



Dear Friends,

This Sunday we begin National Catholic Schools Week, our annual celebration of Catholic Education. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." What is wonderful about this theme is that it succinctly expresses three priorities that make Catholic Schools stand out from other educational institutions.

At Catholic schools, our children learn faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. They benefit from high academic standards, which help each student reach his or her potential. They also learn the importance of service, both as an expression of faith and a manifestation of good citizenship. This focus on faith, academics and service prepares students for meaningful lives in their families, communities and the Catholic Church.

I hope that you will join me in expressing heartfelt appreciation to the teachers, staff, administrators, board members and volunteers at St. Didacus School for the important work they do on behalf of the children of our parish. They truly make our school stand out.

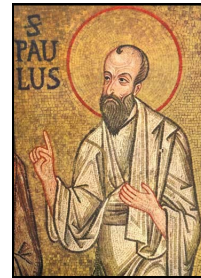
Your brother in Christ,

*Father Mike*

**St. Didacus Catholic School  
Celebrates "Catholic Schools Week"  
January 29—February 5**

**Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.**

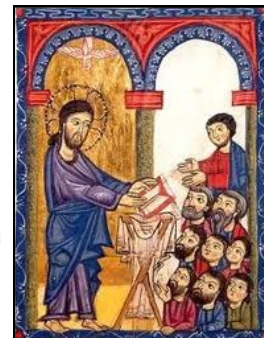
Nobody beats St. Paul as an enthusiastic teacher of principles. As absentee pastor of house churches across Asia Minor, he gave instructions to his little communities on everything from how to celebrate the Lord's supper to how to maintain order in your family. Paul tries to be clear about the level of authority of each of his teachings, however. Some things he learned from the leadership in Jerusalem: these were to be taken as foundational. Other teachings were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Paul took these just as seriously. Still others were personal recommendations he learned from his own experience—but he didn't impose these on anyone as obligations. Into this last category he hung his preference for the celibate life. It just made more sense to the missionary lifestyle not to be encumbered by family obligations.



**How does your present position in life—*child, spouse, parent, community member, solitary*—support or enhance your vocation as a disciple?**

**Words of Authority** Jesus dons no scribal robes, fastens no tassel of honor when he enters the synagogue in Capernaum and begins to preach. On the contrary, he stands in front of the religious assembly as the working carpenter he is. But his words are different, unlike any previous speaker commenting on Scripture. In this man there is nothing of a need to impress the crowd, no impulse to perform or draw applause. He is not like others who compete and seem to have a rival preacher in mind. He proposes no interpretation to shock or sound original. Nonetheless he possesses what we would call today a presence about him, a charismatic quality that turns eyes on him and keeps the minds of his listeners captive as soon as his voice begins to flow. Something intangible in him moves people; the voice and the words he speaks, in their simplicity and strength, convey an aura of absolute truth.

At this early stage of the public life of Jesus, we witness the transition from his hidden life to what will become in time the full radiance of his divine revelation. Before any miracle has healed a broken body, Jesus already shines with the divinity that was one with his manhood. The man who until now has drawn little notice suddenly holds all eyes, even on the small scale of a synagogue in Capernaum. This is not surprising. The authority that permeates his being as the Son of God is released for open view as he enters the public life as Lord. There is a parallel for us in the life of the Church. The appearance of a priest or religious can of course be utterly drab and nondescript. But when priests are faithful to him, our Lord uses them to convey his own presence and even to speak again as he did in this life with the authority of divine truth.



—Father Donald Haggerty, Praying with Mark's Gospel

*Mass Intentions*

**Saturday.....January 28**  
 5:00PM.....†Philip & Ellen Wayne  
**Sunday.....January 29**  
 8:30AM.....People of St. Didacus  
 10:00AM.....David Frias, Spec. Int.  
 11:30AM.....Guillermo Diazchavez, Spec. Int.  
**Monday.....January 30**  
 7:30AM.....in thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart  
**Tuesday.....January 31**  
 6:00PM.....†Janice Morzinski  
**Wednesday.....February 1**  
 8:30AM.....Alan Yturralde, Spec. Int.  
**Thursday.....February 2**  
 7:30AM.....†Janice Morzinski  
**Friday.....February 3**  
 7:30AM.....Eileen Caulfield, Spec. Int.  
**Saturday.....February 4**  
 5:00PM.....†Ernestina Peraza

**Readings for the Week of January 29, 2012**

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
 Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/  
 Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40  
 or 2:22-32  
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34  
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/  
 Mk 1:29-39

**GIFTS OF  
 OUR TREASURY**

THE WEEK OF January 22, 2012



Collection for January 22, 2012

\$4,527.00

Restricted Funds for January 22, 2012 \$ 289.00



Everyone is Welcome to  
 Attend the  
**Anointing of the Sick Mass**  
**Tuesday, January 31st**  
**6pm**

**PLEASE NOTE:** this month we will  
 celebrate this Mass on a Tuesday evening,  
 instead of our usual Saturday morning.

*Weekly Events at St. Didacus*

<b>Sunday, January 29, 2012</b>		<b>Location</b>
Confirmation II	9:30am	School
Girl Scout Cookie Sales	after 8:30am & 10am	Masses
<b>Monday, January 30, 2012</b>		<b>Location</b>
Spanish RCIA	5:30-7:00pm	Hall
Small Faith V	7:00pm	Winona
<b>Tuesday, January 31, 2012</b>		<b>Location</b>
Small Faith III	8:30am	Hall
Youth Night—Conf. I	6:30-8:00pm	Hall
Small Faith I & II	6:30pm	Hall
Small Faith IV	7:00pm	Hawley
<b>Wednesday, February 1, 2012</b>		<b>Location</b>
Eucharistic Adoration	7:30-8:30am	Church
Altar Society	noon-2:00pm	Hall
Religious Ed	5:30pm	School
Leadership Training	6:30pm	Hall
Choir	7:00pm	Church
<b>Thursday, February 2, 2012</b>		<b>Location</b>
RCIA	7:00pm	Hall
Spanish Choir	7:00pm	Church
<b>Friday, February 3, 2012</b>		<b>Location</b>
First Friday Adoration	8:00-9:00am	Church
<b>Saturday, February 4, 2012</b>		<b>Location</b>
1st Reconciliation	10:30am	Church
Marriage Encounter	7:00-9:00pm	Hall



*Please Pray For*



Maria Luz Arrellano	Rosie Kinninger	Dominick Palestini
Jim Barnes	Maria Koter	Diane Porter
Herbert Baxter	Dorothy Lamkin	Atina Rodriguez
Rob Bayles	Juanita Lopez	Aaron Rodriguez
Herminia Brignoni	Maria Lopez	Alette Rodriguez
Ibeth Brignoni	Sue Medearis	Gladys Palestini
Marie Cavanaugh	Dolores Mediano	Jeff Salazar
Connie Craig	Esteban Mediano	Christine Segura
Bart Diaz	Michelle Monek	Michael Smith
Juanita Diaz	Joe Moser	Raymond Sparks
Maria Fielding	Segunda Ordon	Helen Treat
Nancy Gray	Mary Christine Pacheco	Charles & Therese Tucker
Susan Guenzel	Sylvia Paiz	Pat Weaver
Marcella Halweg		Catarina Zizzo
		Adalina Zarate

*And the special intentions in our Book of Needs*

**Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!**

**Masses**

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

**Daily Mass**

Mon., Thurs., Fri. 7:30am  
 Wednesday 8:30am & Tues. 6:00pm

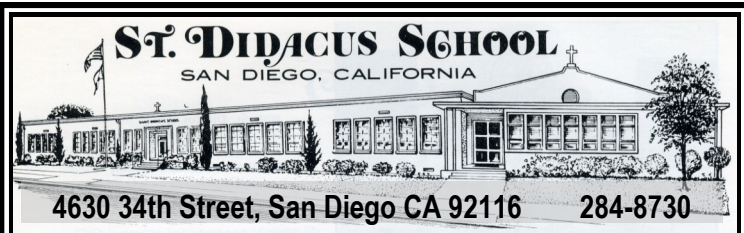
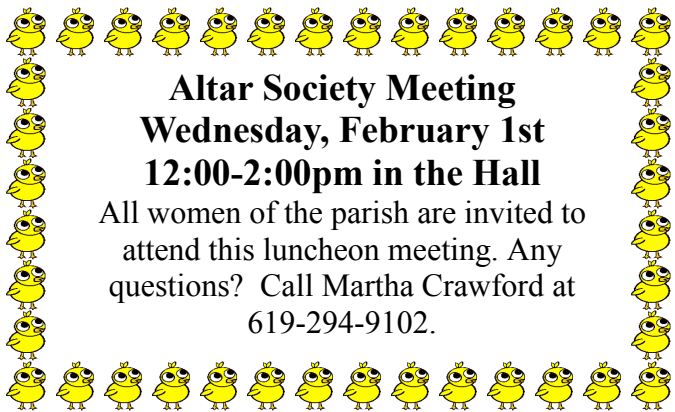
**Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays 7:30am—8:30am  
 First Fridays 8:00am—9:00am

**Confessions**—Saturdays 3:30pm or by appt.

**Pastor, Fr. Michael J. Sinor**  
**Parish Office 619-284-3472**





Faith. Academics. Service. Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Week at St. Didacus

As always, we give thanks for all the people who help our children grow closer to God.

Catholic Schools Week Schedule

- Monday 1/30: Parent Appreciation Day
Tuesday, 1/31: Teacher Appreciation Day
Wednesday 2/1: Pastor Appreciation Day
Thursday 2/2: Grandparent's Day
Friday 2/3: Student Appreciation Day

FIRST FRIDAY Did you know that every hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart? Come and find out. Join us Friday, February 3rd for Mass at 7:30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:00am-9:00am.



Once again, our Girl Scout Troop 3008 will have their delicious Girl Scout cookies in hand to sell after Masses on Sunday, Jan 29th and Saturday & Sunday February 4 & 5th. Proceeds will go to support the San Diego Girl Scout Council and our local troop 3008. Price: \$4.00/box. For cookie requests after these dates, please contact your neighborhood scout or call scout leader, Colleen Maalouf @ 619-565-5221. Thank for your continued support! Troop 3008



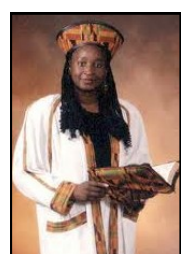
1st Reconciliation Saturday, February 4th 10:30am at the Church



Lectors needed for all Masses We are in need of Lectors for all of our weekend Masses—Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 8:30am & 10:00am. If you're interested in this ministry, contact Sylvin Watson at 619-218-3620.



Commission for African American Catholics of the Diocese of San Diego Presents A Prayer Journey in Faith 'I Have Got to Get to Jesus!' 2012 Diocesan Revival Three Nights only! February 6, 7, 8 @ 7pm St. Rita Catholic Church 5124 Churchward Street San Diego CA 92114 This year's revivalist is Sr./Dr. Oralisa Martin, a prophetic preacher, ardent teacher, revivalist and charismatic healer from Beltsville, MD. For more info call 858-490-8306 or email avargas@diocese-sdiego.org.



CONFIRMATION NEWS Confirmation II Classes Begin: Sunday, Jan. 29th @ 9:30 AM School Auditorium

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. We are collecting palms from last year so that they may be burned for ashes. We will have a basket at the entrance of the Church to collect them.



**St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (d. 316)**

Friday, February 3rd

Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, Blaise suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Licinius, in the early 4th century. According to legend, he miraculously cured a boy who was choking to death on a fish bone. Blaise has long been associated with cures for afflictions of the throat, and the blessing of throats with crossed candles may take place on this day in his memory. May we not fear to reach out to bless and heal those in our society whose throats are closed and whose voices are disregarded or silenced.



—Living with Christ

**REST IN PEACE**

† Frank Lamarka

**Kid's Corner****Thursday, February 2nd is Candlemas Day!**

When Jesus was just a baby, Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple because it was a religious custom of that time for newborn babies and new mothers to be presented to



God and to receive special blessings. Today that custom is remembered, and in many churches the priest blesses candles—and that is why it's called Candlemas Day! Did you ever hear someone say "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness"? That means instead of always complaining about something you don't like, you should try to "lighten up" and find a way to make it better. Think about that!

—365 Fun Facts for Catholic Kids

**The Presentation of the Lord**

Thursday, February 2nd

On this day Christ's faithful people, with candles in their hands, go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him with Simeon, who recognized Christ as "a light to reveal God to the nations." They therefore should be taught to walk as children of the light in their entire way of life, because they have a duty to show the light of Christ to all by acting in the works that they do as lighted lamps. (Ceremonial of Bishops, 241)



According to the Hebrew law (Leviticus 12:1-8), a woman remained ritually unclean for 40 days after the birth of a child. At the end of that time, she was to make an offering in the temple, and thus become clean—that is, become restored to full participation in the life of the community. Another law required that every firstborn son be presented in the temple, and that a monetary offering be made on his behalf. Both these requirements were fulfilled when Mary and Joseph presented the child Jesus in the temple 40 days after his birth. (February 2 is exactly 40 days after December 25).

This feast has been celebrated since the fourth century, as Egeria attests in her diary of a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Egeria was a Christian woman who made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in about 381-384. She kept a diary of her travels, which includes detailed accounts of the liturgical celebrations she attended. It is one of the most detailed early accounts of the liturgy we have. Several translations of Egeria's travels are readily available.

Like most of our liturgies, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord has undergone its share of changes over the centuries. Until 1969, the feast was called the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Now it takes its name from the other law fulfilled that day, the Presentation of the Lord. In the East, this feast is known as the "Encounter" or "Meeting," that is, the meeting of Jesus and Simeon. In the invitation to the procession with candles, our liturgy echoes this aspect of the feast: "Let us go in peace to meet the Lord!"

—2012 Sourcebook

Queridos amigos,

Este domingo inicia la Semana Nacional de las Escuelas Católicas, nuestra celebración anual de la Educación Católica. El tema de este año para las Escuelas Católicas es: "Fe. Academia. Servicio."

Lo que hace maravilloso a este tema es que expresa las tres prioridades que le dan identidad a las escuelas católicas y las hacen diferente de otras instituciones educativas. En las escuelas católicas, nuestros hijos aprenden sobre la fe, no sólo los conceptos básicos del cristianismo, sino cómo tener una relación con Dios. Se benefician de un alto nivel académico, que ayudan a cada estudiante a alcanzar su potencial. También aprenden la importancia del servicio, tanto como una expresión de fe y una manifestación de buena ciudadanía. Este enfoque en la fe, la academia y el servicio les da a los estudiantes una visión en sus familias, en la comunidad y en la Iglesia Católica.

Espero que se unan a mí para expresar mi mas sincero agradecimiento a los profesores, personal académico y administrativo, y a todos los voluntarios de la escuela San Didacus, por su importante labor que realizan con los niños de nuestra parroquia, que hacen de nuestra escuela se destaque.

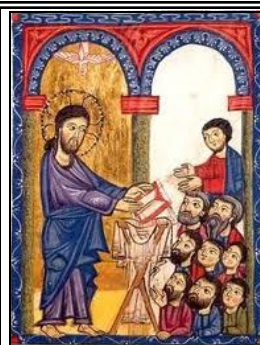
Su hermano en Cristo,

*P. Mike*



**Escuela Católica de San Didacus  
Celebra "La Semana de las Escuelas Católicas"  
29 de enero al 5 de febrero**

Vamos a celebrar el Miércoles de Ceniza el 22 de febrero. Estamos recogiendo las palmas del año pasado, para que puedan ser quemadas para hacer las cenizas. A la entrada de la Iglesia habrá una canasta para recogerlas.



**Las Palabras de autoridad de Jesús** se manifiestan en la sinagoga de Cafarnaúm cuando comienza a predicar, delante de la asamblea religiosa como el hijo del carpintero. Pero sus palabras son diferentes a las de cualquier otro orador. En el no hay necesidad de impresionar a la multitud. Él propone un interpretación distinta a las Escrituras. Sin embargo, posee una

presencia a su alrededor, un carisma que mantiene la mente de sus oyentes en cautiverio tan pronto como su voz comienza a fluir.

Algo que mueve a la gente de la época de Jesús, es su voz y sus palabras que hablan con sencillez y fuerza, transmitiendo un aura de verdad absoluta. Jesús tiene una capacidad para discernir cada situación en particular, es decir, cada pregunta que se le hace da una respuesta clara y sencilla. Mientras otros maestros y líderes respondían con exhaustivas explicaciones y citando códigos, preceptos y doctrinas, Jesús respondía con la verdad simple y llana.

Jesús estaba interesado en la situación particular de cada ser humano: en sus sufrimientos, en las ideas que lo atormentaban, en aquellas cosas que le impedían ser libre y espontáneo.

Nosotros debemos preguntarnos si ¿nuestras palabras le dan paz, esperanza, amor y vida a los hermanos que están a nuestro alrededor? A esto nos invita el evangelio de este domingo. A manifestar en la vida lo que creemos.

**MISA DE UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS**

Todos están invitados a asistir a la Misa de unción de los enfermos el martes 31 de enero a las 6:00 PM.



**NOTA:** Este mes vamos a celebrar esta misa en la tarde del martes, en lugar de nuestra acostumbrada mañana del sábado.

Todos son bienvenidos.

**PRIMERA RECONCILIACION**

Sábado 4 de febrero a las 10:30 am  
en la Iglesia

