# St. Didacus Catholic Community

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"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."

"El que bebe el agua que le daré nunca tendrá sed".

#### **During Lent, Cultivate Your Gratefulness**



Happy Birthday! It may or may not be your birthday now, but I know it will be coming up at some point. I hope you receive many cool presents and get to spend quality time with friends and family. On special days like birthdays, Christmas, and anniversaries, it is good to celebrate. After all, we need some fun and celebration in our lives.

But what about the day after? Presents remain, but the presence of others may be over, and it is back to the daily grind. Yesterday, you were filled with gratitude. You hold the memory of yesterday still close so that fuels you for the day. However, how about 2, 3, or 4 days from then? The truth is that many joys in this life cannot stay with us forever. They belong to a certain place in time. We will have our memories, yet those thoughts will never be a suitable substitute for the real thing.

There is one joy that remains throughout all our days: the joy we find in Jesus. What he gives us does not fade. The amazing thing about what he offers us is that it also provides a lens through which we see all things. Now we can see the smallest reasons to be grateful. We no longer have a life where we go from one celebration to another with the ordinary in between. All life and time are extraordinary! All gifts, great and small, are precious. This offering seems too good to be true, so what's the catch? Like all gifts given to us, for the gift to have meaning, we must be willing to receive it. The choice is yours. You can live in the ordinary, or you can revel in the extraordinary, now and forever.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## 2020 Annual **Appeal Update**

Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the Annual Catholic Appeal so

far. All payments above our goal of \$20,000 come back to St. Didacus Parish. If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider pledging.

Parish Goal:	\$20,000
Payments to date:	\$ 8,588
No. of Contributors:	37
% of Parishioners Contributing:	5%

We are almost half way there! We need everyone to do their part. Your donation helps our community. Just drop your envelope in the collection or at the Parish Office. Thank you!

The story of the encounter between Jesus and FROM THE the Samaritan woman tells us several things about God and his desire for his hungry and thirsty people. Once again through this encounter, Jesus shows us that he is not bound by the prevailing mentality of his people and his time. Generally the Jews hated the Samaritans and considered them outcasts. Jesus went above and beyond and started a friendly



conversation with a Samaritan woman. Jesus shows us that he came to offer grace and salvation to all. The story also tells us that God meets us where we are. Jesus journeyed far in order to search for the lost sheep of Israel. Jesus took the first steps for the woman to get into the dialogue. As the conversations went on the woman gradually recognized the one who could satisfy her thirst for true happiness in life. In the end she became an instrument for her own people to know who Jesus was. She allowed Jesus to come into her life, now she would walk and live her life no longer for herself but for others.

Conversion comes as a surprise for some us of. It can come at the most unexpected moments of our lives. We only have to keep the door open like the Samaritan Woman who allowed Jesus to come into her life. Her encounter with Jesus satisfied her thirst more than all the jars of water she had ever fetched from the well. During this time of Lent, let us continue to pray that our encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and in our daily prayer and in our daily activities will lead us to deeper satisfaction of his love and mercy.

Fr. Rick

#### Join us on Friday Night for a Lent Soup Dinner & Stations of the Cross Friday, March 20th



6:00pm — Soup supper provided by the Hispanic Community

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross in Spanish with Deacon Marco

#### 2020 ANNUAL LENTEN COLLECTION —Next Weekend



Each year all parishes in the Diocese of San Diego are asked to participate in the Annual Lenten Collection. This collection raises funds for the Church in Africa, the Church in Latin America and Catholic Relief Services.

The special envelopes are located at the entrance of the Church. On the envelope you may designate your contribution to one or

more of the three causes included in this collection. Please take one home with you today and return it in next week's collection.

Mass Intentions	Weekly Events at	Weekly Events at St. Didacus		
SaturdayMarch 14	Sunday, March 15	Location		
5:00PMMsgr. Robert Ecker, Spec. I		00am School		
	Divine Mercy Food Sale after	er Masses Hall		
SundayMarch 15		0pm—6:00pm Hall		
8:30AMtFred Xalis	Monday, March 16	Location		
10:00AMPeople of St. Didacus		Opm Hall		
11:30AM†Josefina Hernandez		Opm Hall		
MondayMarch 16	Tuesday, March 17	Location		
7:30AMDennis Alcazar & Tejay Gonzalez, Spec		0pm-8:00pm Hall 0pm Office		
TuesdayMarch 17	Wednesday, March 18	Location		
6:00PM†Fr. Al Ryan		Opm Hall		
WednesdayMarch 18		Opm Church		
		Opm Hall		
8:30AM†James DiFazio	Thursday, March 19	Location		
ThursdayMarch 19		0pm Hall		
7:30AM†Florence & Dieter Stowski	Platica de la Divina Misericordia 7:0	Opm Hall		
FridayMarch 20	Friday, March 20	Location		
7:30AM†Sophie & Marshall Rowlan		Opm Hall		
SaturdayMarch 21		0pm Church		
5:00PM†Cora Darnell	Saturday, March 21	Location		
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Jesus reminds us that material things, even someth as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. Wh we build our lives around material possessions, we always want more. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."	n Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Mt 1:	Readings for the Week of March 15thSunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51aFriday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34		
General Collection, March 8:\$3,482Building Fund, March 8:\$ 271	Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-	13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41		
Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!				
Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am 11:30am in Spanish		PRAYER LIST		
Daily Mass	Tony Allen Tony Flores Tessa Anderson Stan Hammack	Dolores Mediano		
Mon., Thurs., Fri. 7:30am /Tues. 6:00pm/ Wed. 8:30am	Diann Bauer Dolores Hansel	Peter Napolitano Lupita Plascencia		
Eucharistic Adoration	Dan Bauer Joseph Hastings	Judith Pratt		
Wed. 7:30am—8:30am / Saturday 3:30pm—5:00pn First Fridays 8:00am—9:00am	Martha Becerra Jennifer Hughes & F			
<u>Confessions</u> —Saturdays 3:30pm or by appt.	Bob Bellesi Al Hunt	Betty Rios		
Baptisms: English: 1st Saturday each month. Spanish:	th Gail Cedercrans Joanne Hunt Ponciano Jimenez	Dolores Robertson Victor M. Sanchez		
Saturday each month. Arrangements must be made 3	Fred Cepeda Emily Johnson	Shirley Scinocca		
months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for	Irene Davis Paul Kasha	Carol Schmidt		
information.	MaryLou De Luca Meri Kerekanich Bob Demers Kerekanich Family	Beverly Stemper Phillip Sturock		
Weddings: Arrangements must be made at least 9 mon	Josie Demers Marilyn Kober	Vaneza Torres		
advance. Please contact the Parish Office. Mental Health Ministry Direct Line: For emergencies co	Mick Donahue Elizabeth La Costa	Maria Winters		
911. For non-emergencies please call 619-940-6193.	Cecelia Dueber Irene Lazo	Jean Woody Helen Xturraldo		
	Carlita Durand Juanita Lopez Daniel Galvan Paul Mansell	Helen Yturralde Joan Venverloh		
Pastor, Rev. Enrique Fuentes The Parish Office is open 8am-noon, 1-5pm M-F 619-284-3472	Susan Guenzel Terrence McCabe Anthony Flores Emma McPherson	And the special intentions in our Book of Needs		



Save the date to help us celebrate the 80th anniversary of the School on Sunday, March 29th with Mass at 10am and a celebration at the school from noon-4pm. The school Talent Show will be at 2pm. Plan to join us!





Thank you to Tina Cobarrubias, Mrs. Dean and Helen Anton-Stohrel, representing the school's Parent-Teacher Group, for providing the delicious soup supper on Friday, March 6th.



**Come to the Creation Care Ministry's next meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30pm in the Parish Office.** You are invited to help plan for our ECO stations of the cross - reflecting our ongoing prayers to save the environment.

Help us clean the Church on Saturday, March 28th at 8am in preparation for Easter.

The Divine Mercy Group is selling Mexican food after the Masses on Sunday this weekend.



#### Plan to join us for the Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner Friday, March 27th 5:00pm-7:00pm in the Parish Hall



On the menu is beer battered fish, French fries, coleslaw and rolls. Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$6 for children. Beer and wine will be sold.

# Help us fill our FOOD PANTRY EASTER BASKETS!

Our parish Food Pantry is collecting food for those in need at Easter.

Please bring your items to the Parish Office by Wednesday, April 1st.

If you are in need and would like to request a basket, please call Bernie Arreguin at (619) 281-5387 before April 1st. boxed Mac-n-Cheese Snack pack pudding canned fruit hearty canned soup canned meat or tuna rice beans bread mixes Easter candy Vons gift cards

If you'd like to volunteer to help us put our baskets together, please join us on Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.



<u>Lenten Retreat</u> on *"Ecological Spirituality"* based on *"Laudato Si- The Care of Our Common Home"* 

will take place on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr. San Diego, 92117. The cost is \$10, and lunch will be served. To register and for more information go to <u>https://www.sdcatholic.org/</u><u>event/lenten-spiritual-retreat/</u>. Or visit our website for a direct link to registration page.

#### Ecological Spirituality



#### Donations are needed for our FLOWER FUND

Help us purchase our Easter lilies! Your donations to our Flower Fund allow us to beautify our Church and give glory to God's creation. Use the special FLOWER

envelope that comes with your weekly collection envelopes, or put a donation into an envelope marked "Flowers." Thank you!





*The Gospel Reading* tells the story of a woman who is worthless by the standards of Jewish society at that time.

Jesus has sent his disciples off for food, and he is sitting at a well when she comes to draw water. There is every reason why he shouldn't talk to her at all. First, she is a woman. It is only the disciples' awe of Jesus that keeps them from

asking him what he thought he was doing when they return and find him talking to her without even a chaperone by her.

Secondly, she is a Samaritan. As she herself points out to him, Jews don't talk to Samaritans. Samaritans are self-made outcasts from the Jewish point of view, and self-respecting Jews stay away from them.

And, thirdly, this Samaritan has the sort of history that makes women pariahs even in their home communities. Jesus knows her status, and he lets her know he does. She has had five husbands—*five* husbands!—and she is currently living with a man to whom she is not married. Even by the lax standards of our own day, this sort of history would make people look askance at her. In her village she is undoubtedly a shamed person.

So, take it all and all, she's a worthless person, isn't she? What Jew or Samaritan would want to invite her to lunch? But, you might be thinking, the savior of the world could certainly spare a crumb even for a shamed Samaritan woman. He could preach to her that her sins are forgiven, you might be supposing, or he could offer her some other kind of pastoral help. But he doesn't, does he? No, he asks *her* to help *him*. He opens the conversation with her by asking her to give him a drink.

And then look at how this story ends: she brings belief in Jesus to her village, and the villagers come to Jesus because of her. She isn't worthless then, is she? No, then she takes her rightful place among the apostles. The evangelization of her village is *her* accomplishment. And so when Jesus asks her to care for him, he starts a process that brings her from being worthless to being the apostle to her village.

The remedy of love for human worthlessness is modeled for us here, isn't it?

-Eleonore Stump Professor of Philosophy, Saint Louis University

Lord God, despite the grumbling of your people in the desert, you never abandon us nor delay in bestowing your grace. Let us come into your presence this day with great thanksgiving and bow down before you in love. As you provide streams of living water, grant our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### <u>A Time to Give</u> Don't forget about our Lent giving opportunities: <u>We are collecting these NEW items for</u>

#### Fr. Joe's Villages:



- Lip balm Sunscreen Kleenex Shampoo Lotion Wash/hand towels Bath towels Hand sanitizer Toothbrush
- Toothpaste Disposable razors Combs Brushes Hand mirrors Grooming kits Pill boxes feminine products Diapers, (sizes 3, 4, 5) Diaper Wipes

Please bring your items by Thursday, April 2nd. Fr. Joe's will be picking up the donations on Friday, April 3rd. Drop them off in the bin at the entrance of the Church, to the Parish Office or there is a special bin in the Parish Hall for Fr. Joe's items.

We are collecting bags of dried rice & beans for Fr. Pat and the Casa del Migrante in Tijuana. The Casa houses and feeds migrants in need in Tijuana. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office.

The Stella Maris Seafarer Center is requesting donations of past and present issues of National Geographic, Guideposts and Reader's Digest magazines to give to sailors serving aboard the many merchant ships that dock at the Port of San Diego. Please drop off your magazine donations at the Parish Office.

حیثی Father Joe's Villages

We still need 5 volunteers to serve breakfast at Fr. Joe's Village on Saturday, April 4th. Please call Cindy at the Parish Office if you would like to help.



Join Aux. Bishop John Dolan to celebrate the 25th anniversary of *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), learn about the <u>Walking</u> with Moms in Need campaign and explore the encyclical on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am.-12:30 p.m. at St. Mary Parish, (1170 South Broadway, Escondido, 92025). RSVP at <u>https://www.sdcatholic.org/event/walking-with-moms-in-need/</u>. Make a pledge to prayerfully support pregnant women in your community at <u>https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/</u>.

**On the Cover:** Jesus and the Woman at the Well by Angelica Kauffman (1741–1807). She was a founding member of the Royal Academy of Arts and one of London's most sought-after portraitists. She was a Swiss Neoclassical painter who had a successful career in London and Rome. Remembered primarily as a history painter, Kauffmann was a skilled portraitist, landscape and decorative painter.



La historia del encuentro entre Jesús y la mujer samaritana nos cuenta varias cosas sobre Dios y su deseo por su pueblo hambriento y sediento. Una vez más a través de este encuentro, Jesús nos muestra que no

está obligado por la mentalidad prevaleciente de su pueblo y su tiempo. En general, los judíos odiaban a los samaritanos y los consideraban marginados. Jesús fue más allá y comenzó una conversación amistosa con una mujer samaritana. Jesús nos muestra que vino a ofrecer gracia y salvación a todos. La historia también nos dice que Dios nos encuentra donde estamos. Jesús viajó lejos para buscar las ovejas perdidas de Israel. Jesús dio los primeros pasos para que la mujer entrara en el medida diálogo. que avanzaban Α las conversaciones, la mujer gradualmente reconoció a quien podía satisfacer su sed de verdadera felicidad en la vida. Al final se convirtió en un instrumento para que su propia gente supiera quién era Jesús. Ella permitió que Jesús entrara en su vida, ahora caminaría y viviría su vida no más para ella sino para los demás.

La conversión es una sorpresa para algunos de nosotros. Viene en los momentos más inesperados de nuestra vida. Solo tenemos que mantener la puerta abierta como la mujer samaritana que permitió que Jesús entrara en su vida. Su encuentro con Jesús satisfizo su sed más que todas las jarras de agua que había sacado del pozo. Durante este tiempo de Cuaresma, sigamos orando para que nuestro encuentro con Jesús en la Eucaristía, en nuestra oración diaria y en nuestras actividades diarias nos lleven a una satisfacción más profunda de su Amor y Misericordia.

P. Rick

# Ecological Spirituality

Ministerio de Cuidado de la Creación, reunión, martes 17 de marzo a las 6:30 PM en la Oficina Parroquial. Todos son bienvenidos a participar en este ministerio para cuidar nuestra casa común.

Retiro Cuaresmal sobre "Espiritualidad ecológica" basado en "Laudato Si- El cuidado de nuestro hogar común" se llevará a cabo el sábado 28 de marzo, de 9 AM a 1:30 PM en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano, El costo es de \$10 y se servirá el almuerzo. Para registrarse con Kymberli Callier al (858)-490-8324.

### Estaciones de la Cruz en español Viernes 20 de marzo



Este día las sopas nos tocan a nosotros, a la comunidad de español, todos los que venimos a misa debemos traer sopas o ensalada.

Comienza a las 6 PM, atención a todos los lideres de la Comunidad Hispana, ustedes están encargados de llegar temprano para este evento, poner platos, agua, etc...

7:00 PM- Las estaciones de la Cruz son en español, dirigirías por el D. Marco H.

#### Actualización de la Apelación Católica Anual

Gracias a todos los que ya se han comprometido con la Campaña Católica Anual hasta ahora. Recuerde que si rebasamos nuestra meta de \$20,000 se nos regresan lo restante a nuestra parroquia. Si no ha hecho su donación, por favor considere hace una promesa económica con lo que usted pueda, no importa la cantidad.

Meta parroquial: \$ 20,000 Pagos a la fecha: \$ 8,588 No de contribuyentes: **37** % de feligreses que contri- 🎥 buyen:5%



Recuerde: necesitamos que todos hagan su parte. Su donación ayuda a nuestra comunidad. Simplemente deje caer su sobre en la canasta de recolección o en la Oficina Parroquial.



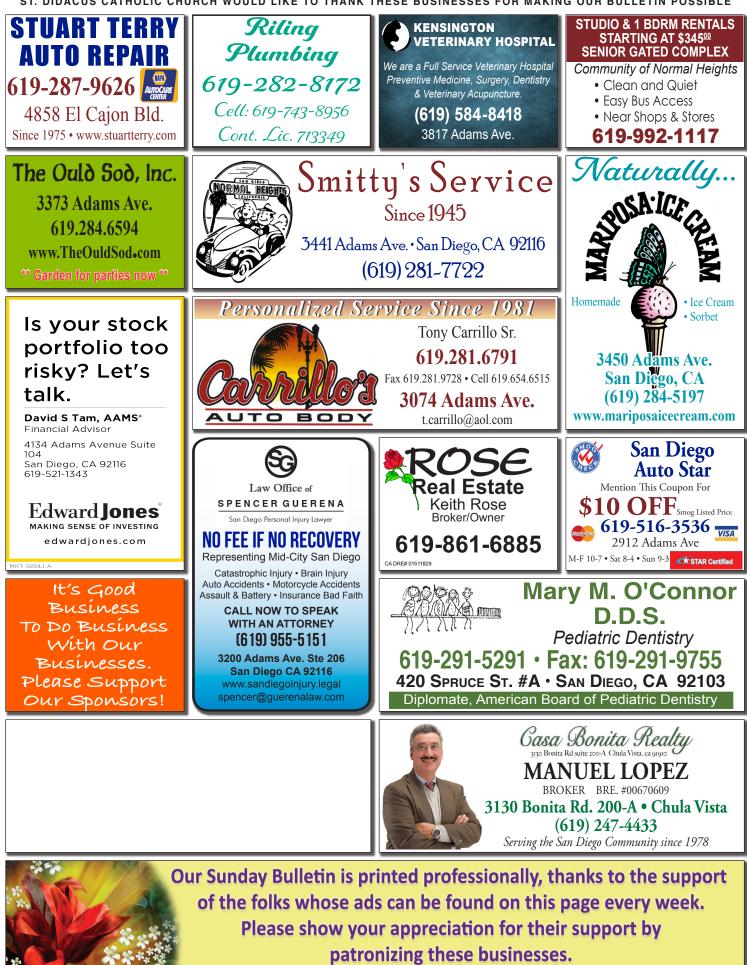
El Grupo de la Divina Misericordia estará vendiendo comida mexicana después

Ayúdenos a limpiar la Iglesia el sábado 28 de marzo a las 8 AM en preparación para la Pascua.





patronizing these businesses. Thank You. ST. DIDACUS CATHOLIC CHURCH WOULD LIKE TO THANK THESE BUSINESSES FOR MAKING OUR BULLETIN POSSIBLE



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Thank You.