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“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”
“Tranquilícense y no teman. Yo estoy aquí”.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Saturday, August 15th



Join us for Mass at 8am

Mary was always a virgin, both in conceiving Jesus, giving birth to him, and remaining a virgin ever after. God granted her this privilege to emphasize that this was a unique moment in history—the birth of Jesus who is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. The liturgy of the Church speaks of

Mary as “ever virgin.” In the early Church some denied this, arguing that the Gospels speak of the brothers and sisters of Jesus, and thus maintained that Mary did not remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus. But already in the fourth century, theologians pointed out that the Greek word for brother used in the New Testament can refer also to cousin. A second explanation was that these brothers and sisters were children of Joseph by a previous marriage. However, it is the constant teaching of the Church that Mary remained a virgin even after the birth of Jesus. In her virginity, Mary lived a life dedicated exclusively to her Son and His mission. Her example has been followed by some of Christ’s disciples who have lived lives of consecrated virginity and celibacy from apostolic times to present.

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ’s own. “The Immaculate Virgin...when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of death” (CCC no. 966, citing LG, no. 59).

Finally, in Mary we behold what the Church is already like during her pilgrimage of faith—and what the Church will become at the end of the journey. “Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation and in certain ways unites and mirrors within herself the central truths of the faith.” (LG, no. 65).

—Catholic Current

St. Did's Nook

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Do not mind that sinking feeling

Have you ever tried to learn how to swim? Living in an archipelago of 1,000 islands, Filipinos are expected to know how to swim. Swimming was part of my childhood play or training. Most of my childhood times were spent on the water, either on the river or the sea. Some of us kids would take to the water like little otters, slipping and swooshing around. Others would sink like rocks. The difference in outcomes had little to do with athletic ability and almost everything to do with fear—or lack of it. The ones who were not afraid swam like fish. The ones who were afraid of the water tended to splash and splutter wildly and sink, sink, sink—which of course did nothing to dispel their fear of the water.

Saint Peter demonstrates this principle quite effectively in today’s gospel. Impetuous as always, when Peter sees the astounding sight of Jesus walking toward his boat in the middle of the night, he rushes out to meet him. But quickly he begins to realize what he has just done. Like a cartoon character that ran too far off a short pier, he starts to sink. Luckily for him, Jesus is standing nearby and stretches out his hand, catches him up, and brings him to safety.

As you navigate your way through the stormy waters of life, does fear give you a sinking feeling? Learn from Saint Peter. Know that Jesus is always nearby, ready to stretch out a hand and catch you up and bring you to safety. All it takes is a little faith.

Fr. Rey



**We need
volunteers to
set up for
Saturday 5pm
Mass and
Sunday 8am
Mass**

We need a regular crew for both Masses who can come early to set up for the Mass, put chairs out and canopies up. Call the Parish Office if you can help.

Truths of Our Catholic Faith



Jesus chastises Peter for having little faith. Let your faith be big! Jesus tells you not to be afraid. Be attentive to His words and deeds. Ask Him to save you, and Jesus will continue revealing Himself to you as being truly and faithfully God's beloved Son.

Faith is a personal adherence of the whole man to God who reveals himself. It involves an assent of the intellect and will to the self-revelation God has made through

his deeds and words. (CCC 176)

Distractions could have been plenty for Jesus. He remained vigilant against being sidetracked from His prayer relationship with the Father.

You, too, can make the sacrifices necessary for a vibrant prayer life—benefitting far more than anything you might give up to help this occur. Turning away from sin, turning toward our Father, you will weather the strong winds, caught by Jesus outstretched hand.

The principal difficulties in the practice of prayer are distraction and dryness. The remedy lies in faith, conversion, and vigilance of heart. (CCC 2754)

How might I better follow Jesus' example of making time to pray?

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 3pm 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 saintdidacushm@gmail.com.

Pastor, Rev. Reynaldo Roque

We continue to take your calls at the Parish Office 619-284-3472

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....August 8

5:00pm.....†Manuel Hernandez

Sunday.....August 9

8:30am.....†James Caulfield

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

11:30am.....†Marcelinita Preciado

Monday.....August 10

7:30am.....†James Dugan

Tuesday.....August 11

6:00pm.....†Florence & Dieter Stowski

Wednesday.....August 12

7:30am.....†Mary Catherine Schoelles

Thursday.....August 13

7:30am.....†Richard Geschwender

7:00pm.....†Robert Murillo

Friday.....August 14

7:30am.....†Ronald and Gerald Redmond

Saturday.....August 15

8:00am.....†Mary Scott

5:00pm.....George & †Janice Morzinski

Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

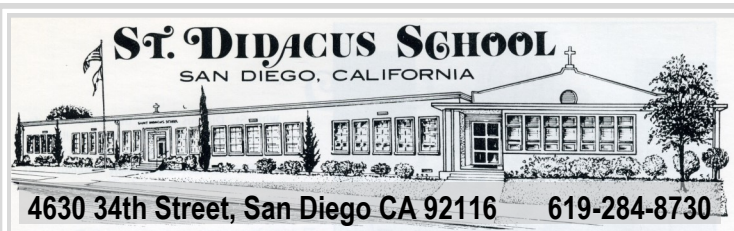
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Tony Flores

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Joanne Hunt
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Meri Kerekanich
Kerekanich Family
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Betty Rios
Dolores Robertson
Victor M. Sanchez
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Phillip Sturock
Vaneza Torres
Maria Winters
Jean Woody
Helen Yturralde
Joan Ververloh

And the special intentions in our Book of Needs



*A Note From
The
Principal*

I know it's been a very trying time for everyone, and things keep changing day by day. Two weeks ago, we had every intention to open the school on August 18th, for our first day of school. Unfortunately, the governor's orders on July 17th changed all that. As per John Galvan at the Office for Schools, all Diocesan schools will be starting

with Distance Learning on Tuesday, August 18th. We will be reopening the school for in-person classes as soon as it is possible.

As we continue to prepare to reopen when it is possible, we must limit our class sizes due to all the social distancing requirements. We have many classes almost at capacity, so if you have not committed for your children to attend, I ask you to let us know as soon as possible. We are getting a lot of inquiries from the public schools since we will most likely be opening much sooner than any of the public schools. We'd hate to not have a spot for you. Please let us know as soon as you can.

Once we open the school for on-site learning, we will offer an option to continue with Distance Learning. I ask that if this is your decision you let me know as soon as possible. This will affect our set up in the classrooms and our cap-off number for each grade.

I have posted our Reopening Plan on our website. We have worked very hard to prepare the school and to make it a safe environment for all the students. I would like to thank all the teachers, board members, alumni, and other stakeholders who helped in the creation of this plan.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office for clarification on any of these topics. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Yours in Christ,
Christine Dean
St. Didacus Principal

RELIGIOUS *Education* NEWS

CCD—COVID-19 Classes for parents

- Classes will meet in-person once a month while maintaining social distancing, wearing a mask, etc. in the grass area of St. Didacus Church.

- The monthly in-person classes will be for parents, and we meet on Wednesdays. We are offering two options 4 – 5 PM and 6 – 7 PM, to be able to clean and disinfect before the next session begins.

– We will provide books and guidelines for parents to teach and instruct their children.

Meeting Dates: All meetings will take place outside of St. Didacus Church, 4772 Felton St., San Diego CA 92116. **Our first meeting is on Wednesday, September 23rd.**

Please Note: Online registration for the 2020-2021 session will close Tuesday, September 1, 2020. However, early registration is recommended so we can order enough books and materials.

Because of the COVID-19 situation, please **DO NOT come to the office to register.** Please register your child/children **ONLINE** through our website: www.stdidacuschurch.org.

Registration fee is: \$35.00 per Child.

Your Tuition Fee may be dropped off in the parish mailbox or brought to the first in-person parent class on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Payments can be made by either check or cash for the exact amount. Donations are welcome.

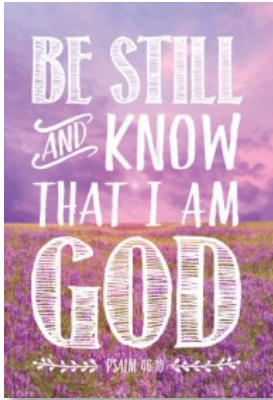
Questions? You can reach Elena at the office 619-284-3472 or email her at elena@stdidacuchurch.org.

**BREAKING
NEWS**

**Change of time of
Wednesday Mass**

**Beginning
Wednesday,
August 12, 2020**

the 8:30AM Mass time will change to 7:30AM



Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter,

and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace. ©LPi

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.



Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

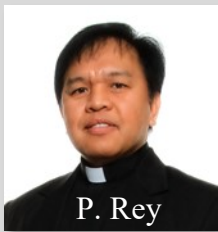
In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

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St. Clare, Virgin (1193-1253) Feast Day – Tuesday, August 11th

Though 10 years younger than her townsman, Francis of Assisi, Clare was drawn to his radical message of serving God in abject poverty. Despite objections from her aristocratic family, who wanted her to marry, she gave up the world with Francis' help and founded the Second Order of St. Francis, known worldwide as the Poor Clares. For 40 years, she guided the San Damiano community, whose nuns included her sister and widowed mother. She served the other nuns who went out to beg, was often sick because of their hard life, and was proclaimed a saint just two years after she died. St. Clare, Pray for us.



Rincón de San Did's

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No importa si sientes que te hundes

¿Alguna vez haz tratado de aprender a nadar? Viviendo en un archipiélago de 1,000 islas, se espera que los filipinos sepan nadar. La natación fue parte de mi entrenamiento infantil y mi niñez. La mayor parte de mi infancia la pasé en el agua, ya sea en el río o en el mar. Algunos de nosotros, los niños, saldríamos al agua como pequeñas nutrias, resbalando y dando vueltas. Otros se hundirían como rocas. La diferencia en los resultados tenía poco que ver con la capacidad atlética y casi todo con el miedo, o la falta de él. Los que no tenían miedo nadaban como peces. Los que tenían miedo al agua tendían a salpicar y balbucear salvajemente y hundirse, hundirse, hundirse, lo que por supuesto no hizo nada para que se les quitara su miedo al agua.

San Pedro demuestra este principio con bastante eficacia en el evangelio de hoy. Impetuoso como siempre, cuando Pedro ve la asombrosa visión de Jesús caminando hacia su bote en medio de la noche, se apresura a encontrarlo. Pero rápidamente comienza a darse cuenta de lo que acaba de hacer. Como un personaje de caricaturas que se alejó demasiado de un muelle corto, comienza a hundirse. Afortunadamente para él, Jesús está parado cerca y le extiende su mano, lo alcanza y lo pone a salvo. A medida que navegas por las aguas tormentosas de la vida, ¿el miedo te da una sensación de hundimiento? Aprende de San Pedro. Acuérdate de que Jesús siempre está cerca, listo para estirar la mano y atraparte y ponerte a salvo. Todo lo que se necesita es tener un poco de fe.

CATECISMO COVID-19 para los niños de K- 8

- Las clases del catecismo serán para padres.
- Las clases serán en persona una vez al mes mientras mantienen distancia social, usan cubre bocas, etc. Estaremos en el área de césped de la Iglesia de San Didacus.
- Las clases serán mensuales en persona para padres/madres y nos reuniremos los miércoles. Ofrecemos dos opciones 4 - 5 PM y 6 - 7 PM, para poder limpiar y desinfectar antes de que comience la próxima sesión.
- Les proporcionaremos libros y enseñanza para que los padres enseñen e instruyan a sus hijos. Las reuniones se llevarán a cabo fuera de la iglesia de St. Didacus, 4772 Felton St. San Diego Ca 92116

Debido a la situación de COVID-19, por favor, **NO venga a la oficina para registrarse**. Registre a su hijo/a en línea a través de nuestro sitio web: **www.stdidacuschurch.org**.

La cuota de inscripción es de \$ 35.00 por niño.

Su Cuota de matrícula se puede dejar en el buzón de la parroquia o llevar a la primera clase en persona **el 23 de septiembre de 2020**. Los pagos se pueden hacer con cheque o efectivo por el monto exacto o dar una donación.

¿Preguntas? Comunicarse con Elena o correo electrónico elena@stdidacuchurch.org

Cambio de horario de misa de los miércoles

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