

2nd Sunday of Easter —April 12th, 2026

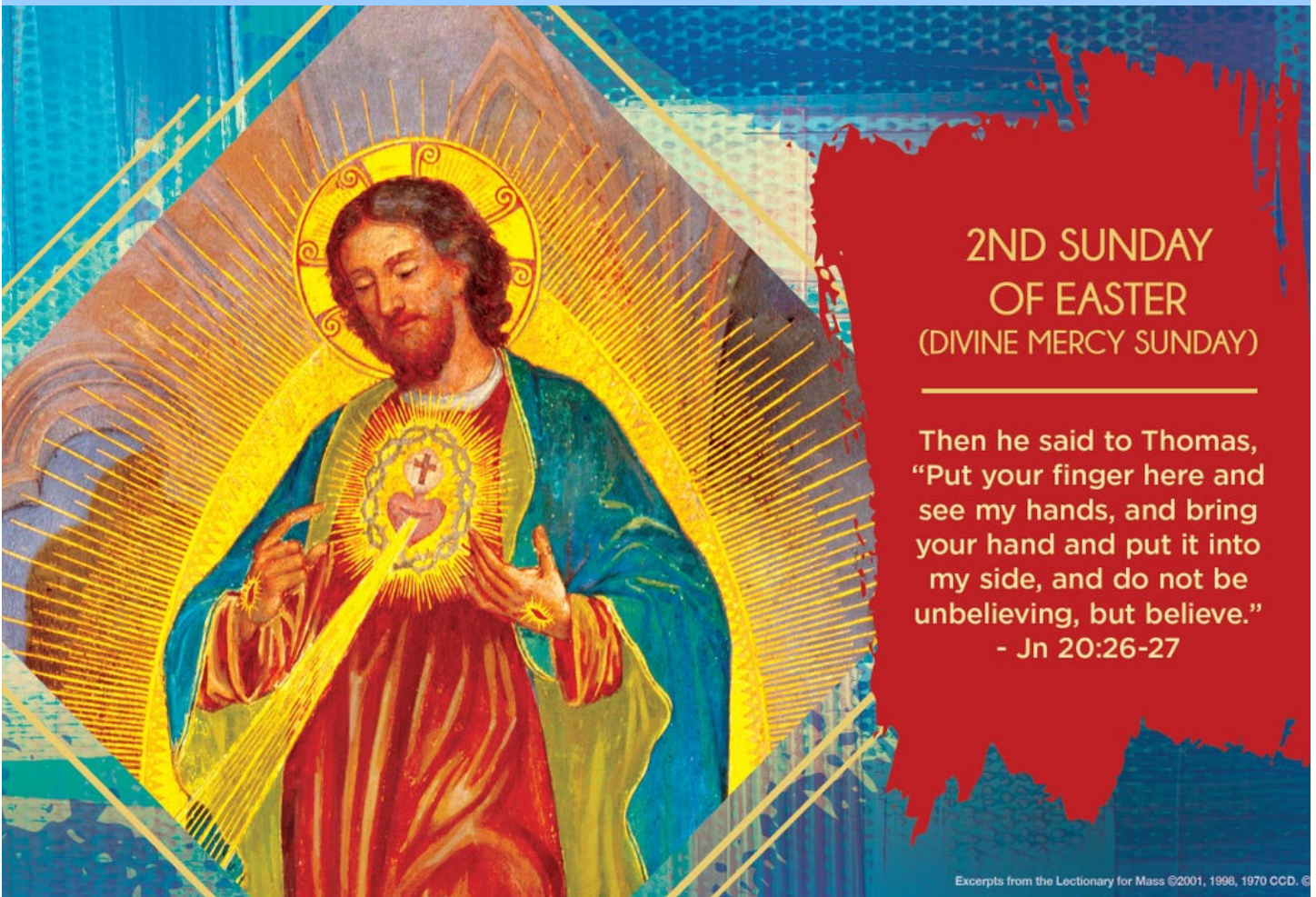
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To foster a harmonious, loving and prayerful atmosphere within the parish community that will project the love of Christ!



2ND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas,  
“Put your finger here and  
see my hands, and bring  
your hand and put it into  
my side, and do not be  
unbelieving, but believe.”  
- Jn 20:26-27

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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:

They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:46-47)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)  
Or Alleluia

### Second Reading:

Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Pt 1:8-9)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (Jn 20:29)

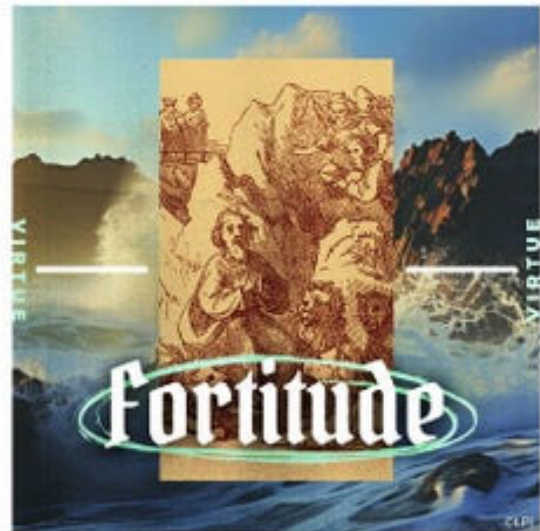
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation.

## Observances for the week of April 12, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)  
**Monday:** St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr  
**Wednesday:** Tax Day  
**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter



## Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him, doing so specifically *in pursuit of the good*.

## Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,  
May your mercy flow over us, filling our gaps and healing our wounds.  
Open our hearts more deeply with knowledge of your love for us, understanding of the depth of your passion, and trust in your never-ending mercy.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

### Sunday:

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

### Monday:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

### Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/  
Jn 3:7b-15

### Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Jn 3:16-21

### Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/  
Jn 3:31-36

### Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

### Saturday:

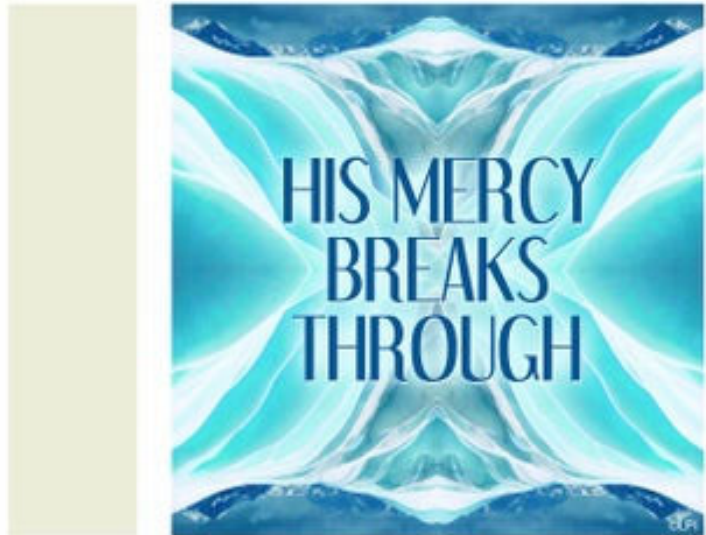
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

### Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8,  
9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

*"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" (John 20:27)*

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you," I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

**Divine Mercy Challenge:** This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— Father John Muir

# Oracion de la Semana

## Las lecturas de la semana del 12 de abril de 2026

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

**Lunes:** Hch 4, 23-31/Sal 2, 1-3. 4-7. 7-9/Jn 3, 1-8

**Martes:** Hch 4, 32-37/Sal 92, 1. 1-2. 5/Jn 3, 7-15

**Miércoles:** Hch 5, 17-26/Sal 33, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Jn 3, 16-21

**Jueves:** Hch 5, 27-33/Sal 33, 2 y 9. 17-18. 19-20/Jn 3, 31-36

**Viernes:** Hch 5, 34-42/Sal 26, 1. 4. 13-14/Jn 6, 1-15

**Sábado:** Hch 6, 1-7/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19/Jn 6, 16-21

**Domingo siguiente:** Hch 2, 14. 22-33/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/1 Pe 1, 17-21/Lc 24, 13-35

## Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 12 de abril de 2026

**Domingo:** 2º Domingo de Pascua (de la Divina Misericordia)

**Lunes:** San Martín I, papa y mártir

**Martes:**

**Miércoles:** Día de Impuestos (EEUU)

**Jueves:**

**Viernes:**

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**Domingo siguiente:** 3er Domingo de Pascua



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La virtud de la fortaleza en realidad requiere, ante todo, el sentimiento de temor. Para crecer en fortaleza, uno debe enfrentar una cosa que lo asusta, haciéndolo específicamente en busca del bien.

## ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODO

Bendición de la Divina  
Misericordia  
Querido Jesús,  
Que tu misericordia fluya sobre  
nosotros,  
llenando nuestros vacíos y  
sanando nuestras heridas.  
Abre nuestro corazón más  
profundamente  
con el conocimiento de tu amor  
por nosotros,  
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de tu pasión,  
y confianza en tu misericordia  
interminable.

Amén.



## DE LA SEMANA

### VIVIR LA LITURGIA -

¿Cómo se autentica Cristo ante Tomás? No por su rostro ni por sus palabras, sino por sus llagas. Así que, cuando buscamos que Dios se muestre en alivio o en triunfo, debemos recordar las llagas de Cristo. Aquí es donde encontramos nuestra salvación.

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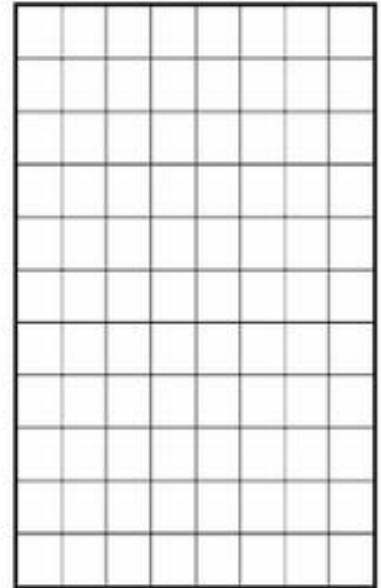
## Prayer

Jesus, I can hardly wait to see you in heaven.

## Mission for the Week

Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.

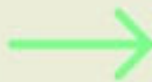
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## Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see him, listen to him, and touch him. We don't get to see him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in him. One day we'll see him again in heaven.

Now color the picture!



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, April 11th

**5:00 p.m** Matthew Escajeda & Tere Flores may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the healing of Vrandy Pereida & Irene Perez.

**7:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso Rsul Melgoxa, Paula Rivera, Cesar Frias, Tere Flores y Elodia Lopez

#### Sunday, April 12th

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

**8:00 a.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Josefina Zamora, Antonia Navarro e Ignacio Pulido.

Intencion Especial de la salud de Gustavo Plata

**10:00 a.m.** Maria Frias, Agnes Ynacay Precilla & Juan Leonardo Munoz, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Lia Poticar & Manuelito Reynoso

**11:30a.m** Maureen Bonner, Augustin Lacayo, Elia Maria Lacayo may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the safety during deployment of Xavier Marquez.

**1:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Maria de Jesus Salazar, Jorge Salazar, Florencio Lopez e Raul Melgoza.

**6:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno de Roberto Digs Silva, mJavier Garcia Ortiz, Ezequiel Cardenas, Maria D. Partida y Elodia López.

#### Monday, April 13

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions to the healing of Philp Doyle

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Carmen Anita Rios, Lucia Martinez y Honorio Martinez Gonzalez

#### Tuesday, April 14

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of the Healing & Protection on Philip Doyle

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Ivan Diaz y Honorio Martinez Gonzalez

#### Wednesday, April 15

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Ana Carillo, Raul Melgoza & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of the Healing & Protection on Philip Doyle

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Antonio Cuellas y Honorio Martinez Gonzalez. Intencion Especial de Claudia Johns

#### Thursday, April 16

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza, Socorro Gallegos & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of the Healing & Protection on Philip Doyle

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Maria Melendez y Arturo Adonay Roman

#### Friday, April 17

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions to the PelayFamily, Lopez Family & the Healing & Protection on Philip Doyle

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Aleida Giraldo, Orciano Gonzalez Aguado, Ruben Negrete. Intencion Especial de Ricardo Chavez

#### Saturday, April 18

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of the Healing & Protection on Philip Doyle

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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.

