

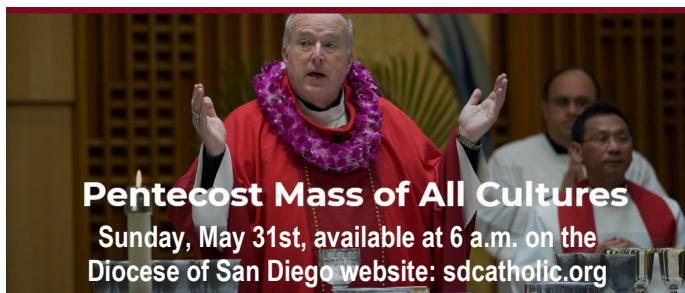
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PENTECOST SUNDAY



DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTÉS



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 today's 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 (keep an eye out for St. Didacus parishioners—the Ward family). 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.

Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church Monday, June 1st

Welcome to one of the newest feasts in the Catholic Church! The feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, was established by Pope Francis in spring 2018. While the formal celebration is new, the honor is as old as the Gospels. Jesus spoke few words on the Cross, but several of them were addressed to his mother and the apostle John. "Woman, behold your son." "Son, behold your mother." This means far more than simply someone to care for Mary as she got on in years and someone for John to celebrate Jewish festivals with. John represents all of us, the Church. Jesus entrusted Mary to us as our mother. At the end of the historic Second Vatican Council in the midst of tumultuous times, Pope Saint Paul VI formally declared Mary as Mother of the Church and invited us to pray to her under that title. As we celebrate the birthday of the Church at Pentecost, we remember that every birth has a mother. Happy Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church!



Greetings to you my dear brothers and sisters. The opening of the Church for public worship did not happen this Sunday as I prayed and really hoped for. Nonetheless our momentary situation should not deter us from celebrating this very important feast in the life of the Church, the Pentecost. We all need the Holy Spirit to empower and animate us especially in these difficult and challenging times of our lives. We celebrate His abiding presence in our lives with prayer and thanksgiving. We can never thank God enough. But, we should try our best to as often as we can thank God for everything and continue to pray and ask. Jesus reminded us to ask the Father in Jesus' name. Now on this Feast of Pentecost, I earnestly ask the Holy Spirit for three things: first, I ask for wisdom. This gift of the Holy Spirit comes to us in a form of insight or intuition. This is very handy when we make decisions or choices in life. With this gift the Holy Spirit can inspire us to embark on a new journey or venture in life which would lead us to success and happiness. The second gift I would like to pray for, is the gift of having the courage to take the initiative with prudence. Some situations in life call for immediate action, other things we have to wait for the right time or even the right place. Lastly, on this feast of Pentecost, I would like to ask God for the gift of industry to do things and perseverance in what I am doing. This I pray for myself but I do pray more for you: That the Lord will bless you with wisdom, initiative and prudence and industry and perseverance to the end.

Fr. Rick



Resumption of Public Masses in the Diocese of San Diego (and St. Didacus)

Bishop McElroy said that public Masses will resume on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday June 14th. Daily Masses may be celebrated beginning, Monday, June 8th while maintaining proper social distancing and respecting all health and safety directives along with the liturgical guidelines.

We will be following these guidelines to **re-open St. Didacus for public Masses beginning Monday, June 8th**. Our weekday Mass schedule will remain the same with the addition of a Spanish Mass on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Saturday Mass will remain at 5pm. **Our Sunday Mass schedule will temporarily be altered: 8am & 10am English, 12:00pm Spanish. We will be sending out more information regarding Masses soon. Watch your email and mail.**



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:

Here are two ways you can continue to help St. Didacus Parish School:

1. Download the Box Top App and scan all your grocery receipts.
2. When shopping on Amazon, log-in to Amazon Smile and designate St. Didacus as your beneficiary of the funds.



Join us Monday-Saturday for Mass each day at 6pm and on Sunday at 11:30am for Spanish Mass. We will be live-streaming on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintdidacus.parishchurch>

Let us stay connected and pray for one another!



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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCts141omj8eP-wSJURauo-g>

Let us stay connected and pray for one another!

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.



Many thanks to Deacon Marco Huizar for keeping this effort organized and to all the many volunteers from our parish and beyond. Their heroic efforts are truly amazing and we are grateful for their months of service to those in need.

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....May 30

.....†Fr. Pierre Morant

Sunday.....May 31

.....†Teddy Matranga, People of St. Didacus

Monday.....June 1

.....†Bruce Forbes

Tuesday.....June 2

.....†MaryLou De Luca

Wednesday.....June 3

.....†Sam Adrignola

Thursday.....June 4

.....†Leonard & Clara Geschwender

Friday.....June 5

.....†Socorro Hernandez-Cerda

Saturday.....June 6

.....†Mary Asaro

Fr. Rick continues to celebrate a Mass each day for your intentions. We will resume public Masses starting Monday, June 8th. We look forward to celebrating with you! We have missed you!

Readings for the week of May 31, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

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And the special intentions in our Book of Needs



Rev. Richard H. Brown, SJ, St. Didacus School Alum, Class of 1941, passed away on May 20, 2020 at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, CA where he was in retirement. Rev. Brown was born on April 28, 1927, and was ordained on June 18, 1958 for the Society of Jesus. Rev. Brown served in the Diocese of San Diego for over forty years, in particular at Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Diego (1970 – 2005) and St. John of the Cross (2005 – 2010). Please keep Rev. Richard Brown, SJ, and his family in your prayers.

Fr. Brown is pictured here celebrating Mass with St. Didacus School students on March 11, 2011.

During this time of uncertainty and change, you can reach out to the St. Didacus Mental Health Ministry for support. During COVID-19, we offer prayers through petitions and care through talking with you. Please reach out to us at (619) 940-6193 or by email at saintdidacusmhm@gmail.com to connect with us.



Volunteers Needed!



As we make our plans to re-open the Church for Mass (June 8th!), we see that we will need volunteers at each Mass, weekdays and Sundays, to help with the flow of parishioners and to wipe

down surfaces following Mass-- to keep everyone safe and healthy. We will be assembling a list of those who are able to help and will offer a training session before we begin our official re-open. If you are interested in helping during this transition, please contact the Parish Office (619)284-3472 or by email: mainoffice@stdidacuschurch.org. Following the guidelines offered by the state, and keeping your safety in mind, we would like to welcome those who do not fall into the "at-risk" category of age or underlying medical conditions.

We are planning to have a training session for all our volunteers at the end of the week. Please call the Parish Office (619)284-3472 or email us at mainoffice@stdidacuschurch.org if you would like to help.



During the month of May, we crowned Mary, our Mother and prayed the Rosary for her intercession. Let us continue to move forward strengthening our connection to our Blessed Mother who watches over us always.

Father's Day Novena June 12-20

Fr. Rick will be celebrating Masses for your Father's Day intentions. Drop off your Novena envelopes or mail them to us. It is a great way to have your father or the special men in your life remembered during nine days of Masses.



O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams. --Saint Augustine

Pentecost: Celebrating the End of the Easter Season

The season of Easter, which we have been observing for the past 50 days, has its formal ending in the Solemnity of Pentecost, which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and signifies the foundation of the Church.

Pentecost is the most appropriate time for reflection on the person of the Holy Spirit who lives in us and among us, filling us with God's life and inspiring our good deeds.

One way to understand the Holy Spirit is to look at the diverse images of the Spirit in the Scriptures and tradition. Accordingly, I would like to explore a few of these images.

First, in the Old Testament, the Spirit is spoken of as the breath of God. We read in the opening passages of the Bible that before creation began, "God's Spirit hovered over the waters." From the breath of God came all creation and life. When God created Adam, "he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life."

The image of the Spirit as the breath of God is something we can easily relate to. All of us live by inhaling and exhaling. Our breath is invisible, yet it is the very current of life itself.

A second image of the Spirit is a strong wind. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Spirit comes upon the Apostles like a mighty wind. The Spirit is no mere placid breath; he often becomes a storm driving us out of our lifeless attitudes. The Spirit is sometimes a disturbing, demanding presence, like a great storm driving us forward and clearing away the spiritual dust and smog that clouds our hearts and souls.



Third, the Spirit is like a blazing fire. This is one of the principal images of Pentecost. We are told that the Spirit came upon the Apostles like tongues of fire. The Spirit is not a fire that destroys, but a fire that purifies, cleanses and energizes.

Fourth, the Spirit is like a pleasing fragrance. Although fragrance fills the air, it remains invisible. It delights, uplifts and gives joy. It is festive and celebrative. We associate fragrance with nature and its beauties, particularly

with flowers. Flowers are beautiful not only because of the way they delight us visually but because of the invisible delight of their fragrance, which floats unseen in the air.

The great preachers of early Christianity spoke of the Spirit as the fragrance of God filling the Church and giving joy to all believers. The Spirit, like fragrance, is unseen, yet powerfully present and active among us.

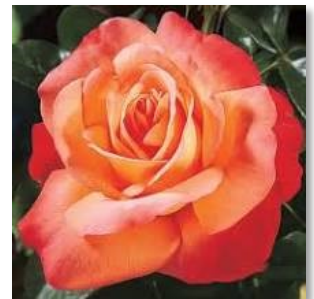
Breath, strong wind, blazing fire, fragrance: All these are symbols of the Spirit who lives and moves in us, for the most part invisibly. There are many other symbols of the Spirit. Each in its own way tells of the wonderful variety and beauty of the Spirit's invisible yet transforming life.

The Spirit dwells in the whole life of the Church. The Church and Christian life are an ongoing Pentecost, an ongoing event of the Spirit being poured out on the Church and upon all God's faithful followers. This Spirit is the great gift that Christ has left to his Church. That is why the celebration of Pentecost is a fitting end to the great season of Easter.

When Christ was raised from the dead, the first sign of his risen life was the Spirit that he poured out upon the Apostles. That is why the Spirit is always the Spirit of Easter, the Spirit of Christ, who broke the chains of death and lives with us as Lord and Savior.

By Msgr. M. Francis Mannion

Pastor emeritus of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Salt Lake City, UT



With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. They were charged up and ready to go. They received the Holy Spirit and no longer harbored fear and apprehension. They knew who they were and what needed to be done. With the peace of the Lord and the power of the Spirit within them, they set out to do amazing things with simple means. We have received the Holy Spirit as well. What keeps us from truly understanding the mission of Christ and continuing the advancement of the Gospel? Some may think this was a work of the past and not relevant now. Others may believe that the work set before me is simply about doing what I need to do to merit heaven and has little to do with my brothers and sisters. Take a good look at the world. More are in need of hearing the Good News than there ever were. We have the power to get up and out and start doing life changing things!



Les saludos a ustedes, queridos hermanos y hermanas. La apertura de la Iglesia para el culto público no ocurrió este domingo como yo recé y realmente esperé. No obstante, nuestra situación momentánea no debería disuadirnos de celebrar esta fiesta tan importante en la vida de la Iglesia, Pentecostés. Todos necesitamos del Espíritu Santo para guiarnos y animarnos, especialmente en estos tiempos difíciles y desafiantes de nuestras vidas. Celebramos su presencia permanente en nuestras vidas con oración y acción de gracias. Nunca podemos agradecerle lo suficiente a Dios. Pero, debemos hacer todo lo posible para agradecerle por todo y continuar orando y pidiendo. Jesús nos recordó que le pidamos al Padre en el nombre de Jesús. Ahora, en esta fiesta de Pentecostés, le pido al Espíritu Santo tres cosas: primero, pido Sabiduría. Este don del Espíritu Santo viene a nosotros en forma de percepción o intuición. Esto es muy útil cuando tomamos decisiones u opciones en la vida. Con este don, el Espíritu Santo puede inspirarnos a emprender un nuevo viaje o aventurarnos en la vida que nos conducirá al éxito y la felicidad. El segundo don que me gustaría pedir es el don de tener el coraje de tomar la iniciativa con prudencia. Algunas situaciones en la vida requieren una acción inmediata, otras cosas tenemos que esperar el momento adecuado o incluso el lugar correcto. Por último, en esta fiesta de Pentecostés, me gustaría pedirle a Dios por el don de la perseverancia en lo que estoy haciendo, pero mi mayor oración es para ustedes: que el Señor los bendiga con sabiduría, iniciativa, prudencia y perseverancia hasta el final.

P. Rick



A partir del lunes 8 de junio reabriremos nuestras puertas para misa diaria y el domingo 14 tendremos nuestra primera misa en español en el nuevo horario a las 12PM.

Al hacer nuestros planes para reabrir la Iglesia para la misa, necesitaremos voluntarios en cada misa, los días de entre semana y los domingos, para ayudar con el flujo de feligreses y limpiar las superficies después de misa, para mantener a todos seguros y saludables. Prepararemos una lista de aquellos que pueden ayudar y ofreceremos una sesión de capacitación antes de comenzar nuestra reapertura oficial. Si está interesado en ayudar durante esta transición, comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial (619) 284-3472 o por correo electrónico: mainoffice@stdidacuschurch.org.

Siguiendo las pautas ofrecidas por el estado y teniendo en cuenta su seguridad, nos gustaría dar la bienvenida a aquellos que **no entran en la categoría de "riesgo"** de edad o afecciones médicas subyacentes.

Novena por el día del Padre Junio 12-20



Pentecost Mass of All Cultures

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Diocese of San Diego website: sdcatholic.org

Buenas Noticias: RE-APERTURA DE LA IGLESIA

Se reabrirá la iglesia para misas diarias el lunes 8 de junio. Mantendremos nuestro horario regular de misas diarias. También Habrá una misa en español todos los jueves a las 7PM.

El sábado la misa será a las 5 PM y los domingos a las 8 AM, 10 AM y 12 PM en español. Estos horarios serán temporales y volverá a evaluarse después de unas semanas para ver si podemos volver a nuestro horario regular.

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