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Vacation Bible School 2017

*From the Desk of the Pastor...***God will transform us into His Likeness**

The transfiguration of Jesus is both a promise and assurance to us. God's words in the Gospel, "You are my beloved son..." should also echo into our minds and hearts.

We are not abandoned or left orphaned. God desires to renew and to strengthen us in our journey. The transfiguration of Jesus is a most spectacular way of showing his glory to the disciples, thus assuring them that there is something more than meets the eye.

What kind of transformation are we longing for? Are we willing to climb the mountain to witness such changes? I know, God's consolation can sometimes be very short, that like Peter we also wish we could have it for a while. In the end, however, we should also be willing to come down with Jesus from the mountain and go back to the reality, the "Jerusalem" of our lives. Every celebration of the Eucharist is an invitation to transformation. God promises to transform us into his likeness and we are invited to transform others as well by our loving words and actions.

Fr. Rick



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Oh, to be on that mountain!



What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus' divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today's epistle. Peter writes, "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain." Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, "We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it." Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an "eyewitness" to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of his hearers.

So although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.

—Cycles of Faith

**We had a wonderful week at
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**



Many thanks to everyone involved in making this week so great. We couldn't do this without a supportive community of volunteers. We appreciate all your generous donations of time, talent and treasure and all the many ways you pitched in to help. We are blessed by the loving and giving community of St. Didacus!



The mountaintop is much more comfortable and the pull to stay there is incredible. But the desert is where Christ leads us. Christ leads us there because that's where so many of our sisters and brothers whom he loves live. Christ leads us there because our common destiny is as partners in this mission of God.

Christ leads us down the mountain and into the desert, because the true transfiguration, the true shining forth of God in all God's glory happens when we follow him there together.



*Summer is slipping by...now is a great time to pick up a book from our parish **Lending Library** at the entrance of the Church! It's stocked with all sorts of books for your reading pleasure.*

Take some time during these last weeks of summer to browse through the titles and take one home. There is no due date, so take your time and learn something new about the Church, a saint, or your faith!

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....August 5	
5:00PM.....†Michael Danna	
Sunday.....August 6	
8:30AM.....†Mark De Luca	
10:00AM.....People of St. Didacus	
11:30AM.....†Maria Banda	
Monday.....August 7	
7:30AM.....†Florence Stowski	
Tuesday.....August 8	
6:00PM.....Isabel "Belle" Cepeda, Spec. Int.	
Wednesday.....August 9	
8:30AM.....†Michele Kuon	
Thursday.....August 10	
7:30AM.....†Lena Serafini	
Friday.....August 11	
7:30AM.....†Joseph Van Nguyen	
Saturday.....August 12	
5:00PM.....†Eva Diaz Rondon	

The Joy of Giving

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

General Collection, July 30, 2017: \$4,965.00
Building Fund, July 30, 2017: \$1,145.00

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 6, 2017		Location
Monday, August 7, 2017		Location
Tuesday, August 8, 2017		Location
Wednesday, August 9, 2017		Location
Eucharistic Adoration	7:30am-8:30am	Church
Men's Prayer Group	7:00pm	Hall
Thursday, August 10, 2017		Location
Mental Health Ministry	7:00pm	Hall
Friday, August 11, 2017		Location
Encuentro Matrimonial	7:00pm	Hall
Saturday, August 12, 2017		Location
Knights of Columbus Work Day		
Confession	3:30pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	3:30pm-5:00pm	Church



Join us for Mass on this
 Holy Day of Obligation

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

Tuesday, August 15th
 Masses at 8:00am and 6:00pm

Readings for the Week of August 6, 2017

Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/23/ Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

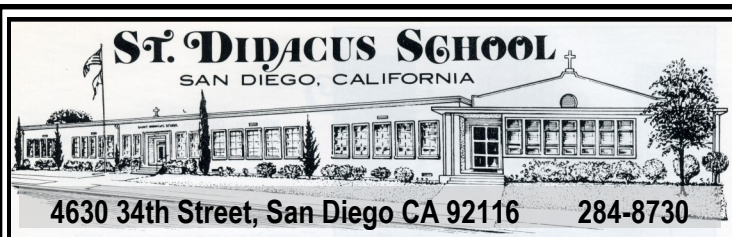
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*And the special intentions
 in our Book of Needs*



San Diego Uptown News voted **St. Didacus Preschool** "Best Preschool of 2017" in their **Best of 2017** Issue that came out in June. Thanks to Preschool Director Rose Witt along with her staff, Remy Clarke, Elizabeth Szakos & Theresa Gonzales for all their hard work. To learn more about our great Preschool program stop by the School Office. We are open from 9am to 1pm each weekday.



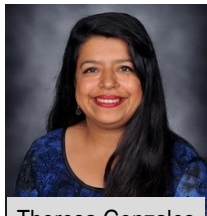
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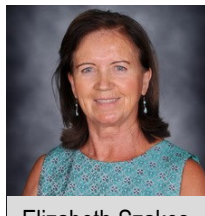
Remy Clarke



**CONGRATS TO
ST. DIDACUS
PRESCHOOL!**



Theresa Gonzales



Elizabeth Szakos

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Registration is open for:

- 2017-2018 Religious Education classes
- Confirmation
- RCIA



See Elena & Zeke after Mass on Sunday or come by the Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

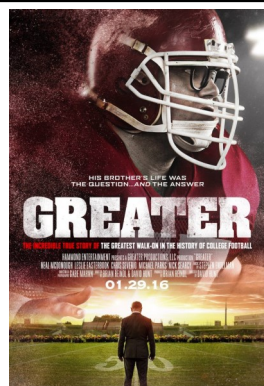
*Are you searching for a relationship with God?
Do you want to learn more about the Catholic way of life?
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian?
Were you baptized Catholic and want to complete the Sacraments of Initiation – Eucharist and Confirmation?*



Welcome!

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a spiritual formation journey for those seeking to become Catholic. In the RCIA you will learn about Catholic Christianity – who we are, what we believe, how we pray, how we live our lives as a community of believers. But this spiritual journey is more than just faith formation – at its core the RCIA is a journey of conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church. There is no obligation or commitment – if, at any time, you change your mind or simply feel now is not the right time, we respect your decision. We begin the process in September.

If you are interested in knowing about our program or know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, contact Elena Platas in the Parish Office at 619-284-3472.



Mark your calendar for our
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DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT OF THE SUMMER!

Friday, August 18th
6pm in the Parish Hall

We'll see the movie "Greater." A spirit-filled movie for the whole family. "Greater" is the true story of Brandon Burlsworth, perhaps the greatest walk-

on in the history of college football. Brandon dreamed of playing for the Arkansas Razorbacks, but was told he wasn't good enough to play Division I ball. Undeterred, Brandon took a risk and walked on in 1994. Written off by fellow teammates and coaches, Brandon displayed dogged determination in the face of staggering odds. The awkward kid who once was an embarrassment to his teammates and an annoyance to his coaches, 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!

From the San Diego Diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network

Anyone seeking the service of a Licensed Mental Health Professional affiliated with the San Diego Diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network can visit:

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Then, click on "Find Affiliated Therapists."



Therapists interested in affiliating with the San Diego diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network may visit **eTherapyFinder.com** and click on "CLINICIANS CLICK HERE" to register for a free profile. Once the profile has been acknowledged by eTherapyFinder.com (usually within one or two business days) visit **eTherapyFinder.com/osm** to view and accept the diocesan pledge.

Next Weekend — Summer Mission Appeal

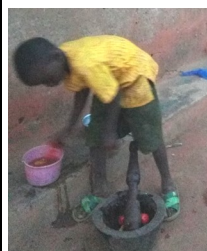


Next weekend, Fr. Vincent Anadi will be here to tell us about his church community in Nigeria and to ask for our support. Fr. Vincent will be a familiar face because he has spent some time here in our parish during the last few summers.

He recently sent these photos of children he knows. These children



have been left orphans after a recent attack of Fulani herdsmen in their community. They live alone in this house and fend for themselves. When Fr. Vincent stopped by to visit and give them food and clothing, the youngest, Chibuzor, was preparing supper



for the day. The eldest is Chinedu and his sister is Amara. They work together to meet their daily needs. They were not attending school and their future is uncertain.

There are many stories of people in need in Fr. Vincent's community in Nigeria. Please come to hear his appeal. He will be here celebrating all the Masses next weekend. And please pray for these children and all the children in need in Nigeria.

Today our Gospel presents us with the story of the transfiguration of Jesus. We hear God say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Because of our baptism, we share in the same intimate relationship with the Father that Jesus has. This intimate relationship we have with God can transform us, just as it transformed Jesus. We, too, can radiate with love and newness of life and then help in transforming and positively impacting the lives of others. *How has your relationship with God transformed you?*



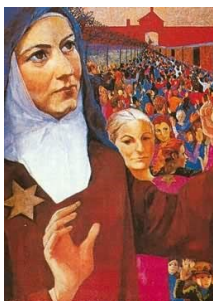
Second Collection

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

Spend some time this summer learning more about the men and women of the Catholic Church who lived lives of holiness.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891-1942)

Wednesday, August 9th



St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born Edith Stein at Breslau, Poland, in 1891 into an observant Jewish family, but by the time she reached her teens, she had become an atheist. She went on to study philosophy and received her doctorate at Freiburg under the philosopher Edmund Husserl but left her university career to teach at a girls' school when Husserl did not support her further studies. Influenced by her

study of Thomism and spirituality, she became a Catholic in 1922. In 1932, she became a lecturer at Munster, but anti-Semitic laws passed by the Nazis forced her to resign, and she entered the Carmel at Cologne in 1933. In an attempt to protect her from the Nazis, she was transferred to a Carmel in the Netherlands, but when the Dutch bishops condemned Nazi racism, the Nazis retaliated by arresting Jewish Converts. Edith, along with her sister Rosa, who had also become a Catholic, was deported to Auschwitz and died in the gas chamber on August 9, 1942.

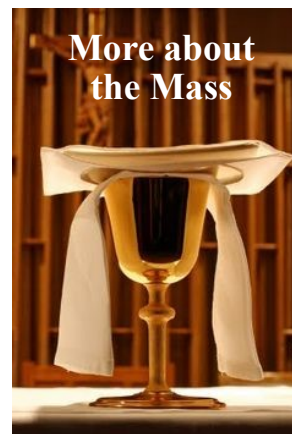
Edith studied Thomism. **Thomism** is the philosophical school that arose as a legacy of the work and thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, philosopher, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In philosophy, Aquinas' disputed questions and commentaries on Aristotle are perhaps his most well-known works.

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.





Mensaje del P. Rick
Dios nos transformara
en su semejanza

La transfiguración de Jesús es tanto una promesa como una garantía para nosotros. Las palabras del Padre en el Evangelio: **"Tú eres mi hijo amado"** también están dirigidas a nosotros. No estamos abandonados ni somos huérfanos. Dios desea renovarnos y fortalecernos en nuestro camino. La transfiguración de Jesús es una forma más espectacular de mostrar su gloria a sus discípulos, asegurándonos así que hay algo más de lo que parece. ¿Qué tipo de transformación deseamos nosotros? ¿Estamos dispuestos a subir la montaña para presenciar tales cambios? Yo sé, la consolación de Dios a veces puede ser muy corta y nosotros como Pedro también deseamos poder tenerla por un tiempo mas largo. Pero, al final, también debemos estar dispuestos a bajar con Jesús desde la montaña y regresar a la realidad, la "Jerusalén" de nuestras vidas. Cada celebración de la Eucaristía es una invitación a la transformación. Dios nos promete transformarnos en su semejanza y estamos invitados a transformarnos a través de nuestras palabras y nuestras acciones amorosas para con los demás.



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jóvenes que nos ayu-
daron durante la
semana de VBS.**

**!Que Dios los
bendiga!**



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