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“O woman, great is your faith!”



“Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe!”

From the Desk of the Pastor...
What does it mean to seek the Lord with expectant faith?

This week we welcome back to St. Didacus School our faculty, staff, and of course the students. I am truly excited to meet all of you. I look forward to serving you. Both at the parish school and the church, I would like to make the Holy Eucharist as the center and focus of our teachings this year. There is more to the Eucharist than just going to the Church once a week. If our Christian Faith has a heart it should be the Holy Eucharist. It is the very life of the Church and I hope that more and more people, not just young children, realize its importance.



For this intention we need the unwavering faith of the unnamed woman in the Gospel this weekend. Jesus seemed to ignore the pleadings of the woman for her child, even implying that she was not worthy of his attention. In the end, however, Jesus praises her for her faith and for her love. She was willing to do everything for her child. Because of this encounter we know that the love and mercy of Jesus knows no bounds.

Fr. Rick



Our Sale Starts on FRIDAY!!!

The Altar Society's
BOOK & BOUTIQUE SALE

Friday, August 25th
 8am-5pm

Saturday, August 26th
 8am-6:30pm

Sunday August 27th
 8am-1pm

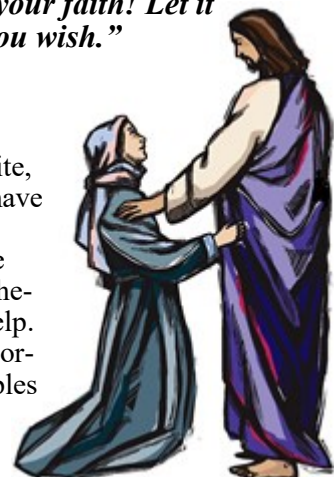


What will you find at this sale? BOOKS, BOOKS & more BOOKS! And don't forget about the boutique sale—we've got only the "good stuff" for this sale! Tell your friends and don't miss it!

If you have books, new items, or like-new items you'd like to donate for this sale, please bring them to the Parish Hall August 21-24 9am-4pm.

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.



In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

—Cycles of Faith

Makes sure to stop by the Hall after Mass today to see what the Daughters of St. Paul have available at their Catholic Book & Media Sale!



The Daughters of St. Paul are religious Sisters whose mission is to communicate the Gospel with the media in the spirit of St. Paul.

For more information, please contact the Sisters at Pauline Books & Media, 3908 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA. Phone: 310-397-8676.

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....August 19
 5:00PM.....†Bart & Juanita Diaz
Sunday.....August 20
 8:30AM.....†Leonard Geschwender
 10:00AM.....People of St. Didacus
 11:30AM.....†Francisca Garcia
Monday.....August 21
 7:30AM.....†Vincent Osita Anadi
Tuesday.....August 22
 6:00PM.....†Mary Luzar
Wednesday.....August 23
 8:30AM.....†Carol Curiel Hastings
Thursday.....August 24
 7:30AM.....†Fernando Casos
Friday.....August 25
 7:30AM.....†Berta Long
Saturday.....August 26
 5:00PM.....†Bart Diaz

The Joy of Giving

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.



General Collection, August 13, 2017: \$3,691.00
Building Fund, August 13, 2017: \$ 577.00

Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!**Sunday Masses**

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

Daily Mass

Mon., Thurs., Fri. 7:30am / Tues. 6:00pm/ Wed. 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wed. 7:30am—8:30am / Saturday 3:30pm—5:00pm
 First Fridays 8:00am—9:00am

Confessions—Saturdays 3:30pm or by appt.

Baptisms: 1st Saturday of 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.

Pastor, Rev. Enrique Fuentes

**The Parish Office is open 8am-noon, 1-5pm M-F
 619-284-3472**

Weekly Events at St. Didacus

| Sunday, August 20, 2017 | Location |
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| Daughters of St. Paul Sale after Masses | |
| Monday, August 21, 2017 | Location |
| Tuesday, August 22, 2017 | Location |
| 1st Day of School | |
| Wednesday, August 23, 2017 | Location |
| Eucharistic Adoration | 7:30am-8:30am Church |
| Men's Prayer Group | 7:00pm Hall |
| Thursday, August 24, 2017 | Location |
| Friday, August 25, 2017 | Location |
| Book & Boutique Sale | 8:00am-5:00pm Hall |
| Saturday, August 26, 2017 | Location |
| Book & Boutique Sale | 8:00am-6:30pm Hall |
| Confession | 3:30pm Church |
| Eucharistic Adoration | 3:30pm-5:00pm Church |

A Little Prayer to Jesus

Jesus, I love you. All I have is yours.
 Yours I am and yours I want to be.
 Do with me what you will.
 Amen.



On the cover: Christ and the Canaanite by Adolf Hölzel, 1926

Readings for the Week of August 20, 2017

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| Sunday: | Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28 |
| Monday: | Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22 |
| Tuesday: | Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30 |
| Wednesday: | Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16 |
| Thursday: | Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51 |
| Friday: | Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40 |
| Saturday: | Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 |

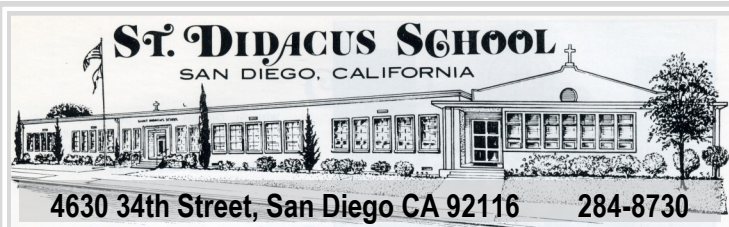
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 Martha Becerra
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 Norm Boyer
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 Ibeth Brignoni
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 Gail Cedercrans
 Joana Cisneros
 Cecil Crews
 Aaron Damishia
 Irene Davis
 MaryLou De Luca
 Pauline Dease
 Bob Demers
 Cecelia Dueber
 Celeste Dueber
 Mary Farrell

Santiago Fontes
 Jerry Goodwin
 Jorge Gordillo
 Susan Guenzel
 Dolores Hansel
 Al Hunt
 Joanne Hunt
 Caleb Jerome
 Carol Keppel
 Genevieve Keyser
 Marilyn Kober
 Elizabeth La Costa
 Virginia Lantry
 Juanita Lopez
 Maria Lopez
 Marlene S. Magers
 Paul Mansell
 Anthony Martinez
 Rosalie Martinez
 Claire Meighan
 Terrence McCabe
 Trish McCutcheon
 Emma McPherson
 Dolores Mediano
 Vernon Meyers
 Peter Napolitano

Dominick Palestini
 Gladys Palestini
 Lupita Plascencia
 Antonia Raya
 Betty Rios
 Dolores Robertson
 Atina Rodriguez
 Aaron Rodriguez
 Alette Rodriguez
 Jeff Salazar
 Christine Segura
 Mark Silke
 Michael Smith
 Gerri Strachan
 Darlene Jensen Strong
 Angel Tapia
 Pedro Tapia
 Merida Tirado
 Carol Verdon
 The Webb Family
 Maria Winters
 Jason Williamson
 Joan Williamson
 Adalina Zarate

**And the special intentions
 in our Book of Needs**

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We welcome all our students, families, faculty and staff back to school on Tuesday!

Dear God, thank you for our students. As they begin the school year, help them to use the talents and gifts you've given them to do their very best. May they listen to their teachers with respect and open-minds. Help them to be honest and to always seek the truth. Help them to be kind to everyone at school, and to serve others as they would like to be served. May they love You and follow You with all their hearts, soul, and strength. In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen*.

Last weekend we welcomed Fr. Vincent Anadi from Nigeria for the Summer Mission Appeal.



Fr. Vincent told us about the people he serves in the villages in his area, many of them children who are left on their own due to terrorism and poor living conditions. Their need is immense, and he is grateful for your donations to help provide basic necessities to those he serves.

Please pray for Fr. Vincent and all those in his community. We are blessed to live here in the United States and it is an act of gratitude for us to reach out to those in need around the world to fulfil our roles as missionaries.

It's not too late to make a donation. There are special yellow envelopes in the pews for this collection. Please drop them in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office.



Welcome back to St. Didacus School's faculty and staff!

They gathered last week for a morning of reflection and prayer to prepare for the upcoming school year. May God bless them and the new school year ahead!

Unleash the Power of the Rosary in Your Life — Join our Rosary Group

You are invited to join the group of parishioners who pray the Rosary following our weekday morning Masses on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Not only will the Rosary bring peace to your personal life, but it is also a powerful tool that can bring peace to the entire world.

Regular recitation of the Rosary will help you get to know your Mother better. By getting to know Mary better, you will in turn get to know Jesus better. When you look at each mystery of the Rosary, you reflect upon different aspects of Jesus' life through the eyes of His mother.

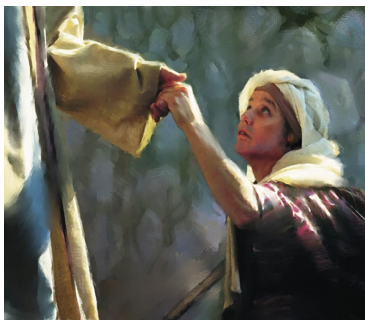
Mary made 15 promises to those who recite the Rosary daily. Here's the first: ***To all those who shall pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces.*** Everyone is welcome. Come as you are able.





**Memorial of the
Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
Tuesday, August 22nd

Mary is truly “the favored one of God.” Her relationship with Jesus Christ was like no other, and God filled her life with grace from beginning to end because of her Son. On this day we celebrate her at her Son’s side in heaven. As Christ reigns in heaven, tradition teaches that God continues to favor the Mother of God, crowning her queen alongside her Son. Even in heaven, her relationship with Jesus Christ fills Mary’s life with grace. On this memorial we rejoice in the fullness of hope and promise God shows us in Mary’s life. She is Queen of Heaven, as God holds nothing back from her in the glory of heaven. Mary’s joy is our hope as she lovingly guides us to join her at the side of her Son in eternity. **Mary, Queen of Heaven, Pray for Us!**



**Miracles and the
Reign of God**

The Gospel of Matthew describes many miracles of Jesus intended as signs of the coming Reign of God. Most of Jesus’ miracles are healings, but some show his power

over demons and nature. People today tend to view reports of miracles with suspicion. That’s because our scientific minds want to believe that everything has a rational explanation. Because of this, we miss the point. People in Jesus’ time were more concerned about what the miracle revealed than in the miracle itself or even the miracle worker. Other people besides Jesus were known to perform miracles. In fact, Jesus’ healing miracles were not taken as proof of his divinity, only that he worked by the power of God.

In curing people of their illnesses and driving out demons, Jesus was revealing that the Reign of God is a place where suffering and evil are banished. By curing sinners, women, and foreigners, he showed that the Reign of God is also open to all, especially outcasts.

Miracles—then and now—point to God. Whether they are easily explained or beyond reasonable explanation does not matter. What matters is that they make us aware of God’s loving presence in our lives. If we look at the events in our lives and ask ourselves what they point to and what they tell us about God’s presence in the world, we might find ourselves utterly surrounded by miracles!

—The Catholic Youth Bible

Spend some time this summer learning more about the men and women of the Catholic Church who lived lives of holiness.

St. Pius X, Pope (1835-1914)

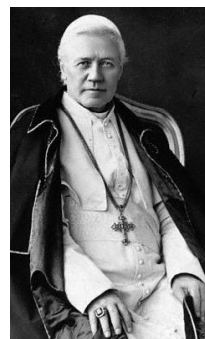
Pope 1903-1914

Monday, August 21st



Known as the pope of the Eucharist, Pius X is remembered for promoting frequent reception of the Eucharist. He did this when Jansenism, a heresy that believed the Holy Communion should be reserved for only a select few, was prevalent. Stating that “Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to get to heaven,” Pius X issued a decree to combat Jansenism allowing children to receive Holy Communion when they reached the age of reason (age seven), rather than waiting until they were older. Pius X’s other accomplishments include reforming the liturgy, encouraging priests to give simple homilies, reintroducing Gregorian chant into services, revising the Roman Breviary, and developing a new catechism.

—Sourcebook



St. Pius X carried candy in his pocket for the street people...

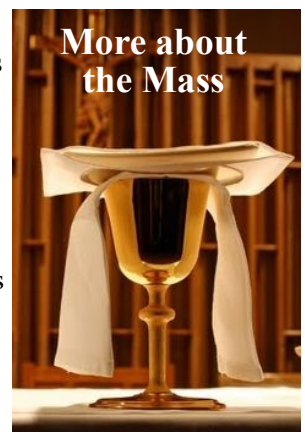
Pope Francis isn’t the first to get busted roaming the streets of Rome talking with street people. St. Pius X began this trend. He was known for keeping candy in his pocket for them. He’d go out and teach them catechism and made many friends among the poor and homeless in Rome and elsewhere, as he had done while a bishop and earlier.

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the *names*,” but “in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our *yes* to all this, our first profession of faith.

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**More about
the Mass**



Mensaje del P. Rick

¿Qué significa buscar al Señor con una fe expectante?

Esta semana le damos la bienvenida al personal de la escuela de San Didacus, y por supuesto a nuestros estudiantes. Estoy realmente emocionado por conocerlos a todos. Espero poder servirles; tanto en la escuela parroquial como en la parroquia. Quisiera que la Sagrada Eucaristía sea el centro y el enfoque de nuestras enseñanzas durante este año. Hay más en la Eucaristía que solo ir a la Iglesia una vez por semana. Si nuestra fe cristiana tiene un corazón, este es la Santa Eucaristía que es el centro de la vida misma de la Iglesia; espero que más y más personas, no sólo los niños pequeños, se den cuenta de su gran importancia.

Para hacer posible esta meta necesitamos la fe inquebrantable de la mujer sin nombre del Evangelio de este fin de semana. Jesús parecía ignorar las súplicas de la mujer por su hijo e incluso insinuar que ella no era digna de su atención. Sin embargo, al final, Jesús la alaba por su fe y por su amor. Ella estaba dispuesta a hacer todo por su hijo. A causa de este encuentro sabemos que el Amor y la misericordia de Jesús no tienen límites.

Regístrate...

Catecismo, Confirmación y RCIA

El próximo domingo 27 de agosto, cerramos las inscripciones, del catecismo y confirmación.



La Sociedad del Altar tendrá su venta de LIBROS Y VENTA DE BOUTIQUE

Viernes 25 de agosto

8 am-5pm

Sábado, 26 de agosto

8 am-6:30pm

Domingo 27 de agosto

8 am-1pm

Es la venta de libros mas grande del año.

Para esta venta de boutique, solo aceptamos cosas buenas, como ropa que no haya usado o cosas que le hayan regalado y que estén en muy buen estado. Gracias por su apoyo, como siempre todas las ganancias son para nuestra iglesia.



Publicaciones Paulinas

Las Hijas de San Pablo tendrán su venta de Libros católico y videos hoy después de misas, aproveche para hacer compra de biblias en espanol.

Una Pequeña Oración a Jesús

Jesús yo te amo, todo lo que tengo es tuyo, tuyo soy y tuyo quiero ser.
Haz conmigo lo que quieras.
Amen.



Para la revisión de vida...

¿Cuál es nuestra actitud hacia la gente que es diferente de nosotros? La actitud cristiana debe de ser de aceptación y acogida, pues ésta es la actitud de Dios. Todos somos hijos de Dios, y queremos la felicidad de todos. Él llama a todos a su casa. Con Cristo, seamos acogedores y demos a todos la bienvenida.

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