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**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.**



**Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz, dice el Señor;
yo las conozco y ellas me siguen.**



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MCELROY ABOUT THE PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEKEND

The Holy Father has established that, for the current year of 2020, the **Peter's Pence collection**, which traditionally takes place around the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29th, will be taken throughout the world on the 27th Sunday of Ordinary time, the weekend of October 3-4, the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which we participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. It is an activity that also supports the most needy ecclesial communities in difficulty who approach the Apostolic See for help.

In an act of charity, parishioners continue an ancient practice, which began with the community of apostles. With this gift, we can broaden our gaze and our hearts to embrace the Church scattered throughout the world. The Church then becomes a companion for families and peoples on their journey toward human, spiritual and material development, for the benefit of all societies.

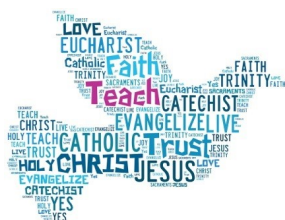
Peter's Pence represents a small offering, accompanied by grand desires and visions. It is an offering that each member of the faithful decides to give to the Pope so that he can provide for the needs of the whole Church, and wherever it finds itself most in need.

We will not receive special envelopes for this collection, so please place your donation (checks made payable to St. Didacus Church) in an envelope marked "Peter's Pence" and drop it in next weekend's collection. Thank you.

UPDATED INFO ON OUR 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 Zoom classes every other Thursday at 7pm. The first class is this Thursday, October 1st.

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.



St. Did's Nook

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Fair game

I always love sports be it soccer, basketball or football. I played soccer in my freshman year and then basketball in the seminary—until the time I could hardly run up and down a field for hours dribbling the ball. But, I never thought of being a referee. I think it is a very interesting way to be in the game but not of it.

What I liked about the game of soccer and especially about “*refing*”(being a referee) was that no arguing with the referee was tolerated. If you tried it, the ref would give you a “yellow card,” holding it up to your face without speaking a word. It was your only warning. Do it again and he would “red card” you, kicking you out of the game if you were a player or off the field if you were the coach. It was the ref’s way only. It taught players patience. It taught them to concentrate on the game and not blame those officiating for their problems. It taught us all to keep our mouths shut. Consequently, when you are a referee, you should take the responsibility to be fair and accurate seriously.

Scripture reminds us that God is just and forgiving. But our actions and our choices make a difference. We can argue all that we want and say what we think needs to be said as we compare ourselves with others. But it is to no avail. God judges us by God’s standards and not by our perceptions.

Fr. Rey

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!**

A GOLDEN CELEBRATION

At the Saturday Mass last week, Andy and Cheryl Asaro renewed their vows in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. They are pictured here with Janet and Dan Schaitel who also recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. Cheryl and Janet are sisters and the daughters of Agnes and Frank Danna. Both couples were married here at St. Didacus Church. May God continue to bless them for their faithfulness to their vocations to the married life.

**Andy and Cheryl Asaro****Janet and Dan Schaitel****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
We continue to take your calls at the
Parish Office 619-284-3472

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....September 26

5:00pm.....†Ed Sanclemente

Sunday.....September 27

8:30am.....Gail Cedercrans, Spec. Int.

10:00am.....†Belen de Guzman, †Salvador de Guzman

11:30am.....People of St. Didacus,

.....†Carlos Fuentes, †Juan Antonio Alvarado

Monday.....September 28

7:30am.....Jean Woody, Spec. Int.

Tuesday.....September 29

6:00pm.....Ornelas Family, Spec. Int.

Wednesday.....September 30

7:30am.....Kimberly Hoover, Spec. Int.

Thursday.....October 1

7:30am.....Glyssa Alcazar Robles, Spec. Int.

7:00pm.....†Carlos Fuentes

Friday.....October 2

7:30am.....†Clara Geschwender

Saturday.....October 3

5:00pm.....†Cora Darnell

Readings for the week of September 27, 2020

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

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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

Hernandez Family

Jennifer Hughes & Family

Al Hunt

Joanne Hunt

Ponciano Jimenez

Emily Johnson

Paul Kasha

Meri Kerekanich

Kerekanich Family

Marilyn Kober

Elizabeth La Costa

Irene Lazo

Juanita Lopez

Paul Mansell

Miguel Martinez

Terrence McCabe

Emma McPherson

Dolores Mediano

Peter Napolitano

Alex Piatek

Lupita Plascencia

Judith Pratt

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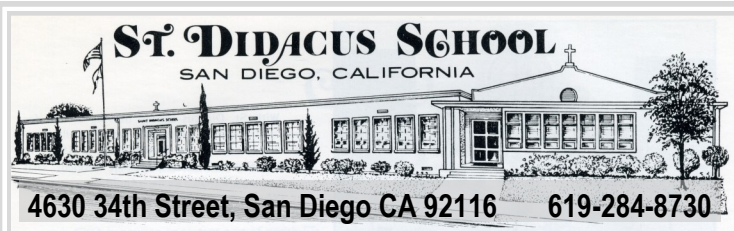
Maria Winters

Jean Woody

Helen Yturralde

Joan Venverloh

*And the special intentions
in our Book of Needs*



Because of Covid-19 we were not able to have in-person Masses in May. For this reason, we had to reschedule the First Holy Communion for our school children. A special Mass will be held on **Saturday, October 3rd** for these students receiving their First Holy Communion and their families.

We are happy to welcome these St. Didacus students to the Lord's table:

**Peyton Anderson
Anton Cobarrubias
Rory Dougherty
Aurelia Escobedo
Jordyn Franco
Cruz Gyamfi
Delwayne Jones
Isaac Gonzalez
Max Moran
Jackson M. Nation
Adam Palomares
Rocco Tarantino**



Family Masses

The school will be implementing the Christian Action Program again this year. This program includes having students and their families take an active role at Mass. Once a month one of the grades will participate at Mass. In the past it has been at a 10am Sunday Mass, but this year will take place at the 5pm Saturday Mass. **The next school Mass will be 5pm on Saturday, October 3rd with the 7th graders.**

Many thanks to the Lay family for representing the 8th grade class at last week's Family Mass.



40 Days for Life

We have entered into the 40 Days for Life Campaign!



40 Days for Life Campaign is a continuous prayer vigil for 40 days in front of five abortion centers in San Diego County. This is a peaceful, legal event that is occurring at the same time in hundreds of cities throughout the world, including 50 locations in California this year. More than 17,200 babies have been saved and 107 abortion centers closed during 40 Days for Life since it started in 2007.

The 24 hour prayer vigil begins Sept 23rd and runs through Nov 1st. To sign up for a location visit the diocese website: <https://www.sdccatholic.org/office-for-life-peace-and-justice/culture-of-life/abortion/40-days-for-life-campaign/>

Remembering the Angels this Week

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels Feast day Tuesday, September 29th

Jews and Christians have always recognized and revered angels—created spiritual beings who are neither human nor divine. Scripture depicts angels as messengers of God and manifestations of God's glory and power, but only three are named in the Scriptures. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael have traditionally held special roles in salvation history as agents of God who minister to human beings.

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels Friday, October 2nd

Jesus referred to the angels in Matthew 18:10, saying of children, "I tell you in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven." Traditional belief assigns an individual angel to each person, a reminder of the precious significance every soul has to God.

Dear St. Didacus Families,

We are collecting personal stories and pictures to thank Cindy Tiano for her love and dedication to our parish over the past 13 years. Please send in your personal story, thank you, or pictures in appreciation of her work for the parish, directly to Elena Platas at elena@stdidacusparrish.org. All letters or creative digital pictures should be submitted by October 2, 2020. If you have any questions, please call Elena at 619-284-3472. Thank you.



What prompts you to make the decisions you make? When confronted with a decision, whether one that is more trivial and mundane or one that is more significant and profound, we rely on guidance. That guidance can be the result of impulse and passion or the fruit of the interior voice of conscience. Decisions made on impulse and passion can be misguided and erroneous. Decisions based on conscience, or the moral voice within, will reflect the depth and maturity of our soul work. A more contemplative soul will make more contemplative decisions. A less developed conscience will make decisions based on the individual's level of development.

Conversion and a change of heart are at the core of Jesus' message precisely because of this reality. We are works in progress. For the person on fire with the Holy Spirit and centered on God, life reflects an ever-deepening awareness and heightened sense of God's presence and a greater willingness to do God's will. What is happening internally is validated by what is witnessed externally. The hypocrite is the one who says yes when they really mean no. From the start, they had no desire to do the virtuous act but wanted to outwardly appear as if they did.

Where are you on the road of integrity? Honesty is all that is required. God is good with that. It is okay to struggle with our decisions and wrestle with ourselves. Consciences on the path to maturity and greater depth are not always going to know what action is immediately best. We may, at first, say no to what we know is right and, after prayerful reflection and thought, come around to doing it. Conversion happens when our no changes to yes, regardless of how sinful or out of sync we may be at the time. God is anxious to welcome us to Himself. But we cannot embrace Him unless we want to. Learning to orient our gift of free will to what is of divine origin, right, and best is a discipline we must always tweak and perfect.

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"The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life." (National Directory for Catechesis)

On the Cover: Fr. Rey commissions the teachers and staff of the school in their ministry as catechists. This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting 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.

Thanks to Angela McGinnis for the great photos!



Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Thursday, October 1st



"Those who concentrate on the life and doctrine of this child of Carmel who died at the age of twenty-four are seized with wonder and admiration. They discover, in fact, that her contribution to spirituality is as original as it is profoundly traditional. They also discover that hidden under the Gospel-like simplicity of her message of 'the little way of childhood' is a spiritual structure both strong and perfectly balanced from the theological point of view. Her life of love of the absolute and of absolute love is of rare depth and fullness. It was a combination of certain interrelated spiritual principles and constitutes a true doctrine: this is 'the little way of childhood'. This doctrine is derived from a rediscovery of the central teaching of the Gospel, which may be expressed in this sentence: We are, in Christ, God's children, and we ought to love our Father in heaven with a filial love full of confidence and abandonment.

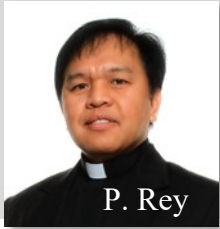
St. Thérèse had very great desires, yet she would never admit that she was a great soul or that she had the strength necessary to do great things, like the saints who had been proposed to her as models. So she had to find a way in keeping with this littleness of which she was so deeply conscious. More than this: she sought a way that depended on this very weakness. Had not the Apostle said: 'When I am weak then I am strong'... Confidence in God led St. Thérèse by paths of self-forgetfulness and poverty of spirit, to a wonderful simplification of the spiritual life. As she made spiritual childhood her own, so she made poverty of spirit her own. She aspired to be nothing more than 'a poor little child' who looks to her Father for everything and who obtains everything from Him because of this same poverty.

When we look at the life of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus we are struck by its simplicity and wonderful transparency. We are amazed to discover through her not only the purest Gospel teaching but Christ Himself. We also notice that the unity of her spiritual life, and death are of a price, yield the same tone, and are proof of an equal plenitude. Like her Master, Thérèse is true, and also like Him, her person and her message are one."

"Excerpt taken from *Carmelite Spirituality in the Teresian Tradition* By Paul-Marie of the Cross, O.C.D. Translated by Kathryn Sullivan, R.C.S.J." from the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles.

—spiritualdirection.com

Many thanks to the Divine Mercy Group and to everyone who purchased food last Sunday. They raised \$1,200 for the needs of the parish.



P. Rey

Rincón de San Did's
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Juego justo

Siempre me han encantado los deportes, ya sea fútbol, el baloncesto o el soccer. Jugué fútbol en mi primer año y luego baloncesto en el seminario; hasta el momento en que apenas yo podía correr arriba y abajo de un campo durante horas botando la pelota. Pero nunca pensé en ser el árbitro. Creo que es una forma muy interesante de estar en el juego pero no en él.

Lo que me gustó sobre todo de ser árbitro de fútbol fue que no era permitido discutir con el árbitro; si lo intentabas, el árbitro te daría una "tarjeta amarilla", sosteniéndola frente a tu cara sin decir una palabra. Esta era la única advertencia, si lo hacías de nuevo y él arbitro te "daría una tarjeta roja", echándote del juego si eras un jugador o fuera del campo si eras el entrenador. Este es el papel del árbitro, es enseñarles a los jugadores a tener paciencia, a concentrarse en el juego y a no culpar a los árbitros por sus problemas. El arbitro nos enseñaba a todos a mantener la boca cerrada. En consecuencia, cuando usted es el árbitro, debe tomar en serio la responsabilidad de ser justo y preciso.

Las Escrituras nos recuerdan que Dios es justo y nos perdona. Pero nuestras acciones y nuestras elecciones marcan la diferencia. Podemos discutir todo lo que queramos y decir lo que pensamos que debe decirse mientras nos comparamos con los demás. Pero es en vano. Dios nos juzga por las normas de Dios y no por nuestras percepciones.

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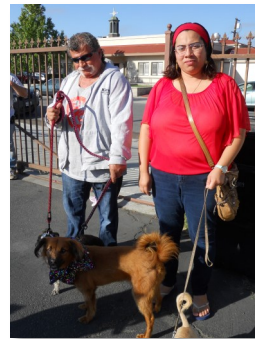
Octubre mes del Rosario

El mes de octubre de cada año está dedicado al Santísimo Rosario. Esto se debe principalmente al hecho de que esta fiesta litúrgica de Nuestra Señora del Rosario se celebra anualmente el 7 de octubre. Fue instituida para honrar a la Santísima Virgen María en agradecimiento por la protección que da a la Iglesia en respuesta a la oración de la Rosario de los fieles. Les invitamos a rezar el rosario en este mes dedicado a él.



Muchas Gracias

Muchas Gracias por la venta de comida el domingo pasado, el grupo recaudo **\$1,200.00** que nos ayudaran con los gastos de la iglesia.



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Miércoles 25 de noviembre

6:00pm - 7:00pm

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Para recibir información sobre estos eventos por favor comuníquese con Ricardo Márquez

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