

Easter Sunday—April 20th, 2025

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Mission Statement:

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



Welcome to St. Didacus Church

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

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

He went about doing good
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
Or: Alleluia. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved,
and told them,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don't know where they put him." (Jn 20:2)

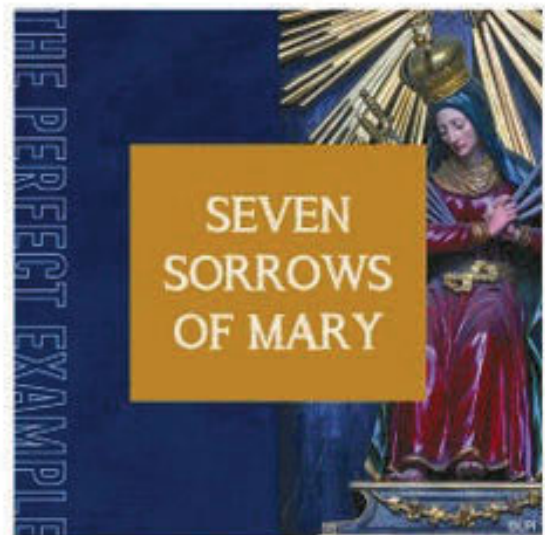
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and
the abandoned burial cloths. What great
things could we accomplish, if we only believe
that Christ has conquered death? Go forth
this Easter season, boldly embracing the
hope of the resurrection.

Observances for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday: Easter Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter;
Administrative Professionals' Day
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Devotions, Explained!

The Seven Sorrows of Mary
helps us to unite our own
sufferings with those of
Jesus, following Mary's
perfect example, as we
meditate upon the great
sufferings endured by Our
Lord and his Blessed Mother.

Prayer for Easter

Blessed be God who has
triumphed over the grave!
Our Lord is victorious!
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the joy of Easter fill
every part of our lives!
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8,
9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24,
25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18,
19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, **"the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7).** Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— Father John Muir

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When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.
- Jn 20:6-8

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

In his speech, Peter emphasizes that he and the Apostles were chosen as "witnesses" to tell others of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Have you ever told anyone why you believe in Jesus?

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Corinthians to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection with sincerity and truth. How does your family celebrate Easter Sunday?

Gospel:

We hear how Mary of Magdala, Peter and the Beloved Disciple initially react to seeing Jesus' empty tomb. How do you share startling news with others?



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Fiesta



Raffle Tickets- A reminder to please sell and turn in the Raffle tickets you received in the mail. They can be delivered to the Parish Office, dropped in the Sunday Collection, or you can leave them with the volunteers selling Raffle tickets after Mass every Sunday. If you are in need of additional Raffle tickets to sell or purchase please call or stop by the parish office.(818.367.6181)

Bottled Water/Soda- We will asking for help with donations of Bottled Water and various types of soda . Cans of soda are preferred. These donations are sold at the various food booths. Please bring your donations to the parish Office right up until the Fiesta.

Our Fiesta is quickly approaching and we need all parishioners to participate in some manner to once again make it a successful event that will benefit St. Didacus Church. Please keep working on those Raffle tickets and donations.

A sincere thank you to everyone for your efforts and support. May God's Blessing be with each members of our St. Didacus Family.

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Nuestra fiesta se aproxima rápidamente y necesitamos que todos los parroquianos participen de alguna forma para que una vez mas sea un éxito este evento que beneficia a la iglesia de St. Didacus. Por favor sigan trabajando en la venta de boletos y las donaciones de soda/agua.

Sinceramente agradecemos a todos y cada uno de ustedes por su esfuerzo y apoyo. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes, nuestra familia de St. Didacus



Mass Intentions for the Week
Holy Saturday, April 19
Easter Sunday, April 20

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Matthew Escajeda, Alfredo Flores & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of James Sabourin

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Alferdo Flores, Jose Luis Navarette & Ignacio Pulido. Feliz Cumpleaños de Marco Antonio Navarrete

10:00 a.m. Joseph Hernandez, Socorro Munoz, Alfredo Flores, Ines Torress, Ramon Torres & Juan Leonardo Munoz may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Jessica Kardouni

11:30a.m Alfredo Flores, Oswaldo Balderas & Felix Balderas may they rest in peace Happy Birthday Ronald Viray

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Jose Ins Angiano, Alfredo Flores, Peter Dillon, e Robeto Ramos. Feliz Cumpleaños de Angel Guerrero. Intención Especial para la Familia de Marcos

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Petra Reynaga, Alfredo Flores e Francisco Perez Intercessions para toda las almas de Purgatorio

Monday, April 21

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. For the health of Jazmin de la Torre. Intercessions of all Souls in Purgatory

6:00PM Para El Eterno Descanso de Francisco Perez, Juventina Perez e Catalina Bamboa .

Tuesday, April 22

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Alicia Cruz & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the health of James Sabourin & Jazmin De La Torre Intercessions of all Souls in Purgatory

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Camren Martinez, Francisco Perez, Guadalupe Ledesma e Chavez Lomeli.

Wednesday, April 23

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Jeol Barbosa & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the for the health of Jazmin de la Torre

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Rogelio Landeros Maximino Perez e Francisco Perez.

Thursday, April 24

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Ernesto Maldonado Jr., Ernie Mierzynski & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Rosario Hernandez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Ovidio Aviles e Francisco Perez. Intencion Especal de Jazmin de la Torre

Friday, April 25

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Marcos Medina, Jose Galvan & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Jorge Edgardo Hernandez, Adolfo Edgardo Hernandez e Francisco Perez.

Saturday, April 26

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Juan Martin & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Rosario Hernandez



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Parish Office Will Be Closed Monday April 21st and will reopen on Tuesday April 22nd

Holy Week Schedule

There will be NO reconciliations

April 16 , 18 & 19th

Holy Thursday Mas The Lord's Supper ~ April 17th

Bilingual Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday ~ Liturgy (only) ~ April 18th

English: 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Spanish: 3:00 p.m.

There will not be a regular 5:00 or 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

on Saturday, April 19th

Holy Saturday ~ April 19th

Bilingual Easter Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday ~ April 20th

English Mass: 6:30, 10:00, and **12 p.m.**

Spanish Mass: 8 a.m., **2 p.m.**, and 6 p.m.

Please note the changes to the mass on Easter Sunday



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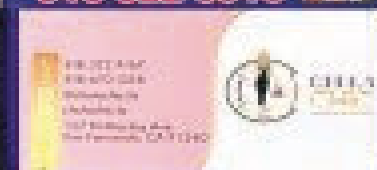
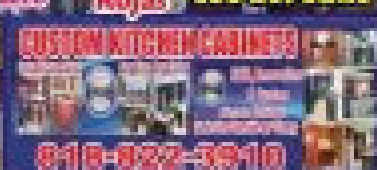
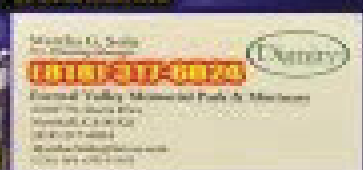
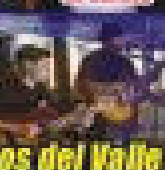
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