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Gratitude in Action

"As soon as the word spread, the people of Israel gave in abundance the first fruits of grain, wine, oil, honey, and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of everything."

— 2 Chronicles 31:5

Gratitud en Acción

"Tan pronto como se promulgó la orden, los isralelitas trajeron, en grandes cantidades, lo mejor de su grano, vino, aceite y miel, y todos los productos de los campos; dieron un diezmo generoso de todas las cosas."

—2 Crónicas 31:5





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God is the author of every blessing that we know in this world, every grace that brings joy to our heart, every strength and hope that carry us through the difficult times that come to all of us.

For this reason, the fundamental stance we as Catholics have toward our God is one of gratitude, and the fundamental disposition of the Christian moral life is to root every dimension of our journey of life on this earth in an abiding sense of thanksgiving.

Such a stance of gratitude orients our life of prayer and union with the Lord, understanding that God always stands with us. Gratitude enriches our life of family and friendship, of work and citizenship in this blessed land, and of encounter with those in need.

Christian gratitude also embraces our life of faith and membership in the Church, leading us to contribute our time, talent and financial resources to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in San Diego and Imperial Counties through our parishes and the work of the diocese that goes beyond the capabilities of any one parish. The diocese supports a vital array of ministries, vocations and charities in the name of Our Lord — through Catholic Schools, Religious Education Programs, Clergy and Seminarian Support and Catholic Charities.

Our Annual Appeal provides the foundation for enabling us to carry out these vital works of faith and service in your name, and for that reason I ask you to prayerfully consider participating generously in this year's appeal, with the knowledge that in doing so, you enter more fully into the work of Christ and the mission of discipleship at this crucial moment in human history.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Robert W. McElroy Bishop of San Diego and Imperial Counties

Your Annual Catholic Appeal Pledge Card will be arriving in the mail this week. Our parish has been asked to raise \$20,000. We will be able to meet this goal with everyone's participation, no matter the size. Please pray about this and consider how you are able to contribute. Return your ACA pledge cards in next week's collection or to the Parish Office. Thank you.

World Day of the Sick February 11, 2020

The World Day of the Sick is an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.



Pope John Paul II initiated the day in 1992 to encourage people to pray for those who suffer from illness and for their caregivers. The Pope himself had been diagnosed with Parkinson's a year before, in 1991, and it is considered that his own illness was the impetus for his designation of the day.

On this day, people around the world are asked to take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick. We are also encouraged to visit the sick to offer them our companionship, to pray with them and to offer assistance as needed.

"What is needed is a personalized approach to the sick, not just of curing, but also of caring, in view of an integral human healing. In experiencing illness, individuals not only feel threatened in their physical integrity, but also in the relational, intellectual, affective and spiritual dimensions of their lives. For this reason, in addition to therapy and support, they expect care and attention. In a word, LOVE."

—Pope Francis 2020 World Day of the Sick Message

Join us for the upcoming talk:

"Living the Beatitudes with
Favorite Saints:

How to be happy with God's
help, on His terms."

Thursday, February 13th
7:00pm-9:00pm
in the Parish Hall



Bernadeane Carr, STL, retired director of the Diocesan Institute, will be here to talk about the Beatitudes from the point of view of the saints. Let the saints be your guide to living the best life that Jesus wants for you. This is a free event and everyone is welcome to attend.

Help Us Build Up the Community of God

Collection (Envelopes & Cash) for Sunday, February 2 \$4,299 WEEKLY contributions NEEDED to cover general costs \$7,370

(including salaries, administration, Faith Formation, utilities taxes, operating expenses)

This week's SHORTFALL —\$3,0

Total # of registered parish families/individuals 734
of envelope users this week (supporting a majority of parish expenses) 120
Registered parishioners NOT using envelopes to contribute 614

We appreciate your support of our parish!

Please prayerfully consider how you may increase your giving to help us meet our commitments.

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.



Mass Intentions

Monday.....February 10

7:30AM.....†Ronald & Gerald Redmond

Tuesday.....February 11

6:00PM.....Ornelas Family, Spec. Int.

Wednesday......February 12
8:30AM†Jerry Kravanis
Thursday.....February 13

7:30AM.....†Frank & Frances Matranga Gilbert Alcazar, Spec. Int.

Friday.....February 14

7:30AM......†Richard Geschwender, †Martha Osoria

Saturday.....February 15

5:00PM†Emmett Capossere

Weekly Events at St. Didacus

Sunday, February 9		Location
Monday, February 10		Location
Knitting Group	2:00pm-4:00pm	Hall
Spanish Men's Prayer Group	6:30pm	Hall
Tuesday, February 11		Location
Scouts	3:00pm	Hall
High School Ministry	6:30pm-8:00pm	Hall
Wednesday, February 12		Location
Religious Education	5:30pm	School
Choir	7:00pm	Church
Encuentro Matrimonial	7:00pm	Hall
Thursday, February 13		Location
Adult Ed/RCIA	7:00pm	Hall
Mental Health Ministry	7:00pm	Office
Friday, February 14		Location
Encuentro Matrimonial	7:00pm	Hall
Saturday, February 15		Location
Confessions	3:30pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	3:30pm-5:00pm	Church

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."

—John 8:12

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> English: 1st Saturday each month. Spanish: 4th Saturday 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.

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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And the special intentions in our Book of Needs R A Y E R L I S

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JOIN THE PARTY!
St. Didacus School's Annual
Auction and Dance
"80s Prom Night"
is Saturday, February 29th
at Marina Village

Reserve a seat for the Auction and Dance. Tickets are \$90 each. Contact Mrs. Lepis at the school office by Wednesday, February 12th to make your reservation.

If you are unable to attend and would like to sponsor a teacher, call Mrs. Lepis for more information.

Grandparent's Day was GREAT!

Many thanks to all the grandparents who supported our school during Catholic Schools Week!







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CONFIRMATION II NEWS

Classes for Confirmation II students begin on Sunday, February 16th at 10am-11am at the school. Parents are required to attend this first meeting to complete the retreat paperwork and to go over the details.

The Confirmation II Retreat is Friday, February 21st-Sunday, February 23rd.

Date of Confirmation:

Wednesday, April 29th at 6pm Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 28th @7pm. Bring your sponsor.



We are collecting palms from last year so that they may be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday which is on February 26th. Please put them in the basket at the entrance of the Church by Sunday, February 23rd.



2019 Tax Statements are available upon request only. To request your tax statement, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter San Diego

You deserve a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! You attend seminars to learn new skills to improve your career and work opportunities, right? Why not dedicate one weekend to enhance your most important relationship... with your spouse! One weekend can truly change your life! The next Weekend Experiences are March 20-22 or May 29-31, starting at 8:00 pm Friday and ending at 4:00 pm Sunday. Meals and lodging are provided. There is a \$125 application fee and a voluntary donation requested at the end of the weekend. To register go to: www.wwme-sandiego.org or www.wwme-sand

Readings for the week of February 9, 2020

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16 Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10 Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day is an observance sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, associated with the Catholic Marriage Encounter movement and observed on the second Sunday of February each year.



World Marriage Day

Its purpose is declared to be: "World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life."

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many peo-

ple think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

A good habit, simply put, is called a *virtue*. It is important to distinguish between values and virtues. Everyone has values; not all values, however, are healthy. For example, a bank robber values money above obeying just laws against theft. For a Catholic, virtue is the more specific pursuit. So the next time you hear someone touting values, make sure they are the right values. Be sure the pursuit of virtue is being encouraged. *Virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do good*. (CCC 1833)

What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus' words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen



up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often."

But it doesn't end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

Donations needed for the parish FOOD PANTRY

Our cupboard is almost empty!

We are in need of the following items:

*Canned hearty soup—pop-top

- *Canned pasta—pop-top
- *Canned meats—pop-top
- *Granola bars
- *Individual bags of trail mix/nuts
- *Pudding cups
- *Individual fruit cups
- *Individual peanut butter crackers or cheese crackers

Please bring your donations to the Parish Office. Thank you for your continuing support of our pantry.



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Dios es el autor de cada bendición que recibimos en este mundo, cada gracia que nos trae alegría a nuestro corazón, que nos

fortalece y nos da esperanza que nos lleva a través de los tiempos difíciles que nos llegan a todos.

Por esta razón, la postura fundamental que tenemos como católicos hacia Dios es de gratitud, y la disposición fundamental de la vida moral cristiana es arraigar cada dimensión de nuestro vida en esta tierra en un sentido permanente de acción de gracias.

Tal postura de gratitud orienta nuestra vida de oración y unión con el Señor, entendiendo que Dios siempre está con nosotros. La gratitud enriquece nuestra vida familiar y nuestras amistades, la vida del trabajo y ciudadanía en esta tierra bendita, y en el encuentro con los necesitados.

La gratitud cristiana también abarca nuestra vida de fe y membresía en la Iglesia, lo que nos lleva a contribuir con nuestro tiempo, talento y recursos financieros para difundir el Evangelio de Jesucristo en los condados de San Diego e Imperial a través de nuestras parroquias y el trabajo de la diócesis que va más allá las capacidades de cualquier parroquia. La diócesis apoya una serie de ministerios que son vitales para las vocaciones y la organizaciones como las escuelas católicas, programas de educación religiosa, el clero y el apoyo a seminaristas y organizaciones benéficas católicas.

Nuestra Campaña Anual proporciona la base para permitirnos llevar a cabo estas obras vitales de fe y servicio en su nombre, y por esa razón le pido que considere en oración participar generosamente en la Apelación de este año, sabiendo que al hacerlo, usted ingresa más plenamente en la obra de Cristo y la misión del discipulado en este momento crucial de la historia humana.

Sinceramente en Cristo, Muy Rev. Robert W. McElroy Obispo de San Diego y Condado Imperial Se le enviarán por correo esta semana las tarjetas de compromiso de Apelación Católica Anual. Nuestra participación parroquial este año es de \$20,000. solo podremos alcanzar este objetivo con la participación de todos, sin importar la cantidad. Ore por esto y considere cómo puede contribuir. Devuelva sus tarjetas de compromiso de ACA en la colecta la próxima semana o en la Oficina Parroquial.



Las clases de Confirmación 2 comienzan el domingo16 de febrero, 10—11 AM en el auditorio de la escuela. Jóvenes con sus papas el primer día

El Retiro de Confirmación 2, es el viernes 21 de febrero, salimos a las 4:30 PM y regresamos el domingo 23 de febrero al medio día.

La Confirmación será Miércoles 29 de abril 6 PM. Ensayo: martes 28 de abril a las 7 PM

Estamos colectando palmas del año pasado para quemarla para el Miércoles de Ceniza, que será el 26 de febrero. Por favor, póngalos en la canasta a la entrada de la Iglesia antes del domingo 23 de febrero.





Las declaraciones de impuestos de 2019 están disponibles solo si las pides. Para solicitar su declaración de impuestos, llame a la oficina parroquial.

Evangelizando por Medio de la Corresponsabilidad Sábado 7 de marzo de 9 a 3 PM



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Presentador Koren Ruiz

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Clases de Quinceañeras y chambelanes

Tendremos una clase mandatoria para Quinceallera las jóvenes que harán sus quinceaños en esta parroquia en los meses de abril a diciembre del 2020. La clase será el viernes 21 de febrero, de 5 a 8 PM en el salón parroquial, este año los chambelanes tienen que acompañarlas. Son \$20.00 del libro.

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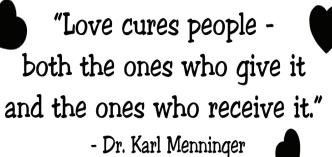
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