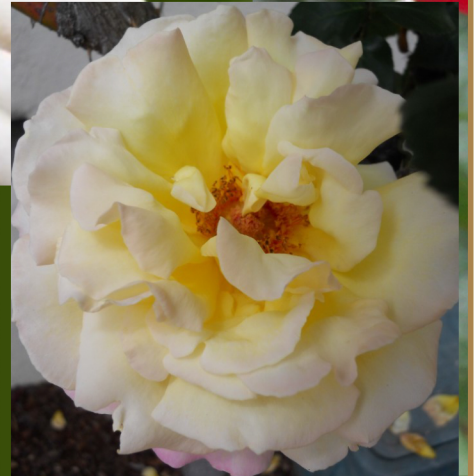


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**We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Bajo tu amparo nos acogemos, Santa Madre de Dios.**



All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. *Amen.*

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR CCD STUDENTS FOR THEIR ANNUAL MAY CROWNING VIA ZOOM Wednesday, May 20th at 4PM



The Church honors Our Lady as the mother of the Church and the observance of May Crowning reflects the beauty of the mystery that it evokes. Honoring Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth honors her Son, Jesus who first crowned her Queen of Heaven. Adorning Our Lady with a crown of flowers is a custom of great beauty and recalls the beauty of her maternal care during difficult times in the world. Just as she watched over Jesus, the

Son of God throughout His life and His time on this earth, she watches over those charged to her care. We have recourse to come to her for aid as a loving mother.

We're celebrating our annual May Crowning with the CCD students a bit different this year. We are inviting the children and their families to crown Mary in their homes. We'll gather together on Zoom as a community to watch as they honor Mary. You are invited to join us for this special event. We'll have a link on our website when it gets closer. You are welcome to crown Mary along with us or just enjoy watching the children. After the ZOOM meeting, we ask that you take a picture and share the photo of your May Crowning with our parish.

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life." Most of us are astounded by the situation we are in right now. We are in a state of war against an invisible enemy. For sure this is not the kind of enemy that Jesus wants us to love. Viruses are not even considered living things and yet they cause so much suffering and even death. To date Covid 19 has killed 260 thousand around the world and millions more are infected. This is real trouble. Once again the whole world finds itself in a very strange situation in just a matter of three months. We are somehow lost. World leaders and scientists have yet to find the way out. It has been about two month since the "lock down" order. The infection curve has been kept low but not low enough to stop the spread of fear and anxiety among people. With places of worship being closed where shall we go and to whom shall we take refuge? Jesus. He reminds us today, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." How can we not be troubled? By placing our trust in Him who says, "I am the way" we can endure all things in Christ. During these times of great trials let us be nurtured and strengthened by the Word Himself. He said, all things will pass away but my Word will never pass away."

For the whole month of May we will be praying the Holy Rosary followed by the celebration of the Mass at our parish church. Please join us from your homes every day 5:30PM except Sunday. Sunday Rosary and Mass will be at 11:00AM in Spanish. If you can access Facebook live find us at [Saintdidacus parish church]. We are also live streaming our parish events on YouTube Channel [Saintdidacus Parishchurch].

Again, please accept our sincere gratitude for all of you who continue to help us in the church. Your donations, letters, food but most of all your faithfulness and prayers are very much recognized and appreciated. Thank you very much.

Fr. Rick



REST IN PEACE

†MARYLOU DE LUCA

MaryLou passed away on March 25, 2020. MaryLou was a long-time parishioner and a very active member of our Altar Society. Please say a prayer for her and her family.



MaryLou pictured here with her husband, Art.



New Student Registration

Registration is open for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your children for the new school year, please contact the school office. The school office

is now open daily between 9:00am and 12:30pm. They will be happy to answer any questions and get your children enrolled!

Ways you can continue to help St. Didacus School:

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Fr. Rick will be live-streaming a SPANISH MASS on Sunday at 11:30am. During the Month of May, pray the Rosary on Sunday at 11am in Spanish. Visit our parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/saintdidacus.parishchurch>



NEW: Fr. Rick will also be live-streaming on YouTube. Our YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCts141omj8eP-wSJURauo-g>. Tune in to pray the Rosary daily at 5:30pm followed by Mass at 6pm each day.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

If you are in need of food, you are invited to come to the Parish Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from

noon to 3pm. We have non-perishable items from Catholic Charities and it is available to anyone in need.

Also, we have people offering to help the elderly and those unable to get out to the store or to run errands. If you can use help, please call the Parish Office and we will connect you with our volunteers.

We give thanks to God for all the good works that come out of our adversity!

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....May 9†Ignazio Asaro, Mother's Day Novena
Sunday.....May 10†Jim & Eileen Caulfield, †Frances Matranga, People of St. Didacus
Monday.....May 11†Felix Aranzon
Tuesday.....May 12†John Paire
Wednesday.....May 13†Maxine Speth
Thursday.....May 14†Jerry Lenzi
Friday.....May 15†John Cozad
Saturday.....May 16†Louise & Wayne Bryant

Fr. Rick continues to celebrate a Mass each day for your intentions. Watch it live on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/saintdidacus.parishchurch>. During the Month of May, tune in at 5:30pm to pray the Rosary before the 6pm Mass.

Readings for the week of April May 10, 2020

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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And the special intentions in our Book of Needs



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Here is a picture of Aisling and Paddy Ward saying "Happy Mother's Day to You" in Gaeilge (Irish)

Don't forget to watch the Sunday Mass from the Diocese of San Diego website. They will be featuring the photos of the children of the Diocese who sent in their photos with Mother's Day messages. You might recognize some of them!

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What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, "Where I am you also may be." Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. *Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?* ©LPi



The Altar Society had their monthly meeting on Wednesday using ZOOM technology. They had 21 members present. It was great to see everyone and to get an update on how they have been dealing with staying at home. There was also entertainment provided by our Choir Director, Katherine Kamrath, who sang "Immaculate Mary," to the group to celebrate our Blessed Mother during the month of May. Thank you to Altar Society president, Ann Shen, for leading the meeting. May God keep all the members of the Altar Society healthy and safe until they can be together again in person.

The Easter celebration of Jesus' Resurrection lasts for 50 days, until Pentecost. During this festive season, take some extra time to reflect on the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. When we rejoice in Jesus' Resurrection, we also celebrate Christ's gift of himself, which transforms us and enables us to become a self-gift to others. When this happens, we are renewed by the blessings that Easter gives us. During this season, we rejoice in Jesus' conquest of sin and death and anticipate the Holy Spirit's coming on Pentecost. Jesus continues with us through his Church, the ongoing gift of his divine presence. We rejoice that our hard times and pain, like his, will be overcome, and that we will be rewarded some day. Each Easter, by the power of God's grace, given through the Holy Spirit, we renew our desire to cultivate our gift of self. We commit ourselves anew to our Risen Lord in his joys and suffering, so that one day we will rise and live forever in his Kingdom, where no more pain or sadness exist, only God's all-embracing love. Then will we see how firm faith, steadfast love, and enduring hope prepare us to celebrate eternal life forever.



When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.



This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains

them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

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The nature of the Church's ministry emerges in today's First Reading from Acts. In response to the continued growth of the early Church, the Apostles choose seven men, filled with the Holy Spirit, to share their ministry of service. The role of deacon (from the Greek word diakonein, "to serve") emerges. Preaching (leading people in worship of God) and service (caring for the poor) are the two foundational pillars of ministry. In his first letter, Peter identifies the Risen Lord as "a living stone," chosen by God the Father, as the cornerstone of a spiritual house where we, his followers, become "living stones." In spiritual unity with the Risen Christ, we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own." The context for the Gospel reading is Jesus' discourse with his followers at the Last Supper. Jesus refers to himself as "the way and the truth and the life." We are followers of the Way (Jesus) that leads us to the Father. Jesus reveals his intimate relationship with the Father: he is in the Father, as the Father is in him. Jesus' words are the Father's words, and Jesus' works are the Father's works. United with him, Jesus promises his followers that they too will do great works. From these readings emerge a deeper understanding of Jesus and of our identity. Jesus is the human face of God, as Pope Benedict XVI described him in his encyclicals *Saved in Hope* and *Charity in Truth*. As God's "chosen race," we follow Jesus, the Way, to our eternal home.

◆ How are the tasks of the seven men in Acts related to our deacons today?

◆ What meaning does Jesus' identification as "the way and the truth and the life" have for you?

◆ "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own." How do these words help you to appreciate yourself as a member of the Body of Christ?

Our parish is doubly blessed by the service of our two Deacons: Deacon Dino and Deacon Marco. They are pictured here with Fr. Rick at last year's Easter Vigil Mass. May God continue to bless them for their service to His people.



If you were unable to join



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Jesús dijo: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida". La mayoría de nosotros estamos asombrados por la situación en la que nos encontramos ahora. Estamos en un estado de guerra contra un enemigo invisible. Seguro que este no es el tipo de enemigo que Jesús quiere que amemos. Los virus ni siquiera se consideran seres vivos y, sin embargo, causan tanto sufrimiento e incluso la muerte. Hasta la fecha, Covid 19 ha matado a 260 mil millones en todo el mundo y más están infectados. Esto es un verdadero problema. Una vez más, todo el mundo se encuentra en una situación muy extraña en solo tres meses. De alguna manera estamos perdidos. Los líderes mundiales y los científicos aún no han encontrado la salida. Han pasado aproximadamente dos meses desde la orden de "bloqueo". La curva de infección se ha mantenido baja pero no lo suficientemente baja como para detener la propagación del miedo y la ansiedad entre las personas. Con los lugares de culto cerrados, ¿a dónde iremos y a quién nos refugiaremos? Jesús, nos recuerda hoy: "No dejen que sus corazones se turben". ¿Cómo no podemos estar preocupados? Al depositar nuestra confianza en Aquel que dice: "Yo soy el camino", podemos soportar todas las cosas en Cristo. Durante estos tiempos de grandes pruebas, dejemos alimentar y fortalecer por la Palabra misma. Él dijo, todas las cosas pasarán, pero mi Palabra nunca pasará".

Durante todo el mes de mayo rezaremos el Santo Rosario seguido de la celebración de la Misa en nuestra iglesia parroquial a través del enlace de Facebook Live St Didacus Church. Acompañenos desde sus hogares todos los días a las 5:30 PM, excepto los domingos. El rosario dominical y la misa serán a las 11:00 AM en español. También transmitimos en vivo nuestros eventos parroquiales en el canal de YouTube [Saintdidacus Parishchurch].

Nuevamente, acepten nuestra sincera gratitud por todos ustedes que continúan ayudándonos en la iglesia. Sus donaciones, cartas, comida, pero sobre todo su fidelidad y oraciones son muy reconocidas y apreciadas. Muchas gracias.

P. Rick



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