

Easter Sunday—April 5th, 2026

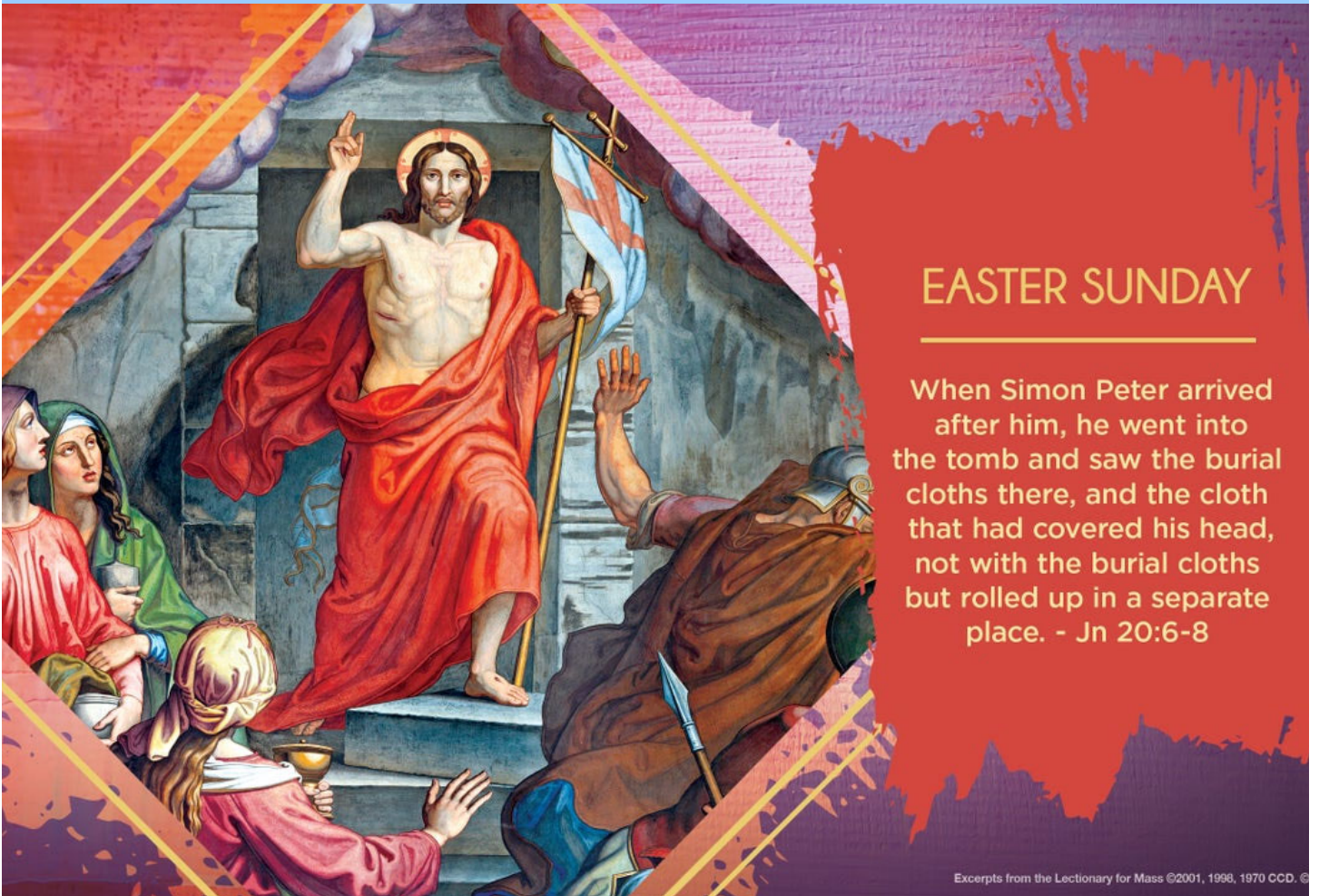
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### **Mission Statement:**

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



### EASTER SUNDAY

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. - Jn 20:6-8

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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:

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

### Psalm:

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

### 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:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,  
while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

## Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



## Virtues, Explained!

The cardinal virtue of justice has to do with the fulfillment of our duty to one another and to God. It gives us a framework for existing in the world alongside one another, in reverence with our respective rights, property, and obligations.

## Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,  
Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. Amen.

## Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

### Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

### 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 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he **"ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first."** (John 20:4) But only *after* Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection *fast*...love him, for love is best.

— *Father John Muir*

# Oracion de la Semana

## Las lecturas de la semana del 5 de abril de 2026

**Domingo:** Hch 10, 34. 37-43/Sal 117, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Co 5, 6-8/Jn 20, 1-9 o Mt 28, 1-10 o Lc 24, 13-35

**Lunes:** Hch 2, 14. 22-33/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/Mt 28, 8-15

**Martes:** Hch 2, 36-41/Sal 32, 4-5. 18-19. 20 y 22/Jn 20, 11-18

**Miércoles:** Hch 3, 1-10/Sal 104, 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/Lc 24, 13-35

**Jueves:** Hch 3, 11-26/Sal 8, 2 y 5. 6-7. 8-9/Lc 24, 35-48

**Viernes:** Hch 4, 1-12/Sal 117, 1-2 y 4. 22-24. 25-27/Jn 21, 1-14

**Sábado:** Hch 4, 13-21/Sal 117, 1 y 14-15. 16-18. 19-21/Mc 16, 9-15

## Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 5 de abril de 2026

**Domingo siguiente:** Hch 2, 42-47/Sal 117, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24/1 Pe 1, 3-9/Jn 20, 19-31

**Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 5 de abril de 2026**

**Domingo:** Domingo de Pascua

**Lunes:** Lunes de la octava de Pascua

**Martes:** Martes de la octava de Pascua

**Miércoles:** Miércoles de la octava de Pascua

**Jueves:** Jueves de la octava de Pascua

**Viernes:** Viernes de la octava de Pascua

**Sábado:** Sábado de la octava de Pascua

**Domingo siguiente:** 2<sup>o</sup> Domingo de Pascua (de la Divina Misericordia)

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### DE LA SEMANA

#### VIVIR LA LITURGIA -

Al principio, los discípulos no entendieron lo que ocurrió en la tumba. A menudo, no podemos comprender el propósito del plan de Dios. Solo vemos una piedra en el lugar equivocado. Cuando nos detenemos y miramos más profundo, lo vemos: Dios ha movido la piedra. Así que debemos preguntarnos: ¿por qué?

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tiene que ver con el  
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Nos da un marco para existir en  
el mundo uno al lado del otro,  
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**ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS  
LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODO**  
Bendición para Semana Santa  
Quédate con nosotros esta  
Bendición de Pascua

Querido Señor,

¡Donde ha habido muerte, trae  
nueva vida! Renueva y redime la  
tristeza en nuestras historias con  
Tu bondad y gracia. Bendice  
nuestros corazones y hogares  
esta Pascua y siempre. Amén.

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## Prayer

Jesus, you died and rose from the dead so I can share your life on earth and in heaven. Thank you.

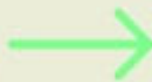
## Mission for the Week

I will tell someone that Jesus is alive.

## Sharing the Gospel

Mary Magdalene was surprised when she found the empty tomb of Jesus. She ran and told Peter and John that his body was gone. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They found no body, just strips of cloth. One piece was the cloth that covered the face of Jesus. Peter and John knew that Jesus was not in the grave, even though they did not understand what it meant to rise from the dead.

Now color the picture!



Circle the group in each row that has more. Then color in all the pictures.



**Mass Intentions for the Week  
Sunday, April 5th**

**6:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Matthew Escajeda & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory.

**8:00 a.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Amado Perez, Petra Villagrana e Ignacio Pulido. Feliz Cumpleanos de Arturo Chavez, Juan Carlos Vallejo y Daisy Prudencio. Intencion Especial de la salud de Gustavo Plata

**10:00 a.m.** Kevin S. Kennedy, Gudlia Espino & Juan Leonardo Munoz, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Sammy Camacho

**11:30a.m** Alfredo Morales & Erlinda Cruz may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Ruby Asistente & the safety during deployment of Xavier Marquez. Happy Birthday Fernando Lopez

**1:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos y Jose Eusebi. Feliz Cumpleanos de 16 años de Isabela Berrios. Feliz Anniversario de 2 años de Jose Luis y Susana Mendez

**6:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Luis Pulido, Esperanza Solis, Guadalupe Perez y Elodia López. Intención Especial de Juan Solis y Veronica Gomez

**Monday, April 6**

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions to Lourdes Medina, Angel Guerrero & the Recovery of Gustavo Plata.

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Juana ojeda. Intencion Especial de Raqual Torres y Christopher Malbrough

**Tuesday, April 7**

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Lourdes Medina & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Angel Guerrero & Julia Thomas.

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Nicolas Ruiz de Flores, J. Carmen Ruiz, Seido Flores y J. Carlos Savanza.

**Wednesday, April 8**

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Lorne Card & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Judith y Beatriz Amparo Lopez. Feliz Cumpleaños de Esther Vallejo

**Thursday, April 9**

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Angel Guerrero

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Josefina Zamora, Maria Esperanza Gutierrez y Rafeal Gonzalez Moroy

**Friday, April 10**

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intention to Jose Gutierrez, the Pelayo & Lopez Family.

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Aleida Giraldo, Judith y Beatriz Amparo Lopez. Intencion Especial de Emanuel Ceja

**Saturday, April 11**

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Lorenzo Chuabunpho, Martina Ngcha & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Henery Maldonado

**Office Closed Monday April 6th and will reopen on Tuesday April 7th,**

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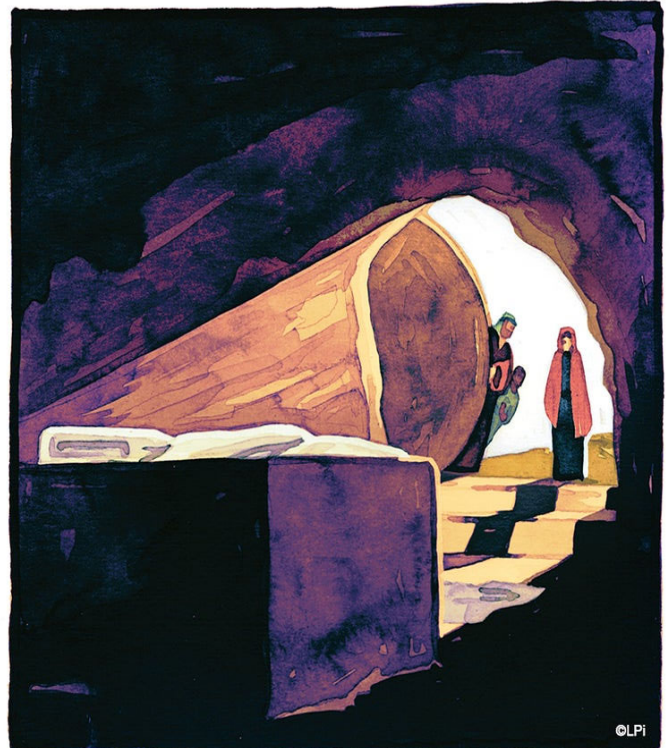
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Our Fiesta is quickly approaching and we need all parishioners to participate in some manner to once again make it a successful event that will benefit St. Didacus Church.

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 of members of our St. Didacus Family as we begin Holy Week and Prepare for Easter and the Gifts of the Resurrection of our Lord.

