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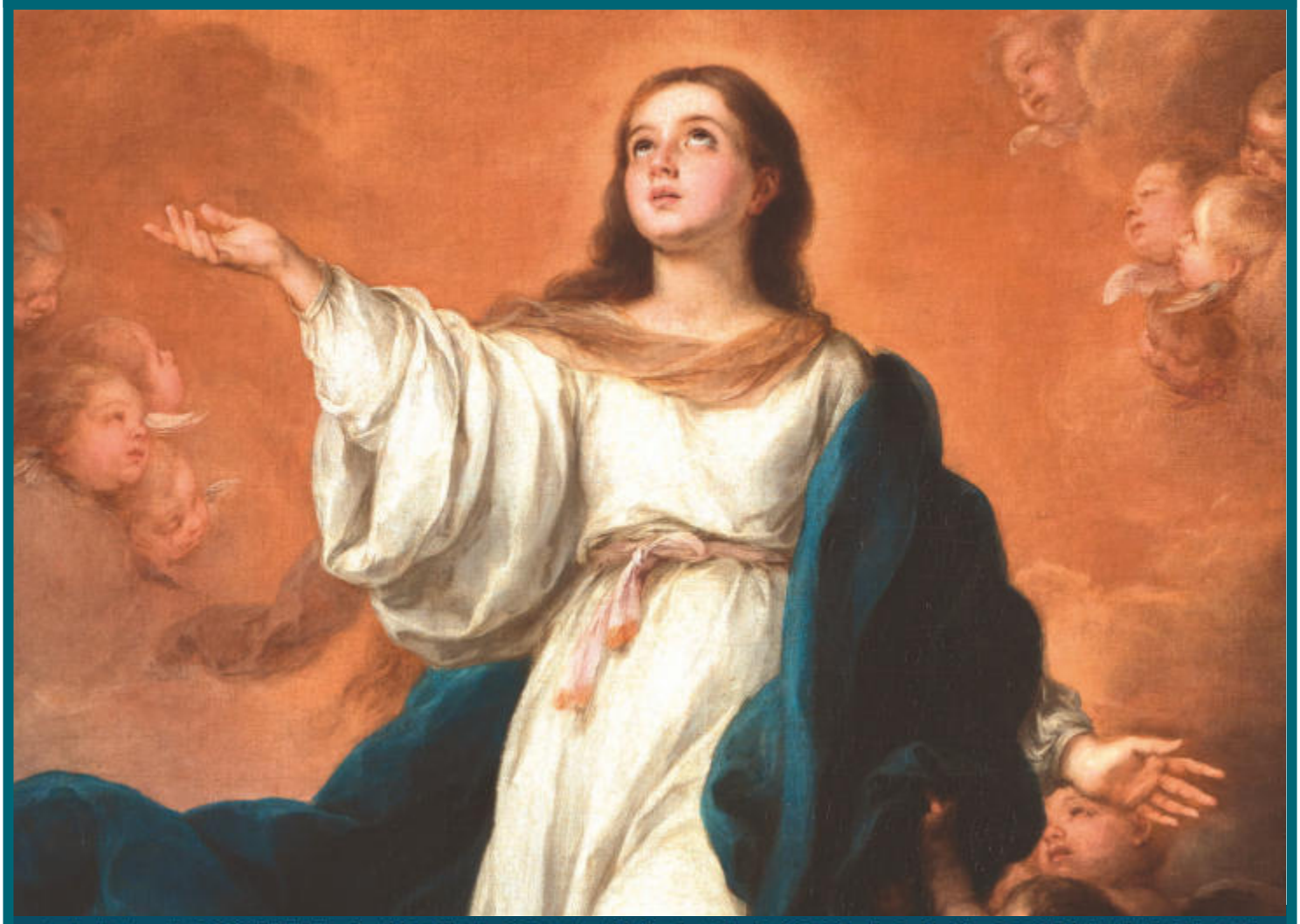

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly." - Lk 1:48b-49, 52

"Desde ahora me llamarán dichosa todas las generaciones, porque ha hecho en mí grandes cosas el que todo lo puede. Santo es su nombre... destronó a los potentados y exaltó a los humildes". - Lc 1, 48-49. 52

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St. Did's Nook

Awakened Blessings

Nowadays, she would have taken out her cell phone and called her cousin. "Guess what?" she'd have exclaimed. But as soon as she found out she was expecting, Mary set out and traveled to see her cousin Elizabeth, who was also expecting. At Mary's first words of greeting, Elizabeth's child (John the Baptist) leapt within her. Theologian John Shea cites this story as an example of blessedness in one awakening the blessedness in another. The blessedness in Mary called forth and awakened the blessedness in Elizabeth.

This is not so unusual in a family. In fact it seems to me to be the usual way things go: One family member recognizes the goodness, the potential, the talent, even the holiness of another family member and calls it forth. A mom will tell her son, "You really have a knack at noticing when people are feeling down." Or a dad will tell his daughter, "I am always impressed with how much courage you have to do the right thing."

Once when I was feeling especially down about myself after a series of seeming failures in some of my parish programs, I remembered my late dad telling me; I knew just what a good and talented son you are." I hope I had offered him the same kinds of blessings in return before he died. So, whose blessedness are you recognizing? Don't keep it to yourself. Let them know.

Fr. Rey

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit". **Romans 15:13**

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Please visit our website for more information about the Family Catechesis Program for K—8th Grade and our High School Ministry program for Confirmation.

Family Catechesis
On Wednesday September 15th, Family Catechesis will begin for all students K—8th Grade

Welcome to our newest Altar Servers!
Altar Server coordinator, Aileen Moran, spent some time with Fr. Rey, Deacon Dino, and this new group going over the duties of Altar Servers. We appreciate the service that these and all our servers provide to our community. May God bless them as they serve Him around the altar.

Welcome to St. Didacus Parish!

Sunday Masses
Saturday 4:00pm
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
Tuesday's at 5:00PM—6:00PM
Thursday's after the 7PM Spanish Mass
Confessions Saturday 2:30pm-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
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Jean Boyer
Herminia Brignoni
Fred Cepeda
Irene Davis
Bob Demers
Josie Demers
Mick Donahue
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Irma Gordillo
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Terrence McCabe
Emma McPherson
Dolores Mediano
Peter Napolitano
Alex Piatek
Lupita Plascencia
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Mark Price
Ruben Ranquel
Antonia Raya
Betty Rios
Pilar Rosas
Carol Schmidt
Beverly Stemper
Phillip Sturock
Vaneza Torres
Maria Winters
Jean Woody
Helen Yturralde
Joan Venverloh

And the special intentions in our Book of Needs.

Mass Intentions

Saturday……**August 14**
4:00pm……† Patti Spieker
Sunday……**August 15**
8:30am……Herminia Brignoni, Spec. Int.
10:00am……† Janice Morzinski
George Morzinski, Spec. Int.
11:30am……Ashley Bañales, Spec. Int.
the People of St. Didacus
Monday……**August 16**
7:30am……† St. Rocco
Tuesday……**August 17**
6:00pm……Diana Rael, Spec. Int.
Wednesday……**August 18**
7:30am……† Betty Knox
Thursday……**August 19**
7:30am……† Genevieve Abel
7:00pm……† Antonio and Amelia Martinez
Friday……**August 20**
7:30am……† Ronald Redmond
Mary Redmond, Spec. Int.
Saturday……**August 21**
4:00pm……† Frank Matranga

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:
We hear in Proverbs how we are called to participate in divine wisdom. *Who do you see as a wisdom figure in your life?*
Second Reading:
Paul sees one pathway to wisdom is to avoid evil, ignorance, and drunkenness, and be filled rather with gratitude. *For what in your life should you be grateful?*
Gospel:
How do you understand Jesus' assertion: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." ©LPi

Readings for the week of August 15, 2021
Sunday: ***Vigil:*** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 ***Day:*** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
Aug 22- Jos24:1-2a,15-17,18bPs34:2-3,16-17,18-19,20-21,22-23[9aEph5:21-32or5:2a,25-32Jn6:60-69

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Welcome Back to School Prayer

Let us pray for all students and their teachers as they begin a new school year on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

God of all knowledge and understanding,
we seek your guidance and direction as both students and teachers begin a new school year.
Look with favor upon those who have given so much to be teachers.
We know the nervousness of new students, and know you are with them.
Give us all the wisdom and patience we need to be good students and teachers.
We ask all of this in the name of THE good teacher, Jesus, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.

Help Wanted!

<u>We need volunteers</u> to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday 10am Masses.

All children from Kindergarten through 6th Grade are invited to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word which occurs during the 10:00am Mass on most Sundays from the end of September until the end of June. This program provides an opportunity for the children to break open the Word in a kid-friendly and age-appropriate environment. After the opening prayer, the children in grades K-6 are called forward for a special blessing and are dismissed from the Mass to the parish hall to experience the scripture readings through listening, discussion and prayer. They return to Mass prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There is no registration or fee for this program. Children are encouraged to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word whenever it is offered. To learn more about the Children's Liturgy of the Word or to volunteer, feel free to call Elena at 619-284-3472.

Authentic Mexican Food!

The Misioneros de Cristo is making and selling homemade, traditional Mexican dishes in our church hall after the Sunday Masses this weekend. Stop by and enjoy a delicious meal. The proceeds from the food sale will go toward the needs of the parish.

THIS WEEKEND— TREASURES FROM THE HOLY LAND SALE

Beautiful hand-made olive wood religious articles made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale this weekend after all Masses. They are brought to us by Bethlehem Artworks—a non-profit organization that provides assistance to over 100 plus suffering families each week.

Plan to stop by their table after Mass and take a look at beautiful handmade rosaries, statues, crosses and nativities. They make wonderful presents; or an opportunity to add a beautiful hand carved religious item to your home to be cherished through generations. The religious articles are made by the suffering Christian families in the Holy Land, and are their means of spreading the word of Jesus, a goal that began two thousand years ago. *The population in the Holy Land has dropped from over 65% to under 2% just within the last ten years*. Crafting the religious articles is the primary means for providing for the livelihood of Christian families in the Holy Land. Your support is needed and appreciated!

Many thanks to Fr. Cesar Santa Cruz for sharing his mission story at last weekend's Masses. It's not too late to get the Mission Appeal envelopes in to the collection or to the Parish Office. Thank you for your support of The Missionary Fraternity of Mary.

Observances for the week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Thursday: St. John Eudes, Priest
Friday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Pius X, Pope

St. Eudes left the Oratorians to found an order, the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, for the renewal of the diocesan priesthood dedicated to founding seminarians and educating seminarians and priests. In turbulent times, St. John always set his hand to whatever work needed to be done, whether it was nursing plague victims or educating and forming better priests and pastors.

August 15, 2021
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?
- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: *What are we celebrating on the feast of the Assumption of Mary?*

Answer:

The Assumption, along with the Immaculate Conception, are two Marian dogmas that have been infallibly defined by the church. The Assumption proclaims the reality that Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. This was God's special gift to her in response to her total giving of self to God's plan and will. The church believes that Mary was immaculately conceived, that is, conceived without original sin. This led the church to believe that she did not suffer one of the key consequences of original sin, death and corruption. The Orthodox Church celebrates the Dormition of Mary, the belief that Mary did not die but rather fell asleep and was thus assumed into heaven. What significance does this feast have for our lives as Christians today? This feast is above all an assurance and hope of our continued life with God. Modeling ourselves on Jesus and living the Christian life molded by Jesus' values is certainly the sure path to God. As a result, God will not leave us orphaned or alone to suffer the emptiness of death. Rather, we believe that death is merely a transformation of our present state into an even more glorious and eternal relationship with God. This is the hope and assurance that Mary's assumption celebrates. It is a celebration of our assumption as well. She is one of us, providing a model of what God has in store for all who love and give of themselves to God. ©LPi

Altar Society Meeting
Wednesday, September 1st
12:00-2:00pm in the Hall

All women of the parish are invited to attend this luncheon meeting. Bring a dish to share.
Any questions? **Please contact Ann Shen at 619-345-3047 or annmshen99@yahoo.com**

Altar Society Transition Year 2021-2022

We would like to invite all the women of the parish to join the Altar Society. Besides providing for the needs of the church altar and related items and responsibilities, we also gather each month for fellowship, learning, food and fund-raising.

For the coming year, please feel free to join us for *any or all* of the following activities. Membership in the Altar Society is $10 a year, due in September.

Events are held on Wednesdays at noon in the parish hall unless otherwise noted.

September 1: Potluck Lunch. Bring a dish to share.

October 6: Healing Mass at the Church, confession, followed by light snack

November 3: Speaker in the parish hall at 1 pm

December 1: Advent Tea at 1 p.m.

January 5: Pizza/school choir in the Parish Hall

February 2: Healing Mass and confession followed by refreshments

March: No Meeting due to Ash Wednesday

April: Soup and Stations
(a Friday night to be determined)

May 4: Field Trip/Tour of a religious site in San Diego

June 1: Potluck Lunch. Bring a dish to share.

Fund-raisers:

***Bake sale and Christmas Boutique**
Dec. 4 and 5th after Masses in the Parish Hall
"Summer-time Fun" Basket Raffle
(tentative)-June 2022

Questions? Please contact Ann Shen at 619-345-3047 or annmshen99@yahoo.com

Notas del Padre Rey
Bendiciones despiertas

Hoy en día, Maria habría sacado su celular y le habría llamado a su prima. "¿Adivina qué?" ella habría exclamado. Pero tan pronto como se enteró de que estaba embarazada, Maria partió y viajó para ver a su prima Isabel, que también estaba embarazada. Y a las primeras palabras de saludo de María, el hijo de Isabel (Juan el Bautista) saltó dentro de ella.

El teólogo John Shea cita esta historia como un ejemplo de bienaventuranza en un despertar la bienaventuranza en otro. La bienaventuranza en María llamó y despertó la bienaventuranza en Isabel. Esto no es tan inusual en una familia. De hecho, me parece que es la forma habitual en que van las cosas: un miembro de la familia reconoce la bondad, el potencial, el talento, incluso la santidad de otro miembro de la familia y lo invoca. Una madre le dirá a su hijo: "Realmente tienes una habilidad especial para darte cuenta cuando la gente se siente deprimida". O un padre le dirá a su hija: "Siempre me impresiona el valor que tienes para hacer lo correcto". Una vez, cuando me sentía especialmente mal conmigo mismo después de una serie de aparentes fracasos en algunos de los programas de mi parroquia, recordé que mi difunto padre me había dicho: “Sabía que eres un hijo bueno y talentoso".

Espero haberle ofrecido el mismo tipo de bendiciones antes de su muerte. Entonces, ¿de quién son las bendiciones que reconoces? No te lo guardes para ti. Házselo saber a los demás.

P. Rey

Evento Diocesano en nuestra parroquia para todas las parejas

Presentado Ricardo Márquez Miércoles 18 de agosto, 7 PM

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Salón parroquial— Evento Gratuito

EL PRÓXIMO FIN DE SEMANA

Venta de los TESOROS DE TIERRA SANTA

Inscripciones del Catecismo y Confirmación en línea HASTA el 31 de Agosto

El catecismo es los miércoles, va a ser hibrido, zoom y en persona y es catequesis familiar en nuestra comunidad de San Didacus K -8 y la confirmación de jóvenes son los martes de 6 a 7:30 PM igual, zoom y en persona.

La confirmación será los martes una semana en zoom y la otra presencial, el costo por niño o joven es de $50.00.

VENTA DE COMIDA MEXICANA

Misioneros de Cristo de San Didacus

Apóyelos después de misa, las ganancias son para ayudar con las necesidades de nuestra parroquia.

La Asunción de Maria

Maria en la tierra siguió el camino de Jesús, vivió sin reservas las Bienaventuranzas, y ahora comparte la gloria de su Hijo. La Asunción es para nosotros un signo de esperanza. Nos recuerda que nosotros también estamos llamados para participar con Ella de la victoria de Jesús, si es que estamos dispuestos a compartir con Ella en la fe y en el servicio a los demás.

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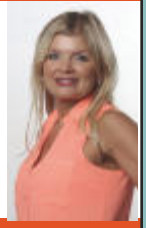

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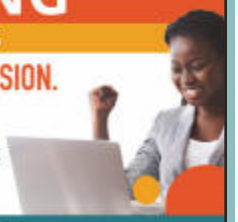
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