

# Saint Didacus Church

December 25, 2011 The Nativity of the Lord

The Gift of God's Word

*Take time this week to reflect and pray over today's readings: Isaiah 52:7-10*

*Psalm: 98*

*Hebrews 1:1-6*

*Gospel John 1:1-18 [1-5,9-14]*

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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*To help you prepare for the Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

*Numbers 6:22-27*

*Psalm: 67*

*Galatians 4:4-7*

*Gospel Luke 2:16-21*



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## Welcome to St. Didacus Church

### MISSION STATEMENT:

To foster a harmonious, loving and prayerful atmosphere within the parish community that will project the love of Christ!

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We invite you to become part of our parish family. Parish Registration forms are available in the parish office or you can download a form at [www.stdidacus.org](http://www.stdidacus.org)

We thank God you are with us.



Peace on Earth to those of good will." This is the last part of the angel's greeting to the shepherds in Luke's Gospel. This is also the **first** part of the Gloria that we pray in the Sunday Mass and on Major feast days. It has been restored to the original translation for the mass in English. For many years we were saying, "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to His people on earth." But the truth is that there are far too many people who do not want the peace of Christ to reside on them. There are far too many who claim to be "God's people," but they don't want the peace of Christ to guide them. They don't want to know the peace of Christ. They don't want to know Christ. For that reason you will only hear, "Happy Holidays," and never "Merry Christmas." God desires for us to know His peace. He tells us, "I give you a peace that the world cannot give." But He wants us to invite Him into our homes. This is the humility of God. He is never going to force His way into our love nor force His peace upon you. This is the season that is meant for us to

be with family. It's also time of reconciliation with one another. We cannot have true peace unless there is reconciliation. That is why Jesus tells, "Reconcile with your adversary on the way to the magistrate. Otherwise, the magistrate will hand you over to the constable who will put you in jail until you have paid the last penny." (Luke 12:58) For the people who choose not to reconcile but rather allow their pride to speak for them, it may seem like a time of incarceration because they are not freed from the sin that separates them from another person.

Christmas is time of peace, and Isaiah's message, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor and to heal the broken hearted. To proclaim liberty to captives and release to the prisoners." (Isaiah 61:1) This was Jesus' message to those in the synagogue of His hometown in Nazareth.

Unfortunately, they wanted no part of Him except to throw Him over a cliff. As I said, God is not going to force His way into our life. This time of year Jesus comes to us not as the fearful God that people are afraid to face, but rather as a helpless infant who needs Mary and Joseph to provide for Him. If you accept Him as He is, this innocent and vulnerable child, He will make the changes in you. He will create a space that allows for you to see beyond the barriers that you have made in your life. And, what is more, He will bring the peace that you truly desire.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father Bob Garon.

Pastor Emeritus, Msgr. Peter L. Amy  
Father Norman Supancheck

"Paz en la tierra, a los hombres de Buena voluntad." Esta es la ultima parte del saludo del ángel a los pastores, según el Evangelio de San Lucas. Esta es la **primera** parte del Gloria que decimos en las misas los Domingos y en las grandes celebraciones. Ha sido restaurada de su traducción original para las misas en Inglés. Pero la verdad es que hay muchas personas que no quieren que la paz de Cristo este en ellos. Hay muchos que se proclaman "Gente de Dios" pero no quieren que Dios les guíe en sus vidas. No quieren reconocer a Cristo. Por esa razón solo escuchamos "Felices Fiestas." y nunca "Feliz Navidad."

Dios quiere que conozcamos su paz, y nos dice, "Les doy una paz que el mundo no les puede dar." Pero El quiere que lo invitemos a nuestra vida, a nuestro corazón. Así es la humildad de Dios. Nunca nos va a forzar, ni su amor, ni su paz. Este es un tiempo para estar con la familia, en familia. También es tiempo de reconciliación entre nosotros. Así nos dice Jesús, "Reconcíliate con tu adversario, antes que llegues con el juez y te mande a la cárcel y te haga pagar hasta el ultimo centavo." (Lucas 12:58) Para los que prefieren no reconciliarse, es igual que vivir presos del pecado que los separa de las otras personas.

La Navidad es un tiempo de paz e Isaías nos dice en su mensaje, "El Espíritu de Dios esta en mi, el Señor me ha ungido." Me ha enviado a llevar alegría a los pobres y consuelo a los afligidos y a liberar a los cautivos." Este es el mensaje de Jesús en la Sinagoga de Nazaret, su pueblo natal. Como les he dicho, Dios no va a forzarnos a amarlo.

En esta temporada del año, Jesús viene a nosotros no como un Dios temerario del cual la gente siente miedo sino que como niño recién nacido, dependiendo de María y José para que provean por El. Si tu lo aceptas a El como lo que El es, este inocente y vulnerable niño, El hará un cambio en ti. Creara un espacio que te permitirá ver mas allá de las barreras que tu mismo te has puesto en tu vida. Y lo que es mas, El te dará la paz que tu tanto has deseado.

Les deseo a ustedes y sus familias, una Feliz Navidad llena de bendiciones.

En la paz de Cristo.

Father Bob Garon.

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# St. Didacus School

Dear St. Didacus Parishioners,

On Thursday our school presented two performances of the St. Didacus School Christmas Pageant. The shows were wonderful. All of the parents, relatives and friends were so pleased. The show featured our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders narrating and acting out the Christmas Story in costumes. Each class performed a song as the story unfolded. It was a joyous way to start the Christmas Season.

Knowing that God's greatest gift to us was the gift of Himself, in His Son, Jesus Christ, the faculty, staff, and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God bless you and your family as we celebrate His birth,

Dr. Joan Shoff

## CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

Let's do something rather daring. Imagine, if you will, this day without carols, no child in the manger, no Christmas trees, presents, or fine, big meal. How would *you* celebrate? For the first three hundred years after Jesus' time Christian communities did little to mark the occasion of Jesus' birth, although commemoration of Jesus' death and resurrection were given great prominence.

It was relatively easy to ascribe a date to Easter, because it happened at the time of the Jewish Passover. However, the scriptures are silent about the date of Jesus' birth. After the Roman Empire stopped persecuting Christians, the church was free to add celebrations to its official calendar and finally settled on December 25 for Christmas. No one knows exactly why this date was chosen. Christmas became a more elaborate festival during the Middle Ages, but with the rise of Protestantism in England and Germany, the feast was suppressed.

Puritans who came to America did not celebrate Christmas, calling it pagan and popish. Only in the nineteenth century, especially after Charles Dickens published his runaway best-seller *A Christmas Carol*, did people begin to observe Christmas again, but often more as a family festival than a religious event.

In one of today's readings, Saint Paul tells us what is at the heart of this day: "When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of His mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so we might be justified by His grace and

become heirs in hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:4-7). Now *that* is really something to celebrate!

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## DIGNO DE CELEBRARSE

Hagamos algo bastante atrevido. Imaginémonos este día sin villancicos, sin el Niño en el pesebre, sin árboles de Navidad, sin regalos ni comida de Noche Buena. ¿Cómo celebrarías *tú*? En los primeros trescientos años después de la época de Jesús, las comunidades cristianas no hacían casi nada para recordar el nacimiento de Jesús, aunque sí le daban prominencia a la conmemoración de su muerte y resurrección. Asignarle una fecha a la Pascua era relativamente fácil ya que sucedió durante la Pascua judía. Sin embargo, las Escrituras guardan silencio de la fecha del nacimiento de Jesús. Después que el imperio romano dejó de perseguir a los cristianos la Iglesia tuvo la libertad de celebrar las fiestas oficiales de su calendario y finalmente decidió la fecha del 25 de diciembre para celebrar la Navidad. Nadie puede precisar con exactitud por qué se escogió tal fecha. La Navidad comenzó a ser una fiesta más elaborada durante la Edad Media, pero con el surgimiento del protestantismo en Inglaterra y Alemania, la fiesta fue suprimida. Los puritanos que llegaron a América no celebraban la Navidad, pues decían que era algo pagano y papista. Sólo en el siglo diecinueve, sobre todo después de que Charles Dickens publicó su libro *A Christmas Carol* (Un cuento de Navidad, 1843) que llegó rápidamente a ser un éxito editorial, fue que se empezó a celebrar de nuevo la Navidad en los Estados Unidos; sin embargo, era más un acontecimiento familiar que religioso. En una de las lecturas de hoy san Pablo nos habla del punto principal de este día: "Al manifestarse la bondad de Dios, nuestro Salvador, y su amor a los hombres, él nos salvó, no porque nosotros hubiéramos hecho algo digno de merecerlo, sino por su misericordia. Lo hizo mediante el bautismo, que nos regenera y nos renueva, por la acción del Espíritu Santo, a quien Dios derramó abundantemente sobre nosotros, por Cristo, nuestro Salvador. Así, justificados por su gracia, nos convertiremos en herederos, cuando se realice la esperanza de la vida eterna" (Tito 3:4-7). ¡Eso sí que es algo digno de celebrarse! Copyright © 2011, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

## Meetings and Events

December 26, 2011 to January 1, 2012

### **Monday, December 26, 2011**

Mensajeros Mtg. Rm. 4 7:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, December 27, 2011**

Prayer for Priest's Church 5:30 p.m.

Abel Ornelas Choir Music Room 6:00 p.m.

Hombres de Fe Mtg. Parish Hall 6:30 p.m.

Mensajeros Bible Study Mtg. Rm. 4 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, December 28, 2011**

Mensajeros Choir Music Room 7:00 p.m.

Novena Church 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry Parent Classes School Gr. 7 7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday December 29, 2011**

Legion of Mary Mtg. Rm. 3 4:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry Choir Music Room 6:00 p.m.

R.I.C.A. Gr. 7 Classroom 7:00 p.m.

### **Friday, December 30, 2011**

Mensajeros Hall/kinder 5:00 p.m.

Coro Guadalupano (8:00 a.m.) Music Room 6:30 p.m.

### **Saturday December 31, 2011**

All Closed

*Please, Contact organization leaders for possible schedule changes*

## R.C.I.A.

This is a process of initiation and instruction for those interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church. It is also for those adults who have been baptized in the Catholic Church but who never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Thursdays at 7 p.m. For more information call Johnny Romero at 818-472-4599

## English Adult Bible Study

Join us every Tuesday Night, 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
in the School 7th grade classroom.

Curious? New students are always welcome.

For more information contact Kurt:(818) 912-1531

## St. Didacus Food Ministry

MEND'S Sylmar Satellite is located in the Old Parish Center. Food Distribution is every other Saturday at 8 a.m. Future distribution dates: 01/07/2012, 01/21/2012, Requirements: I.D. Proof of residence, & birth certificate (children only).

## Rosary Ministry For The Poor

We are in need of Rosaries, Medals and small Holy Pictures, (please, No Cards) to be distributed to the orphanages and Parishes of Africa, India and Ethiopia. For any questions, please call Thelma Zalamea at 818-366-8212.

A box will be placed at the entry of the church.

## Cars For Help

Donate your car. Help the needy. Receive Tax Deduction of \$500.00. Cars for help is a not-for-profit charity, is working to strengthen individual churches and various Catholic charities through vehicle donations. The process is fast, easy, and requires just a phone call or visit to our website. If you would like to donate a vehicle in any condition, even severely broken or crashed, or just have questions, please call us directly at 630-595-9272. You can also donate your vehicle at [www.CarsForHelp.com](http://www.CarsForHelp.com) With mention of this bulletin, 25% of your vehicle donation proceeds will go directly to St. Didacus Church.

## J. S. Paluch

As you may or may not know, J. S. Paluch Company publishes our weekly Bulletin. This service is provided at no expense to our Parish. The advertisements found at the end of each Bulletin pay for the expense of publishing each week. This support for St. Didacus by our local business community allows us to provide our parishioners with important information on a weekly basis. While we are extremely grateful for the services provided by J. S. Paluch Company, none of this would be possible without those who advertise each week. Please make every effort to support our advertisers from the local community found each week in our Bulletin. Say hello when you stop in or call and let them know you are from St. Didacus and appreciate their support by utilizing the many services offered by our local business community as displayed weekly in the Sunday Bulletin.

## Mobile Clinic

Do you have or think you might have Diabetes, High Cholesterol or High Blood Pressure? Do you not have insurance or is your deductible too high? St Didacus Church & Providence Holy Cross Hospital are supporting twice-a-month visits by a mobile clinic where a doctor will be treating the above mentioned conditions at a very low cost: \$15.00 per visit. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please call 818-433-9204

*Tiene o siente que puede tener Diabetes, Colesterol o Presión Arterial Alta y además no tiene seguro medico o su deducible es muy alto? La Iglesia de St. Didacus y el Hospital Providence Holy Cross apoyan una clínica móvil aquí en esta iglesia y están aquí dos veces por mes donde un medico le atenderá a muy bajo costo, solo \$15.00 la consulta. Para mas información o para hacer una cita, por favor llame al 818-433-9204*

## Masses for the Week

### **Saturday, December 24**

5:00 p.m. Jose Rios (B-Day)  
Isabel Sotelo & Colin Gillespi (RIP)

### **Sunday, December 25**

12:00 a.m. Jose Rios (B-Day)  
O'Reilly & Kanowsky Families (SP. INT)  
Genaro & Olsen Families (SP. INT)  
6:45 a.m. Charles & Irene Claire Konzelman (RIP)  
8:00 a.m. Carolina & Gabriel Gil (B-Day)  
Enrique Contreras & Jesus Navas (RIP)  
Claudia Herrera & Maria Concepcion Arce (RIP)  
9:30 a.m. Dom & Maggie Mendoza (SP. INT)  
Shaiy Charan & Robert Yribe Jr. (RIP)  
Romy Galdones (RIP)  
11:00 a.m. Jose Tan (B-Day) Jacinto Galdones (SP. INT)  
Maria Elena Lemus (SP. INT) Erna Salas (RIP)  
12:30 p.m. Kiwi Gonzalez (B-Day)  
Sabino Elusorio Jr. Macario Carrillo (RIP)

### **Monday, December 26**

7:30 a.m. Martha Linda Merdrano (SP. INT)  
Dorin & Ranese Families (SP. INT)  
Angel Dominguez (RIP)

### **Tuesday, December 27**

7:30 a.m. Intersession to Virgen de Guadalupe  
Intersession to San Judas Tadeo  
Antonio Magpantay (RIP)

### **Wednesday, December 28**

7:30 a.m. Conrad Mazo (B-Day)  
Antonio Magpantay (RIP)

### **Thursday, December 29**

7:30 a.m. Francisco Gutierrez (B-Day)  
Manuel G. Vaiz (B-Day)  
Austria Family (SP. INT)

### **Friday, December 30**

7:30 a.m. Salvador Guzman (RIP)  
Crescencia Salvador (RIP)  
Antonio Magpantay (RIP)

### **Saturday, December 31**

7:30 a.m. Austria Family (Thanksgiving)  
Dom & Maggie Mendoza (SP. INT)  
Maria Luisa Carranza (RIP)

## Readings For The Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;  
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12,  
17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

## Special Feasts & Masses

Saturday, December 31

5:00 vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1

6:45, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in English

8 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Spanish.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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## LOVE

Let those who never loved before, love now:  
Let those who always loved, love more.

Anonymous.

## Flower Offering for the Week

St. Didacus Parishioners

## In Remembrance

Let us pray for all who have died, that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord, especially: *Arnulfo Alcaraz, Ramon Perez, Josephine Tapia, Miguel Vargas, Martha Acevedo, Thomas Jimenez, Richard Peralta, Helen Duncan, Cecilia Ross, Elisa Dena*  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
*Que sus Almas por la Misericordia de Dios, descansan en Paz.*

## Feast Days

Monday: St. Stephen  
Tuesday: St. John  
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents  
Thursday: St. Thomas Becket  
Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Saturday: St. Sylvester I

**St. Didacus Church**

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Saturday: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday &amp; Holiday's: Closed

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**Coro Guadalupano (8:00 a.m.)**

Felix Ramirez 818-364-8148

## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

**Did You Know? Keep holiday parties safe for children**

Wine, cocktails and spiked eggnog may make your holidays festive, but they're no party for young children. Children often accidentally drink alcohol after holiday parties, by sampling partially empty glasses and what's left in the punch bowl. Ingesting as little as 3 ounces of hard liquor potentially can be fatal to a child weighing 25 pounds. Alcohol causes blood sugar levels to drop, which can lead to confusion, seizures or even comas. Clear away all glasses and other alcoholic containers immediately as soon as guests leave after your holiday party. Keep the poison control center phone number programmed in your phone and posted on your refrigerator: 1-800-222-1222 For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

**Mantenga las fiestas navideñas seguras para los niños**

Vino, cócteles, o rompopo con vino pueden hacer que su temporada navideña sea más festiva, pero no para los niños. A menudo, los niños accidentalmente beber alcohol después de las fiestas, tomando de vasos parcialmente vacíos y lo que queda en el tazón de ponche. La ingestión de tan solo 3 onzas de licor fuerte puede ser potencialmente fatal para un niño que pesa 25 libras. El alcohol hace que bajen los niveles de azúcar en la sangre, lo cual puede llevar a confusión, convulsiones e incluso coma. Limpie todos los vasos y otros recipientes que contengan alcohol inmediatamente después de que se termine su fiesta. Tenga el número de teléfono del centro de control de intoxicaciones programado en su teléfono y mantenga el número a la mano en la puerta de su refrigerador: 1-800-222-1222

Para obtener ayuda, llame a la Oficina del Ministerio de Ayuda al (213) 637-7650.

## **PARISH INFORMATION**

### **Masses in English**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 6:45 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: (Monday –Saturday) 7:30 a.m.

Eves of Holy Days: 7 p.m.

Holy Days: 7 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Holy Hour: 1st Friday every month 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Daily Rosary** - (Monday - Saturday):

Before the 7:30 a.m. Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Saturday's after the 7:30 a.m. Mass

**O.L. Perpetual Help Novena & Benediction:**

Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation (Confession):**

Fridays: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Eves of Holy Days: 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. & 8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Eves of First Fridays: 4:00 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Misas en Español**

Domingos 8:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. y 6:00 p.m.

**Días de Obligación:** 7:00 p.m.

**Rosario Diario,** Después de la misa de 7:30 a.m.

**Rosario Guadalupano:** El día 12 de cada mes a las 7:30 p.m.

**Reconciliación (Confesiones):**

Viernes:7:00 –8:00 p.m., Sábados: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Primer Jueves del mes: 4:00 a 4:45 p.m. y 7:00 a 8:00 p.m.

**Marriage Requirements:** Six months advance notice

**Baptism Requirements:**

If the parents live within St. Didacus Parish boundaries, they are required to register in the Parish. Attendance at one Pre-baptism class is required of the parents and Godparents. Pre-Baptism classes are held the first Thursday of every month in English at the Parish Center at 7:30 p.m.. Attendance at a Pre-Baptism class in another parish is acceptable, but a certificate of proof is required. After attending the class, the Parents must call to make an appointment to fill out the Baptismal record form and to select the Sunday they wish to Baptize. The parents are asked to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate or hospital certificate to the appointment. English Baptisms are held the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. If the parents are living in or registered in another parish, they need to bring permission from that parish to the meeting, in order to baptize here.

**Godparent Requirements:**

One Godparent, male or female, is sufficient. The Godparent's must be practicing Catholics (attending weekly Mass and frequent reception of the sacraments). The Godparent's must be confirmed and be at least 18 years old. If the Godparent's are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. One Godparent may be a non-Catholic Christian (a Christian Witness) who is practicing their faith. This excludes those who were formerly Catholic.

Non-Christians may not stand as Godparents for a Catholic Baptism.

**Requisitos para bautizar:** Si los papas viven dentro de los limites de la parroquia, deben estar registrados y usar el sobre dominical en forma regular y asistir a misa. La clase pre-bautismal es el primer

*miércoles de cada mes a las 7:00 p. m. en el Salón Parroquial.*

*Pueden tomar la clase en otra Parroquia, pero deberán presentar comprobante de su asistencia. Después de haber asistido a la clase los papás del niño (a) deben llamar a la parroquia y hacer una cita para llenar la forma del récord Bautismal y escoger el Domingo que desean bautizar. Los papás del niño (a) deben traer el certificado de nacimiento ó certificado del hospital al venir a la cita. Los Bautizos en Español son el primer y el tercer Domingo del mes a las 3:00 p. m. Si los papás viven cerca ó están registrados en otra Parroquia, deben traer permiso de esa Parroquia para poder bautizar aquí.*

**Requisitos para Padrinos:**

*Un padrino, hombre ó mujer es suficiente, y deben ser Católicos practicantes y asistir a la Santa Misa semanalmente y recibir con frecuencia los sacramentos, estar Confirmados y tener al menos 18 años de edad. Si los padrinos son casados, deben estar casados por la Iglesia Católica. Uno de los padrinos puede ser no Católico (Cristiano) que esté practicando su fe. Esto excluye los que fueron anteriormente Católicos. Los no Cristianos no pueden ser padrinos de un Bautismo Católico.*

**Quinceañera Requirements:**

To be a member of the Parish, have received the Sacrament of First Communion, young lady must be attending our confirmation program or registered in the current year class attend the preparation class for the ceremony. Escorts are not permitted, they may attend the Mass as a guest.

**Requisitos para Quinceañeras:**

*Vivir en Sylmar, y pertenecer a la parroquia, estar registrados y usar el sobre dominical regularmente, Haber hecho la primera comunión y traer prueba. Si esta confirmada traer prueba, si no esta deberá estar registrada para las clases aquí en St. Didacus. **No habrá excepciones, solo las quinceañeras que pertenecen a esta parroquia podrán solicitar su ceremonia aquí.** Asistir a las clases de preparación para la ceremonia, junto con sus padres y padrinos, en las fechas que se mencionaran. No Llevara Chambelanes! Si acaso tiene chambelanes, pueden asistir a Misa como cualquier otro invitado, pero no entran ni salen con las damas, solamente el chambelán de honor puede participar.*