spanish Mass at St. Didacus!



On Sunday, September 2nd we will celebrate the 15th anniversary 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. See today's bulletin insert for your invitation.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 25
5:00PM	.†Bart Diaz
Sunday	August 26
8:30AM	People of St. Didacus
	Matranga Family, Spec. Int.
11:30AM	
Monday	August 27
	Mary Ann Arsenault, Spec. Int.
Tuesday	
6:00PM	†June Watson
Wednesday	August 29
8:30AM	the People of St. Didacus
Thursday	August 30
7:30AM	†Norm Boyer
Friday	August 31
	.†Bernard & Elizabeth Morzinski
Saturday	
9:00AM	†Celeste Dueber
5:00PM	.Watson Family, Spec. Int.

The Joy of Giving



When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do

something and not merely talk about it!

General Collection, August 19, 2018:	\$4,268.00
Building Fund, August 19, 2018:	\$ 578.00

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.

<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

Weekly Events at St. Didacus

Sunday, August 26		Location
Monday, August 27		Location
Tuesday, August 28		Location
Back to School Night	7:00pm	School
Laudato Si—Spanish	6:00pm	Hall
Wednesday, August 29		Location
High School Ministry Leaders Mtg.	5:00pm-7:00pm	Hall
Thursday, August 30		Location
Friday, August 31		Location
Saturday, September 1		Location
Anointing of the Sick Mass	9:00am	Church
Confessions	3:30pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	3:30pm-5:00pm	Church

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. —St. Augustine



Readings for the Week of August 26, 2018

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mk 6:17-29
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
	Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PRAYER LIST

Tony Allen Diann Bauer Dan Bauer Martha Becerra Bob Bellesi Herminia Brignoni Gail Cedercrans Fred Cepeda Irene Davis MaryLou De Luca **Bob Demers** Josie Demers Cecelia Dueber Daniel Galvan Susan Guenzel Stan Hammack

Dolores Hansel Al Hunt Joanne Hunt Ponciano Jimenez Emily Johnson Meri Kerekanich Kerekanich Family Genevieve Keyser Marilyn Kober Elizabeth La Costa Paul Mansell Anthony Martinez Terrence McCabe Emma McPherson Dolores Mediano Vernon Meyers

Peter Napolitano Lupita Plascencia Judith Pratt Antonia Raya Betty Rios Dolores Robertson Victor M. Sanchez Shirley Scinocca Carol Schmidt Peter Schmidt **Beverly Stemper** Maria Winters Helen Yturralde Joan Venverloh And the special intentions in our Book of Needs

August 26, 2018



We are excited to begin a new school year! We welcomed our students back last week. Join us for our first all-school Mass on Wednesday, September 5th at 8:30am.



Prayer to Begin the School Year

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Many thanks to Angela McGinnis and Eileen Lay for sharing all the photos from the first day of school!



We are having a meeting on Wednesday, August 29th from 5pm-7pm in the Parish Hall for all those interested in helping out at our YOUTH NIGHTS. If you are a young adult or a teen who has

already been Confirmed, we can use your help! Please join us and learn more about our program and how you can help. For more information, contact Elena in the Parish Office. 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.





Thank you to everyone who supported the Divine Mercy Group's Mexican food sale last Sunday. They raised \$570.00 and got \$55.00 in donations, that will go toward their Divine Mercy Shrine in the Prayer Garden. Only \$2,375 more to go! Thank you!



There is HOPE for your Marriage.

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. For information on the upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program on September 7th -9th, 2018 contact the registration teams for more info:

English—Charles & Charlene 1-951-259-9474 Spanish—Eric & Anna Rubio 1-760-294-4028

Helpourmarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230.

Saint Monica

Monday, August 27th She was a mother who tried to give her children the best education so that they would use their gifts for God. Her son Augustine turned from God's ways. She made her tears and sadness a prayer for his return to God.

Saint Augustine

Tuesday, August 28th

AINT AUGUSTIRE & LIONIKA

He turned back to God's ways and discovered how wonderful God is. He wrote and spoke of this goodness and his love for God. He said that to stand with God is to live forever. St. Monica & St. Augustine, Pray for us!

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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 dipped our toe into Chapter 3: *In Light of the Master*. In that chapter Pope Frances pointed out that the Beatitudes are to be used as a blue print to becoming more holy.

Hopefully, you had a chance to go to our website to follow the link to read the chapter yourself. We look next at Chapter 4 entitled: **Signs of Holiness in Today's World**. The Pope points to signs and spiritual attitudes that are necessary to live the life to which the Lord calls us.

Here is a sampling of the Pope's thoughts in that chapter: <u>On selfishness:</u> We need to recognize and combat our aggressive and selfish inclinations, and not let them take root...we can always cling to the anchor of prayer.

On humility: If you are unable to suffer and offer up a few humiliations, you are not humble and you are not on the path to holiness...it is a grace to be sought in prayer: "Lord, when humiliations come, help me to know that I am following in your footsteps." On joy: The Christian life is "joy in the Holy Spirit, for the necessary result of the love of charity is joy; since every lover rejoices at being united with the beloved...the effect of charity is joy. On boldness: Holiness...is a boldness, an impulse to evangelize and to leave a mark in this world...The Lord bids us to spend our lives in his service. Clinging to him, we are inspired to put all our charisms at the service of others. We need to open the door of our hearts to Jesus, who stands and knocks. Sometimes I wonder, though, if perhaps Jesus is already inside us and knocking on the door for us to let him escape from our stale self-centeredness. On community: Growth in holiness is a journey in community, side by side with others...A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan. On prayer: We should remember that holiness consists in a habitual openness to the transcendent, expressed in prayer and adoration...the prayerful reading of God's word enables us to pause and listen to the voice of the Master.

On the Eucharist: Meeting Jesus in the Scriptures leads us to the Eucharist, where the written word attains its greatest efficacy, for there the living Word is truly present. In the Eucharist, the one true God receives the greatest worship the world can give him, for it is Christ himself who is offered. When we receive him in Holy Communion, we renew our covenant with him and allow him to carry out ever more fully his work of transforming our lives.

These are just some of the Pope's thoughts. Read all that Pope Francis has to say about holiness in Chapter 4 of his Exhortation by visiting our parish website: www.stdidacuschurch.org. Next week, we'll wrap up by taking a look at the last chapter: *Spiritual Combat, Vigilance and Discernment*.

M I N I S T R Y FAIR

Loving God Through Service to Others

Mark your calendars for our upcoming parish MINISTRY FAIR Loving God Through Service to Others at all the Masses on September 22nd & 23rd

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." —Mark 9:35

Have you been looking to get involved in parish life and make connections with other parishioners? Here's your chance to see firsthand the many ministries and organizations here at St. Didacus and to talk with folks from each of them! Serving in a ministry is a great way to serve God's purposes here on earth as well as getting to know other parishioners and exploring your faith in the extended parish family. Join us outside of Church after Masses on Saturday, September 22nd and Sunday, September 23rd to explore all of the great opportunities available.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Saturday, September 1st



In his encyclical, *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis called us to live out an "integral ecology," which in simple terms means having right relationships with God, other human beings and the good things of the Earth.

The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation is an occasion for spending time with family and friends as we transition into the beauty of the fall season. We invite you to integrate experiences of creation into your day so that you never lose your wonder in beholding God's unmatched artistry. Whether we take a walk in a local park, visit a place of striking natural beauty, or even celebrate a festive meal in which we enjoy the "fruits of creation" grown in our own gardens, we can come together with loved ones to pray and give thanks to our Creator for the abundance of blessings given to us this day, and for our life with him always.

When we celebrate the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation," let us remember the vital role the created world has in brining souls to God. It brings a new perspective in how we treat the earth and hopefully teaches us to be a good steward of God's wonderful gift to us.



HOY ES EL ULTIMO DIA PARA INSCRIBIRSE AL 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.**



MUCHAS GRACIAS AL GRUPO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Gracias a todos los que apoyaron la venta de comida mexicana el domingo pasado, las ganancias fueron \$570.00 y recibieron \$55.00 de donaciones, que se destinara para la capillita al Señor de la Misericordia situado en el Jardín de Oración, se aceptan sus donaciones, necesitamos recaudar \$3000.00

EL PROXIMO DOMINGO 2 DE SEPTIEMBRE XV Anos de la Comunidad Hispana en San Cidacos





Misa Bilingüe para invitar a nuestra comunidad de ingles a esta celebración

Los invitamos a traer comida regional para compartir de sus estados o país de origen para compartir por lo menos con 7 personas.

Necesitamos ayuda para decorar el salón parroquial el sábado 10 de septiembre a las 10 AM en

el salón parroquial. El domingo 2 de Sep. vendremos vestidos con nuestros trajes típicos de México o Latín América.

!Démosle Gracias a Dios por tantas bendiciones para nuestra comunidad!



FERIA DE MINISTERIOS Domingo 23 de septiembre Ministerios de la parroquia



Ministerio Litúrgicos:

Ministros de Eucaristía: Ofrecen el cuerpo y la sangre de Jesús en la forma de pan y vino a la asamblea durante el rito de la comunión. El compromiso varia de acuerdo a los ministros existentes, generalmente es una vez al mes.

Lectores: Proclaman la lectura de las Escrituras. El compromiso varia y es usualmente una vez al mes.

Acólitos o servidores del altar: Cumplen un ministerio de servicio al celebrante. Los niños que desean servir, deben haber hecho su Primera Comunión y el compromiso es usualmente una vez al mes, dependiendo del numero de monaguillos y su disponibilidad.

Ministros de Hospitalidad: Desempeñan distintas funciones durante la misa como: recibir y saludar a la comunidad que viene a la Liturgia, distribuir el boletín semanal, auxiliar en el acomodo de los asistentes, ayudándoles a encontrar asientos disponibles, de ser necesario y apoyar en la colecta de la ofrenda de la parroquia.

Coro: La música es una parte clave que hace a la liturgia se sienta viva y vibrante. Los ministros de la música alientan e invitan a toda la comunidad a participar en nuestra oración cantada mientras rendimos culto todos juntos.

Hay dos coros en nuestra parroquia el de ingles y el coro de español, Oscar Rodriguez es el líder del coro de espanol.

Catecismo: En nuestra parroquia se da en ingles, es los miércoles de 5:30 a 7 PM en la Escuela de San Didacus. Y **Grupo de Jóvenes**, también en ingles los martes de 6;30 a 8 PM, en el salón parroquial.

Liturgia de la Palabra para los Niños: Se llevan a los niños después de la oración colecta y se lee el evangelio del domingo en ingles y luego los niños colorean una pagina que habla del tema.

Grupos parroquiales:

Grupo del Señor de la Misericordia, Encuentro Matrimonial, Cuidado de la Creación, Ministerio de Salud Mental, etc.





COME HELP US CELEBRATE

THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY

OF ST. DIDACUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY'S

SPANISH MASS

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND OUR 11:30AM MASS WILL BE A BILINGUAL MASS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON IN THE PARISH HALL

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY AND WE'LL HAVE LIVE MUSIC AT THE LUNCHEON PROVIDED BY THE SPANISH MASS QUARTET. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO HELP US CELEBRATE!



LOS INVITAMOS A CELEBRAR

EL 15°ANIVERSARIO

DE LA MISA EN ESPAÑOL COMUNIDAD CATÓLICA DE SAN DIDACUS

> Domingo, 2 de septiembre 11:30 AM - Misa Bilingüe

SEGUIDO POR UNA RICA COMIDA MEXICANA EN EL SALÓN PARROQUIAL

LA COMIDA LA PROPORCIONARA NUESTRA COMUNIDAD DE LA MISA DE ESPAÑOL, POR FAVOR, TODOS PARTICIPEN CON UN PLATILLO PARA COMPARTIR CON 7 PERSONAS.

Música en vivo Cuarteto de la misa de español

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