

St. Didacus Catholic Community

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"Behold, the Lamb of God."

"Este es el Cordero de Dios".





Celebrating Ordinary Time

As we put away the Christmas decorations and enter Ordinary Time, things might seem just a bit drab. This isn't just a bland waiting-period for Lent. These weeks are an opportunity to focus on the public ministry of Jesus through the readings of the new cycle's Gospels.

Some parts of the year have a specific focus and character while other times

are more "ordinary" and focus on the every day task of living as a disciple of Christ. But Ordinary Time also reflects the changes in the seasons that are going on around us. In the winter, our Ordinary time helps shape the character of the events and activities of January and February, until the start of the season of Lent.

In the winter, Ordinary Time begins after **the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** which is the Sunday after Epiphany. The Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry among us: his saving work. We then move into **Ordinary Time** which is where we live out our response as disciples to continue his saving work throughout the world. For all these days since our Lord's birth until the present are days of wonder and awe as we live out his call to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth and to make disciples.

As the days of January go by the sun's light is growing stronger, the days are getting longer. And while it is still dark and cold and very wet, these are days of hope and hospitality. These are also days to refocus on the issues that our world is standing in the dark waiting for. On the third Monday of January, our country remembers Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and we celebrate his commitment to peace and justice. Peace and justice are also a central part of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Truly, Jesus has called us to be people of justice and peace. The Church Unity Octave also falls in January as we pray for Christian Unity and ask God to help us find the way that will bring all Christians back together again.

February begins with a celebration of light with the Presentation of the Lord: Candlemas. This feast recalls the day when Jesus, the Light of the World, was presented in the temple. Later in the month we profess our love with "valentines" and gifts of chocolate! St. Valentine was a priest and martyr in early Rome. He died in 269 AD. He is remembered for the practice of writing letters of love and support to those who were being persecuted for their faith. These letters became the inspiration for the valentines that we send to others on his feast day, February 14th. While the meaning has changed a bit, God is still in favor of us sending notes of love to one another. **For God is love and words of love can never be said too often.** In a way, the Bible is one long love note sent to us from God. Finally, to be honest, what could possible be more divine than some words of love and a little chocolate. Truly a taste of Heaven!

—<https://www.sacredheartenumclaw.org/>



Altar Society SHOE DRIVE UPDATE

On Friday, Funds2orgs sent their truck to pick up the shoes we collected over the past several months. With your help, we collected a total of 50 bags, or 1,250 pairs of shoes! Funds2orgs will be sending us a check after the shoes arrive at their headquarters in Florida. Thank you for your support and donations!

New Altar Cloth

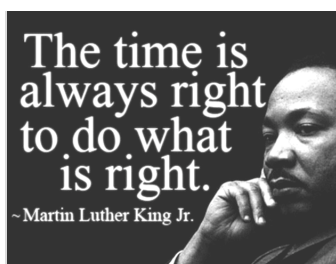
Thank you to parishioner, **Maria Mendoza**, for donating the green altar cloth that we will use during Ordinary Time. Fr. Rick requested altar cloths to be made in green, purple, red and white for all the liturgical seasons of the Church. Maria commissioned **The Sisters**



Recoletas de San Agustin, in Puebla, Mexico to make them. One of the sisters who helped to make the altar cloth is Maria's niece. Thank you, Maria!



The St. Didacus Mental Health Ministry Group is looking for a young adult parishioner to join the ministry and provide perspective for that age group. If you are interested in more information about filling this role, please contact the Mental Health Ministry at 619-940-6193.



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 20th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Readings for the week of January 19, 2020

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23

Help Us Build Up the Community of God

Collection (Envelopes & Cash) for Sunday, January 12 \$3,898
WEEKLY contributions NEEDED to cover general costs \$7,370
 (including salaries, administration, Faith Formation, utilities taxes, operating expenses)

This week's **SHORTFALL** —\$3,472

Total # of registered parish families/individuals 734
of envelope users this week (supporting a majority of parish expenses) 113
Registered parishioners NOT using envelopes to contribute 621

We appreciate your support of our parish!
 Please prayerfully consider how you may increase your giving to help us meet our commitments.

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do. God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

God gave you a talent. He gave you a gift. Are you using it? If not, start.

Mass Intentions

Saturday.....January 18
 5:00PMPeople of St. Didacus
Sunday.....January 19
 8:30AM.....Maria Ho, Spec. Int.
 10:00AM.....†Grace Manning
 11:30AM.....People of St. Didacus
Monday.....January 20
 7:30AM.....Pauleen Ross, Spec. Int.
Tuesday.....January 21
 6:00PM.....†Bruce & Marlen Forbes
Wednesday.....January 22
 8:30AM†Eufemia Encarnacion
Thursday.....January 23
 7:30AM.....†Carolyn Curiel Hastings
Friday.....January 24
 7:30AM.....†William Justice
Saturday.....January 25
 5:00PM†Sara Torres

Weekly Events at St. Didacus

<u>Sunday, January 19</u>	<u>Location</u>	
Monday, January 20	Location	
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED		
Spanish Men's Prayer Group	6:30pm	Hall
Tuesday, January 21	Location	
High School Ministry	6:30pm-8:00pm	Hall
Wednesday, January 22	Location	
Religious Education	5:30pm	School
Choir	7:00pm	Church
Thursday, January 23	Location	
RCIA	7:00pm	Hall
English Baptism Class	7:00pm	Hall
Friday, January 24	Location	
Saturday, January 25	Location	
Spanish Eucharistic Minister Workshop	8:00am-noon	Hall
Spanish Baptism Class	10:00am	Hall
Confessions	3:30pm	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	3:30pm-5:00pm	Church

On the cover: Pope Francis celebrating Mass at a church in Guidonia on the outskirts of Rome in January, 2017.

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: 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.

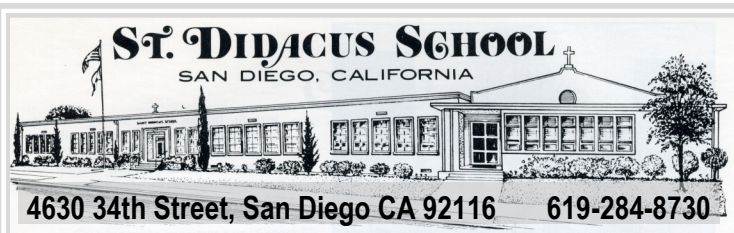
Pastor, Rev. Enrique Fuentes

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

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And the special intentions in our Book of Needs



St. Didacus School's OPEN HOUSE for prospective parents and students is Sunday, January 26th from 12pm—2pm. We invite families to come and meet our teachers, take a tour, and get more information about the school. Spread the word!

Next Sunday we kick off Catholic Schools Week at the 10am Mass. Join us!



Thank you for supporting St. Didacus School's Annual Appeal! It's not too late to get your envelope turned in to support Catholic Education!

Tessera in Culture of Life Ministry is a certificate program offered by the Diocesan Institute. It includes five courses and 30 hrs. of practical skills for *Culture of Life* leaders and interested parties who want to learn the theological background and Catholic Social Teaching principles regarding human life and dignity. The courses are in English and Spanish. The first course begins on January 29th. If you would like more information about attending the course, contact Elena in the Parish Office.



Baptism Classes for January

English: Thursday, January 23rd @ 7pm in the Parish Hall

Spanish: Saturday, January 25th @ 10am in the Parish Hall

You must register before attending the class. Contact the Parish Office to register.



2019 Tax Statements are available upon request only. To request your tax statement, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!



Mass Intentions are a beautiful way to remember a friend or loved one.

There are many openings over these next few months for Mass intentions for our daily and Sunday Masses. This is a beautiful way to pray as a community in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for your loved ones. You can offer a Mass for a special intention or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Please take advantage by calling the parish office to schedule this special gift of prayer for that loved one or friend, living or deceased.

Attention: Parents with students making their 1st Communion this year, please be aware of the following events:

FOR STUDENTS and PARENTS
Reconciliation Retreat
Saturday, February 1st
10am-noon
in the Parish Hall

1st Reconciliation for STUDENTS
Saturday, February 8th
10am in the Church



St. Augustine High School will be hosting the High School Entrance Exam for incoming freshman on January 25, 2020 at 8:30 am. Registration may be done on-line at www.sahs.org. Financial aid is available. Please contact Paul Sipper, Director of Admissions, with any questions at psipper@sahs.org.



Have you been called to be more involved in the Mass? We are in need of both Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors especially for the Saturday 5pm Mass. If you would like more information about these ministries, please contact Fr. Rick.

Donations are needed for our FLOWER FUND

Help us build up our fund to pay for flowers for our altar. Your donations allow us to beautify our Church and give glory to God's creation. Use the special FLOWER envelope that comes with your weekly collection envelopes, or put a donation into an envelope marked "Flowers." Thank you!





Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded

time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

This **Wednesday, January 22nd**, the Church in the United States observes the annual “**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.**” This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. Find more information at: www.usccb.org/january-22

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On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today’s Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, “A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.” ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.’” Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. “I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of “greater goods” and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him “the greatest prophet,” even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God? ©LPi

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18–25, 2020

The 2020 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is “*They Showed Us Unusual Kindness.*”

Annually, leaders of faith communities throughout the world gather together to arrive at the theme for the annual celebration of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year the theme finds its origins in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 27:18 – 28:10).

To conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Diocese of San Diego’s Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs is offering a

Day of Dialogue

Saturday, January 25th

9:00am - 12:00pm

at Our Mother of Confidence, San Diego
3131 Governor Drive, San Diego CA, 92122

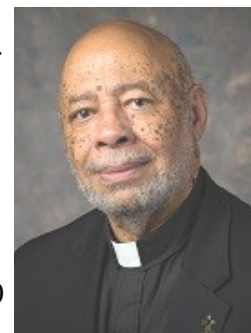
The theme of the 2020 Dialogue is

Creation: Caring for our Common Home

The main presenter will be Dr. Veerabhadran Ramanathan, Professor at UCSD, Member of the Pontifical Academy of Science and collaborator/advisor for Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si*. There will be three Respondents, one from each faith tradition, addressing how their faith tradition is addressing the issue of caring for our common home. Registration can be made at the door beginning at 9:00 a.m. followed by a 9:30 a.m. prayer service in the church preceding the talks. A registration fee of \$20.00 per person is requested to help defray costs.

The Diocesan Commission for African American Catholics Presents
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They Showed Us
Unusual Kindness

(cf. ACTS 28:2)



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

Atención: Padres de los estudiantes que van hacer su Primera Comunión este año, este evento es mandatorio:

PADRES y Niños
Retiro de Reconciliación
Sábado 1 de febrero
10 AM—12 PM
Salón Parroquial

1ª Reconciliación o Primera Confesión para los niños

Sábado 8 de febrero
10am en la iglesia



Conferencia de Medio Año con P. Eduardo Fernández SJ
Sábado 25 de enero
Iglesia de la Resurrección, Escondido, CA
9 AM—3 PM. El costo es \$20.



Para más información y para inscribirse, en el de la diócesis o llame a 858-490-8232.

*"Si no puedes volar, corre.
 Si no puedes correr, camina.
 Si no puedes caminar, gatea.
 Pero hagas lo que hagas,
 siempre sigue hacia adelante".*

- Martin Luther King



La oficina parroquial estará CERRADA el lunes 20 de enero en observancia del día de Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Grupo de Niños de Ms. Marka Herrera, dibujando a los Reyes Magos



El Grupo del Ministerio de Salud Mental de San Didacus está buscando jóvenes adultos para que participen en este ministerio y proporcionen una perspectiva para gente de su edad. Si está interesado, comuníquese con el Ministerio de Salud Mental al 619-940-6193.

Día de Reflexión y Entrenamiento para Ministros de Eucaristía,
Sábado 25 de enero
8 AM a 12 PM
En el Salón Parroquial



DECLARACIONES DE IMPUESTOS 2019

Las declaraciones de impuestos de 2019 están disponibles solo si la pide. Para solicitar su declaración de impuestos, llame a la oficina parroquial. ¡**Gracias por su generosidad durante todo el año!**

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