# St. Didacus Catholic Community

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### "I am the light of the world."

## "Yo soy la Luz de mundo".

#### The Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### March 22, 2020

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Sunday I read in all our Masses the letter of our Bishop to all the people of the Diocese of San Diego. Several drastic and difficult measures have been taken in order to prevent the spread of covid 19 especially to our most vulnerable members of our community. We have cancelled all the



Masses and other parish activities for an indefinite period. Contrary to what others have claimed, the bishops and the priests are not abandoning their people. We are and will always be in communion with our parishioners. We cannot fully understand the meaning or the reasons of all the things that are taking place in our life as a church and as a community. On my part, as your pastor, I continue to offer the daily and Sunday Masses on your behalf at our convent chapel. I continue to bring before the Lord all your prayers and intentions. The Lord will always be present among us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Church. We are having daily adoration and exposition of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The Church is open at designated times for you to come and visit the Lord and pray.

I am very grateful for your constant help and support of our Church especially in this difficult time. Like our Blessed Virgin Mary, she had her own problems, but these did not prevent her from going out to help others. The Lord has placed us in these trying moments to think and do more for others than for ourselves. Again, thank you and may the Lord keep you strong in your faith and healthy physically.

Fr. Rick



### Bishop Robert McElroy released this statement to the priests regarding the coronavirus on March 13th:

In light of these government actions, and the public health challenge which underlies them, I consulted with the Presbyteral Council and as a result, I have concluded that the following

actions must be implemented in all of the parishes and schools of the Diocese of San Diego:

Effective Monday morning March 16th, no public daily or weekend Masses will be held. Parishes are encouraged to keep churches open for personal visitation, intermittent recitations of the Rosary, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Catholics in the Diocese of San Diego are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass during the coming weeks.

All parish and diocesan schools and religious education programs will be suspended effective this Monday. The Diocesan School Office is notifying the schools of this suspension; the Office has in prior days sent to the schools substantive materials for long distance learning for use during the suspension.

We will be providing video streamed Sunday Masses celebrated by priests and bishops of our diocese in English, Spanish and Vietnamese every week. Your parishioners can access these celebrations be linking to the diocesan website at <u>sdcatholic.org</u> starting Sunday, March 15th. A Coronavirus Prayer By Kerry Weber

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were



made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few. Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us.

-Kerry Weber is an executive editor of America.

#### In place of our Saturday and Sunday

*Masses* we will have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will continue to be held on Saturdays at 3:30pm. Confession will be done outside the confessional box. It will be by the side of the Altar with 6 feet between the priest and the penitent. If one is not feeling well and really needs to go to confession please call the parish emergency line (619-284-7050) for an app For seating in the Church (to implement so distancing), please allow an empty row in a and only two persons per new unless they a



emergency line (619-284-7050) for an appointment. For seating in the Church (to implement social distancing), please allow an empty row in front of you and only two persons per pew unless they are family members. On Sunday, the Church will be open from 8:30am to 1pm. On Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays the Church will be open from 7:30am-8:30am for personal prayers, Exposition and Adoration, and also on Tuesdays at 6pm-8pm.

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Mass Intentions	Important Parish News:
SaturdayMarch 21 5:00PM†Cora Darnell SundayMarch 22 8:30AM†Maria Van Tran	Due to the restrictions placed on all parish gatherings due to the COVID-19 outbreak, all parish gatherings have been canceled until further notice.
10:00AMPeople of St. Didacus MondayPeople of St. Didacus MondayMarch 23 7:30AM†Carolyn Curiel Hastings TuesdayMarch 24 6:00PM†All Christian Martyrs	The Parish Office will be closed until further notice. We will do our best to respond to your calls and emails as soon as possible. The best way to communicate with us is through our parish email: <u>mainoffice@stdidacuschurch.org</u> . We will be checking that regularly.
WednesdayMarch 25 8:30AM†Bernard & Elizabeth Morzinski ThursdayMarch 26 7:30AM FridayMarch 27	We will not be taking new Mass intentions. Fr. Rick will say a private Mass for the intentions already scheduled. If you would like to reschedule a Mass intention for a later date (so you can attend the Mass) please call or email the Parish Office.
7:30AM SaturdayMarch 28 5:00PMDan & Diann Bauer, Spec. Int.	Per the Diocese guidelines, we are suspending our home- bound ministry. Also, hospitals are limiting the access of priests to visit the sick. Hospital chaplains are available if needed.
	Also, stay connected to our parish website: <b>www.stdidacuschurch.org</b> . We will be posting links to spiritu- al activities to keep you connected to the Lenten season.
The Joy of Giving	
How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, pos- sessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent, and treasure here on earth. General Collection, March 15: \$4,515 Building Fund, March 15: \$1,253	Readings for the Week of March 15th   Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,   6-9, 13-17, 34-38   Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54   Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16   Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38   Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47   Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30   Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53   Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
<u>Please note that we are not celebrating Masses until further notice.</u> Sunday Masses	
Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am 11:30am in Spanish	PRAYER LIST
Daily MassMon., Thurs., Fri. 7:30am /Tues. 6:00pm/ Wed. 8:30amEucharistic AdorationWed. 7:30am—8:30am / Saturday 3:30pm—5:00pmFirst Fridays 8:00am—9:00amConfessions—Saturdays 3:30pm or by appt.Baptisms:English:1st Saturday each month.Saturday each month.Arrangements must be made 3months in advance.Contact the Parish Office forinformation.Weddings:Arrangements must be made at least 9 months inadvance.Please contact the Parish Office.Mental Health Ministry Direct Line:For emergencies call911. For non-emergencies please call 619-940-6193.Pastor, Rev.Enrique FuentesThe Parish Office is open 8am-noon, 1-5pm M-F	Tony AllenTony FloresDolores MedianoTessa AndersonStan HammackPeter NapolitanoDiann BauerDolores HanselLupita PlascenciaDan BauerJoseph HastingsJudith PrattMartha BecerraJennifer Hughes & FamilyAntonia RayaBob BellesiAl HuntBetty RiosHerminia BrignoniJoanne HuntDolores RobertsonGail CedercransPonciano JimenezVictor M. SanchezFred CepedaEmily JohnsonShirley ScinoccaIrene DavisPaul KashaCarol SchmidtMaryLou De LucaMeri KerekanichBeverly StemperBob DemersKerekanich FamilyPhillip SturockJosie DemersMarilyn KoberVaneza TorresMick DonahueElizabeth La CostaMaria WintersCecelia DueberIrene LazoJean WoodyCarlita DurandJuanita LopezHelen YturraldeDaniel GalvanPaul MansellJoan VenverlohSusan GuenzelTerrence McCabeAnd the special intentions
619-284-3472	Anthony Flores Emma McPherson in our Book of Needs



Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him. (Psalm 127:3)

Please pray for our school's principal, Mrs. Dean and the teachers and staff of St. Didacus School. They have been working hard to implement a Distance Learning curriculum for all students at the school. They are committed to ensuring that our students continue their learning during these changing times.

Also, please pray for the parents and students as they deal with the new challenges ahead. May God grant us all patience in this time of trial and help us keep our focus on what is important during the weeks ahead.



#### A Letter from a Fellow Parishioner

In light of the recent news that Masses will be suspended for a time, I felt compelled to reach out to my fellow parishioners at St. Didacus. I want you to know that you are in my daily prayers and have been for a while.

It occurred to me this weekend that without

our weekly Mass, our weekly tithing opportunity will be missing. Without the weekly donations from parishioners to the collection baskets, I can only imagine how difficult it could be for Fr. Rick and the Parish Office staff to manage the ongoing expenses of the church.

If you are able, can I suggest that we continue to donate by putting our donations in the Parish Office mailbox or mailing them in?

I didn't want to waste the opportunity to share the idea with you all before we are no longer able to be together for several weeks.

I love our church and all the people that are part of it. And I want Fr. Rick and our church to be taken care of and remain solvent through this challenging time.

Thank you for considering this idea! Take good care of yourselves!

With much love, Donna Wyborney

Donna is a member of our parish choir. We are grateful for her message—it is much needed and we hope that our faithful parishioners will help to keep our church afloat during the uncertain weeks ahead.

#### 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!



Long-time parishioner, Shirley Scinocca celebrated her 84th birthday last Sunday surrounded by many of her St. Didacus friends. Pictured here is Shirley, seated, with Jean Boyer on the left and Gail Cedercrans on the right. May God continue to bless her in the coming year.

#### HELP WANTED

Due to the heightened need to keep surfaces germ-free, we need dedicated volunteers to sanitize/wipe pews and door handles after Adoration on weekdays and



weekends. Please contact Fr. Rick at the Parish Office if you are able to fill this role at any time during the week.

#### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Wednesday, March 25th



The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates Angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38) and his announcement that she had been chosen to be the mother of the savior of the world. Also being celebrated during this feast is Mary's fiat, which means "let it be" in Latin-her willing acceptance of the news. We are reminded of the importance of this feast to our salvation

in various devotional prayers. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus. Mary, mother of our Lord, pray for us!

The fourth Sunday of Lent is rather unique; like the third Sunday of Advent ("Gaudete Sunday"), the fourth Sunday of Lent is a break in an otherwise penitential season. The vestments for this day will be rose, as they are on Gaudete



Sunday in Advent, and flowers may adorn the Altar. This day is called "Laetare Sunday" (also "Rose Sunday" ), and takes its name from the opening words of the Mass, the Entrance Antiphon's "Laetare, Jerusalem" or "Rejoice, Jerusalem."



#### 2020 Annual **Appeal Update**

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.

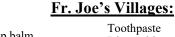
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#### A Time to Give Don't forget about our Lent giving opportunities: We are collecting these NEW items for





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.

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.

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.

DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF THE PARISH OFFICE, PLEASE LEAVE ALL YOUR DONATIONS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH AND WE WILL PICK THEM UP ON A REGULAR BASIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OTHERS **DURING THE SEASON OF LENT.** 

#### Resources for watching Mass on TV or Online

You are able to watch the Mass on-line through our Diocese website www.sdcatholic.org. The Sunday Mass will be available to watch at 5pm on each Saturday night.



EWTN—the Eternal Word Network

also offers daily Mass on their website and television station. For more information visit their website: www.ewtn.com.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC will live stream their Mass on Sundays. Visit their website for more information: www.nationalshrine.org/mass/

You can watch the Vatican News Live Stream of Pope Francis' Masses by visiting their youtube channel at: www.youtube.com/ user/vatican.

There are many other ways to stay connected with the Mass. If you discover other options, let us know so that we can share them with our community.



#### Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

El domingo pasado les leí en todos en nuestras misas la carta de nuestro Obispo de la Diócesis de San Diego. Se han tomado varias medidas drásticas y difíciles para

evitar la propagación de Covid19 especialmente a nuestros miembros más vulnerables de nuestra comunidad. Hemos cancelado todas las misas y otras actividades parroquiales por tiempo indefinido. Al contrario de lo que otros han afirmado, los obispos y los sacerdotes no están abandonando a su pueblo. Estamos y siempre estaremos en comunión con nuestros feligreses. No podemos entender completamente el significado o las razones de todas las cosas que están ocurriendo en nuestra vida como iglesia y como comunidad. Por mi parte, como pastor, sigo ofreciendo misas diarias y dominicales en su nombre en la capilla del convento. Continúo trayendo ante el Señor todas sus oraciones e intenciones. El Señor siempre estará presente entre nosotros en el Santísimo Sacramento de la Iglesia. Estamos teniendo adoración diaria y exposición de nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento. La Iglesia está abierta a la hora designada para que vengas a visitar al Señor y puedan orar.

Estoy muy agradecido por su constante ayuda y apoyo a nuestra Iglesia, especialmente en este momento difícil. Al igual que nuestra Santísima Virgen María, ella tenía sus propios problemas, pero estos no le impedían salir a ayudar a otros. El Señor nos ha colocado en estos momentos difíciles para pensar y hacer más por los demás que por nosotros mismos. Nuevamente, gracias y que el Señor te mantenga fuerte en tu fe y saludable físicamente.

P. Rick



#### Servicio de Inmigración y Ciudadanía

El 13 de marzo, el Servicio de Inmigración y Ciudadanía de los Estados Unidos (USCIS) emitió una declaración aclarando que el USCIS no considerará el tratamiento o la atención preventiva para los inmigrantes legales relacionados con COVID-19 como parte de una determinación de inadmisibilidad de carga pública. En la declaración, el USCIS dice: Para abordar la posibilidad de que algunos extranjeros afectados por COVID-19 duden en buscar el tratamiento médico o los servicios preventivos necesarios, el US-CIS no considerará las pruebas, el tratamiento ni la atención preventiva (incluidas las vacunas, si hay una vacuna disponible) relacionada con COVID-19 como parte de una determinación de inadmisibilidad de cargo público, ni en relación con la condición de beneficio público aplicable a ciertos no inmigrantes que buscan una extensión de estadía o cambio de estado, incluso si dicho tratamiento es proporcionado o pagado por uno o más beneficios públicos, como se define en la regla (por ejemplo, Medicaid con fondos federales).

Tenga en cuenta que, como la regla de la carga pública está relacionada con los inmigrantes legales que buscan cambios de estado y / o visas, esto no es relevante para los inmigrantes indocumentados. Consulte la declaración completa de USCIS y no dude en comunicarse con CHA si tiene alguna pregunta sobre esta política.

#### Una Oración por el Coronavirus

Jesucristo, tú atravesaste pueblos y villas "curando toda dolencia y toda enfermedad." Por tu man-



dato, los enfermos fueron curados. Acude a nuestra ayuda hoy, en medio de la propagación global del coronavirus, para que podamos sentir tu amor curativo. Cura a todos los enfermos con el virus. Que puedan recuperar sus fuerzas y sanar mediante un buen cuidado médico.

Sánanos de nuestros temores, los cuales no permiten que las naciones trabajen unidas y que los vecinos se ayuden unos a otros.

Cúranos de nuestro orgullo, el cual nos hace asumir invulnerabilidad ante una enfermedad que no tiene límites. Jesucristo, sanador de todo, acompáñanos en estos tiempos de incertidumbre y pena.

Acompaña aquellos que han muerto por causa del virus. Que estén descansando a tu lado en tu paz eterna. Acompaña las familias de quienes están enfermos o que han muerto. En medio de sus preocupaciones y penas, líbrales de enfermedad y desesperación. Permíteles sentir tu paz.

Acompaña los doctores, enfermeras, investigadores y todos los profesionales médicos que andan en búsqueda de sanar y ayudar a los afectados, y que corren riesgos en el proceso. Permíteles sentir tu protección y paz. Acompaña los líderes de todas las naciones. Dales la visión para actuar con amor, y un verdadero interés en el bienestar de la gente que deben de servir. Dales la sabiduría para poder invertir en soluciones de largo plazo que ayudarán a la preparación o prevención de futuros brotes. Permíteles conocer tu paz en esta tierra, mientras juntos trabajan para lograrlo.

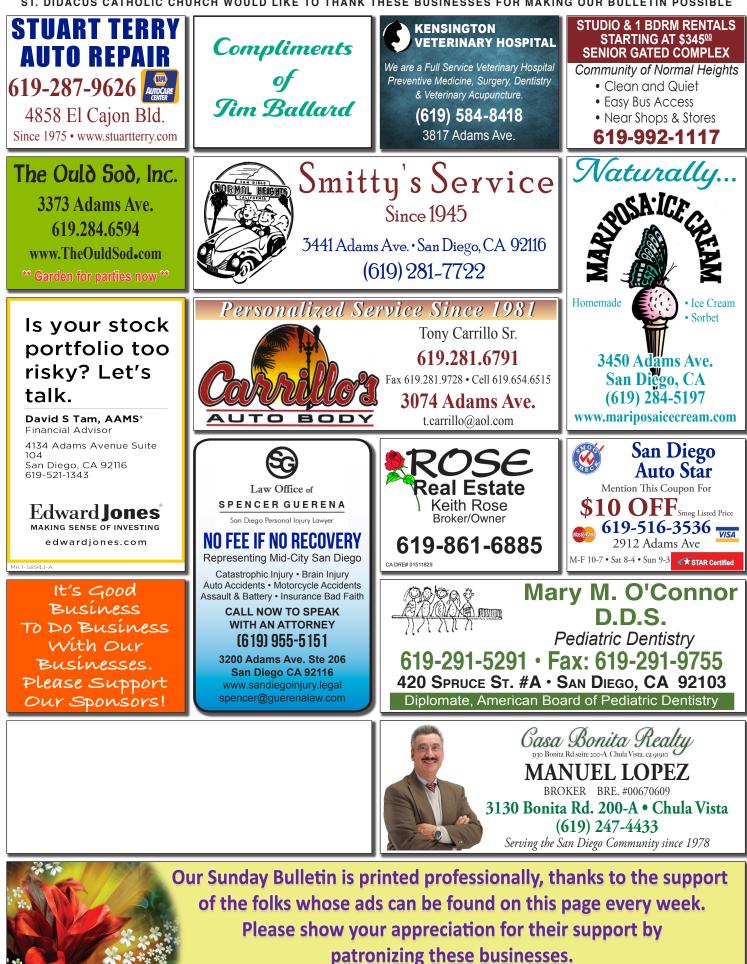
Ya estemos en nuestras casas o en el extranjero, rodeados de muchos o de unos pocos que sufren de esta enfermedad, Jesucristo, acompáñanos mientras soportamos y lamentamos, persistimos y nos preparamos. Sustituye nuestra ansiedad por tu paz.

Jesucristo, sánanos. Amen.





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