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Welcoming a New School Year!



Nuevo Año Escolar





As election time draws near, Catholics are reminded by the church that voting is considered a moral obligation. One way that we live our faith in the public square is through voting.

The seven themes of Catholic social teaching explain how the faithful are to exist in the world, care for the most vulnerable and fight for human dignity. In his apostolic exhortation, *“Evangelii Gaudium,”* Pope Francis wrote, *“No one can demand that religion should be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life, without concern for the soundness of civil institutions, without a right to offer an opinion on events affecting society.”*

To help navigate the process in response to the faith’s call of action, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) released **“Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,”**—a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics, which provides guidance for all who seek to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. It can be found on their website: www.usccb.org.

The Catholic Church does not support specific candidates or political parties but does speak out on issues and legislation related to its beliefs. While the presidential and vice presidential candidates will get a lot of attention, it is important for voters to vote all the way down the ballot and take the time in advance to study the people you’re going to be voting for.



Picturehouse released its new film *FATIMA*, in theaters and on demand on Friday, August 28th. It is a re-telling of the story of the Blessed Mother’s appearances to three children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917, among the most popular private revelations in the history of the Church. See the trailer at the website: www.fatimathemovie.com. Watch at home with your family. It is available to rent on Amazon’s Prime Video and other streaming platforms. More info can be found on their website.

St. Did’s Nook

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Learn to discern

Today’s epistle has me wondering what it would be like if Saint Paul reappeared today in, say, New York or L.A. After a chance to watch some TV, surf the internet, catch up on the major issues in the news, I imagine his message would be the same as it was in the first century. *“Do not conform yourselves to this age.”*

Then, as now, one of the best antidotes to some of the more negative influences of the age is family. At least it can be. Saint Paul’s advice is *“be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God.”* Family can be both the place of such transformation and a school of discernment. Discernment means developing the ability and the inclination to see, judge, and act in the right ways.

But families must be intentional—we need to make choices about how we set our priorities and how we spend our time. Our culture offers many wonderful and valuable gifts, and also a lot of shallow and empty promises. One of the best gifts you can give your children and other family members is support in learning to tell the true gifts from the empty promises. One quick “next step”? Make sure they know and absorb the message of Jesus in order to counter the thousands of ads they’re exposed to everywhere they turn.

Fr. Rey

Don’t forget to stop by the Parish Hall on Sunday from 8:30am-1pm to pick up the Mexican food you ordered. Didn’t place an order? No problem—stop by to purchase a plate to go.

**The St. Didacus Mental Health Ministry
invites you to a
“Care—Prayer—Support” Gathering
Sunday, September 6th
7:00pm—7:45pm
in the St. Didacus Prayer Garden**



You are invited to experience the comfort and encouragement of God’s grace that is possible when you connect and pray with others.



Truths of Our Catholic Faith

Peter was understandably shocked at the thought of Jesus suffering and dying. Peter's way of thinking could have led to Jesus foregoing the suffering and death that was His Father's mysterious will.

Jesus didn't refuse to do what was asked of Him. He embraced His own Paschal mystery—His suffering, death, and resurrection—*out of love for you*.

To the benefit of every man, Jesus Christ tasted death. It is truly the Son of God made man who died and was buried. (CCC 629)

If you gain the whole world, then another person or persons must lose it. Our world offers enough resources for all. It all comes down to providing for yourself without making it overly difficult for others to do the same.

When you see unhealthy grabbing for money and power, you are obligated to say or do something to reverse that trend for the sake of the haves as well as the have-nots. You do not do people a favor by allowing them to live in unhealthy excess. After all, their eternity might not go so well without a change of heart.

The equal dignity of human persons requires the effort to reduce excessive social and economic inequalities. It gives urgency to the elimination of sinful inequalities. (CCC 1947)

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. —Ephesians 1:17-18

Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!

Sunday Masses

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

Daily Mass

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

Thursday 7pm Mass in Spanish

Eucharistic Adoration

Suspended until further notice

Confessions—Saturday 3:30pm or by appointment

Baptisms: English: 1st Saturday each month. **Spanish:** 4th Saturday 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 or email saintdidacusmhm@gmail.com.

Pastor, Rev. Reynaldo Roque
We continue to take your calls at the
Parish Office 619-284-3472

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....August 29

5:00pm.....†Ronnie Scinocca

Sunday.....August 30

8:30am.....†Norman Boyer

10:00am.....People of St. Didacus

11:30am.....†Leon B. Chavarria

Monday.....August 31

7:30am.....Fr. Vincent Anadi, Spec. Int.

Tuesday.....September 1

6:00pm.....Gail Cedercrans, Spec. Int.

Wednesday.....September 2

7:30am.....†Edmond Yturralde

Thursday.....September 3

7:30am.....†Refugio Magaña

7:00pm.....Emmanuel Baez, Spec. Int.

Friday.....September 4

7:30am.....†Carolyn Curiel Hastings

†Florence & Dieter Stowski

Saturday.....September 5

5:00pm.....Watson Family, Spec. Int.

Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-2

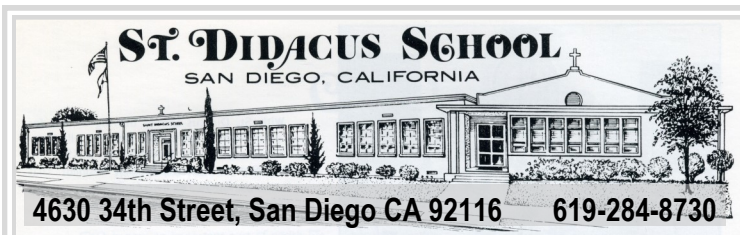
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*And the special intentions
in our Book of Needs*



On August 25th we got the word from the diocese that St. Didacus School is able to open to in-person learning starting on Tuesday, September 1st! The teachers and I are looking forward to having the students back on campus with a return to some semblance of normalcy, although it won't be quite the same as it was pre-pandemic.

The schedule for reopening is as follows:
 Tuesday, Sept. 1: Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades only
 Wednesday, Sept. 2: 3rd and 4th grades added
 Thursday, Sept. 3: 5th and 6th grades added
 Friday, Sept. 4: 7th and 8th grades added

May God bless our teachers, staff, families and students as we make this transition!

Mrs. Dean, Principal

New! Art, Liturgy & Environmental Ministry

To learn more come to the informational meeting on:

Monday, September 14th at 6pm in the Parish Hall if we can meet there or outside.

The purpose of the Art and Environment ministry is to create an atmosphere within the liturgical space that invites and inspires the assembly to full and conscious participation in the paschal mystery in keeping with the changing seasons of the liturgical year.



This new ministry team will be involved in preparing the Church for the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Ordinary Time.

Come learn more about the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas and how they influence the décor of the Church.

Call the Parish Office to RSVP at 619-284-3472.

Mass for Survivors of Suicide Loss

Sunday, September 13th
7:30am —Live Streamed

The Office for Life, Peace, and Justice will host a special virtual Mass of remembrance for those who have lost their lives to suicide. Friends and family are invited to gather virtually to pray for their loved ones and experience healing and support.



Please provide the name of your loved one who died by suicide to KCallier@sdccatholic.org or call 858.490.8324 by September 9th.

Watch the Mass live streamed or on demand following the Mass at: www.sdccatholic.org/survivorloss

Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan, a survivor of suicide loss, will be the celebrant.

The cross is a sign, an invitation, and a revelation: a sign of Jesus' love, an invitation to love as Jesus loved, and a revelation that love entails suffering.



On Tuesday, September 1st, registration **CLOSES** at 5pm for everyone registering for: **CCD, CONFIRMATION and RCIA.** You must register

online at our website: stdidacuschurch.org. Please spread the word. After that date no new students will be accepted.

Altar Society ZOOM Meeting
Wednesday, September 2nd
at 1:00pm

Meeting ID: 557 611 0731

Passcode: SDIEGO805

Check your email for the ZOOM link to join us for the Altar Society's on-line meeting. If you don't get the link from Ann Shen, call the Parish Office and we will send it to you.



In our Second Reading today St. Paul says this: ***Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.*** This is definitely a challenge, but here are a few tips to help keep you moving in the right direction.

1. Watch What Goes In

First of all, we should all make a concerted as well as constant effort to control what goes into ourselves, especially our mind. By way of analogy, none of us would purposely shovel into our mouth garbage from the street—unheard of! Nonetheless, we can very easily give ourselves liberty to view with our eyes the ignoble, the profane, the crude, the obscene, the sinful. Therefore, a primary step in controlling our thought world is to control our visual world; what we take into ourselves comes through the gateway of the senses. This proverb rings so true: *The thought is the father of the deed.* In other words, we carry out in action what has already been conceived in our minds through what we have previously seen. Every day we should be exceedingly vigilant over those wandering eyes that can get us into so much trouble! Not only does curiosity kill the cat, but worse yet, the curiosity of King David led to adultery and the murdering of an innocent man.

2. Find Good, Solid Reading

In such a fast-paced modern electronic world, many have lost the habit of spending quality time in silence, immersing themselves in the world of the most noble ideas by reading! We can start to cultivate a very noble mind by reading the classics. In the spiritual life there is a plethora, an immense and vast sea of good literature. Just to mention a few: The Bible—the Word of God, the lives of the saints (God's heroes), the writings of the saints, the writings of Saint Pope John Paul II, the Fathers of the Church, and the Doctors of the Church, including Saint Augustine and Saint Thomas Aquinas, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and of course, it is always good to nourish our mind by reading a good book on the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Suggestion: *Our Lady of Fatima* by Thomas Walsh). As stated earlier, noble thoughts will be translated into actions, character, and one's eternal destiny!

3. Good Friends, Good Conversations

Many of the saints formed the habit of establishing good, solid friendships. Good friends maintain good, vibrant, noble, enriching, and stimulating conversations. This we see in the lives of the saints. You are called to be a saint and part of the labor is the cultivation of your mind! Why not follow the exhortation of Saint Paul: "Put on the mind of Christ... you have the mind of Christ!" The Bible says that a true friend is a treasure of infinite value. Good friends help each other mutually to keep on track by keeping their thoughts focused on Christ.

4. The Most Holy Eucharist

It is indeed true that when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion we receive the total Christ. This of course includes receiving the *mind of Christ!* Upon receiving Jesus, we should humbly implore the Lord Jesus to purify our mind of all useless thoughts, lift our mind to all that is most pure and noble, and beg Him for the grace to have our thoughts lifted on high to the most noble realm—the Kingdom of God!

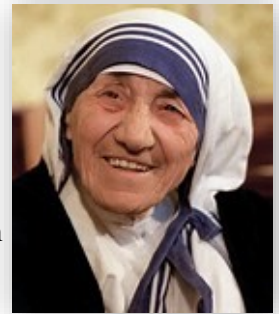
5. Holy Time

It is so true that we become like those with whom we associate. Now if you can get into the habit of spending some time with Jesus, who is truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament, then He will gradually transform you. Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who was faithful to his daily Holy Hour for more than 50 years, called this *The Hour of Power*. If we spend quality time in the presence of a good person, even a saint, then there is a transformation; so much the more, if we spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Open your Bible and pray the Psalm of the Good Shepherd: "*The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want...*" (Psalm 23)

May the Good Shepherd, and Our Lady the Mother of the Good Shepherd, attain for you the renewal of your mind, the renewal of your thought processes, the renewal of your affections, the renewal of your heart, and the renewal of your entire life! May it be said of you by the end of your life: "*It is no longer I who live, but Christ who thinks and lives in me!*"

—Fr. Ed Broom, OMV, www.catholicexchange.com

St. Teresa of Calcutta— Feast Day Saturday, September 5th



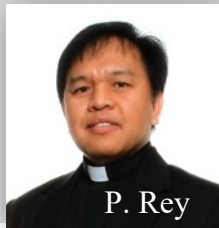
No one in modern times had a greater ministry to the dying than Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997). Born in Albania, she joined the Irish Sisters of Loreto and taught in their schools in India. She received a second call from God to serve the poorest of the poor and particularly to minister to the dying persons abandoned in the streets. She founded the Missionaries of Charity for this purpose.

Among the many stories about her life is one that took place on a stormy night in New York. She and a sister were being driven to a big hotel where she would give a talk about her work. Seeing a crowd at the entrance, she asked the driver to go to the rear entrance. There she saw cardboard shelters lining the wall.

She stopped at each shelter to greet the homeless poor. At the last one she saw an old man curled up in the fetal position. He was dying. She and her companion picked him up, put him in the car, and went back to the convent. She stayed up all night with him, feeding him hot soup, rubbing his hands to make them warm, and whispering words of prayer and love in his ear. That morning he died in her arms. The scene was like a *pieta*. Teresa prayed, "*Dear God, give this man the love he failed to get on earth.*"

***Pieta*—“pity”**
definition: a representation of the Virgin Mary mourning over the body of the dead Christ, usually shown held on her lap.





P. Rey

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Aprende a discernir

La epístola de hoy me hace preguntarme cómo sería si San Pablo reapareciera hoy, digamos en Nueva York o en Los Ángeles. Después de tener la oportunidad de ver la televisión, navegar por Internet y estar al día con los principales temas de las noticias, me imagino que su mensaje sería el mismo que en el siglo primero. **"No se adopten a este mundo"**. Entonces, como ahora, uno de los mejores antídotos para ver las influencias negativas de la época es la familia. El consejo de San Pablo es **"transfórmense mediante la renovación de su mente, para que verifiquen cuál es la voluntad de Dios"**. La familia puede ser el lugar de tal transformación como la escuela del discernimiento. El discernimiento significa desarrollar la capacidad y la inclinación para ver, juzgar y actuar de la manera correcta. Pero las familias deben ser intencionales: debemos tomar decisiones sobre cómo establecemos nuestras prioridades y cómo gastamos nuestro tiempo. Nuestra cultura nos ofrece muchos regalos maravillosos y valiosos, y también muchas promesas superficiales y vacías. Uno de los mejores regalos que puede darles a sus hijos y otros miembros de la familia es el apoyarlos a aprender a distinguir los verdaderos dones de las promesas vacías.

Un paso importante: asegúrese de que usted conoce y absorbe el mensaje de Jesús para poder contrarrestar los miles de anuncios a los que estamos expuestos en todas partes con promesas vacías.

Cierre de inscripciones

El martes 1 de Septiembre se cierran las inscripciones a las 5 PM para todos, el catecismo, la confirmación y RCIA, por favor avise a sus amigos y vecinos, después de ese día no se aceptara nuevos estudiantes.

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El dinero recaudado es para ayudar con los gastos de la iglesia.



Nuevo Ministerio de Arte y Liturgia y Medio Ambiente

Lunes 14 de septiembre a las 6 PM

Este nuevo ministerio estará involucrado en la preparación de la Iglesia para los tiempos litúrgicos de Adviento, Navidad, Cuaresma, Semana Santa, Pascua y Tiempo Ordinario. Ven a aprender más sobre los tiempos de Adviento y Navidad y cómo influyen en la decoración de nuestra Iglesia. Esta reunión será bilingüe por favor, llame a la oficina parroquial para confirmar su asistencia al 619-284-3472. Gracias por su participación.

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Talleres Virtuales

3	17	1	22
de septiembre, 2020	de septiembre, 2020	de octubre, 2020	de octubre, 2020
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Introducción a la Enseñanza Social de la Iglesia: Llamados a ser discípulos misioneros	Profundizando en la Enseñanza Social: Una visión integral del humano en la sociedad	Nuestro Llamado a Ser Pueblo de Fe en Acción: Herramientas concretas	Vengan y Vean: Cómo implementar comunidades de solidaridad

- Asiste a los cuatro talleres virtuales. El primer taller es el **jueves 3 de Septiembre, 7:00 PM**
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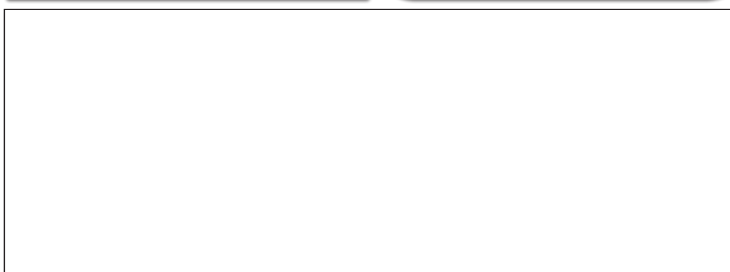
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