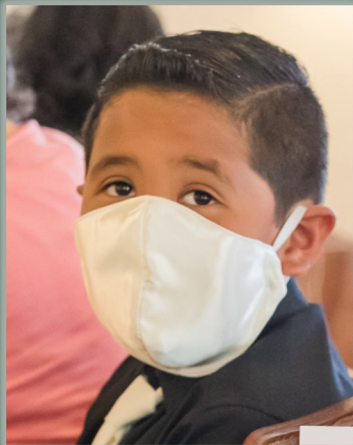
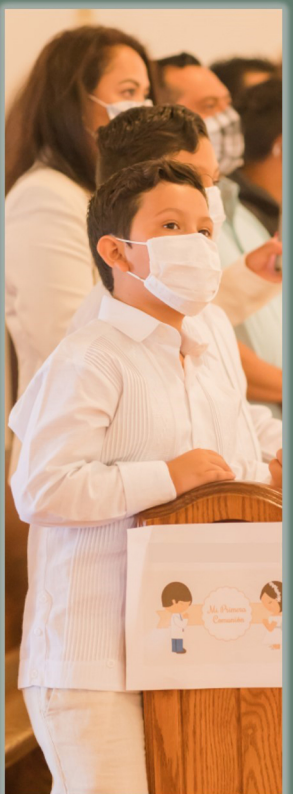


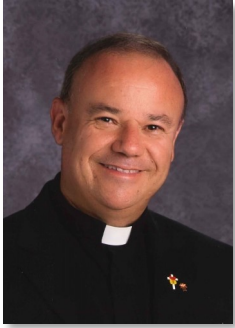
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First Communion 2020



Father Bejarano to be Consecrated as Auxiliary Bishop This Week

Father Ramón Bejarano arrives in the San Diego Diocese this week from the Central Valley, where he served as a priest of the Diocese of Stockton for 21 years.

He will be consecrated as auxiliary bishop of San Diego on Tuesday, July 14, in a ceremony that will be livestreamed starting at 2 p.m. through the diocesan website—sdcatholic.org.

He sent the following message ahead of his arrival:

“Dear faithful of the local Church of San Diego and the Imperial Valley:

“Greetings from the northern Central Valley. I write this note as I prepare for my episcopal ordination. I am very happy to be able to carry out the mission that our Lord has called me to do, even though I’m a little fearful. I have been asking the Holy Spirit to help me to be faithful and to be truly of service to the community of the Diocese of San Diego.

I wish with all of my heart to be close to you and to push myself to be a pastor that is truly an instrument of Christ, and that in announcing the Good News we can help each other mutually toward sainthood.

That’s why I need to ask you to pray for me, for my conversion and saintliness. The prayers of so many people have sustained me throughout my entire life. That’s why I can tell you with certainty that I have not done anything on my own, it’s the Lord who has done everything, because He is faithful to the prayers of His people.

We live in complicated, destabilizing times. There are a lot of confused souls, or who have strayed from God, or live in lukewarm spirituality. Nothing can quench our thirst for the eternal, only God. Let’s pray that Mother Mary helps us to be faithful to her Son, Jesus. Her Immaculate Heart will triumph and will lead us to salvation in Christ.

I hope to see you soon, and to get to know you more and more. Blessings.

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But some fell on rich soil

In my former parish, farming and gardening is a way of life. Maria Huerta an elderly parishioner down the block from the parish, my neighbor spends as much time as she can in her garden—and it shows. Even in the scorching heat, she can get plants to grow that none of her neighbors can. “I spend a lot of my time preparing the soil,” she says. She is constantly adding yard waste and kitchen scraps to her compost bin, stirring it up, keeping it moist, making sure there’s the right mixture of “browns” and “greens” layered over one another. A few times a year she harvests the dark, rich soil at the bottom of her compost heap and spreads it around her garden where the existing soil is hard, full of clay, or rocky.

Her grandchildren come to stay with her on the weekends from time to time, and she puts them to work in the garden. They seem to enjoy it. She lets them pick flowers and place them before the small statue of Mary in the yard. While they work, she tells them stories about Saint Francis, whose statue stands across the way from Mary. At noon she sets up lunch on the patio. They all bow their heads and say a quick prayer before they devour their peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. On Sundays she dresses them up and brings them with her to early Mass and then home to a big breakfast.

This is something new for them because I don’t believe their parents attend church too frequently and religious practice is usually an afterthought for them. But it matters to Grandma. After all, she knows how crucial it is to prepare the soil.

This is what this parable this Sunday is all about. Although God is the gardener, we too can be the gardener who prepares for the seed to grow and yields a harvest a hundredfold.

Who is your New Pastor:

Born: Oct. 18, 1961, Davao City, Philippines

Ordained: April 26, 1986

Education:

Clinical Pastoral Education Level I, Yuma, Arizona
Licentiate in Institutional Social Communication,
Rome, Italy

Bachelor in Sacred Theology, España, Manila
Bachelor of Arts, Major English Literature and
Philosophy, Davao, Philippines



It's no wonder the Parable of the Sower left the disciples mystified. It's a crazy story! The sower is a wild man. Instead of plowing fertile ground and responsibly planting it like a normal farmer, he wanders down an unlikely path and throws seed in the most random way imaginable. Fistfuls of seed land behind him on the path, on rocks to the right and thorns to the left. Only by accident does any seed

wind up on soil that can be expected to produce a yield. If the sower worked for me, he'd be fired before the end of the day. What's most confounding about this parable is that Jesus doesn't tell us not to be like this careless farmer. Instead, Jesus compares himself to the sower! Apparently, it's his will that the Gospel be shared not only in cathedrals, but also in prisons and back alleys and casinos and boardrooms. The Gospel is a capricious seed!

*Are you free with your sprinkling of the Gospel seed?
What unlikely places have you taken this news?*

LET US PRAY... We praise you, Source of Love, for the generous gift you've made to us in Creation. We thank you for the beauty of nature, the warmth of friendship, the responsibility of family, and the goodness of our labor. Help us to see this world as charged with your grace and to protect what you have planted. Amen.

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Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!

Sunday Masses

TEMPORARY TIME CHANGE: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am in English and 12:00pm in Spanish

Daily Mass

Mon., Thurs., Fri. 7:30am / Tues. 6:00pm / Wed. 8:30am
Thursday 7pm Mass in Spanish

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed. 7:30am—8:30am

First Fridays 8:00am—9:00am

Confessions—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.....July 11

5:00pm.....†Teddy Matranga, †Thomasz Ostrowski

Sunday.....July 12

8:00am.....People of St. Didacus

10:00am.....†Pura Gordola

12:00pm.....†Buenaventura Fernandez

†Luis Mendoza, †Maria Mendoza, Gloria Hernandez

Monday.....July 13

7:30am.....Paul & Terese Lunetta, Spec. Int.

Tuesday.....July 14

6:00pm.....Mari Graham, Spec. Int.

Wednesday.....July 15

8:30am.....†Tomas Gordola

Thursday.....July 16

7:30am.....†William Justice

7:00pm.....†Francisca Mozo

Friday.....July 17

7:30am.....†Cindy James

Saturday.....July 18

5:00pm.....†Joe Cordilone

Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

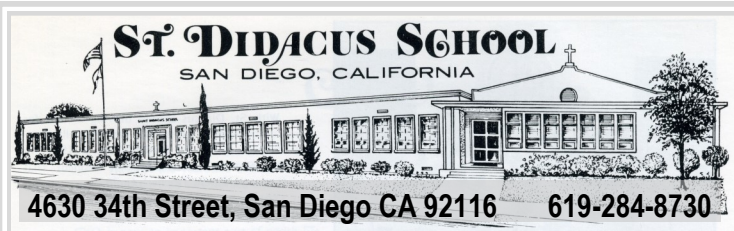
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*And the special intentions
in our Book of Needs*



St. Didacus School is preparing to open in the Fall and getting ready for social distancing!

The school is still accepting donations for the plexiglass shields to be placed on every student's desk so they will not

have to wear a face mask while sitting at their desks. Each shield is \$50. A donation of any amount to go toward this hefty expenditure or toward general COVID-19 related costs is greatly appreciated! Contact Mrs. Dean if you are able to make a donation: christine.dean@stdidacusparishschool.org.

Thank you for your support!

FYI...Registration for all Sacraments and Religious Education will begin the first weekend of August.

Many thanks to Oscar Rodriguez who acted on our call for the need of hand sanitizer—a hot commodity in today's COVID-19 world! He donated a 5-gallon bucket of top-quality, moisturizing hand sanitizer to the Church that will get us through the months ahead and help us meet the health regulations that enable us to keep our Church open and everyone healthy. Thanks, Oscar!



Thank You

The month of June was busy with all the special Masses and events. We are blessed to have great photographers in the parish to document these occasions. Many thanks to Greg Wynne for taking photos at Fr. Rick's *Drive-by Good-bye* event and to Angela

McGinnis who worked overtime getting photos of 8th Grade Graduation, Confirmation and First Communions.

St. Didacus School teacher, Maryann, is looking for a 2 bedroom condo or townhouse to rent. If you have a property or know of one that is available, please contact her at 619-857-6514.



Truths of Our Catholic Faith

If you use your ears, chances are you'll be able to hear. Similarly, when you become and remain aware of the all

the signs of God around you and within you, a sense of certitude about His abiding presence can stay with you, helping you to bear abundant fruit.

When he listens to the message of creation and to the voice of conscience, man can arrive at certainty about the existence of God, the cause and the end of everything. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 46)

To produce fruit and remain on the path of goodness, you must listen for and hear the voice of your conscience. In the end, the conscience is a very practical faculty, helping you make the right decisions in ordinary and even some extraordinary instances.

Conscience is a judgement of reason by which the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1796)

Any good farmer will tell you that regardless of how good the quality of the seed, its sprouting and bearing of effective fruit is dependent upon the quality of the soil. Preparing the soil is one of the most



essential components of farming. There is no doubt that the seed of God's Word will eventually achieve its purpose. God cannot and will not fail. When and how that seed bears fruit is, however, dependent upon us. What is the quality and condition of your soil? Life's concerns and preoccupations can cause us to become inattentive to our inner life. This sometimes unintentional neglect can result in our soil becoming hard, overgrown with weeds, rocky, parched, and lifeless. When God's seed is sown, it doesn't always take root because it struggles to establish roots and flourish. How can you more attentively attend to the soil of your heart so that it will be a fertile and vital place for the fruit of the Gospel to grow?

On June 27th we celebrated First Communions with the children of Religious Education. Fr. Rick celebrated two Masses, one in English and one in Spanish. Congratulations to all the students who received their First Communion. Many thanks to our Director of Religious Education, Elena Platas, and to her catechists who worked diligently through the COVID-19 shutdowns to stay connected with the students to continue their Religious Education program through Zoom technology. What a challenging time also, for our parents! We want to thank them for their support in helping their children to reach this important sacramental milestone in their lives.



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Pero algunos cayeron en suelo rico

En mi antigua parroquia, la agricultura y la jardinería son una forma de vida. Maria Huerta, una feligresa de edad avanzada que está a una cuadra de la parroquia, mi vecina pasa todo el tiempo que puede en su jardín, y eso se nota. Incluso en el calor abrasador, puede hacer que crezcan plantas que ninguno de sus vecinos puede. "Paso mucho tiempo preparando el suelo", dice ella. Constantemente agrega desechos de jardín y desechos de cocina a su contenedor de compost, revolviéndolo, manteniéndolo húmedo, asegurándose de que haya una combinación adecuada de "marrones" y "verdes" superpuestos. Unas pocas veces al año cosecha el suelo oscuro y rico en el fondo de su montón de compost y lo extiende alrededor de su jardín donde el suelo existente es duro, lleno de arcilla o rocoso.

Sus nietos vienen a quedarse con ella los fines de semana de vez en cuando, y ella los pone a trabajar en el jardín. Parecen disfrutarlo. Ella les deja recoger flores y colocarlas ante la pequeña estatua de María en el patio. Mientras trabajan, ella les cuenta historias sobre San Francisco, cuya estatua se encuentra frente a Mary. Al mediodía prepara su almuerzo en el patio. Todos inclinan la cabeza y rezan rápidamente antes de devorar sus sándwiches de mantequilla de maní y mermelada. Los domingos los viste y los lleva a la misa temprana y luego a casa a un gran desayuno. Esto es algo nuevo para ellos porque no creo que sus padres asistan a la iglesia con demasiada frecuencia y la práctica religiosa suele ser una idea de último momento para ellos. Pero le importa a la abuela. Después de todo, ella sabe lo crucial que es preparar el suelo.

De esto se trata esta parábola de este domingo. Aunque Dios es el jardinero, nosotros también podemos ser el jardinero que se prepara para que la semilla crezca y produzca una cosecha cien veces mayor.

¿Quién es tu nuevo pastor?

Nacido: 18 de octubre de 1961, Davao City, Filipinas
Ordenado: 26 de abril de 1986

Educación:

Educación Pastoral Clínica Nivel I, Yuma, Arizona
Licenciado en Comunicación Social Institucional, Roma, Italia

Licenciado en Teología Sagrada, España, Manila
Bachillerato en Artes, Literatura Inglesa y Filosofía, Davao, Filipinas

MUCHAS GRACIAS OSCAR RODRIGUEZ

Cuando estábamos en el proceso de re-abrir la iglesia, y seguir los protocolos de la diócesis y del CDC, nos encontramos con la escasez de gel antibacteriano y era esencial que lo tuviéramos para poder re-abrir la iglesia. Oscar Rodriguez el director de música de la misa de español nos lo consiguió y lo dono. Por lo que toda la comunidad de San Didacus estamos muy agradecidos, pues gracias a su ayuda tuvimos lo que necesitábamos para la apretura de la iglesia. Gracias Oscar.



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Los invitamos a rezar la coronilla al Señor de la Misericordia en la capillita de afuera, vengase preparado para el sol y pidamos misericordia para nosotros y para el mundo entero.

Un Sembrador Generoso

Cuando observamos a seres vivos en la naturaleza, plantas y animales de todas las especies, vemos cuánta semilla se siembra generosamente. Se esparcen muchas semillas, y sin embargo pocas brotan y producen fruto. El Señor mismo sigue sembrando su palabra entre nosotros como una invitación, un llamado, un reto. Pero ¿le permitimos siquiera arraigar? ¿Cuál es el cultivo o el fruto que producimos? Dios es generoso con su palabra pero ¿somos nosotros generosos con nuestra respuesta? Que Jesús nos proclame hoy su palabra; que nosotros sepamos acogerla con calor y entusiasmo, y que arraigue en nosotros, crezca y dé una cosecha rica y hermosa.



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