

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time—July 20, 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:

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"
He replied, "There in the tent."
One of them said, "I will surely return to you about
this time next year,
and Sarah will then have a son." (Gn 18:10)

Psalm:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

It is Christ in you, the hope for glory.
It is he whom we proclaim. (Col 1:27-28)

Gospel:

The Lord said to her in reply,
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried
about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her." (Lk 10:42)

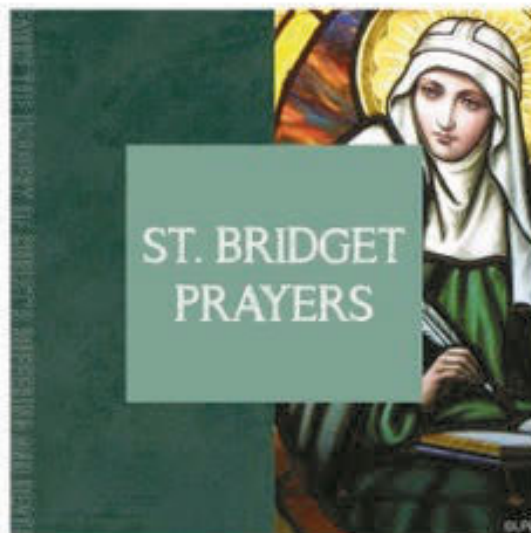
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In life, there are so many "Marthas" — people and situations that distract us from God. But if we imitate Mary and sit calmly at the feet of Jesus, his Word will guard our hearts from the anxiety of the world.

Observances for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Wednesday:	St. Bridget, Religious
Thursday:	St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest
Friday:	St. James, Apostle
Saturday:	Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

The St. Bridget Prayers evoke the imagery of Christ's suffering and death, plead for the forgiveness of the supplicant's sins, for a happy death, for fear and love of the Lord, and for a renunciation of worldly desires.

Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.
And then help me to prioritize
rightly and wisely, with Your
heaven as my guide.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 20, 2025

Sunday:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday:

Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday:

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,
27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday:

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday:

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/
Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday:

Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he... he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's Gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the **"one necessary thing."** He praises her for she **"has chosen the better part"** (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work — domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative — is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 | 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Oracion de la Semana

Las lecturas de la semana del 20 de julio de 2025

Domingo: Gn 18, 1-10/Sal 14, 2-3. 3-4. 5 (1)/Col 1, 24-28/Lc 10, 38-42
Lunes: Ex 14, 5-18/Ex 15, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 12, 38-42
Martes: Cant 3, 1-4 o 2 Co 5, 14-17/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18
Miércoles: Ex 16, 1-5. 9-15/Sal 77, 18-19. 23-24. 25-26. 27-28/Mt 13, 1-9
Jueves: Ex 19, 1-2. 9-11. 16-20/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/Mt 13, 10-17
Viernes: 2 Co 4, 7-15/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/Mt 20, 20-28
Sábado: Ex 24, 3-8/Sal 49, 1-2. 5-6. 14-15/Mt 13, 24-30
Domingo siguiente: Gn 18, 20-32/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 6-7. 7-8 (3)/Col 2, 12-14/Lc 11, 1-13

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 20 de julio de 2025

Domingo: 16^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Lunes: San Lorenzo de Brindis, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia
Martes: Santa María Magdalena
Miércoles: Santa Brígida, religiosa
Jueves: San Chárbel Makhlof, sacerdote
Viernes: San Santiago, apóstol
Sábado: San Joaquín y Santa Ana, padres de la Santa Virgen María
Domingo siguiente: 17^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

VIVIR LA LITURGIA INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

En la vida, hay tantas "Martas", personas y situaciones que nos distraen de Dios. Pero si imitamos a María y nos sentamos tranquilamente a los pies de Jesús, su Palabra guardará nuestros corazones de la ansiedad del mundo.

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ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODO

Oración para Concentrarse

Señor, ayúdame a recordar lo que importa y quién importa.
Y luego ayúdame a priorizar correcta y sabiamente, con Tu cielo como mi guía.
Amén.

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Ritual de Iniciación Cristiana



Te invitamos a participar en el programa de RICA

A partir del 4 de septiembre 2025.

**Continuando cada jueves de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm salones 1 & 2.
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Ritual de iniciación Cristiana para Adultos: Es un proceso de formación moral y religioso a través del cual los candidatos (adultos, jóvenes y adolescentes) se instruyen para ser recibidos en la Iglesia Católica.

Para quien es RICA: Es para toda persona no bautizada que desee comenzar su vida en Cristo por medio de los sacramentos de iniciación cristiana.

Para católicos ya bautizados que aun no reciben el sacramento de la comunión y confirmación.

Es para aquellos en proceso matrimonial que necesiten cualquiera de los tres sacramentos.

Para aquellos en camino de conversión a la fe católica y que busquen conocer su historia y su doctrina.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 19

5:00

p.m. Gloria Hampton & Jesus Gomez may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Gabriel, Felicia & Family Happy Birthday Ruby Reyes & Alec Silva.

7:00 p.m. Francisca Espino Saveeda, Alexis Valdez & Elodia Lopez, may they rest in peace. Intercession para todas las almas del purgatorio. Feliz Aniversario de 36 anos de el group de Mensajeros de la Paz

Sunday, July 20

6:30

a.m. John Stephen Lee, Fr. Zacharias Elapumkal & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Jose Luis Navarrette e Ignacio Pulido. Feliz cumpleaños de Jaime Hernández.

10:00 a.m. Matthew Escajeda, Joseph Hernandez, Claudia Baquero, Bernie Lourdes Arzu & Juan Leonardo Munoz may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Mayla Marquez

11:30a.m Felicitas Guerrero, Pedro Lopez & Carmen M. Cisneros may they rest in peace

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Maurica Silva e Robeto Ramos. Intencion Especial De Riley e Avery Goluch. Feliz Aniversario de 36 anos de el group de Mensajeros de la Paz

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Petra Reynaga, e Alexis Valdez. Intercesión para todas las almas del purgatorio. Feliz Aniversario de 36 anos de el grupo de Mensajeros de la Paz. Feliz Cumpleaños de Ofelia Martinez

Monday, July 21

7:30a.m. John Stephen Le & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Asuncion Viray. Happy Birthday Felicia Belagardi

6:00PM Para El Eterno Descanso de Alexis Valdez e Judith Lopez. Intencion especial Para la Guadalupe Godinez e Familia. Feliz Cumpleaños de Ruby Reyes e Marcelina Reyes

Tuesday, July 22

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Alicia Cruz, Magdalena Aceves & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Maria del Rosario Diaz

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Alexis Valdez e Magdalena Archiga. Intención Especial de Guadalupe Godinez y Familia. Feliz Cumplanos de Magdalena Reynoso

Wednesday, July 23

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercession to all souls in Purgatory

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Alexis Valdez, & Lucia Martinez. Intercession para todas las almas del purgatorio. Intención Especial de Guadalupe Godinez y Familia

Thursday, July 24

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Andrew Blackney, Jessica Blackney & Family. Happy Birthday Alma Ailen

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Celia Melendez, Asuncion Archiga, Magdalena Archiga e Alexis Valdez.

Friday, July 25

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Tony Onorato & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions to the Pelayo & Lopez Family.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Alexis Valdez.. Intención Especial de Guadalupe Godinez y Familia

Saturday, July 26

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Joseph Aros, Juan martin & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.



Clase de Baptismo
el 2 de Julio 2025
7pm-9pm
en el salón Parroquial

English Baptism Class
Thursday July 3rd
7PM

St. Didacus English RCIA Program – 2025/2026

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic or completing your Sacraments of Initiation? The English RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program at St. Didacus begins August 28, 2025, and will meet Thursday evenings at 7 PM. This program is for adults who are unbaptized, baptized but not confirmed, or baptized in another Christian tradition. Registration takes place on the first day of class, and there is a \$135 class fee, payable by cash or check. To ensure that you are full prepared, **please go to the parish website at www.stdidacus.org and review the class requirements as well as other critical details. Please call the parish office should you have any questions.**

St. Didacus Teen Confirmation

Registration Dates:

August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025

September 3, 10, 17, 2025

October 1, 8, 2025

In the Confirmation Office: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Masses in English

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 6:30 am, 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Reconciliations :Wednesday & Fridays: 7:00 p.m.

8:30 p.m. Saturdays After 7:30 mass

Baptisms: Second and fourth Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m.

Weddings: 6 months Advance notice.

Quinceaneras: Family must live in Sylmar, be registered in the parish and using the Sunday envelope, be registered and attending Confirmation Classes at St. Didacus. No Escorts allowed. Only the Chambelan de Honor will walk with the Quinceañera at the end of the Mass.

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Intercessory Prayer: Tuesdays 10am

Becky Faso

Misas en Español

Sábado Vigila 7:00 p.m. Domingos 8:00 a.m., 1:00 y 6:00 p.m.

Días de Obligación: 6:00 p.m.

Misa Diaria de Lunes a Viernes: 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliación (Confesiones):

Miercoles y Viernes:7:00 –8:30 p.m.,

Sabados Despues de la misa de 7:30 am

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento:

Primer Viernes del mes de 6:30 a 7:30 p.m.

Bautismos en español: El primer y el tercer domingo del mes a las 2:30 p.m. Papas y padrinos deberán tomar la clase Pre-Bautismal y llamar para hacer cita para fijar el día del bautismo. La clase es el primer miércoles del mes a las 7:00 p.m. en el salón parroquial.

Bodas: Deberán hacer cita con el sacerdote 6 meses antes de la fecha planeada, así es requerido por La Arquidiócesis de L. A.

Quinceañeras: La familia de la quinceañera debe vivir en Sylmar, estar registrados en la parroquia y usar los sobres dominicales en forma regular, la joven deberá estar registrada y asistiendo a las clases de Confirmación aquí en St. Didacus. No se permiten Damas y Chambelanes juntos. Solo el Chambelan de Honor acompaña a la joven al terminar la misa. Si hay Damas y Chambelanes solo pueden participar las Damas y los Chambelanes estarán adentro de la iglesia antes de la misa.