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Join us for Mass!



Truths of our Catholic Faith



The harvest time. Time for the harvesters to gather the wheat and collect the weeds and burn them. It's probably a good idea to recall, at least every now and then, that you will be harvested one day. What will the Master do with you?

Every man receives his eternal recompense in his immortal soul from the moment of his death in a particular judgement by Christ, the judge of the living and the dead. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1051)

In the wheat field of your moral life, you may experience a series crop disease. If you are like many people, though, your main problem is going to be weeds.

Just as even a single, small weed should not be entirely ignored, any sin if left unattended can repeat itself and lead to very serious problems—maybe even a bad harvest.

The repetition of sins—even venial sins—engenders vices, among which are capital sins. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1876)

Of the seven capital sins—pride, covetousness, lust, anger, greed, envy, sloth—which troubles me the most? How might I amend my life to do better in this area?



We all feel discouraged at times by the “littleness” of our faith, or the seeming lack of fruit we bear for Christ. Yet we are told the Kingdom of Heaven starts as a mustard seed. Every act of love we perform for Christ, even if it seems of little consequence, is

transformed through the Spirit into something greater. In what moment today were you most able to give or receive love? What about that moment made it life giving? Pray for the Holy Spirit to be with you this week in noticing and meeting people's needs.

St. Did's Nook

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One person's weeds is another's garden



In one of the a bit affluent parts of the Valley, in front of a nice home, there is a front yard that looks uncared for and virtually abandoned. It has made the news because the new owner has taken out the green, un-mowed lawn and let the yard revert back to its natural, prairie state.

This was done much to the displeasure of the neighbors who consider it to be an eyesore and a blight to the gated community. Next to their trimmed bushes and landscaped lawns, it looks strikingly different and a little wild.

There are no lack of critics, not only of gardens and yards, but also of human behavior. They are quick to pass judgment about other people's actions and preferences. They feel they are right no matter what anyone else says. And they want to set their way as the standard that all are expected to follow and aspire to live by. In so doing, they run the risk of throwing out what might be good with what they consider weeds.

We are all human. We should let God be the judge of our actions. We have enough to do worrying about ourselves without trying to judge others at the same time.

Fr. Rey

OUTDOOR MASSES



On Wednesday, July 15th we began celebrating Mass outside on the front lawn to be in compliance with the newest guidelines from the Diocese and state that prohibit indoor worship. We invite you to join us. We will have folding chairs but you are welcome to bring your own lawn chair. Mass will be short but the days are warm, so wear a hat, bring an umbrella and a water bottle. We would like to have the help of volunteers to do the weekday and weekend Mass set-up. Call the Parish Office if you can help. Thank you for patience as we make another transition!

Today's First Reading from the Book of Wisdom looks at God's patience and tolerance with Israel giving this community the example that it needs to follow God's own attributes. Reverence for the holiness of God encouraged the people of Israel to never even pronounce the Name of God, so when Matthew writes he characteristically refers to the Kingdom of Heaven rather than the Kingdom of God.

Matthew's Gospel this week continues the string of parables included in this chapter. The weeds that have come up with the wheat refers to an annual grass called dandelion, which looks very much like wheat when it first shoots. The information is given that the farmer has indeed sown good seed, and that it is a conspiracy by the enemy which has spoilt the expected harvest. By choosing to allow both wheat and weeds to grow to maturity until they are separated at harvest, a picture is painted of a God who allows us every chance of



reaching our fullest potential and changing that in us which is bad or imperfect. However the promise for the bad is clear – at the harvest they will be burnt.

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 18

5:00pm.....†Joe Cordilone

Sunday.....July 19

8:00am.....†Patricia L. Doles

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

12:00pm.....†Francisca Mozo

Monday.....July 20

7:30am.....†Luz Martinez

Tuesday.....July 21

6:00pm.....†Nicole Rickard

Wednesday.....July 22

8:30am.....†Richard Garrigues

Thursday.....July 23

7:30am.....†Carolyn Curiel Hastings

7:00pm.....People of St. Didacus

Friday.....July 24

7:30am.....†Genevieve Keyser

Saturday.....July 25

5:00pm.....†Betty Justice

Readings for the week of July 19, 2020

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

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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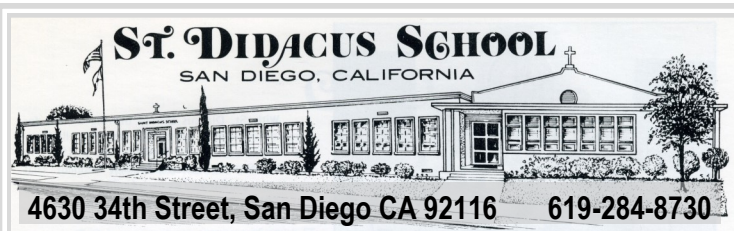
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*And the special intentions
in our Book of Needs*



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Parishes often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, etc., when a person has been asked to be a Godparent or sponsor. Without registration, no such verification can be given. To register, print out a registration form found on our website: stdidacuschurch.org and mail it back or drop it off at the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Parish Office and we will be happy to assist you.

Have you visited our parish website?
stdidacuschurch.org

You'll be able to access the bulletin on line and also have access to the latest COVID-19 news as it relates to our parish. You can even sign up to receive our weekly email. Stay connected and don't miss anything happening at St. Didacus Parish!

He groans

In Romans 8:26, Paul writes, "**For we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit**

Itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings."

How can this be? We associate groaning, as Paul himself does, with created things that have bodies. Of course, Christ Himself in the fullness of humanity surely groaned as well.



But how is it that the Spirit does this too?

The same word is used in Acts 7:34 in recalling the 'groanings' of the Israelites in Egypt. In Mark 7:34, the verb form of this word appears when Jesus 'groans' or 'sighs' in calling on heaven to be opened and the blind man to be healed. And Paul uses it again 1 Corinthians 5:2 and 4 in describing our experience of being in our earthly bodies.

The bodily, passive connotations of groaning are unavoidable. They leave us with at least two possible interpretations. First, we can take them as not indicating any suffering on the part of the Spirit, but instead His tender mercy towards us—a kind of sighing on our behalf. Second, we can take this groaning as the Spirit's prayer on our behalf—conveying our misery to the Father. He is able to 'groan' because He dwells so intimately within us.

Mass Intentions are a beautiful way to remember a person in need.



There are many openings over these next few months for Mass intentions for our daily and Sunday Masses. This is a beautiful way to pray as a community in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

for your loved ones. You can offer a Mass for a special intention or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Please call the Parish Office to schedule this special gift of prayer for that loved one or friend, living or deceased.

St. Mary Magdalene Feast day Wednesday, July 22nd

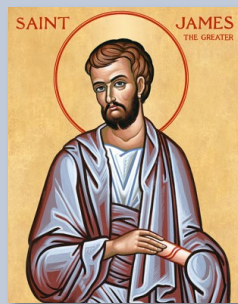


Mary Magdalene is Apostle to the Apostles and patron of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) because she was the first to proclaim the Resurrection. Although women did not study with rabbis

in Jesus' day, Mary was a disciple of the rabbi Jesus. Therefore, the seed of God's Word was firmly planted within her—so firmly that she stood at the foot of the Cross with Jesus' mother and her sister and the beloved disciple, when the other disciples ran in fear.

St. James, Apostle Feast day Saturday, July 25th

St. James and his brother John were the "Sons of Thunder" who accompanied Christ during his ministry and, with St. Peter, witnessed Christ's Transfiguration. When James asked to sit at Jesus's right hand in his Kingdom, Christ asked him if he could "drink of the cup I drink,"—an encounter that prefigured James's death as the first of the Apostles to be martyred.



As part of Passover, today's Jewish community recognizes Hag haMatzot, the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when they cleanse their homes of any leavening products and consume only unleavened matzah bread for seven days. This is in recognition of their hasty exodus from Egypt, when they had no time to allow their bread to rise. But it is also to purge symbolically all sins before they are allowed to grow.

In today's Gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus offers us three parables—the sowing of weeds among the wheat, the mustard seed, and the leavened bread. How do these parables affect our lives today? In our secular world, we receive words of "weeds" along with the word of God. Like yeast in bread, it is up to us to allow which ones to grow within us. But like even the tiniest mustard seed, if we nurture God's word in our hearts, it will grow greater than we could imagine.

Remember the master's admonition to wait until the time was right to gather the weeds separately from the wheat. So, too, does the Church in practicing penance and renewal with her members (CCC 827). It is not yet the time for our harvest, but we know that if we stand strong to the weeds around us through our faith, we will finally be gathered separately and welcomed into the kingdom of heaven.

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

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Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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Have you ever helped weed the garden? Why does no one like weeds? Today Jesus tells us another parable and wants us to think about what will happen at the end of time to those people who do not listen to him. Like the wheat and the weeds in our reading today, God allows good and bad people to live side by side. God wants to allow bad people a chance to change their ways before the end of time.

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**La maleza de una persona es el jardín de otra**

En una de las partes más ricas del valle, frente a una bonita casa, hay un patio delantero que parece descuidado y prácticamente abandonado. Ha salido en las noticias porque el nuevo propietario ha eliminado el césped verde y sin cortar y ha permitido que el patio vuelva a su estado natural de pradera.

Esto se hizo para disgusto de los vecinos que lo consideran una molestia y una plaga para la comunidad cerrada. Al lado de sus arbustos recortados y céspedes ajardinados, se ve sorprendentemente diferente y un poco salvaje.

No faltan críticos, no solo de jardines y patios, sino también del comportamiento humano. Son rápidos para juzgar las acciones y preferencias de otras personas. Sienten que tienen razón, no importa lo que digan los demás. Y quieren establecer su camino como el estándar que todos deben seguir y aspirar a vivir. Al hacerlo, corren el riesgo de tirar lo que podría ser bueno con lo que consideran malas hierbas.

Todos somos humanos. Deberíamos dejar que Dios sea el juez de nuestras acciones. Tenemos suficiente para preocuparnos por nosotros mismos sin tratar de juzgar a los demás al mismo tiempo.

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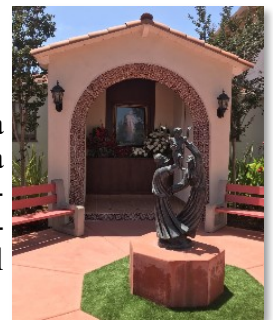
**EL PRIMER DOMINGO DE AGOSTO****Paciencia con Las
Malas Hierbas**

Te sientes sorprendido felizmente cuando, después de un disparate o una ofensa de tu parte, la persona ofendida lo toma con paciencia y te da nuevas oportunidades.

Así actúa Dios con nosotros. Él sigue creyendo en nosotros. Esa es también la forma cómo quiere Dios que nos tratemos unos a otros. Como él, nosotros deberíamos ser plenamente conscientes de que la gente no es ni enteramente buena ni completamente mala, y que por lo tanto deberíamos ser pacientes, perdonando, confiando y dando tiempo para sanar. Demos gracias a nuestro Dios por su paciencia, y pidámosle que nos haga un poco como él es.

**Oración al Señor de la
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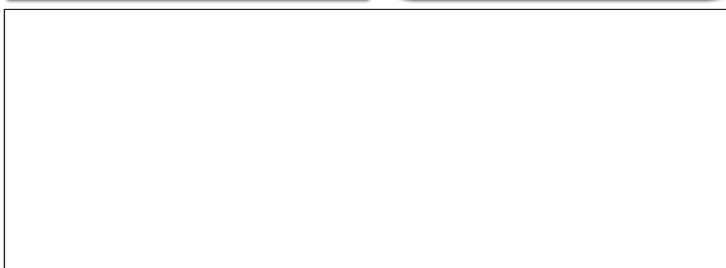
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