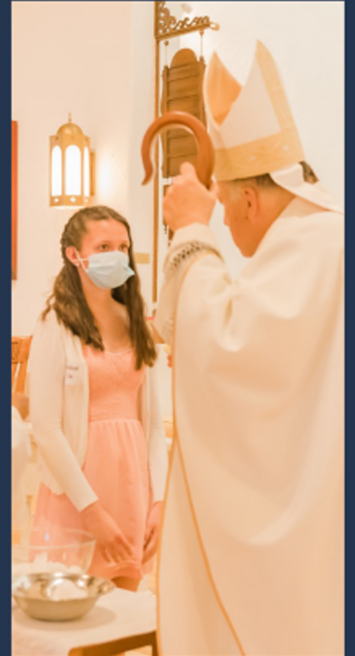


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## **Confirmation**



## **2020**





**Welcome to Fr. Reynaldo Roque!**

**We look forward to getting to know him in the weeks and months ahead. May the Holy Spirit guide him in his ministry to the people of St. Didacus.**

**We are grateful to Bishop McElroy for coming on June 24th for Confirmation. Twenty-four of our teens were Confirmed at that Mass. May the Lord bless them with His guidance and may they always find joy and comfort in Him.**



We are all familiar with the refrain, *"You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!"* In

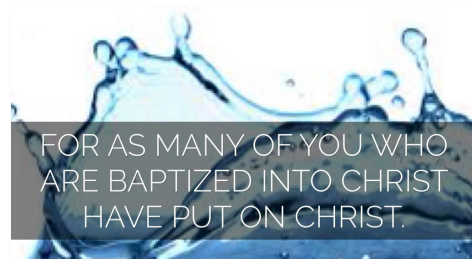
Baptism, we "put on" Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God's vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life's journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God's unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn't it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced! ©LPI

**In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers this invitation: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."* Matthew 11:28-30**





### Free Online Course of The New Evangelization

We hear a lot about the New Evangelization but few have explored the depths of church teaching on this topic. This summer, Sacred Heart Major Seminary is offering a free short interactive online course called "Theology of the New Evangelization" featuring a number of Sacred Heart faculty, including Ralph Martin, Mary Healy, Robert Fastiggi and others. This course will cover the teachings of Popes Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and Francis on the New Evangelization with both a theological and practical focus.

The course starts July 6th. Register for this wonderful opportunity to grow by visiting: [shms.edu/ne](http://shms.edu/ne)



### How is Christ present in the Eucharist?

Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist in a unique and incomparable way. He is present in a true, real and substantial way, with his Body and his Blood, with his Soul and his Divinity. In the Eucharist, therefore there is present in a sacramental way, that is, under the Eucharistic species of bread and wine, Christ whole and entire, God and Man.

Further reading: CCC [1373-1375](#), [1413](#)

### 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](mailto:saintdidacusmhm@gmail.com).

**Pastor, Rev. Reynaldo Roque**  
**We continue to take your calls at the**  
**Parish Office 619-284-3472**

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday.....July 4

5:00pm.....†Wayne & Louise Bryant

#### Sunday.....July 5

8:00am.....†Rosiara Di Bona

10:00am.....†Teresa Roa

12:00pm.....People of St. Didacus, †Maria Mendoza,  
Luis Mendoza, Spec. Int.

#### Monday.....July 6

7:30am.....Jean Boyer, Spec. Int.

#### Tuesday.....July 7

6:00pm.....†Fr. Al Ryan

#### Wednesday.....July 8

8:30am.....Beverly Stemper, Spec. Int.

#### Thursday.....July 9

7:30am.....Helen Yturralde, Spec. Int.

7:00pm.....†Francisca Mozo

#### Friday.....July 10

7:30am.....†Charles L. Stith, †Leonard Geschwender

#### Saturday.....July 11

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

**Because we are receiving Communion and then exiting the Church, let us exit quietly and reverently.**

### Readings for the week of July 5, 2020

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

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

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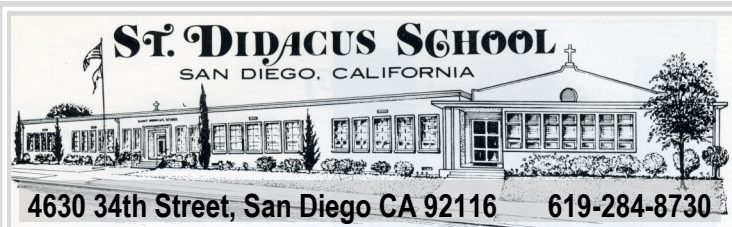
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Beverly Stemper  
Phillip Sturock  
Vaneza Torres  
Maria Winters  
Jean Woody  
Helen Yturralde  
Joan Venverloh

*And the special intentions  
in our Book of Needs*





#### A NOTE FROM MRS. DEAN:

We've been given the opportunity to purchase desk shields for each student's desk as we begin the new school year. They'd cover all three sides of the desk, are about 3 feet high, and are made of clear plexiglass, which allows

them to see all the way around the class, just as if there's no shield at all. These would also eliminate the need for the students to wear masks all day in the classroom while they're seated at their desks, which I think is a big plus.

The cost is the only real issue, as they run \$50 each; we would need about 175 total, depending on what our enrollment numbers are in the fall.

I think we need to look into purchasing these shields, if for no other reason than to make things easier on our students and teachers while everyone's in the classroom. I know that not everyone is in a financial position to help at this time, but if anyone is able to donate enough to buy one, or ten, or an entire classroom supply (!), or however many you can, we would be most appreciative.

If you're able to commit to making any form of donation for these shields, please email me and let me know as soon as possible so I can order them in time to get them here before the start of the new school year. They're made locally by a Catholic school teacher in Poway, and he says he has enough for us but his supply is getting low, so if we want them, we'll need to move quickly.

Thank you so much!

Mrs. Christine Dean

Principal

christine.dean@stdidacusparishschool.org

The Holy Land Pilgrimage that was scheduled for this year has been rescheduled for November 2021



The new date is November 4th - 13th, 2021 and the Tour ID is 110421HL1.

For more info, visit the booking page: <https://www.wetravel.com/trips/footsteps-of-jesus-10-day-catholic-110421hl1-glimmer-tours-jerusalem-27226154>

The sale price is \$2999 per person for registrations made on or before November 4th, 2020. This is a savings of \$500 per person off the regular rate of \$3499. Registration is open until July 4th, 2021, but we will recommend signing up early to secure your spot and lock in the sale pricing. Contact Jerry Kwasek at 619-742-9591 with any questions.

#### *La-u-da-to-Si-What?*

**Sponsored by the Diocese Office for Life, Peace, Justice, and Creation Care**

If you are a young adult and would like to experience an ecological conversion, join our *La-u-da-to-Si-What?* Webinar on Thursday, July 9th, 6:00 p.m-7:00 p.m. PST. This is an opportunity to learn and to gather with other young adults interested in creation care. RSVP by July 8th to [kcallier@sdccatholic.org](mailto:kcallier@sdccatholic.org), call 858.490.8324 or visit the Diocese website: [sdccatholic.org](http://sdccatholic.org).

**Fr. Joe's Villages** is in need of volunteer assistance at their retail stores in Hillcrest, Imperial Beach and El Cajon. They need store front volunteers to assist with traffic flow by overseeing the "lineup" of customers prior to the store opening, instructing customers to use the markers on the ground to ensure 6ft of social distancing, record and maintain customer count inside the store, assist in sanitation of shopping cards and shopping baskets.

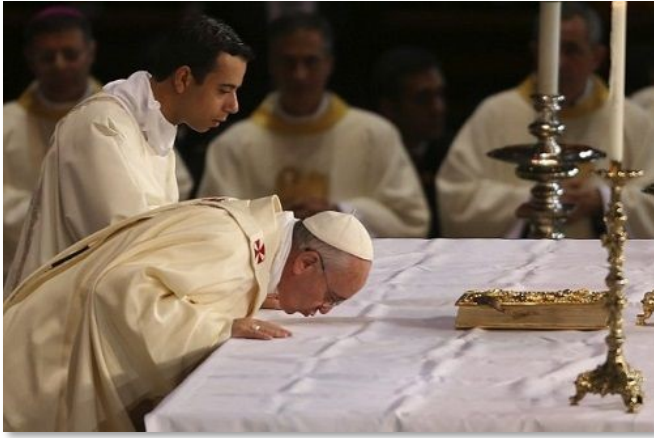
Shift hours are from 9:30am-6pm and you can work a 2-hour shift during these hours.

You must be able to sit and or stand during the assigned work shift.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact **James Kennedy**, Development Officer 619-446-2169.







### ***Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?***

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

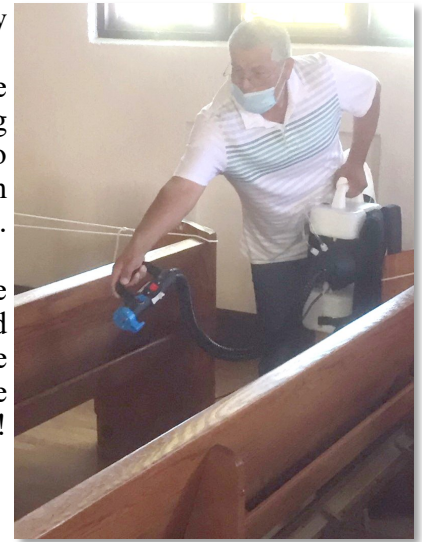
One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10). ©LPi

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

### **Keeping You Healthy**

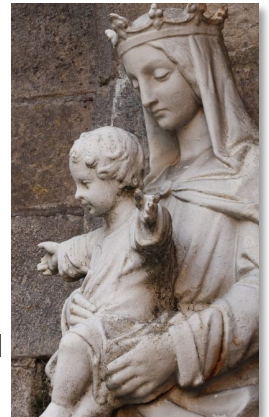
Deacon Marco did the trial run on a new fogging system we purchased to disinfect the Church and Hall.

We are happy to have you back at Mass and want to make sure we offer the most germ-free pews possible!



### **Pope Francis has approved the inclusion of three additional invocations in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also called the Litany of Loreto.**

In a June 20 letter to the presidents of bishops' conferences, Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for the Divine Liturgy and the Discipline of the Sacraments, said the invocations “Mater misericordiae,” “Mater spei,” and “Solacium migrantium” should be inserted in the Marian litany. “The titles and invocations which Christian piety has reserved for the Virgin Mary over the course of the centuries, as the privileged and sure way to an encounter with Christ, are innumerable,” Sarah wrote.



“Even in this present moment which is marked by feelings of uncertainty and trepidation, devout recourse to her, which is full of affection and trust, is deeply felt by the People of God,” the cardinal continued. Sarah said Pope Francis welcomed people’s desire to include these invocations in the formulary of the litany. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the Litany of Loreto, has been an approved prayer for the intercession of Mary by the Church since the late 16th century, with its usage recorded even prior. It consists of the recitation of formal and informal titles of Mary, followed by the request to Mary to “pray for us.” The litany can be prayed in Latin or the vernacular.

In his letter, Cardinal Sarah noted where each invocation should be added, using the Latin formulations. “Mater misericordiae,” which means, “Mother of mercy,” should be placed after “Mater Ecclesiae.” “Mater spei,” which means “Mother of hope,” should follow “Mater divinae gratiae,” and “Solacium migrantium,” which means “Comfort of migrants,” should follow “Refugium peccatorum.”

# BIENVENIDO

## Bienvenido P. Reynaldo Roque

Esperamos conocerlo en las próximas semanas y meses. Que el Espíritu Santo lo guíe en su ministerio en nuestra comunidad de San Didacus.

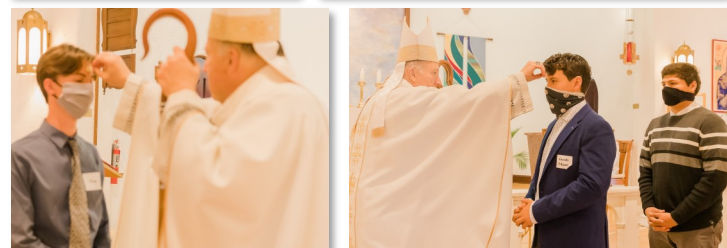
Querida familia parroquial,

Les comunico que tomare dos semanas de retiro para prepararme para el nuevo ciclo escolar del catecismo, los jóvenes de confirmación y los adultos que se preparan para recibir los sacramentos.

Me prestaron una casa en el desierto y quiero hacer un retiro espiritual y pedirle al Espíritu Santo que me guíe para mejor servirlos en los tiempos venideros. No voy a tener computadora ni teléfono, estaré a su servicio a partir del lunes 20 de julio. Los llevaré a todos en mis oraciones.

Elena Platas

Directora de Educación Religiosa



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