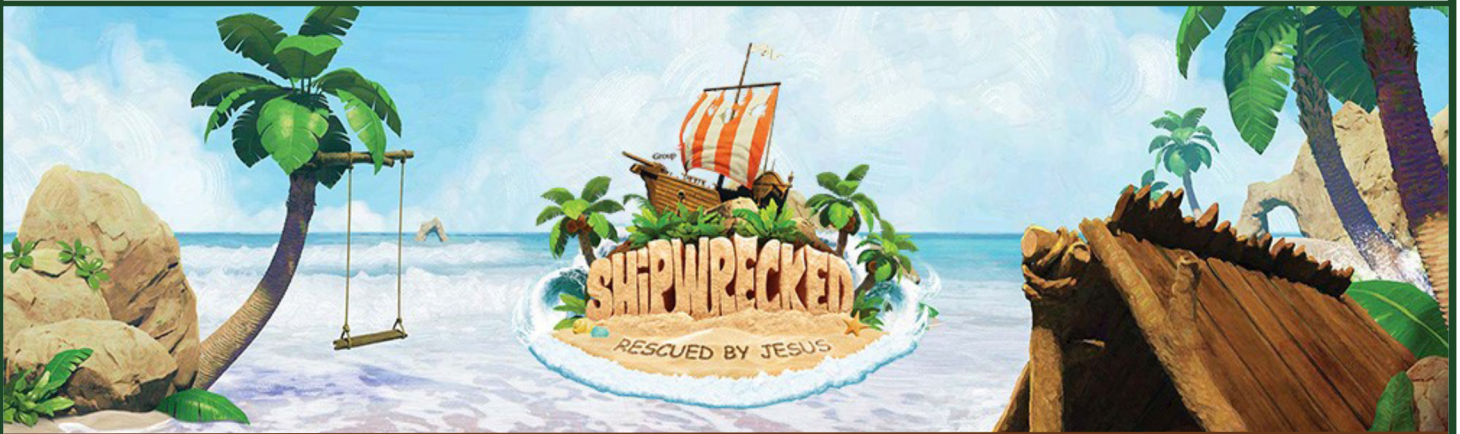


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**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
2018**

In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even *"food that perishes"* would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. *"You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."* For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. *"What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert."* Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"



How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We don't always want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from attending some family engagements, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is *"the bread of life,"* who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself? —Cycles of Faith

Vacation Bible School THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all our hard-working volunteers who not only spent two weeks decorating the hall and preparing for the week of VBS, but who worked to make it



a fun-filled week for all those who attended. Thank you also to all our generous donors who supplied food, other items or money to help make it such a success. And one more **big thank you** to our Director of Religious Education, Elena Platas, who always works so hard to make this a lively and welcoming parish.

There was a time when I did not bother whether or not I was able to go to Mass. At some instance I even stopped going to Church. Looking back, I ask myself why? I grew up where going to Church was an integral part of every Sunday. Whether one liked it or not, one had to go. Going to Church became a holy obligation to my parents and to the family. When I felt I could stand on my own, I was no longer obliged to go. Now I realize that going to Church should not become an obligation. It should not become a burden, but rather an act of love and gratitude. I go to Church to pray or participate in the Mass because I realize the importance of being connected to God and to His people.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus makes the unique and bold claim: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Jesus is offering himself as bread, as the food for people to gain eternal life. Jesus took this most basic necessity of life to be the reality and symbol of life and relationship. Jesus instructed those who had sought after him for earthly food to be fed by the bread of his word or teaching. Some accepted his teaching. But others turned away disappointed because Jesus' challenge required a commitment that they were unwilling to make. We must be willing to become what we eat. We eat the Eucharist, our holy communion with Jesus, so that we may truly become a gift and truly be connected to Jesus and to our neighbors.

Fr. Rick



REST IN PEACE

†Lori Avalos

There will be a funeral Mass for Lori, daughter of long-time parishioner Joanne Hunt, on Saturday, August 11th at 10am here at St. Didacus. There will be a rosary at 9am before the funeral lead by the Ladies Guild from St. Pius. Please keep

Lori and her family in your prayers.

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....August 4	
5:00PM.....†Fr. Al Ryan	
Sunday.....August 5	
8:30AM.....People of St. Didacus	
10:00AM.....†Mary Sanchez	
11:30AM.....†Jorge Gordillo	
Monday.....August 6	
7:30AM.....†Fr. Pierre Morant	
Tuesday.....August 7	
6:00PM.....†Deceased Members of the Holy Trinity YLI	
Wednesday.....August 8	
8:30AM.....†Jennifer McPherson	
Thursday.....August 9	
7:30AM.....†John & Thelma Miller	
Friday.....August 10	
7:30AM.....†Joe & Eleanor Martinez	
Saturday.....August 11	
5:00PM.....†Eva Diaz Rondon	

The Joy of Giving

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs.” Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.



General Collection, July 29, 2018: \$3,797.00
Building Fund, July 29, 2018: \$ 247.00

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
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Weekly Events at St. Didacus

Sunday, August 5	Location
Potluck after Spanish Mass	Hall
Monday, August 6	Location
Encuentro Matrimonial 7:00pm	
Tuesday, August 7	Location
Laudato Si—Spanish 6:00pm	Hall
Spanish Choir Practice 7:00pm	Church
Wednesday, August 8	Location
Thursday, August 9	Location
Laudato Si—English 10:00am	Hall
Mental Health Ministry 7:00pm	Hall
Friday, August 10	Location
Encuentro Matrimonial 7:00pm	Hall
Saturday, August 11	Location
School's Recreation Day 8:00am-noon	School
Confessions 3:30pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration 3:30pm-5:00pm	Church

Thanks to the two people who won last week's bulletin challenge to tell us about their favorite saint.

Michele's favorite saint is St. Thérèse of Lisieux: "She never did anything heroic or fantastic. She just did all the everyday little things for her love of Jesus, always wanting to do the will of God. Fran's favorite saint is St. Francis of Assisi: "He is my favorite saint because he is the epitome of kindness. He is good to all creatures which follows Jesus's teaching to be good "to the least of my brothers."

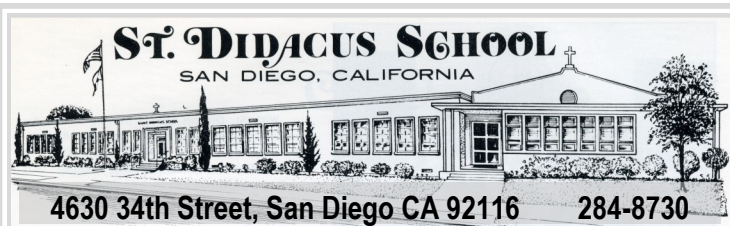
Readings for the Week of August 5, 2018

Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Saturday:	Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/ Jn 6:41-51

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

*And the special intentions
in our Book of Needs*



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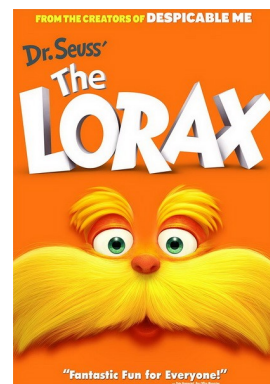


The school will have a **RE-CREATION Day on Saturday August 11th** from 8am—noon. They will be putting volunteers to work cleaning and doing odd jobs to get the school in tip-top shape for the coming school year which begins on August 21st!

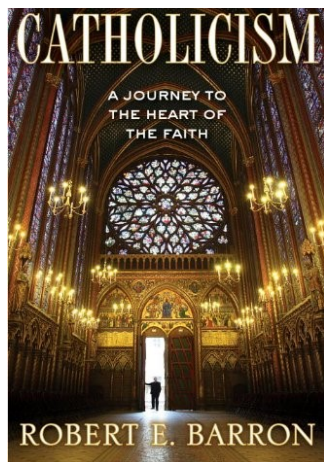
Mark your calendars for our next movie night!
Friday, August 17th at 6pm
The Creation Care Team will be showing the movie

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!



Sorry for not letting you know sooner, but you are invited to join the Hispanic community for a potluck following the Spanish Mass this Sunday.



Hit video series CATHOLICISM celebrating 10th anniversary with free online viewing

To celebrate the incredible impact the series has had over the years, you are invited to a **FREE Online Screening Event** beginning on August 7th. They will be streaming all 10 episodes for **FREE**. To view the series visit their website at <https://catholicismseries.com/> share to register.



Special Harp Concert celebrating The Feast of the Assumption featuring music from Dr. Marsha Long Wednesday, August 15th at 2pm at Immaculate Conception Church in Old Town.
Admission is free and all are welcome.



- **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? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith. If you or someone you know would like more information about the process, please contact Elena at the Parish Office.



Donations are needed for our FLOWER FUND

Use the special FLOWER envelope that comes with your weekly collection envelopes, or put a donation into an envelope marked "Flowers." Thank you!



OUR BUILDING FUND COULD USE A BIT OF A BOOST...



Second Collection

Today we're taking up a second collection for our Building Improvement Fund. Thank you for your generous donations!



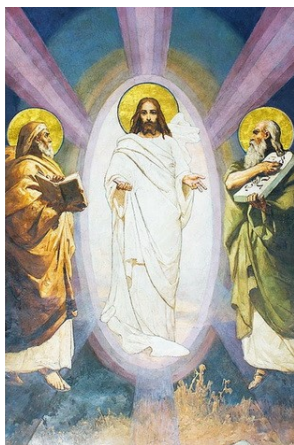
This summer we're taking a closer look at Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "**Rejoice and Be Glad—A Call to Holiness in Today's World.**"

Last week we learned that Pope Francis warns us against two false forms of holiness that

should be avoided. The first is **Gnosticism**. What is Gnosticism? Pope Francis explains it as: *"a purely subjective faith whose only interest is a certain experience or a set of ideas and bits of information which are meant to console and enlighten, but which ultimately keep one imprisoned in his or her own thoughts and feelings."*

He continues: *"Thanks be to God, throughout the history of the Church it has always been clear that a person's perfection is measured not by the information or knowledge they possess, but by the depth of their charity. "Gnostics" do not understand this, because they judge others based on their ability to understand the complexity of certain doctrines. They think of the intellect as separate from the flesh, and thus become incapable of touching Christ's suffering flesh in others, locked up as they are in an encyclopedia of abstractions. In the end, by disembodiment the mystery, they prefer "a God without Christ, a Christ without the Church, a Church without her people...Gnostics think that their explanations can make the entirety of the faith and the Gospel perfectly comprehensible. They absolutize their own theories and force others to submit to their way of thinking."*

Pope Francis has more to say about Gnosticism in Chapter 2 of his Exhortation. Read more about it by going to the link on our parish website: www.stdidacuschurch.org.



Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday, August 6th

Upon the high mountain Jesus' transfiguration occurred. His power and glory shown forth to Peter, James and John. Elijah and Moses appeared and conversed with Jesus. Mark provides no details on what they discussed, but we do know

the disciples wanted to pitch tents and remain on the mountaintop. A voice then comes from the cloud declaring Jesus' identity as "my beloved Son." The disciples and we are to listen to him. Willingly or not, we also do not know, but the disciples journeyed down the mountain with Jesus. Not until after the Resurrection, were the disciples to tell anyone about their experience on top of the mountain. In the Resurrection, Jesus' mission of life would come full circle and complete itself; we would fully witness his glory—the glory of eternal life. —Sourcebook



August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially for...(your special intention). Amen.

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

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



It's August and summer is quickly coming to a close for those who have to think about heading back to school. Don't waste these precious summer days— make them count by trying some of these ideas:

1. Go out past city lights to do some star watching. How many constellations can you find? St. Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers and has a feast day on August 8th.
2. Plan a cookout for your family and friends in honor of St. Lawrence, patron saint grill cooks. His feast day is August 10th.
3. Make a sacrifice this month that benefits another person. St. Maximilian Kolbe's feast day is August 14th.
4. Work on memorizing one prayer or Bible verse.
5. Do something nice for your Mom, in honor of St. Augustine, whose mother, St. Monica, followed him and prayed for years for his conversion to Christianity. St. Augustine's feast day is August 28th.

*Sabias que...***Nuestra misa de español cumple
15 Años**

El párroco en el año 2003 era el P. Michael Baumgardner, él vio la necesidad que en nuestra parroquia hubiera una misa en español. Quitaron una misa de inglés los domingos y pusieron la misa de 11:30 AM en español que hasta ahora tenemos. **La primera misa fue el 7 de septiembre del 2003 a las 1:30 AM.**

INVITACION

Los invitamos a una reunión el próximo domingo 12 de agosto para planear esta celebración juntos.

La celebración será el **domingo 2 de septiembre**, durante la misa y después de misa en el salón parroquial.

Reflexión de la Semana...

Hubo un tiempo en el que no me importaba si iba a misa o no. En algún momento incluso dejé de ir a la iglesia. Mirando hacia atrás, me pregunto por qué. Crecí yendo a misa todos los domingos. Me gustara o no, uno tenía que ir. Ir a la iglesia se convirtió en una obligación sagrada para mis padres y familia. Ahora me doy cuenta de que ir a la iglesia no debería convertirse en una obligación. No debe convertirse en una carga, sino en un acto de amor y gratitud. Voy a la iglesia para orar o participar en la misa porque me doy cuenta de la importancia de estar conectado con Dios y con mi gente.

En el evangelio de este domingo, Jesús hace la afirmación única y audaz: **"Yo soy el pan de vida; el que viene a mí nunca tendrá hambre, y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed"**. Jesús se ofrece a sí mismo como pan, como alimento para la gente para obtener la vida eterna. Jesús tomó esta necesidad básica de la vida para ser la realidad y símbolo de vida. Jesús instruyó a aquellos que lo habían buscado para la comida terrenal a ser alimentados con el pan de su palabra y su enseñanza. Algunos aceptaron su enseñanza. Pero otros se volvieron decepcionados, porque el desafío de Jesús requería un compromiso que no estaban dispuestos a hacer. Debemos estar dispuestos a convertirnos en lo que comemos. Comemos la Eucaristía, nuestra santa comunión con Jesús, así que realmente podemos convertirnos en un regalo y estar verdaderamente conectados con Jesús y con nuestros hermanos y hermanas.

P. Rick



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