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*“I received from the Lord what I also
handed on to you.”*

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



*“Lo que yo recibí del Señor,
les he transmitido.”*



Today is Catechetical Sunday! The 2020 theme is *I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you*. Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be commissioned this week for their ministry.

Catechesis is a different and special ministry in the Church. This ministry of teaching on behalf of the Church has a deep dignity, and that is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. Therefore, it is natural that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire Church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others. **We will do this commissioning on Wednesday, September 23rd, during our first catechism classes.**

Parents are truly the first catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and sow the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also entrust parents to take seriously their role in making their Catholic homes a place where the faith is passed on to the next generation. For this reason we will have a special blessing for the parents on this day.

At St. Didacus we are grateful for all those who offer themselves as catechists, passing on the faith to others in our community. We recognize and give our gratitude to the teachers of the school, our Religious Education teachers and parent teachers, our RCIA team, our Confirmation teachers and youth leaders, and to those parents and families involved in the school's Christian Action Program. Thank you to all of them for the important work they do! Pray for them as they begin their ministry in this new school year.

A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists.

We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word.

Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

St. Did's Nook

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Stick to God's schedule

"If there's one thing I've learned in life, it's that things happen by God's Rolex not my Timex." Those words were shared at a reunion between two coworkers long after they both gave up trying to set the course of their lives on a timetable. They had spent a lot of time over the years on the "pity pot," as one of them called it, measuring, calculating, and weighing. And no matter how they figured it, God was shortchanging them. It just wasn't fair.

Then, at a certain point, tired of listening to their own and the other's whines, they both realized that perhaps they were going about their situations all wrong. They started talking about powerlessness, acceptance, and God's will.

They coached and counseled one another whenever the other was down. They weren't always sure of the truth of what they were saying, but they knew it was better than feeling sorry for themselves. They tried to live as if they really believed God was taking care of them and had their best interests at heart.

Gradually their lives got better, or so it seemed to them. Despite all sorts of losses and illnesses, they remained grateful for their many blessings. Some would call this change of heart extraordinary. Others know this is just a day in the life of a practicing Christian.

As comedian Woody Allen said; "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plan." So it is better to stick to God's schedule.

A note: Our church sound system needs upgrading. I heard a lot of complaints about its sound quality. But now, it is creating a lot of noise. The finance council will be deliberating on the two proposals submitted. But, if some of you have some dime to spare, we would gladly accept it. Just note it in the memo or on the envelope that your donation is intended for the sound system. The new sound system will integrate a camera to live stream our celebration. This will be another level of upgrade. We will post the total amount of the project once a proposal is approved.

Adult Education Opportunity to Learn More About Your Catholic Faith



You are invited to join Elena Platas, our Director of Religious Education, her RCIA team and our RCIA participants for their weekly Zoom class on Thursdays at 6pm. Elena will be showing videos and using other resources to teach

about our Catholic faith. Contact her at the parish office or email her at elena@stdidacuschurch.org for more information about joining the Zoom class.

Truths of Our Catholic Faith

God is indeed generous. Sheer generosity and love motivated God to create our universe and rests behind the fact that He sustains our existence day-by-day.



The Lord God is free to do as He wishes, and God chooses to love you.

By love, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. He has thus provided the definitive, superabundant answer to the questions that man asks himself about the meaning and purpose of his life. (CCC 68)

Being envious is a problem. Grumbling against others. Inappropriately wanting to have what another possesses.

Envy is an attitude that often leads to action—bad action. That is why the Ten Commandments end with a warning against this dangerous vice.

Envy is sadness at the sight of another's goods and the immoderate desire to have them for oneself. It is a capital sin. (CCC 2553)

Father in heaven, we thank you and praise you for the gift of this day. Lord, you are the giver and maker of all that is good, help us to live a life of virtue, being loving and generous to all those who you put in our lives. Lord, help form our hearts to you, that we may not have a heart that is set upon our own selfish desires, but rather on serving and giving our entire lives to you. Lord you are so good and merciful to us, help us to be the lights in this world that we are called to be. We pray for all of our youth and families. We ask this all through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Pastor, Rev. Reynaldo Roque
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Parish Office 619-284-3472

Mass Intentions**Saturday.....September 19**

5:00pm.....Loretta Calfee, Spec. Int.

Sunday.....September 20

8:30am.....† Louise Curzon

10:00am.....People of St. Didacus

11:30am.....† Carlos Fuentes

Monday.....September 21

7:30am.....† Ronald & Gerald Redmond

Tuesday.....September 22

6:00pm.....† Jeanette Murray

Wednesday.....September 23

7:30am.....† Carolyn Curiel Hastings & Joseph Hastings

Thursday.....September 24

7:30am.....† Betty Knox

7:00pm.....† Carlos Fuentes

Friday.....September 25

7:30am.....† Mae Machinsky

Saturday.....September 26

5:00pm.....† Ed Sanclemente

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

PRAYER LIST

Tony Allen

Tessa Anderson

Diann Bauer

Dan Bauer

Martha Becerra

Bob Bellesi

Herminia Brignoni

Gail Cedercrans

Fred Cepeda

Irene Davis

Bob Demers

Josie Demers

Mick Donahue

Cecelia Dueber

Carlita Durand

Daniel Galvan

Susan Guenzel

Anthony Flores

Tony Flores

Rocio Frias

Stan Hammack

Dolores Hansel

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Elizabeth La Costa

Irene Lazo

Juanita Lopez

Paul Mansell

Miguel Martinez

Terrence McCabe

Emma McPherson

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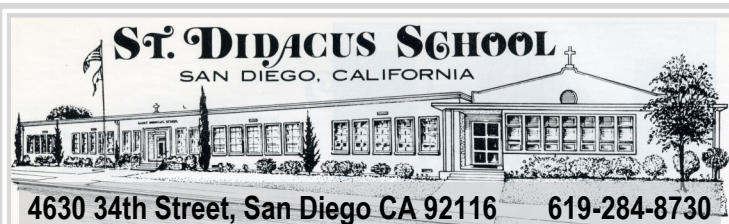
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*And the special intentions
in our Book of Needs*

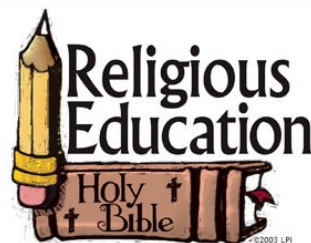


Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Instead of commissioning our school catechists at Mass today, Fr. Rey will hold a special ceremony for the teachers and staff of the school on Wednesday.

May God bless them and the important work they do of handing on our faith to the next generation.

Religious Education News



Our first meeting of parents whose children are registered in our CCD program is Wednesday, September 23rd 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Parish Hall and on the Church lawn.

PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE.

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-assisi-annual-mass/>.



The Divine Mercy Group is selling Mexican Food after Mass on Sunday

If you pre-ordered tamales you can pick them up in the hall on Sunday from 8:30am-1pm. They also have other food available for take-out. Stop by the hall after Mass to pick something up for lunch! Your purchases support our parish.

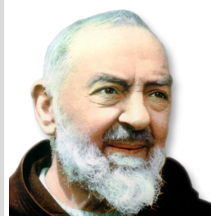


Join us for our annual
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
Saturday, October 3rd @ 8am (new time!)



Gather your favorite animal friends and bring them to the HALL parking lot (new place!) for a special blessing in honor of St. Francis' feast day.

Along with St. Francis, we give thanks and praise to God for all living creatures!



St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Feast Day Wednesday, September 23rd

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16th, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity."

Two excellent books that will help you come to know Padre Pio better: **Pray, Hope and Don't Worry, True Stories of Padre Pio**— Book 1 & Book 2 by Diane Allen. They are both filled with personal testimonies of those who had encounters with Padre Pio during his lifetime.

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence



around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay. ©LPi



Grand Knight Mick Hammock is shown with our Pastor and Sir Knight, Fr. Rey Roque, presenting him with a Council donation of \$2,000 to go to our Religious Education program. Many thanks to all the Knights who serve our parish community.

Dear Parish Family,

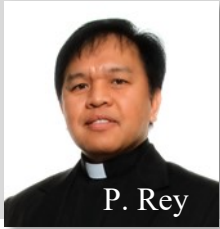
God's plans for me have taken a surprising turn and to an unexpected place – *Tennessee*. It is with a heavy heart that I tell you that my husband and I will be moving because his company is relocating their headquarters to Nashville. We are working out all the details and don't have an exact date for our move but it will likely happen in the next month or two.



It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of our school and parish community for the past 25 years. I am grateful to have been able to serve you as part of the office staff for the past 13 years. I give thanks to our parish priests who have allowed me to learn and grow in my knowledge of the Church. I am especially thankful to have worked alongside Elena and Marka as part of the office staff. They serve our parish with such love and dedication and I have been so blessed to have been a part of such a special team.

I also give thanks to God for all of you—you have answered my calls for help without hesitation, you have shared your lives and your faith and have enriched my life more than you will ever know. I will carry you all in my heart. I will continue to work in the parish office until we are ready to make our move and I look forward to having the chance to say my goodbyes (probably with many tears!).

Cindy Tiano
Administrative Assistant



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Limitate al tiempo de Dios

"Si hay algo que he aprendido en la vida, es que las cosas suceden con el Relox de Dios, no con mi Timex". Esas palabras fueron compartidas en una reunión entre dos compañeros de trabajo mucho después de que ambos dejaron de intentar establecer el curso de sus vidas en un tiempo. Habían pasado mucho tiempo a lo largo de los años en la "olla de la lástima", como lo llamó uno de ellos, midiendo, calculando y pesando. Y no importa cómo lo pensaron, Dios los estaba engañando. Simplemente no era justo.

Luego, en un momento, cansados de escuchar sus propias quejas, ambos se dieron cuenta de que tal vez estaban haciendo algo mal en sus situaciones. Y comenzaron a hablar de impotencia, aceptación y la voluntad de Dios.

Se entrenaban y se aconsejaban mutuamente cuando el otro estaba deprimido. No siempre estaban seguros de la verdad de lo que decían, pero sabían que era mejor que sentir lástima por ellos mismos. Intentaron vivir como si realmente creyeran que Dios los estaba cuidando y se preocupara por sus mejores intereses.

Gradualmente sus vidas mejoraron, o eso pareció. A pesar de todo tipo de pérdidas y enfermedades, permanecieron agradecidos por sus muchas bendiciones. Algunos llamarían que eran extraordinarios en este cambio de opinión. Otros saben que este es solo un día en la vida de un cristiano practicante.

Como dijo el comediante Woody Allen; "Si quieres hacer reír a Dios, cuéntale tu plan". Entonces es mejor limitarse al tiempo de Dios.

P. Rey

¿Por qué tenemos un día especial reservado para comisionar a los catequistas?

La catequesis es un ministerio distinto y especial en la Iglesia. Este ministerio de enseñar en nombre de la Iglesia tiene una profunda dignidad, y es por ello que los catequistas son comisionados formalmente por la Iglesia. Por tanto, es natural que reservemos un día para resaltar este ministerio e invitar a toda la comunidad de la Iglesia a pensar en nuestra responsabilidad de compartir nuestra fe con otros. Este reconocimiento lo haremos el miércoles 23 de septiembre durante las clases del catecismo.

¿Cómo se reconoce a los padres como los primeros catequistas de sus hijos, en el Domingo Catequético?

Los padres son verdaderamente los primeros catequistas de sus hijos. Ellos preparan el suelo y siembran las primeras semillas de la fe. El Domingo Catequético no sólo destacamos el trabajo de los catequistas en las parroquias y escuelas, sino que también encomendamos a los padres a tomar en serio su papel de hacer de sus hogares católicos un lugar donde la fe se transmite a la siguiente generación. Por esta razón tendremos una bendición especial para los papas en este día.

La Clase para los papas inscritos, es el miércoles 23 de septiembre e 5:30 a 7:30 PM en el salón parroquial y en el área de césped de la iglesia.

Por favor traigan su Biblia.

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Queridos parroquianos,

Los planes de Dios para mí han dado un giro sorprendente hacia un lugar inesperado: Tennessee. Con gran pesar les comunico que mi esposo y yo nos moveremos a Nashville. Estamos trabajando en todos los detalles y no tenemos una fecha exacta para nuestra mudanza, pero es probable que ocurra en los próximos meses.

Ha sido un honor y un privilegio ser parte de nuestra comunidad escolar y parroquial durante los últimos 25 años. Estoy agradecida de haber podido servirles como parte del personal de la oficina durante los últimos 13 años. Le doy gracias a nuestros párrocos que me han permitido aprender y crecer en mi conocimiento de la Iglesia. Estoy especialmente agradecido de haber trabajado junto a Elena y Marka como parte del personal de la oficina. Sirven a nuestra parroquia con mucho amor y dedicación y he sido muy bendecida por haber sido parte de un equipo tan especial.

También les agradezco a todos ustedes que a lo largo de los años han respondido a mis llamadas de ayuda sin dudarlos, han compartido sus vidas y su fe y han enriquecido mi vida más de lo que se imaginan. Los llevaré a todos en mi corazón.

Continuaré trabajando en la oficina parroquial hasta que estemos listos para hacer nuestro movimiento y espero tener la oportunidad de despedirme (¡Probablemente con muchas lágrimas!).

Cindy Tiano, Asistente Administrativo



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