

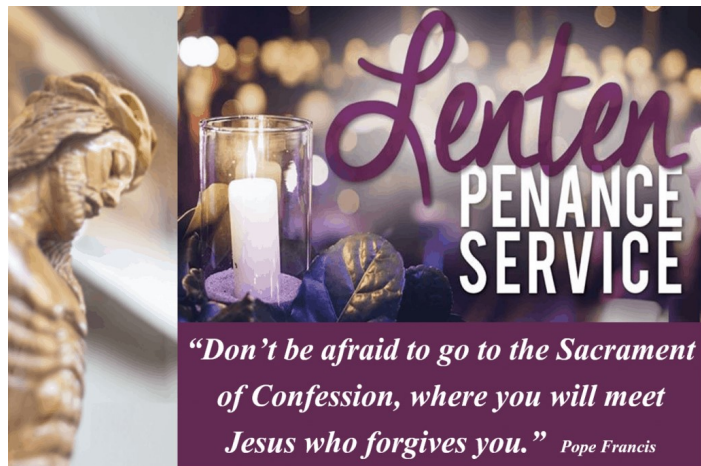
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RITE OF ELECTION 2020



RITO DE ELECCIÓN 2020



St. Didacus Parish Penance Service
Tuesday, March 10th
7pm

"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart." (Joel 2:12). This Scripture begins the first reading on Ash Wednesday, and sets the tone for the entire season of Lent. To reconcile with God is the reason for the sacrament of reconciliation. According to the Rite of Penance, "It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbor and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts" (No. 13).

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year. The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!" Priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, they are ready to welcome you. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

Fr. Rick and visiting priests will be available for individual confessions following a brief prayer service.

**Join us on Friday Night for
 a Soup Supper & Movie Night**

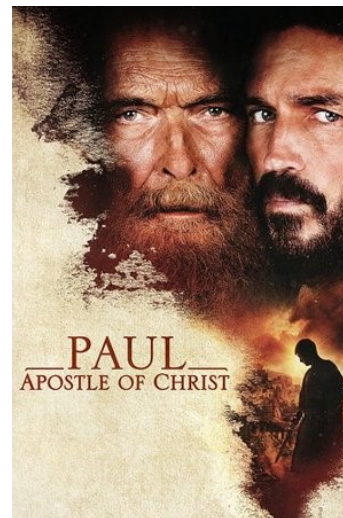


Friday, March 6th

6:00pm —Soup dinner provided by the Parish Council.

7:00pm —Movie: Paul—Apostle of Christ.

Movie synopsis: Risking his life, Luke ventures to Rome to visit Paul, the apostle, who's bound in chains and held captive in Nero's darkest and bleakest prison cell. Haunted by the shadows of his past misdeeds, Paul wonders if he's been forgotten as he awaits his grisly execution. Before Paul's death, Luke resolves to write another book that details the birth of what will come to be known as the church. The movie is rated PG-13 and is 1 hour 48 minutes in length. To learn more go to the website: paulmovie.com.



THANK YOU, ST. DIDACUS CHOIR!



Many thanks to our Choir and Music Director, Katherine Kamrath, for the great Taize Prayer Service to kick off the first Friday of Lent. The Prayer service focused on music inspired by the writings of St. Teresa of Ávila. Also, thank you to Nicolás Peters and Jennifer Garcia for leading us through the reflections. It was a prayerful and beautiful way to begin our Lenten season.

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....March 7
 9:00AM.....†Ronald & Gerald Redmond
 5:00PM†Rev. Fr. Anacleto Eduardo Encarnacion
Sunday.....March 8
 8:30AM.....People of St. Didacus
 10:00AM.....Patricia Kneitz, Spec. Int.
 11:30AM.....†Lucille Jackson
Monday.....March 9
 7:30AM.....†All Christian Martyrs
Tuesday.....March 10
 6:00PM.....Bob Komanec, Spec. Int
 7:00PM.....PENANCE SERVICE
Wednesday.....March 11
 8:30AM.....†Frances Matranga
Thursday.....March 12
 7:30AM.....†Lucille Jackson
Friday.....March 13
 7:30AM.....†Ed Sanclemente
Saturday.....March 14
 5:00PMMsgr. Robert Ecker, Spec. Int.

Weekly Events at St. Didacus

		Location
Sunday, March 8		
Confirmation II Class	10:00am	School
Monday, March 9		
School Morning of Prayer	8:30am	Hall
Knitting Group	2:00pm-4:00pm	Hall
Spanish Men's Prayer Group	6:30pm	Hall
Scout Pack Meeting	6:30pm	Hall
Via Crucis Practice	6:30pm	Church
Tuesday, March 10		
Scouts	3:00pm	Hall
High School Ministry	6:30pm-8:00pm	Hall
Penance Service	7:00pm	Hall
Wednesday, March 11		
Religious Ed	5:30pm	Hall
Choir	7:00pm	Church
Thursday, March 12		
RCIA	7:00pm	Hall
Mental Health Ministry	7:00pm	Hall
Friday, March 13		
School Morning of Prayer	8:30am	Hall
Soup Supper—Parish Council	6:00pm	Hall
Lent Movie Night	7:00pm	Hall
Saturday, March 14		
Confessions	3:30pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	3:30pm-5:00pm	Church

The Joy of Giving

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, *"God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."*



General Collection, March 1: \$4,553
Building Fund, March 1: \$1,908

Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!**Sunday Masses**

Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am & 10:00am
 11:30am in Spanish

Daily Mass

Mon., Thurs., Fri. 7:30am / Tues. 6:00pm / Wed. 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed. 7:30am—8:30am / Saturday 3:30pm—5:00pm
 First Fridays 8:00am—9:00am

Confessions—Saturdays 3:30pm or by appt.

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
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Readings for the Week of March 8th

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

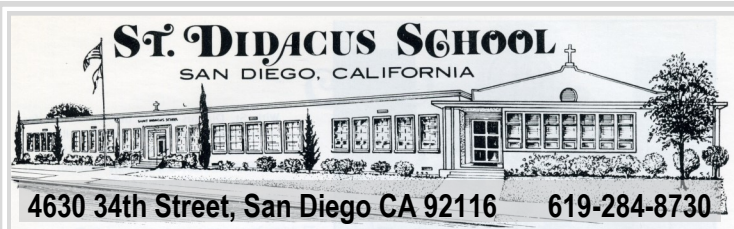
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*And the special intentions
 in our Book of Needs*



A special thanks to these two wonderful ladies, Tina Cobarrubias and Corby Hoyle, for planning and organizing such a wonderful St. Didacus Gala! What a great evening! We appreciate the support of the St. Didacus community. Congrats to Aileen Moran—she was the winner of the \$500 prize.

If you were unable to join us for the auction, there is still a way you can help the school—through a **Fund-an-Item** donation. All the money raised through **Fund-an-Item** at the auction and beyond will go to purchase new Chromebooks for our students. Our goal is to have enough Chromebooks to go one-on-one with 5th through 8th grade, and small sets of 5-6 Chromebooks in each grade Kindergarten through 4th grade, along with a complete class set to roam between the lower hall classrooms. The **Fund-an-Item** donations at the auction gave us enough to purchase 35 Chromebooks! We are well on our way toward meeting our goals, and if you were not at the Gala or were unable to donate at that time but would still like to help out, any amount you're able to give would be greatly appreciated. Contact Mrs. Dean at the school. You are able to donate through both check and credit card. The cost of each Chromebook is \$200 and a donation in any amount is greatly appreciated!



Franciscan School of Theology
at the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Franciscan Vision Series

Thursday, March 12th, 7:30pm

University of San Diego, Founders Hall, French Parlor
Reflecting on God's Goodness with Andre Cirino, OFM

An exploration of how St. Francis' fondness of the word "bonum" or "good" became his core concept of God and God's Son, Jesus, as well as the foundation of Franciscan theology and spirituality. A short prayer composed by St. Francis refers to God several times as good. "You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true."

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White Coat Mass

Sunday, March 29th at 10:30am

St. Vincent de Paul Church

4077 Ibis Street, San Diego CA 92103



Auxiliary Bishop John P. Dolan celebrates a special liturgy honoring all healthcare professionals for their service, compassionate care and concern for human life. Hosted by the diocesan Office for Life, Peace

and Justice. A reception with complimentary hors d'oeuvres will follow. RSVP by Wednesday, March 25th to KCallier@sdccatholic.org or 858-490-8324.

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Join Fr. Rick, St. Didacus parishioners and parishioners from St. John the Evangelist Church on this trip.

Lenten Retreat on "Ecological Spirituality" based on "Laudato Si- The Care of Our

Common Home" will take place on Saturday, March 28th, 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 <https://www.sdccatholic.org/event/lenen-spiritual-retreat/>. Or visit our website for a direct link to registration page.

Ecological Spirituality





Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones.

Think back on the journey of your life and how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you really are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you? ©LPi

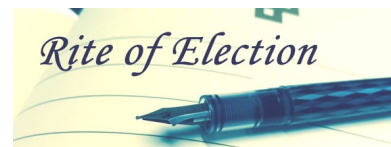


Bishop Robert McElroy released this statement regarding the coronavirus to the priests of the Diocese of San Diego this week:

The spread of the new coronavirus in the United States poses a challenge to all of us which demands vigilance, prudence and calm. It also calls us within our worshipping communities to examine whether we need to make some temporary changes in our celebration of the Eucharist.

I am asking parishes to suspend the sharing of the Precious Blood. I am also asking parishes to take steps toward limiting the distribution of the Eucharist on the tongue, since it is so susceptible to the spread of any illness like coronavirus. As to the rite of peace, I simply ask you to ask your congregations to be prudent during this time of uncertainty.

On the Cover: 2020 Rite of Election. On the first Sunday of Lent, across the entire world, Catholic bishops welcomed all those in RCIA programs and sent by the parish to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election. At this rite, the Church makes its "election" of these catechumens and candidates to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. In the presence of the bishop (or his delegate), they inscribe their names in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of fidelity. Now they are called "the elect" and begin their final preparation to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their preparation during Lent.



A Time to Give

Don't forget about our Lent giving opportunities:

We are collecting these NEW items for

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

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.



We have a volunteer opportunity to serve breakfast at Fr. Joe's Village on Saturday, April 4th. Please call Cindy at the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer.

The Divine Mercy Group will be selling Mexican food next Sunday after the Masses.





Servicio Penitencial de Cuaresma Martes 10 de marzo a las 7 PM

El P. Rick y varios sacerdotes que hablan español, estarán disponibles para confesiones individuales después de un breve servicio de oración.

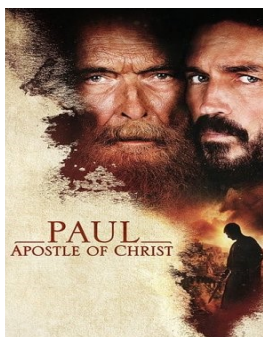


Viernes 13 de marzo Cena de sopa y Noche de Cine

6:00 PM - Cena de proporcionada por el Consejo Parroquial.

7:00 PM— Película: Pablo un apóstol de Cristo, con subtítulos en español.

Arriesgando su vida, Lucas se aventura a Roma para visitar a Pablo, el apóstol que está encadenado y cautivo en la celda de prisión más oscura y sombría de Nerón. Pablo se pregunta si ha sido olvidado mientras espera su ejecución. Antes de su muerte, Lucas decide escribir otro libro que detalle el nacimiento de la iglesia. La película está clasificada PG-13 y tiene una duración de 1 hora 48 minutos. Para obtener más información, vaya al sitio web: paulmovie.com.

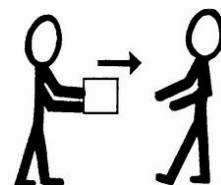


Retiro Cuaresmal sobre "Espiritualidad ecológica" basado en "Laudato Si" - El cuidado de nuestro hogar común se llevará a cabo el sábado 28 de marzo, de 9 AM a 1:30 PM en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano, 3888 Paducah Dr. San Diego, 92117. El costo es de \$10 y se servirá el almuerzo. Para registrarse <https://www.sdcatholic.org/event/lenten-spiritual-retreat>.

Oportunidades para dar en esta Cuaresma:

Estamos colectando artículos NUEVOS para Fr. Joe's Village:

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Déjelos en el contenedor en el Salón Parroquial que dice Artículos para el Fr. Joe.

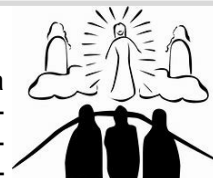
Estamos colectando bolsas de arroz y frijoles para el P. Pat Casa del Migrante en Tijuana. La Casa alberga y alimenta a los inmigrantes necesitados en Tijuana. Por favor traiga sus donaciones a la oficina parroquial.

El Stella Maris Seafarer Center solicita donaciones de números pasados y presentes de las revistas National Geographic, Guideposts y Reader's Digest para dar a los marinos que sirven a bordo de los numerosos barcos mercantes que atracan en el Puerto de San Diego. Por favor deje sus donaciones de revistas en la Oficina Parroquial.



Tenemos la oportunidad de servir el desayuno en el desayunador del Fr. Joe's Village el sábado 4 de abril. Llame a Cindy a la oficina de la parroquia si desea ser voluntario.

Deslumbrados por la luz de Dios



El Evangelio nos ofrece el relato de la Transfiguración. Es un relato sorprendente. Parece que en un momento dado los apóstoles quedaron deslumbrados con la personalidad de Jesús. Vieron claramente cómo se manifestaba en él la gracia, el poder, el amor y la salvación de Dios. Se sintieron confirmados en su fe. Se dieron cuenta de que, a pesar de que en algún momento les podía resultar más o menos difícil seguir a Jesús, lo que iban a encontrar si le seguían hasta el final, era la luz, la salvación, la gracia. El mensaje del Padre nos invita a seguir a Jesús: "Este es mi Hijo, escúchadle." Las tres lecturas, nos invitan a tomar el camino adecuado, a salir de nuestra tierra, de la vida a que nos hemos acostumbrado para ir a la tierra donde encontraremos la bendición de Dios (1ª lectura). Para descubrir que la salvación de Dios nos ha sido ofrecida desde siempre (2ª lectura). Para dejarnos deslumbrar por la luz de Dios (Evangelio). No es, por tanto, Cuaresma un tiempo de oscuridad. En la oscuridad vivíamos antes de la Cuaresma. Ahora se nos invita a abrir los ojos a la luz. Lo que pasa es que, a veces, la luz, cuando es mucha, deslumbra y nos hace falta algo de tiempo para acostumbrarnos. Para eso es la Cuaresma, para acostumbrarnos a la luz.

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