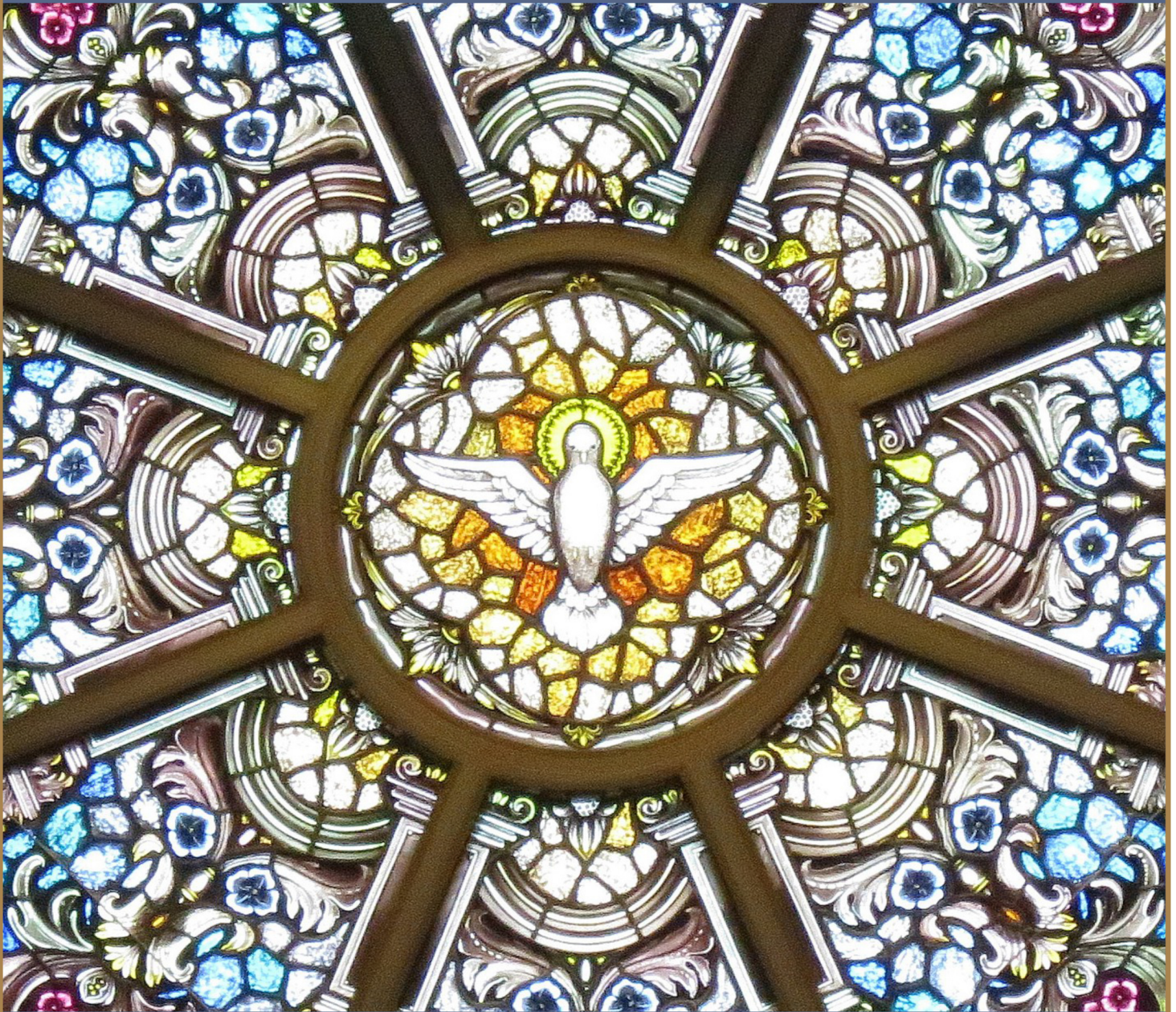


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"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth."



"Yo le rogaré al Padre y él les enviará otro Consolador que esté siempre con ustedes, el Espíritu de verdad".

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



Dear parish family,

On Wednesday, **May 20th we will have May Crowning at 4 PM.** This event is for the entire community.

Each child must make a little crown for Mary of paper or flowers for their home altar and we will all crown Mary together. We will pray and sing. The tradition is to wear white—only your shirt or blouse need to be white because we do not see the rest on the computer.

For the children who are in the first year of catechism this is the last day of classes. The children who are going to make their First Communion will continue to have Zoom meetings on Wednesdays.

We have a link for the children who are going to make their First Communion to watch videos on our parish website. All the children who have already made their First Communion are invited to watch the videos for review: http://stdidacuschurch.org/religious_education.html.

If you have any questions about anything, please write me at elena@stdidacuschurch.org or text me or call me at 619-504-3514. May God bless you. I carry you in my daily prayers and I miss you very much.

Elena Platas
Director of Religious Education

Join our May Crowning Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 889 0499 8931
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We'll also have a link on our website.

My dear brothers and sisters, In today's Gospel reading Jesus continues his farewell discourse. Jesus assures His disciples not to be afraid or worry about his impending departure. His departure is only temporary and that the disciples will not be left orphans. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit, the advocate or the counselor. These words of the Lord would really be difficult to understand. It is unthinkable for someone to go away and promise somebody to come and assume the role of an advocate or defender. The disciples must have been wondering what Jesus was talking about. Today, we understand better because we have learned from history what the Holy Spirit had done in the early Church. The same Holy Spirit is here with us today. The power of the Holy Spirit is very active in our lives and in the life of the Church. We need to welcome Him and be open to His transforming power. The Holy Spirit is present among us, in our brothers and sisters who are going through difficult times. There is a need also to allow ourselves to be transformed by His presence in our lives. Let us not be afraid to allow the Holy Spirit to transform us into becoming new persons, new community in Christ. This is our Easter joy, Christ dwelling in us through the power of the Holy Spirit empowering us to be true disciples of the Lord.

On another note, the leaders of the Church in the United States with our local Bishops have already drawn some guidelines on how we can get back to Church and celebrate the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. Let us pray that the curve of infections will continue to go down throughout the country. Let us keep one another in our prayers and be reminded of the holy words of Saint Teresa of Jesus. She says, "Patience obtains all things, whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices."

Fr. Rick

Our Advocate

The Greek word John uses to refer to God's holy Spirit is *paraclete*. The word in Latin is *advocate*. The term had a legal connotation. A defendant could call upon a wealthy friend or acquaintance to speak on his behalf during a trial. Because Jesus has given testimony about himself throughout this Gospel, he is the first Advocate. He promises to send another. This Spirit of truth will...

1. guide Jesus' followers in their understanding of Jesus and his life-giving mission
2. help Jesus' followers offer their own testimony about Jesus in the face of a sometimes hostile world
3. bring believers into communion with Jesus, and through Jesus into communion with God





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!

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Fr. Rick is live-streaming a SPANISH MASS on Sundays 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.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday.....May 16

.....†Louise & Wayne Bryant

Sunday.....May 17

.....†Alice & Everett Rowland, †Cas & Gladys Impastato, People of St. Didacus

Monday.....May 18

.....Rosetta Olmscheid, Spec. Int.

Tuesday.....May 19

.....†Nepomuceno Alcazar

Wednesday.....May 20

.....Lindgren Family, Spec. Int.

Thursday.....May 21

.....Victims of the Virus, Spec. Int.

Friday.....May 22

.....Members of the Altar Society, Spec. Int.

Saturday.....May 23

.....†Carolyn Curiel Hastings

Fr. Rick continues to celebrate a Mass each day for your intentions. Mondays-Saturdays tune in at 5:30pm to pray the Rosary before the 6pm Mass. On Sundays the Rosary in Spanish begins at 11am and Spanish Mass is at 11:30am.

Readings for the week of April May 17, 2020

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

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And the special intentions in our Book of Needs

Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope?

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn't set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ's resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else.

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Pentecost Mass of All Cultures

Sunday, May 31st, available at 6 a.m. on the Diocese of San Diego website: sdcatholic.org

In two weeks, Pentecost concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. It marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles while they were hiding following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles went out and preached His message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages. The Diocese of San Diego will mark this feast day with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert W. McElroy, with Auxiliary Bishop John P. Dolan and Vicar General, Very Rev. Michael Pham.

In this third annual Mass, families from the cultures that enrich our diocese will gather to share their faith. This year they gather as One Body in Christ through the use of technology. The diocese invites all faithful to join this Mass via video-stream, which celebrates the power and importance of people of all cultures coming together to bring light to the world, especially during its darkest moments.

When we are unable to receive the Eucharist, we can be in spiritual communion with Jesus by praying this prayer:

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.



**Laudato Si Week
is May 16-24!**

This year marks the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*. In celebration, he invites us to join Catholics around the world in committing to action that increases our response to "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." Visit www.LaudatoSiWeek.org for resources, action items and to see how Catholics around the world are making an impact.



Also celebrate Laudato Si Week with United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' resources at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>

Why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel at Mass?

Everything we do at Mass has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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Pentecost is two weeks away, but the readings for this Sunday seem to anticipate it with their focus on the Holy Spirit. No doubt for most of us, comprehending the Spirit as the third person of the Holy Trinity is challenging.

From our human experience we can glimpse the meaning of God as father — thinking of God as the most loving of any parent we might possibly hope for. From the Gospels we know the compassionate beauty of Jesus as teacher, healer and savior — one who is the faithful son of God. But in contemplating the Spirit it is hard to draw on any single human analogy or metaphor to help us. To experience the Spirit, in fact, is to perceive the full impact of God's presence in our lives.

The readings today illustrate different dimensions of that divine presence. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles continues to chart the expanding mission of the early Christian community, as the apostle Philip brings the Gospel to Samaria, an area north of Jerusalem whose Jewish inhabitants were for centuries in tension with the Jews of Judea to the south. Philip's mission of teaching and healing brings joy to Samaria, a joy capped when Peter and John follow up by laying hands on these new converts and transmitting to them the gift of the Spirit.

Throughout his Gospel and Acts, Luke emphasizes the dynamic and centrifugal power of the Spirit. The Spirit animates Jesus' own mission to embrace the poor and sick. As promised by the risen Christ, the gift of the Spirit will drive the early Christian community to take the message of the Gospel "to the ends of the earth."

It is interesting to note the different accent that Paul gives to the impact of the Spirit in his letters. For Paul, the Spirit is a powerful unifying factor that enables different members of the Body of Christ to become one. "There are many gifts," Paul proclaims in the 12th chapter of his letter to the Corinthians, "but there is one Spirit who is in all and over all."

As is often the case, the Gospel of John has a different slant on things and that is true of the way the Johannine Jesus speaks of the Spirit in today's Gospel reading. On the eve of his death, Jesus promises to send "another advocate to be with you always."

The Greek word John uses is "paraclete," literally translated as "advocate" or "consoler." Jesus speaks of another advocate because the Spirit will do for the disciples precisely what Jesus did for them: console them, animate them, defend them, abide with them.

But in his words to his disciples, Jesus will add one other important function of the Spirit — to help the disciples remember and understand what Jesus said and did. The Spirit, in effect, becomes the living memory of the church as it moves out into history. The Spirit will keep alive the memory of Jesus and inspire the writers of the New Testament. The Spirit will open the minds and hearts of the great saints who, over the centuries, exemplify authentic holiness. The "Spirit of truth" will guide the theologians and teachers of the church to remain faithful to the teaching of Jesus and to interpret it wisely for each new generation.

The powerful reading for today from the First Letter of Peter demonstrates another aspect of the Spirit. This letter was written to a series of small Christian communities in Asia Minor that were apparently under threat of persecution from the surrounding population.

Instead of counseling them to withdraw from contact with the outside world, the author urges them to give fearless testimony. But the tone is remarkable. The Christians should be willing to give an explanation to their neighbors for "the reason for your hope," but they should do so, "with gentleness and respect." Through the goodness of their lives, the author notes, they can win over those who are hostile to them.

Outreach, cohesion, faithful memories and fearless and respectful witness, these are the gifts of the Spirit entrusted to you.

—**Donald Senior**, president emeritus, chancellor and professor of New Testament studies at Catholic Theological Union, www.chicagocatholic.com



Does every person in the world have a guardian angel to guide and protect them? That believers, both Jewish and Christian, are under the care of the angels is clear. Psalm 91 speaks to the care of the angels for us: "For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone" (v. 11-12). There is also the well-known passage in which Jesus refers to guardian angels: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Mt. 18:10). Opinion is divided over whether nonbelievers have guardian angels. St. Thomas says that they do, but he adds that the guardian angel has an entirely new role after baptism. Before a person's baptism, Satan has certain "legal rights" over him, and the angels can only set limits. Baptism reverses the situation and increases the power of the angel to defend.



The term *guardian* is a good one. Angels are not mere servants for us; they guard us and direct us. Consider the following admonition from the Lord: "See, I am sending an angel before you, to guard you on the way and bring you to the place I have prepared. Be attentive to him and obey him. Do not rebel against him, for he will not forgive your sin. My authority is within him. If you obey him and carry out all I tell you, I will be an enemy to your enemies and a foe to your foes. My angel will go before you" (Ex 23:20-23). Hence obedience is the proper disposition toward our angels. —Msgr. Charles Pope, Our Sunday Visitor April 5-11, 2020



Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas, en la lectura de hoy del Evangelio Jesús continúa su discurso de despedida. Jesús insiste con sus discípulos que no tengan miedo ni se preocupen por su inminente partida. Su partida es sólo temporal y que los discípulos no quedarán solos. Jesús

enviará al Espíritu Santo, al defensor o al consejero. Estas palabras del Señor serían realmente difíciles de entender. Es impensable que alguien se vaya y prometa que alguien venga y asuma el papel de defensor o defensor. Los discípulos deben haberse preguntado de qué estaba hablando Jesús. Hoy en día, entendemos mejor porque hemos aprendido de la historia lo que el Espíritu Santo había hecho en la Iglesia primitiva. El mismo Espíritu Santo está aquí con nosotros hoy. El poder del Espíritu Santo es muy activo en nuestra vida y en la vida de la Iglesia. Necesitamos acogerlo y estar abiertos a Su poder transformador. El Espíritu Santo está presente entre nosotros, en nuestros hermanos y hermanas que están pasando por tiempos difíciles. También es necesario dejarnos transformar por Su presencia en nuestra vida. No tengamos miedo de permitir que el Espíritu Santo nos transforme en personas nuevas, nueva comunidad en Cristo. Esta es nuestra alegría pascual, Cristo morando en nosotros por medio del poder del Espíritu Santo que nos permite ser verdaderos discípulos del Señor.

Por otro lado, los líderes de la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos con nuestros obispos locales ya han elaborado algunas pautas de cómo podemos volver a la iglesia y celebrar los sacramentos, especialmente la Sagrada Eucaristía. Oremos para que la curva de infecciones continúe bajando por todo el país. Oremos unos por otros en nuestras oraciones y recordemos las santas palabras de Santa Teresa de Jesús. Ella dijo: **"La paciencia todo lo alcanza, quien a Dios tiene, nada le falta. Sólo Dios basta."**

P. Rick

Para la revisión de vida...

Con frecuencia entendemos el amor que nuestra fe nos pide como una cuestión de sentimientos; pero, de ser así, ¿cómo entender el amor al enemigo, que nos pide Jesús? El amor cristiano no es tanto un sentimiento del corazón como una actitud de vida ante el prójimo, sea amigo o enemigo. ¿Cómo muestro yo mi amor a Dios y al prójimo, con sentimentalismos o, como Él nos dice, cumpliendo su voluntad?; ¿vivo mi fe como un «asunto del corazón» o como un asunto de mi vida entera?; **¿recuerdo y vivo aquello de obras son amores y no buenas razones?**

Querida familia parroquial,

Tenemos un link para los niños que van hacer la primera comunión en nuestro website de la parroquia, todos los niños que ya hicieron la primera comunión pueden ver los videos de manera de revisión o también pueden escribir: http://stdidacuschurch.org/religious_education.html.



El miércoles 20 de mayo vamos a tener la coronación de la Virgen en casa, 4 PM este evento es para toda la comunidad, cada niño debe hacer una coronita a la Virgencita de papel o de flores para su altarcito de casa y todos la vamos a coronar juntos, vamos a rezar y a cantar, la tradición es vestirse de blanco, solo la camisa o blusa pues no vemos lo demás en la computadora.

Los niños que están en el primer año del catecismo este es el ultimo día, los niños que van hacer la primera comunión seguiremos teniendo zoom meetings los miércoles.

Por favor si tienen alguna pregunta de cualquier cosa escríbanme elena@stdidacuschurch.org o mándame un texto o llame al teléfono al 619-504-3514. Que Dios los bendiga, los llevo en mis oraciones de todos los días y los extraño mucho.

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