

# *St. Didacus Catholic Community*

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I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
love one another as I have loved you.



Les doy un mandamiento nuevo, dice el Señor:  
que se amen los unos a los otros, como yo los he amado.



### Holy Land Collection This Weekend

Pope Francis has asked parishes throughout the world to support the Pontifical Collection for the Support of the Holy Land. This collection is usually held on Good Friday but has been moved to the weekend of September 13th, due to the pandemic. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide for Catholic Schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Collection also helps preserve sacred shrines and provide humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this Pontifical Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics throughout the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. To make a contribution please visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday) or drop your contribution (**checks payable to St. Didacus Church**) in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Holy Land."

### New! Liturgical Art & Environment Ministry

To learn more come to the informational meeting on: **Monday, September 14th at 6pm in the Parish Hall if we can meet there or we'll meet outside.**

The purpose of the Art and Environment Ministry Team is to create an atmosphere within the liturgical space that invites and inspires the assembly to full and conscious participation in the paschal mystery in keeping with the changing seasons of the liturgical year.



This new ministry team will be involved in preparing the Church for the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Ordinary Time.

Come to discuss the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas and learn how you can be involved in preparing the Church.

Call the Parish Office to RSVP at 619-284-3472.

### St. Did's Nook

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#### What would Jesus do?



I wish there were a simple solution to the problem of forgiveness. But even Peter, who had Jesus in front of him in person on a daily basis, didn't seem to know what Jesus would do the eighth time a brother might sin against him. Peter experiences the limits of human patience and forbearance in his own relationships. He wants to know how long a truly good person ought to put up with the abuse of his or her charity.

But Jesus refuses to consider forgiveness in terms of what's reasonable or even humanly possible. When Jesus tells his parable about the servant forgiven a great debt, there is no discussion at all of how long to forgive someone who offends, or even how to do it, period. The emphasis in the story is not on the mechanics of forgiveness but only on the motivation. We forgive our fellow human beings, umpteen times seven times, not because they deserve it but because we ourselves have been forgiven a king's ransom.

"How much and how long am I expected to forgive?"—only entangles us in a numbers game, meting out pardon by the spoonful. That may seem reasonable. But God's forgiveness, which comes first, is hardly reasonable, and it is by God's standard alone that we are to measure our own obligation to forgive. If we approach the daunting task of forgiveness from the human side of the equation, we may never find the heart for the job. But if we begin at the beginning, in the quiet contemplation of how human history floats on an ocean of divine mercy that has no beginning or end, we may find ourselves buoyed along on the current of forgiveness despite ourselves. As far as Jesus is concerned, this is the whole of forgiveness in a nutshell: Our obligation matches the largess we have received, which is incalculable. Never mind ruminating on who did what to whom and how often. Yes, there may be pain and anger and certainly there can be just cause for grievance. Jesus doesn't argue those points. But gnawing on those components will not free us to do the one thing we are expected to do as servants relieved of all our debts, and that's to forgive our debtors, free and clear.

Fr. Rey



### Truths of Our Catholic Faith



In today’s Gospel parable, the first debtor forgot that he was shown an excellent work of mercy, or he chose to ignore it out of self-centeredness. None-the-less he, like us, has been treated most mercifully in an undeservedly good way.

Through Jesus, our Father freely gives us His gift of everlasting life. He asks that we live lives of great gratitude, forgiving our sisters and brothers from our heart.

*Justification has been merited for us by the Passion of Christ. It is granted us through Baptism. It conforms us to the righteousness of God, who justifies us. It has for its goal the glory of God and of Christ, and the gift of eternal life. It is the most excellent work of God’s mercy. (CCC2020)*

Many of Jesus’ parables help us understand the personality of the Father in hopes that we will imitate Him as well as following the example of Jesus. The Holy Spirit can enkindle in us the desire to live a more Godly life. Through prayer—especially the Lord’s Prayer—our hearts can learn to trust in healthy humility, open to receiving and giving in turn great forgiveness and mercy.

*Praying to our Father should develop in us the will to become like Him and foster in us a humble trusting heart. (CCC 2800)*

### Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!

#### Sunday Masses

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

#### Daily Mass

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:30am /Tues. 6:00pm  
Thursday 7pm Mass in Spanish

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Suspended until further notice

**Confessions**—Saturday 3:30pm or by appointment

**Baptisms:** 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 or email [saintdidacusmhm@gmail.com](mailto:saintdidacusmhm@gmail.com).

**Pastor, Rev. Reynaldo Roque**  
**We continue to take your calls at the**  
**Parish Office 619-284-3472**

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday.....</b>	<b>September 12</b>
5:00pm.....	†John Cozad
<b>Sunday.....</b>	<b>September 13</b>
8:30am.....	†Arnold Nelson
10:00am.....	People of St. Didacus
11:30am.....	†Arturo Unanie, †Carlos Fuentes
<b>Monday.....</b>	<b>September 14</b>
7:30am.....	Msgr. Bob Ecker, Spec. Int.
<b>Tuesday.....</b>	<b>September 15</b>
6:00pm.....	†Ronnie Scinocca
<b>Wednesday.....</b>	<b>September 16</b>
7:30am.....	†Ed Sanclemente
<b>Thursday.....</b>	<b>September 17</b>
7:30am.....	Helen Yturralde, Spec. Int.
7:00pm.....	†Carlos Fuentes
<b>Friday.....</b>	<b>September 18</b>
7:30am.....	Shirley Scinocca, Spec. Int.
<b>Saturday.....</b>	<b>September 19</b>
5:00pm.....	Loretta Calfee, Spec. Int.

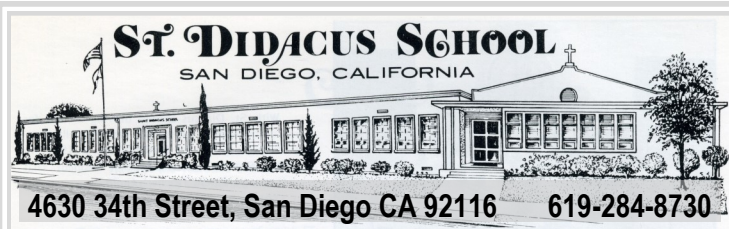
### Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

## PRAYER LIST

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Daniel Galvan	Miguel Martinez	Helen Yturralde
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Anthony Flores	Emma McPherson	
Tony Flores	Dolores Mediano	
Rocio Frias	Peter Napolitano	

*And the special intentions  
in our Book of Needs*



### Our Mission Statement

St. Didacus Parish School is a Catholic elementary school engaged with parents, children and community in the ongoing educational development of the student. We empower the student to be spiritually, academically and socially prepared to live today and tomorrow, both morally and effectively.

**The Divine Mercy Group will be selling Mexican Food next Sunday.** They would ask that you pre-order tamales this weekend (12 for \$25 choice of green or red and chicken or pork or combo). They will also be offering other food to go that you can order in the Hall next Sunday.



### Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday, September 14th

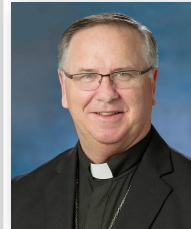


This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church, the *Anastasis*, above the empty grave of Jesus, a basilica, the *Martyrium*; and in the square between the two churches, a shrine, *Calvarium*, marking the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 335, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The two churches were rebuilt by Patriarch Modestus of Jerusalem in c. 626, but were later destroyed by the Muslims in 1009. The present church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders, was dedicated in 1149. Today also commemorates the discovery of the Lord's cross by the empress, St. Helena in 320.

### Mass for Survivors of Suicide Loss

Sunday, September 13th  
7:30am — Live Streamed

The Office for Life, Peace, and Justice will host a special virtual Mass of remembrance for those who have lost their lives to suicide. Friends and family are invited to gather virtually to pray for their loved ones and experience healing and support.



Watch the Mass live streamed or on demand following the Mass at: [www.sdcatholic.org/survivorloss](http://www.sdcatholic.org/survivorloss)

Auxiliary Bishop John Dolan, a survivor of suicide loss, will be the celebrant.

### Loving God Through Creation Webinar



Pope Francis encourages the faithful to celebrate the season of creation and implement the message of *Laudato Si*. The Diocese Office of Life, Peace and Justice is hosting a webinar entitled *Loving God Through Creation* that will be held September 16th at 7 pm. For more information visit: <https://www.sdcatholic.org/event/loving-god-through-creation-webinar/>

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home. Amen.

### The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Mass

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Mass will be held on Saturday, October 3rd at 10 am at The Immaculata Parish, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110. Aux. Bishop John P. Dolan will be the main celebrant. Mass is open for attendance, but seating is limited. The Mass will also be live-streamed. For further information and to reserve your seat visit <https://www.sdcatholic.org/event/feast-of-st-francis-of-assis-annual-mass/>.





What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.



Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily

wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

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### *Can Catholics be cremated?*

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.



As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

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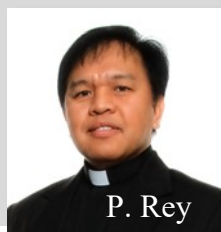
### **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**

Tuesday, September 15th

Mary is certainly a model of suffering. As she stood lovingly and courageously at the foot of the Cross, accompanying her Son in his agony and Death, she offered her anguish in union with his for the salvation of all mankind.



By the 14th century the sorrows of Mary numbered 7: the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, the flight into Egypt, Jesus being lost in Jerusalem, the meeting of Mary and Jesus on the way to Calvary, the crucifixion, the taking down of Jesus' body from the cross, and his burial.



P. Rey

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### ¿Qué haría Jesús?

Ojalá hubiera una solución sencilla al problema del perdón. Pero incluso Pedro, que tenía a Jesús frente a él en persona todos los días, no parecía saber qué haría Jesús la octava vez que un hermano pudiera pecar contra él. Pedro experimenta los límites de la paciencia y la tolerancia humanas en sus propias relaciones. Quiere saber cuánto tiempo debe soportar una persona verdaderamente buena el abuso de su caridad.

Pero Jesús se niega a considerar el perdón en términos de lo que es razonable o incluso humanamente posible. Cuando Jesús cuenta su parábola sobre el siervo perdonado de una gran deuda, no hay ninguna discusión sobre cuánto tiempo se debe perdonar a alguien que ofende, o incluso cómo hacerlo. El énfasis en la historia no está en la mecánica del perdón sino solo en la motivación. Perdonamos a nuestros semejantes, incontables siete veces, no porque se lo merezcan, sino porque a nosotros mismos se nos ha perdonado el rescate de un rey.

“¿Cuánto tiempo se espera que perdone?” - solo nos enredamos en juegos de números, otorgando perdón a cucharadas. Eso puede parecer razonable. Pero el perdón de Dios, que es lo primero, no es razonable, y es solo por el estándar de Dios que debemos medir nuestra propia obligación de perdonar. Si abordamos la abrumadora tarea del perdón desde el lado humano de la ecuación, es posible que nunca encontremos el corazón para el trabajo. Pero si comenzamos por el principio, en la tranquila contemplación de cómo la historia humana flota en un océano de misericordia divina que no tiene principio ni fin, podemos encontrarnos impulsados por la corriente del perdón a pesar de nosotros mismos. Para Jesús, esto es todo el perdón en pocas palabras: Nuestra obligación coincide con la generosidad que hemos recibido, que es incalculable. No importa reflexionar sobre quién hizo qué a quién y con qué frecuencia. Sí, puede haber dolor e ira y ciertamente puede haber una causa justa para el agravio. Jesús no discute estos puntos. Pero a pesar de esos componentes no nos liberará para hacer la única cosa que se espera que hagamos como siervos liberados de todas nuestras deudas, y es perdonar a nuestros deudores, libre y claramente.

**P. Rey**

### Seminario Amar a Dios a través de la creación



El Papa Francisco nos anima a celebrar la temporada de la creación e implementar el mensaje de Laudato Si. Este webinar titulado **Amar a Dios a través de la creación** se llevará a cabo el miércoles 16 de septiembre a las 7 pm. Para obtener más información, visite: <https://www.sdcatholic.org/event/loving-god-through-creation-webinar>



### Nuevo Ministerio de Arte, Liturgia y Medio Ambiente

Lunes 14 de septiembre a las 6 PM

La reunión será bilingüe, los esperamos. Por favor llama a la oficina si quieres para reservar tu lugar al 619-284-3472.

### Misa por la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís

La Misa por la Fiesta de San Francisco de Asís se llevará a cabo el sábado 3 de octubre a las 10 AM en la Parroquia Imaculata, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110.

El obispo auxiliar John P. Dolan será el celebrante principal. La



misa está abierta para la asistencia, pero los asientos son limitados. Reserva tu lugar pinchando aquí. La misa también se transmitirá en vivo. Para obtener más información, visite <https://www.sdcatholic.org/event/feast-of-st-francis-of-assisi-annual-mass/>



Les pedimos que ordene tamales por adelantado este fin de semana (12 por \$25 a elegir entre verde o rojo y pollo o puerco y combo). También ofrecerán platos para llevar que puede pedir en la puerta el próximo domingo.

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