St. Didacus Catholic Community

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We know that all things work for good for those who love God.







Sabemos que todo contribuye para el bien de los que aman a Dios







No doubt you've heard the expression "You can't take it with you." It means that we leave this world the way we came into it—without even the clothes on our backs. But the truth is that there are some things you can take with you into eternal life. They're just not material things. And that's what Jesus

is talking about in the treasure parables. Real treasure is that which has eternal value—it's what you can take with you.

One way to think about this is in terms of relationships. In 1 Corinthians 13:13, St. Paul says that there are three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest is love. Love is the greatest because it's the only one of the tree that is eternal. Faith will give way to sight, hope will give way to joy, but love is forever. We will carry our relationships with God and with our loved ones into the Kingdom with us.

So how do you "buy" the treasure of love (Matthew 6:20-21)? The currency that buys eternal treasure is time. So the way that we invest in the Kingdom is to spend quality time with the people we hope to be with in heaven—starting with God. Quality time with God means going to Mass regularly and spending time in personal prayer and devotions. We also need to spend quality time with those with whom we are in significant relationships: spouse, children, parents, loved ones. Of course to do this might require a sacrifice of other things that take up our time—that's the point of the parable. We have to give something to buy something greater. We trade the earthly treasures for the heavenly treasures. We give up what we can't take with us to gain what we can take with us. -Sourcebook

The St. Didacus Mental Health Ministry Invites you to a <u>"Care—Prayer—Support" Gathering</u> Sunday, August 2nd 7:00pm—7:45pm in the St. Didacus Prayer Garden



The St. Didacus Mental Health Ministry invites you to experience the comfort and encouragement of God's grace that is possible when you connect and pray with others.

St. Did's Nook

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Do you know how much it is worth?

On Public Television there is a

program called Antiques Roadshow. People bring items to be appraised by professionals and experts with the hope that their vase or painting or chair might be a valuable antique. The fun of the program lies in the description of the item given by the appraiser and the growing anticipation of the value that will be placed on it.

This could be one reason some people like to go hunting in rummage sales or in antique shops or keep some old looking stuff.

While occasionally an item is judged to be ordinary or counterfeit, more often than not the owner, who does not have a clue to its worth, is shocked at the auction price value of something that has been lying around unprotected in his or her attic or garage. Sadly, though, for every 30 or so people they show on the program, countless others go home disappointed.

By virtue of our Baptism, we have been given the gift of the kingdom of God in our faith. Even if that faith may not be perfect, and even if it is a little nicked or scratched, it is still valuable beyond measure. The appraiser is Jesus. And he is telling us that our faith is a priceless gift. That should bring us all great joy and comfort.

SUNDAY MASS TIME NOTICE

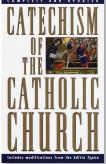


During the past few months we had temporarily changed our Sunday Mass times to accommodate the cleaning of the Church between Masses. Since we have moved our Masses outdoors we find that we

are able to return to our regular Mass schedule.

Beginning on Sunday, August 2nd, we will return to our regular weekend schedule of Masses:

Saturday 5pm Sunday 8:30am, 10am — English 11:30am — Spanish



Truths of our Catholic Faith

The treasure in this parable is not created by the person finding it. Similarly, although your collaboration may allow you to attain eternal life in God's heavenly kingdom, His grace is ultimately the only thing that makes eternal life possible in the first place.

We can have merit in God's sight only because of God's free plan to associate man with the work of his grace. Merit is to be ascribed in the first place to the grace of God, and secondly to man's collaboration. Man's merit is due to God. (CCC 2025)

A scribe instructed in the kingdom would be familiar with salvation history up to the time of Jesus, plus be open to the Good News proclaimed by this God-Man. The law of the Old Testament prepares the way in many ways for the saving message and action of our Lord Jesus.

The Old Law is a preparation for the Gospel. (CCC 1982)

Catholic Minutemen of San Diego

Catholic Minutemen of San Diego is a grassroots organization of men and women who will be ready to have a presence at a threatened church or Catholic site in a minute's notice. The goal is to respond peacefully if a local Catholic church or site is attacked. Peaceful presence and prayer is the goal. They have an on-line registration form and the link will be posted on the St. Didacus website. You will receive alert notices if your peaceful presence or prayers are needed.

Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!

Sunday Masses

NEXT SUNDAY--REGULAR SCHEDULE: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am in English and 11:30am 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

<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.

<u>Mental Health Ministry Direct Line</u>: 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 25 |
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| 5:00pm | .†Betty Justice |
| Sunday | July 26 |
| 8:00am | .†Charles W. Keeley, Jr. |
| 10:00am | .Patricia Kneitz, Spec. Int. |
| 12:00pm | .People of St. Didacus |
| | †Juan Roberto Lopez |
| Monday | July 27 |
| 7:30am | †Catherine Salamone Worstell |
| Tuesday | July 28 |
| 6:00pmMr. & Mrs. | Butler and Butler Family, Spec. Int. |
| Wednesday | July 29 |
| 8:30am | †Jamin Eisman |
| Thursday | July 30 |
| 7:30am | †Geri Cali |
| 7:00pm | †Francisca Mozo |
| Friday | |
| 7:30am | |
| Saturday | August 1 |
| | .†Michael Danna, †Fred Xalis |

Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53 Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12 Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-2

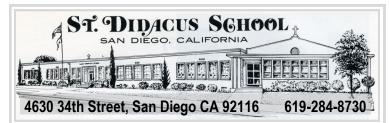
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Stan Hammack **Dolores Hansel** Jennifer Hughes & Family Al Hunt Joanne Hunt Ponciano Jimenez Emily Johnson Paul Kasha Meri Kerekanich Kerekanich Family Marilyn Kober Elizabeth La Costa Irene Lazo Juanita Lopez Paul Mansell Miguel Martinez Terrence McCabe Emma McPherson Dolores Mediano

Peter Napolitano Alex Piatek Lupita Plascencia Judith Pratt Antonia Rava Betty Rios Dolores Robertson Victor M. Sanchez Shirley Scinocca Carol Schmidt **Beverly Stemper** Phillip Sturock Vaneza Torres Maria Winters Jean Woodv Helen Yturralde Joan Venverloh

And the special intentions in our Book of Needs



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It's time to REGISTER FOR 2020-2021 FAITH FORMATION Classes



REGISTRATION BEGINS Monday August 3, 2020 For 2020–2021

Religious Education Classes

RCIA and Confirmation

Because of the COVID-19 situation, please **DO** <u>NOT come to the office to register</u>. Please register your child/children **ONLINE** through our website: <u>www.stdidacuschurch.org</u>. For questions or information, please contact Elena at elena@stdidacuschurch.org or call 619-284-3472 Ext - 304

Why do Catholics light Candles in Church?

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event.



We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence.

In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning of these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

PARKING LOT NOTICE



Due to increased unauthorized activity taking place in our parking lot across the street from the Church, we will be locking the parking lot during the week. Please continue to use the hall parking lot for daily Mass and

other activities. Thank you!

July 26, 2020



What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a dis-

cussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

St. Martha Feast Day Wednesday, July 29th

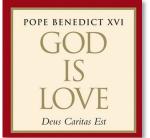


St. Martha is remembered as the bustling woman chided by Christ for "being busy with many things," while her more contemplative sister "took the better part." However, the Gospel accounts also record Martha's

remarkable profession of faith in Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of God," placing her in the company of Peter as the only followers of Jesus to recognize his divinity before the Resurrection.

Saint Martha, pray for us that we might serve Jesus better. Help us to overcome our distractions and worries to listen to his words and be present to him this day. The example of Solomon demonstrates love of neighbor, and Jesus' teaching explains the cost of that committed love of God. Consider what you would ask for if you received the offer given to Solomon.

Pope Benedict XVI 1st Encyclical Letter "Deus caritas est" (God is Love) teaches about God's love for us and also what our



response to that love should be. Here are the first two paragraphs. You can read the whole Encyclical on the Vatican's website: Vatican.va

"God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 Jn 4:16). These words from the First Letter of John express with remarkable clarity the heart of the Christian faith: the Christian image of God and the resulting image of mankind and its destiny. In the same verse, Saint John also offers a kind of summary of the Christian life: "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us".

We have come to believe in God's love: in these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life. Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. Saint John's Gospel describes that event in these words: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should ... have eternal life" (3:16). In acknowledging the centrality of love, Christian faith has retained the core of Israel's faith, while at the same time giving it new depth and breadth. The pious Jew prayed daily the words of the Book of Deuteronomy which expressed the heart of his existence: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might" (6:4-5). Jesus united into a single precept this commandment of love for God and the commandment of love for neighbor found in the Book of Leviticus: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (19:18; cf. Mk 12:29-31). Since God has first loved us (cf. 1 Jn 4:10), love is now no longer a mere "command"; it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us.



St. Ignatius of Loyola Feast Day Friday, July 31st

St. Ignatius of Loyola changed the world as the founder of the Jesuits, and his Spiritual Exercises have become a model of Christian discernment and discipline. When his military career was cut abruptly short by injury, St. Ignatius found new purpose in following the example of Christ and the saints with the same

vigor that would become characteristic of the order he founded.

Prayer of St. Ignatius: "Take, Lord, receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my whole will, all that I have and all that I possess. You gave it all to me, Lord; I give it all back to you."





• Efectivo el 15 de julio, toda las Misas se llevarán a cabo al exterior en la Diócesis de San Diego.

• Todos deberán ponerse mascarilla y traerla desde su casa y mantener distancia social.

• El Obispo ha dispensado a los fieles de la Diócesis de la obligación de atender a la Misa Dominical hasta nueva orden.

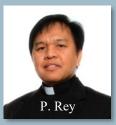
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REGISTRACIONES, lunes 3 de Agosto 2020—2021

Debido a la situación de COVID-19, **NO venga a la oficina para registrarse.** Le pedimos que registre a su hijo / hijos EN LÍNEA a través de nuestro sitio web: <u>www.stdidacuschurch.org/</u>. Si tiene alguna pregunta o quiere pedir información, por favor contactese con Elena al 619-284-3472 o <u>elena@stdidacuschurch.org</u>



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¿Sabes cuánto vale?

En Televisión Publica hay un programa llamado Antiques Road Show. Las personas llevan sus artículos para que sean valuado por profesionales y expertos, con la esperanza de que su jarrón, su pintura o su silla pueda ser una valiosa antigüedad. El entretenimiento del programa radica en la descripción del artículo dado por el valuador y la creciente anticipación del valor que se le asignara.

Esta podría ser una razón, por la que algunas personas les gustan ir de compras en las ventas de artículos usados, en tiendas de antigüedades o no se deshacen de algunas cosas viejas.

Si bien ocasionalmente consideramos que un artículo es ordinario o falso, la mayoría de las veces el propietario, que no tiene ni idea de su valor, se sorprende por el valor del precio de la subasta de algo que ha estado desprotegido en su ático o en su garaje. Lamentablemente, por cada 30 personas que muestran en el programa, muchos otras se van a casa decepcionadas.

En virtud de nuestro bautismo, se nos ha dado el don del reino de Dios en nuestra fe. Incluso si esa fe puede no ser perfecta, e incluso si está un poco marchita o rayada, sigue siendo muy valiosa. El valuador es Jesús. Y nos está diciendo que nuestra fe es un regalo invaluable. Eso debería traernos a todos una gran alegría y consuelo.

REGRESAMOS AL HORARIO ANTERIOR DE MISA LOS DOMINGOS

Sábado 5 PM en ingles, Domingo 8:30AM y 10:00 AM en ingles y 11:30 AM en español.

He aquí que yo estoy con ustedes todos los días hasta el fin del mundo» (Mt 28,20). Esta alentadora promesa se cumple de una manera muy especial cada vez que el Señor Jesús se hace realmente presente en medio de nosotros, bajo la apariencia de pan, en el sacramento de la Eucaristía.





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