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**If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts.**

**Señor, que no seamos
sordos a tu voz.**



Holy Land Collection Next 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 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 or drop your contribution (checks payable to St. Didacus Church) in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Holy Land."



The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Labor Day Monday, September 7th. Join us for Labor Day Mass at 9am (no 7:30am Mass that day)

This Labor Day, we pray for the men and women whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. We pray for their continued perseverance and determination as they continue to seek ways in which to participate in God's creative work.

Friday, September 11th is Patriot Day

We remember all those who lost their lives in the 2001 attacks. We pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families, that they may find comfort and peace.



St. Did's Nook

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Reconciliation strategy

"Mommy, she hit me!" "Yeah, but he hit me first!" A wise parent knows not to enter into that kind of morass without a game plan. In today's gospel, Jesus offers a strategy for reconciliation when one member of the church sins against another. Most people when offended want to appeal to a higher authority (e.g., yell for Mommy or Daddy to intervene), but Jesus instructs the apostles to make the first attempt directly with the one who hurt them. Jesus' aim was always inclusion and reconciliation.

Family life expert Barbara Coloroso offers good advice when kids are at odds and appeal to the parent: *Put the ball back in their court.* She recommends that parents help the kids develop the skills at reconciliation, skills we don't seem born with. That includes listening, empathizing, and respecting the other's viewpoint. In her bestseller *Kids Are Worth It!* she offers this cure for when your kids are calling on you to referee: Hand one a pencil and the other a notebook. Tell them to sit until they come up with a single account of what occurred that they both can agree on.

When we're at odds, the point is not to prove who's right or wrong, but to regain connection. After all, Jesus came so that all may be one. We can start by being one with the one we're at odds with.

Fr. Rey

Ever-Present God, help us to remember that it is Your presence that gives us the ability to live in harmony with one another and to resolve difficulties. It is Your presence that calls us to pray together and to share Your life. Thank you for being with us. Amen.

The St. Didacus Mental Health Ministry invites you to a "Care—Prayer—Support" Gathering Sunday, September 6th 7:00pm—7:45pm in the St. Didacus Prayer Garden



You are invited to experience the comfort and encouragement of God's grace that is possible when you connect and pray with others.

Truths of Our Catholic Faith

Jesus gives His apostles the power to forgive sins in His name. His Church makes available to you the normal, ordinary means of addressing sins that you commit after baptism. It is His will that you celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.



By Christ's will, the Church possesses the power to forgive the sins of the baptized and exercises it through bishops and priests normally in the sacrament of Penance. (CCC 986)

Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance requires a careful examination of conscience. Because sin involves both your relationship with God and your responsibilities in the Body of Christ, sacramental confession is the ordinary means—the normal way—that God wills you to seek reconciliation for mortal as well as venial sins.

One who desires to obtain reconciliation with God and with the Church, must confess to a priest all the unforgotten grave sins he remembers after having carefully examined his conscience. The confession of venial faults, without being necessary in itself, is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. (CCC 1493)

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

—2 Corinthians 5:19

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: English: 1st Saturday each month. **Spanish:** 4th Saturday each month. 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

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| Saturday | September 5 |
| 5:00pm..... | Watson Family, Spec. Int. |
| Sunday | September 6 |
| 8:30am..... | Members of the Altar Society |
| 10:00am..... | Patricia Kneitz, Spec. Int. |
| 11:30am..... | People of St. Didacus |
| Monday | September 7 |
| 9:00am..... | †Neil Boyle |
| Tuesday | September 8 |
| 6:00pm..... | Ornelas Family, Spec. Int. |
| Wednesday | September 9 |
| 7:30am..... | †Ronnie Scinocca |
| Thursday | September 10 |
| 7:30am..... | Rita Wolkiewicz, Spec. Int. |
| 7:00pm..... | Mary Lane, Spec. Int. |
| Friday | September 11 |
| 7:30am..... | †Frank Short |
| Saturday | September 12 |
| 5:00pm..... | †John Cozad |

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-3

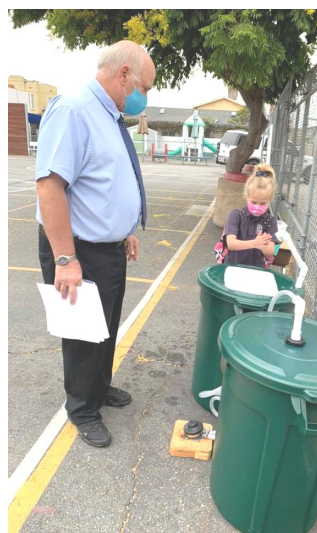
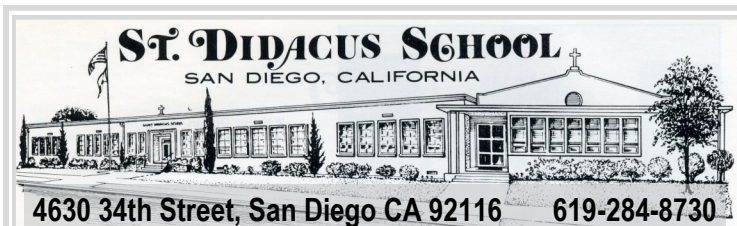
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Jean Woody
Helen Yturralde
Joan Venverloh

*And the special intentions
in our Book of Needs*



This week we welcomed our students back to campus!



We were so happy to welcome back our wonderful cooks! Many thanks to the Divine Mercy Group and to all who bought food on Sunday. They raised \$1007 that will be used to support the expenses of the parish.

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 outside.

The purpose of the Art and Environment Ministry 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 learn more about the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas and how they influence the décor of the Church.

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

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.



Please provide the name of your loved one who died by suicide to KCallier@sdccatholic.org or call 858.490.8324 by September 9th.

Watch the Mass live streamed or on demand following the Mass at: www.sdccatholic.org/survivorloss

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

"Hardening our hearts" is a great temptation. To be human means we will sometimes experience pain and suffering, and yet we can choose how to respond. Do we try to toughen up our hearts and try to protect them further, or follow the way of Jesus and allow our hearts to be softened so that we may better love one another?



It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the

other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed. ©LPi

Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, "Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (no. 2296).

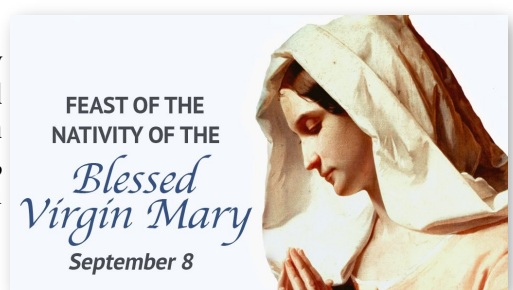


The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called **The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services***. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not "sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor" (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when "performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope" (no. 86). ©LPi

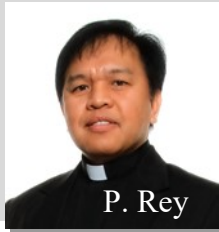
***You can read this 30-page document on the USCCB website. We'll have a link to it on our website: stdidacuschurch.org.**

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Tuesday, September 8th



Only the births of Christ, Mary, and John the Baptist are celebrated in our liturgical calendar. All three are integral to the mystery of the Incarnation. Most of what we know about the early life of Mary is found in the Protoevangelium of James, an apocryphal gospel from the second century, a source that does not bear the authority of canonical Scripture. Indeed, Mary's birth was the first of many holy events for this daughter of Israel through whom God chose to carry out the plan of salvation.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Pray for Us!



P. Rey

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Estrategia de Reconciliación

"¡Mami, ella me golpeó!"
"¡Sí, pero él me golpeó primero!" Un padre sabio sabe que no debe entrar en ese tipo de discusión sin un plan de juego. En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús ofrece una estrategia para la reconciliación cuando un miembro de la iglesia peca contra otro. La mayoría de las personas, cuando se sienten ofendidas, quieren apelar a una autoridad superior (por ejemplo, "gritar a mamá o papá para que intervengan"), pero Jesús instruye a los apóstoles para que hagan el primer intento directamente con la persona que los lastimó. El objetivo de Jesús fue siempre la inclusión y la reconciliación.

La experta en vida familiar Bárbara Coloroso ofrece un buen consejo cuando los niños están en desacuerdo y apelan a los padres: Devuelva la pelota a su cancha. Ella les recomienda a los padres que ayuden a sus hijos a desarrollar las habilidades de reconciliación, habilidades con las que parece que no nacimos. Eso incluye escuchar, sentir empatía y respetar el punto de vista del otro. En su bestseller **¡Los niños valen la pena!** ella ofrece esta cura para cuando sus hijos le pidan que actúe como árbitro: entregue a uno un lápiz y al otro un cuaderno. Dígales que se sienten hasta que presenten un solo relato de lo ocurrido en el que ambos estén de acuerdo.

Cuando estamos en desacuerdo, el punto no es demostrar quién tiene razón o quién no, sino recuperar la conexión. Después de todo, Jesús vino para que todos fueran uno. Podemos empezar siendo uno con el que estamos en desacuerdo.

P. Rey



Muchas Gracias al Grupo de la Divina Misericordia todos los que compraron comida la semana pasada, ellos hicieron **\$1007.00** que serán usados para apoyar con los gastos de la parroquia.

También el Grupo quiere pedirles disculpas a todos los que querían comprar comida y no alcanzaron, esperamos para la próxima venta prepararnos con mas comida.

Nuevo Ministerio de Arte y Liturgia y Medio Ambiente

Lunes 14 de septiembre a las 6 PM



La oficina parroquial estará **CERRADA** por el Día del Trabajo el **lunes 7 de septiembre**. La Misa del Día del Trabajo será a las 9 AM (no habrá Misa de las 7:30 AM ese día).

NOTICIAS DEL CATECISMO Y CONFIRMATION

- Las clases para los jóvenes empiezan el martes 8 de sep. vía ZOOM a las 6 PM.
- Las clases de RCIA para los adultos empiezan el jueves 10 de septiembre vía ZOOM.
- La primera clases para papas para Primera Comunión y Catequesis Familiar empiezan el miércoles 23 de septiembre en persona en el salón parroquial. Tendremos dos horarios.

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