

4th Sunday of Lent—March 15th, 2026

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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

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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:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.
(1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground
and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — .
So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

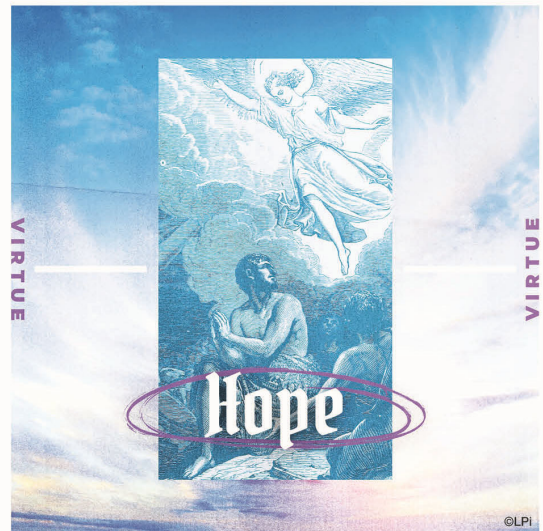
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this. Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.
That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.
That Your Light can break like the dawn.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— Father John Muir

Oracion de la Semana

Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de Marzo de 2026

Domingo: 1 Sm 16, 1b. 6-7. 10-13/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Ef 5, 8-14/Jn 9, 1-41 o 9, 1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

Lunes: Is 65, 17-21/Sal 29, 2 y 4. 5-6. 11-12 y 13/Jn 4, 43-54

Martes: Ez 47, 1-9. 12/Sal 45, 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 5, 1-16

Miércoles: Is 49, 8-15/Sal 144, 8-9. 13-14. 17-18/Jn 5, 17-30

Jueves: 2 Sm 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16/Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/Rom 4, 13. 16-18. 22/Mt 1, 16. 18-21. 24 o Lc 2, 41-51

Viernes: Sab 2, 1. 12-22/Sal 33, 17-18. 19-20. 21 y 23/Jn 7, 1-2. 10. 25-30

Sábado: Jr 11, 18-20/Sal 7, 2-3. 9-10. 11-12/Jn 7, 40-53

Domingo siguiente: Ez 37, 12-14/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/Rom 8, 8-11/Jn 11, 1-45 o 11, 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 15 de Marzo de 2026

Domingo: 4^a Domingo de Cuaresma

Lunes:

Martes: San Patricio, obispo; Día de San Patricio

Miércoles: San Cirilo de Jerusalén, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Jueves: San José, esposo de la Santísima Virgen María

Viernes:

Sábado:

Domingo siguiente: 5^a Domingo de Cuaresma



¡DEVOCIONES, EXPLICADAS! —
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TRADICIÓN Y CRECE EN TU FE

La esperanza cristiana "es la virtud teologal por la cual deseamos el reino de los cielos y la vida eterna como nuestra felicidad" (CIC 1817), incluso cuando reconocemos que nuestra propia fuerza y mérito nunca pueden lograr esto. La esperanza, simplemente, es recordar que Dios cumple sus promesas.

ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODO

Bendición para Ver

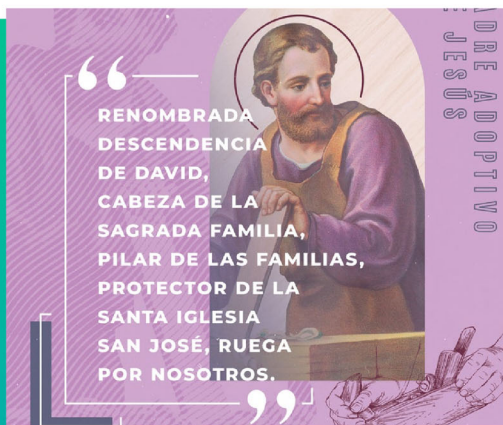
Bendícenos, Señor, para que
veamos como Tú ves.

Recuérdanos que los latidos del
corazón y las esperanzas pueden
eclipsar el espectáculo exterior.

Ese testimonio silencioso puede
vencer la violencia y la
oscuridad.

Que Tu Luz pueda romper como
el amanecer.

Amén.



DE LA SEMANA

VIVIR LA LITURGIA -

Los fariseos se negaron a ver lo que estaba frente a ellos. Su ceguera era más fuerte que la del hombre nacido sin vista, porque era una ceguera que elegían para sí mismos. Entonces, ¿qué será para nosotros? ¿Elegimos la ceguera o elegimos la vista?

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Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping the blind man believe in you.

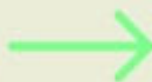
Mission for the Week

Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.

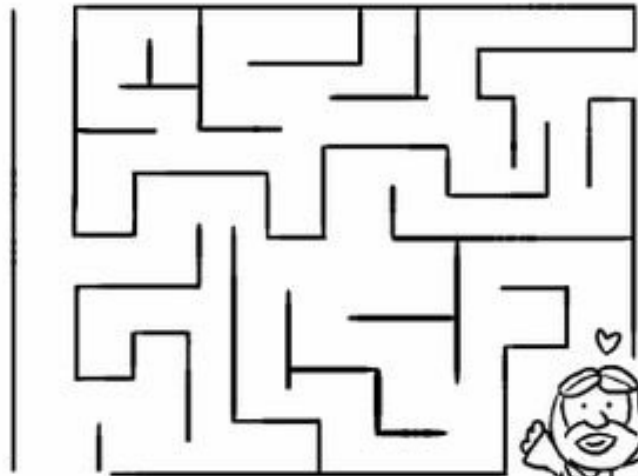
Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.

Now color the picture!



Help me to find God!



**Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday, March 14**

5:00 p.m Matthew Escajeda, Leonard Galka & Enedina Cortez may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory.

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Ivan Diaz, Patty Ledesma, Angelica Miramontes, M Guadalupe Ledesma, Isaac Ponce e Elodia Lopez. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, March 15

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Douglas Fowler, Sonia Roja, Diciembre de Santiago & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory.

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Jose Rodriguez, Josefina Molina e Ignacio Pulido.

10:00 a.m. Teresa Ramirez, Antonio Cuellas, Patty Ledesma, Bodelio Zavala Jr & Juan Leonardo Munoz, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Carmen Ponce & Arianna Rios

11:30a.m Gloria Gutierrez & Socorro Gallegos may they rest in peace. Special Intentions to the Cabrera Gutierrez Family. Happy Birthday to Josefina Cabrera

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Maria de Jesus Salazar, Jorge Salazar, Silvina Navarro e Raul Melgoza. Feliz Cumpleanos de Gerardo Jimenez

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Luis Pulido, Jose Ascencio, Tranquilina Ascencio, Teodoro Martin e Angela Bocanegra e Elodia López.

Monday, March 16

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza, Honorio Martinez.& Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Rosa Pulido Castellanos, Ernestina Montes e Patty Ledesma. Feliz Cumpleanos de Jesus Cantor

Tuesday, March 17

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza, Honorio Martinez.& Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

. Happy Birthday Miguel Angel Sepulveda

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Orciano Gomzalez Aguado e Patty Ledesma. Intension Especial de La Familia Mata Negrete

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Horacio Guardado, Raul Melgosa & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Conrad Silva

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Patty Ledesma e Jose Rios. Feliz Cumpleanos de Anthony Blas Jr

Thursday, March 19

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza, Honorio Martinez.& Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Josefina Alvarez & Jose Rios Lopez. Happy Birthday to Beatriz Enriquez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Patty Ledesma & Alfredo Banuelos. Special Intentions of Ivan Lomeli

Friday, March 20

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

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Aleida Giraldo, Patty Ledesma, Alfredo Banuelos e Bulfrano Villasenor. Intercession para todas las almas de Purgatorio

Saturday, March 21

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza, Honorio Martinez.& Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all souls in Purgatory.

PARISH FIESTA NEWS

This Year we are looking for Music in both English and spanish who would like to Participate in Our 2026 fiesta May 15, 16 and 17th. If you would like to be a part of the line up please contact Pepe Bentio at 818-577-8957. Dont Miss the Oppurtunity to be apart of this years Fiesta.

Este año buscamos músicos que interpreten música en inglés y español para participar en nuestra fiesta de 2026, que se celebrará los días 15, 16 y 17 de mayo. Si deseas formar parte del programa, comunícate con Pepe Benito al 818-577-8957. ¡No te pierdas la oportunidad de participar en la fiesta de este año!

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PALM SUNDAY

English Mass: 6:30 AM • 10 AM • 11:30 AM
Spanish Mass 8:00 Am, 1:00 pm, 6:00 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

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English: 12 PM & 7 PM

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Misa: 5pm

EASTER VIGIL

Bilingual: 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

English Mass: 6:30 AM • 10 AM • 11:30 AM

Spanish 8:00 am, 1:00pm, 6:00pm