

# *St. Didacus Catholic Community*

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# Welcome Home !Bienvenidos a Casa!







It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken

of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ. ©LPi

### **We are so happy to welcome you back to Mass!**

We know that some of you may want to continue to stay at home and watch the Mass on TV or on-line. We encourage you to do what is most comfortable. Bishop McElroy continues to keep the dispensation for the obligation to attend Sunday Mass in place. Here at the Church, we have implemented the prescribed protocols and continue to keep your health and safety as our first priority. We are so grateful for your continued support of our parish. May God bless us all as we move forward during these changing times!

Welcome Back! I am very happy to welcome each one of you to our regular Masses. It is not easy to be deprived of the most central aspect of our faith, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This Sunday as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus the gift is given back to us. Each one of us has been deeply affected by this unprecedented event. For sure we were not ready and there seemed nothing we can do. Our Advent prayers last year and our Lenten observances have sustained us through. Let us celebrate this Feast of Corpus Christi with so much gratitude to God for giving us Jesus as our food and drink in our journey through life and to eternal life. Just as the Host turned Body of Christ is broken and shared for the people, we too are called to be broken, purified, and shared. When we receive the body and blood of Christ, we are strengthened and sealed for a greater expression of love and service to our brothers and sisters.

Our parish continues to give out food through Catholic Charities. The parish hall is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:00PM to 3:00PM. Thank you for helping us build our community. And may we truly become the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, where there will be no servant or free, black or white, woman or man, but one race, one people of God.

Fr. Rick



## **JOIN US TO WISH FR. RICK FAREWELL AT OUR "DRIVE-BY GOOD-BYE & THANK YOU!" EVENT Next SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH 3pm-4pm—ST. DIDACUS PARKING LOT**

As you may have already heard, Fr. Rick has been assigned as pastor of Our Lady of Light Church in Descanso beginning on July 1st. We are not able to schedule a goodbye party but instead will do it in COVID-19 style by having a "Drive-by Good-bye" party on Saturday, June 20th. We invite you to bring a card or just a greeting – Fr. Rick will be standing by as you drive-by to wish him well in his new assignment. We will have volunteers in place to guide you through the parking lot.





Dear Friends,

Please join religious sisters, deacons and their wives, seminarians, and faithful Catholics who will host a seven week series called **Baptized in the Lord**. The series begins on the week prior to the Sunday of June 21 and concludes on August 2.

These leaders are excited to host Zoom meetings for groups of up to ten members to reflect on the Sunday's Readings through the *Christ in Our Neighborhood* process. There are no fees for these meetings. It is simply our hosts way of letting you know you are loved. There is a limit of ten members per group, so register early.

Simply select a day and hour that meets your schedule and our Christ in Our Neighborhood Team will connect you with your host. You may register here: <http://www.christ-ion.com>

Thank you and bless you!  
Bishop John Dolan

**CLASSES START THIS WEEK!** Deacon Dino will be leading a group that will meet on Zoom on Saturdays at 11am beginning on June 20th. His wife, Kari Lorraine, will be hosting a group on Mondays at 7:30pm beginning on June 15th. Other groups are available as well in English and Spanish. Visit [www.christ-ion.com](http://www.christ-ion.com) to register—there is a limit of 10 for each group, so sign up soon!

### 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.

**Pastor, Rev. Enrique Fuentes**

**The Parish Office is open 8am-noon, 1-5pm M-F  
619-284-3472**

### *Mass Intentions*

#### **Saturday.....June 13**

5:00pm.....Father's Day Novena

#### **Sunday.....June 14**

8:00am.....Father's Day Novena

10:00am.....†Frances Matranga, †Annie Castillo

12:00pm.....People of St. Didacus

#### **Monday.....June 15**

7:30am.....Father's Day Novena

#### **Tuesday.....June 16**

6:00pm.....Father's Day Novena

#### **Wednesday.....June 17**

8:30am.....Father's Day Novena

#### **Thursday.....June 18**

7:30am.....†Frances Matranga, Father's Day Novena

7:00pm.....Melina Balderas, Maite Balderas, Spec. Int.

#### **Friday.....June 19**

7:30am.....Father's Day Novena

#### **Saturday.....June 20**

5:00pm.....Father's Day Novena, Steve Yturralde, Spec. Int

### **Readings for the week of June 14, 2020**

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-3

## **PRAYER LIST**

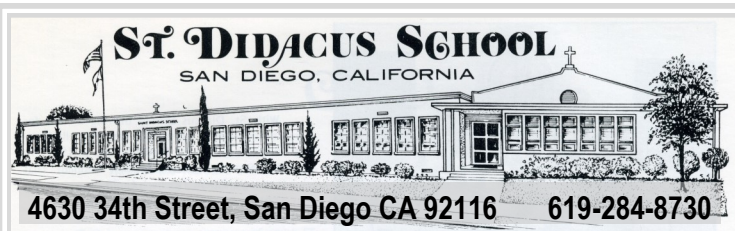
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Phillip Sturock  
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Helen Yturralde  
Joan Ververloh

*And the special intentions  
in our Book of Needs*





Limited copies of the #2020DidacusYearbook are available in the school office! This special edition features the school history over the past 80 years, events from this past year along with a Distant Learning section. Yearbooks can be purchased in the school office for \$30 with cash, check or credit card. Want to save time? Make your payment on PayPal from our school website - <https://stdidacusparishschool.org/payments/>



**St. Didacus Parish School is now enrolling new students in grades preschool through eighth grade. If you are interested in getting more information please call the school office at 619-284-8730.**

**Congratulations to Adrianna Reeves, who was Confirmed on May 30th. She was in our RCIA program this past year. May God bless her with the gifts of the Holy Spirit!**

**Adriana is pictured here on the left next to her Confirmation sponsor.**

**All the other people in our RCIA program will receive their sacraments at a Mass on June 20th.**



**Religious Freedom  
Week 2020:  
For the Good of All  
June 22 - June 29**



Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join them in promoting religious freedom *For the Good of All*.

All people desire to know their Creator. All people have a natural impulse to seek the good and to live in accordance with that good. All people can flourish when they pursue the truth about God and respond to the truth. Religious freedom means that all people have the space to flourish. Religious freedom is both an American value and an important part of Catholic teaching on human dignity. When we promote religious freedom, we promote the common good and thus strengthen the life of our nation and the community of nations.

Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek)

Dear Families of St. Didacus Church,



I hope you and your families are doing well. In past years we started the registration for Faith Formation during the month on June. This year we will doing registrations at a later date because we are facing COV19 restrictions and we are going to have a new pastor on July 1st. I need to consult with our new pastor and the parish staff to make a plan, taking into consideration all the precautionary measures that may affect our planning such as: restrictions on gatherings, social distancing requirements, health, hygiene and rigorous cleaning, and any other pastoral considerations. We are going to explore options with our parish catechetical team to maximize the resources that are available to us.

I have been taking webinars and training with the Diocese of San Diego to follow up with publishers, to have a better idea on what will be most appropriate for our parish faith formation (CCD, Confirmation, RCIA).

Also we need to take into consideration our budget to be able to move forward.

May the Holy Spirit guide us in the process to serve you better and to form true disciples of Jesus.

With my prayers,

Elena Platas  
Director of Religious Education





*"We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life."*

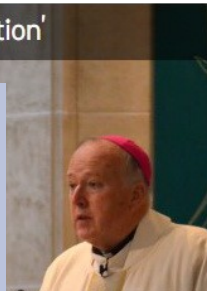
Pope Francis, June 3, 2020

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers this prayer we can pray during these times of crisis:

**Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another. We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.**

**'This must be a moment of transformation'**

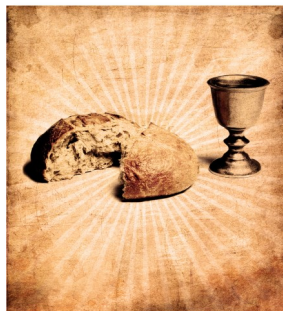
San Diego Bishop Robert W. McElroy celebrated a special Mass with the Catholic African American Community at the Church of The Immaculata on June 6, 2020. This Mass is available to view on the Diocese website as well as offering a transcript of his homily. Visit [www.sdcatholic.org](http://www.sdcatholic.org).



***They recognized him in the breaking of bread.***

This was the amazing revelation or epiphany that occurred on the Road to Emmaus. Bread that had been transformed into the Body of Christ opened the eyes of the disciples and showed them who was really with them. Their hearts were burning.

Sometimes we struggle with our belief in the Eucharist because we make it too much of an intellectual challenge. If God's divinity was wed to humanity in the incarnation of Christ, then why is it not possible for God to take simple elements of bread and wine and transform them into his Body and Blood? Affirm your faith today that the Eucharist you receive is God Himself. Become what you eat and allow God to embrace your soul and touch that part of you that no one else can touch.



***Our Catholic Faith Explained: Are the consecrated bread and wine "merely symbols"?***

In everyday language, we call a "symbol" something that points beyond itself to something else, often to several other realities at once. The transformed bread and wine that are the Body and Blood of Christ are not merely symbols because they truly are the Body and Blood of Christ. As St. John Damascene wrote: "The bread and wine are not a foreshadowing of the body and blood of Christ—By no means!—but the actual deified body of the Lord, because the Lord Himself said: 'This is my body'; not 'a foreshadowing of my body' but 'my body,' and not 'a foreshadowing of my blood' but 'my blood'" ( *The Orthodox Faith*, IV [PG 94, 1148-49]).

At the same time, however, it is important to recognize that the Body and Blood of Christ come to us in the Eucharist in a sacramental form. In other words, Christ is present under the appearances of bread and wine, not in his own proper form. We cannot presume to know all the reasons behind God's actions. God uses, however, the symbolism inherent in the eating of bread and the drinking of wine at the natural level to illuminate the meaning of what is being accomplished in the Eucharist through Jesus Christ.

There are various ways in which the symbolism of eating bread and drinking wine discloses the meaning of the Eucharist. For example, just as natural food gives nourishment to the body, so the eucharistic food gives spiritual nourishment. Furthermore, the sharing of an ordinary meal establishes a certain communion among the people who share it; in the Eucharist, the People of God share a meal that brings them into communion not only with each other but with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Similarly, as St. Paul tells us, the single loaf that is shared among many during the eucharistic meal is an indication of the unity of those who have been called together by the Holy Spirit as one body, the Body of Christ (1 Cor 10:17). To take another example, the individual grains of wheat and individual grapes have to be harvested and to undergo a process of grinding or crushing before they are unified as bread and as wine. Because of this, bread and wine point to both the union of the many that takes place in the Body of Christ and the suffering undergone by Christ, a suffering that must also be embraced by his disciples. Much more could be said about the many ways in which the eating of bread and drinking of wine symbolize what God does for us through Christ, since symbols carry multiple meanings and connotations.

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### Fiesta del Cuerpo y Sangre del Señor

Estoy muy feliz de darles la bienvenida, Bienvenidos a Casa, a cada uno de ustedes a nuestras misas regulares. No ha sido fácil de ser privado del aspecto más central de nuestra fe, la celebración de la Sagrada Eucaristía. Este domingo, cuando celebramos la solemnidad del Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Jesús, el regalo se nos es devuelto. Cada uno de nosotros ha sido profundamente afectado por este evento sin precedentes. Seguro que no estábamos listos y no parecía haber nada que pudiéramos hacer. Nuestras oraciones de Adviento el año pasado y nuestras celebraciones de Cuaresma nos han sostenido. Celebremos esta fiesta del Corpus Christi con tanta gratitud a Dios por darnos a Jesús como nuestro alimento y bebida en nuestro peregrinar por la vida y hacia la vida eterna. Así como la Hostia convertida en el Cuerpo de Cristo es quebrantada y compartida por la gente, nosotros también estamos llamados a ser quebrados, purificados y compartidos. Cuando recibimos el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo, somos fortalecidos y sellados para una mayor expresión de amor y servicio a nuestros hermanos y hermanas.

Nuestra parroquia continúa dando comida a través de Caridades Católicas. En el salón parroquial está abierto los lunes, miércoles y viernes de 1:00 p.m. a 3:00 p.m. Gracias por ayudarnos a construir nuestra comunidad. Y que realmente podamos convertirnos en el Cuerpo de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, donde no habrá esclavos o libres, negros o blancos, mujeres u hombres, sino una raza, un pueblo de Dios.

**P. Rick**

Queridas familias de la Iglesia de San Didacus,



Espero que usted y sus familias estén bien. En los últimos años comenzamos la inscripción para el catecismo y los jóvenes en el mes de junio. Este año haremos inscripciones en una fecha posterior porque enfrentamos restricciones COVID-19 y vamos a tener un nuevo párroco el 1 de julio.

Necesito consultar con él y el personal de la parroquia para hacer un plan, teniendo en cuenta todas las medidas de precaución que pueden afectar nuestra planificación, tales como: restricciones en las reuniones, requisitos de distanciamiento social, salud, higiene y limpieza rigurosa, y cualquier otra Consideración pastoral. Vamos a explorar opciones con nuestro equipo catequético de la parroquia para maximizar los recursos que están disponibles para nosotros.

He estado tomando seminarios web y entrenando con la Diócesis de San Diego para hacer un seguimiento con las casas editoriales, para tener una mejor idea de lo que será más apropiado para nuestra formación de fe parroquial (CCD, Confirmación, RICA).

También debemos tener en cuenta nuestro presupuesto para poder avanzar.

Que el Espíritu Santo nos guíe en el proceso para servirles mejor y formar verdaderos discípulos de Jesús.

Con mis oraciones,

Elena Platas  
Director de Educación Religiosa



**ACOMPANENOS A DESPEDIR AL P. RICK  
MANEJAMOS EN NUESTROS CARROS Y CON CARTELES  
TARJETAS LE DECIMOS "ADIÓS Y GRACIAS P. RICK"  
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Como ya habrán escuchado, asignaron al P. Rick a otra parroquia a la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de la Luz en Descanso a partir del 1 de julio. No podemos organizarle una fiesta de despedida, pero nos uniremos a despedirlo al estilo COVID-19 y celebraremos un "Drive-by Adiós" el sábado 20 de junio. Los invitamos a traer una tarjeta o un cartel y despedir al P. Rick, el los estará esperando mientras ustedes manejan y junto con su familia le desean lo mejor en su nueva asignación como párroco. Tendremos voluntarios para guiarlo a través del estacionamiento.



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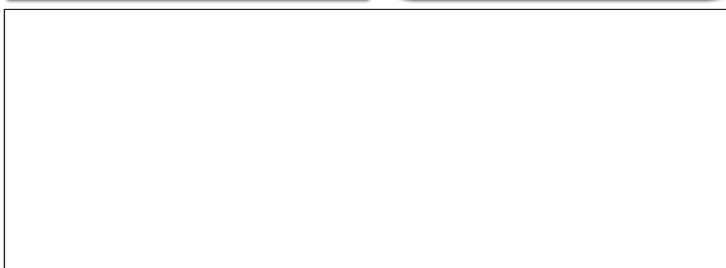
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