

3rd Sunday of Easter —April 19th, 2026

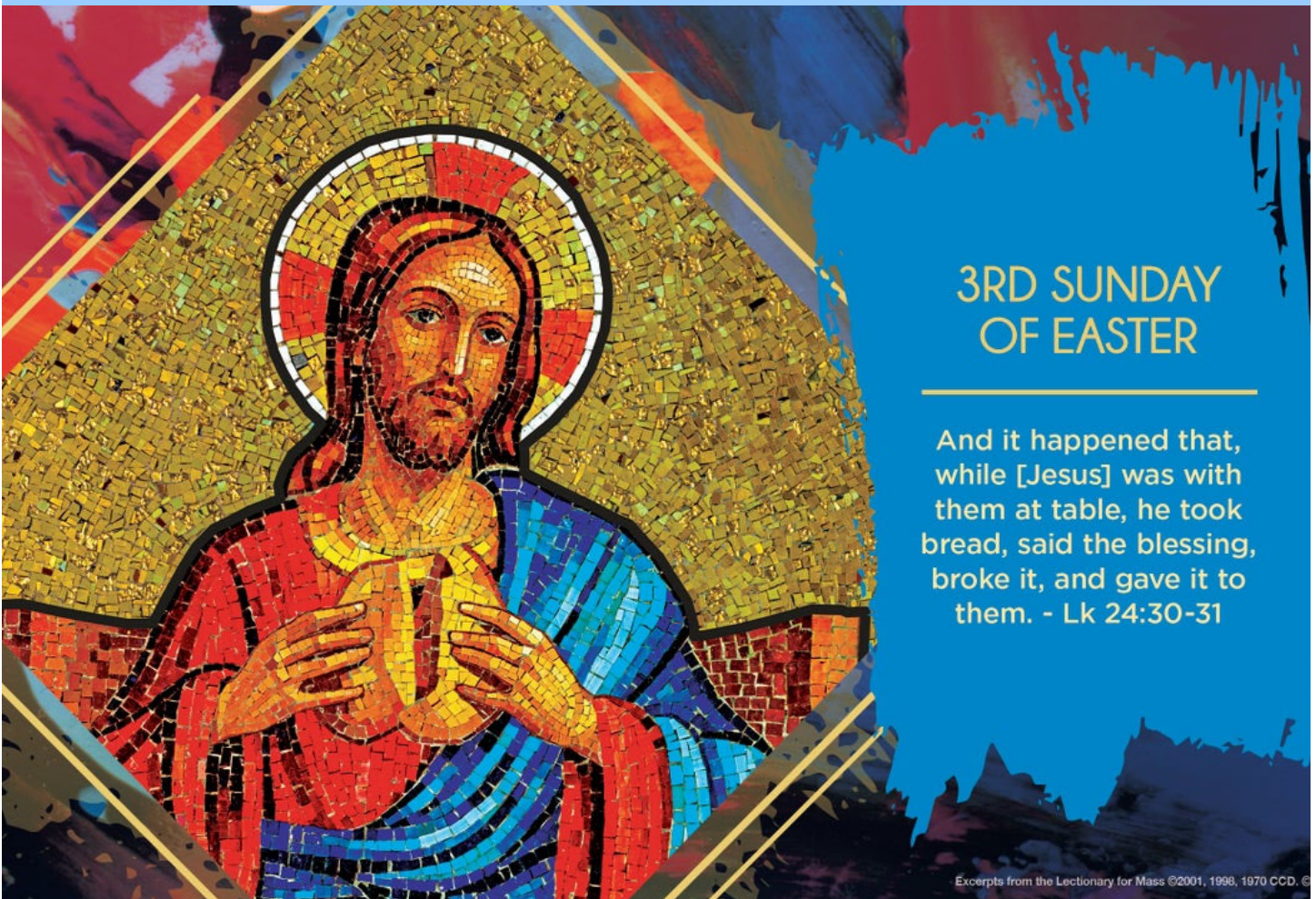
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Mission Statement:

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



3RD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

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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:

"Exalted at the right hand of God,
he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father
and poured him forth, as you see and hear." (Acts 2:33)

Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world
but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

Gospel:

Then they said to each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way and opened the
Scriptures to us?" (Lk 24:32)

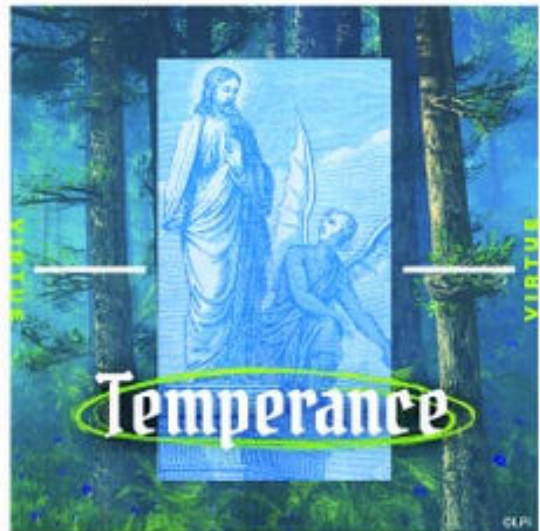
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like Cleopas, we make our way
through this world with weary feet and
disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step
beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we
let him?

Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	<i>Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day</i>
Thursday:	St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; <i>Arbor Day</i>
Saturday:	St. Mark, Evangelist
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations



Virtues, Explained!

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. "It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable," we read in the Catechism.

Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,
As this new season begins,
bring new life to our hearts as well.
Prune what has grown
despondent,
brush back that which darkens
and clouds.
As the flowers bud and bloom,
bless us with new wonder, new
hope, new promise, new joy.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

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

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and
8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/
Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

— *Father John Muir*

Oracion de la Semana

Las lecturas de la semana del 19 de abril de 2026

Domingo: 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

Lunes: Hch 6, 8-15/Sal 118, 23-24. 26-27. 29-30/Jn 6, 22-29

Martes: Hch 7, 51-8, 1/ Sal 30, 3-4. 6 y 7 y 8. 17 y 21/Jn 6, 30-35

Miércoles: Hch 8, 1b-8/ Sal 65, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7/Jn 6, 35-40

Jueves: Hch 8, 26-40/ Sal 65, 8-9. 16-17. 20/Jn 6, 44-51

Viernes: Hch 9, 1-20/ Sal 116, 1bc. 2/Jn 6, 52-59

Sábado: 1 Pe 5, 5-14/ Sal 88, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/Mc 16, 15-20

Domingo siguiente: Hch 2, 14. 36-41/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/1 Pe 2, 20-25/Jn 10, 1-10

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 19 de abril de 2026

Domingo: 3er Domingo de Pascua

Lunes:

Martes: San Anselmo, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Miércoles: Día de los Profesionales Administrativos; Día de la Tierra

Jueves: San Jorge, mártir; San Adalberto, obispo y mártir

Viernes: San Fidel de Sigmaringa, sacerdote y mártir; Día del Árbol

Sábado: San Marcos, evangelista

Domingo siguiente: 4º Domingo de Pascua; Día Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones

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DE LA SEMANA VIVIR LA LITURGIA -

Como Cleofás, avanzamos por este mundo con pies cansados y corazones decepcionados. Cristo se pone a nuestro lado. Puede abrirnos los ojos. ¿Le dejaremos hacerlo?

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templanza se muestra en la
persona que es dueña de sus
pasiones y de su apego al
mundo. "Asegura el dominio de
la voluntad sobre los instintos y
mantiene los deseos dentro de
los límites de lo que es
honorable", leemos en el
Catecismo.

ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODO

Bendición Para la Primavera
Querido Señor,
Al comenzar esta nueva
temporada,
también trae nueva vida a
nuestro corazón.

Poda lo que se ha vuelto abatido,
aparta lo que oscurece y nubla.
Mientras las flores brotan y
florencen,
bendícenos con nueva maravilla,
nueva esperanza, nueva
promesa, nueva alegría.

Amén.
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Prayer

Lord, help me show others that I am a Christian by my words and actions.

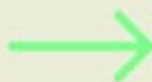
Mission for the Week

I will say, "I'll be glad to help. Tell me what to do first."

Sharing the Gospel

Pretend Jesus is at your home. He sits at the dinner table with your whole family. He breaks bread with you. He fills each cup with a drink. He plays with you and helps you with your homework. He tells you that he loves you. You thank him for the food and ask him to bless your family. Jesus says, "I've got to go, but I'll remain in your heart forever."

Now color the picture!



Which letter **begins** each picture name?
Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 18th

5:00 p.m Eric Cardenas y Nicolasa Estrada, may they rest in peace.

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso Paula Rivera, Margarita Moreno y Elodia Lopez

Sunday, April 19th

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory. Happy Birthday Zenaida Ancheta

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Jose Luis Navarrete, Ana Veronica Arias, Nadia Arias, Alica Cruz Ignacio Pulido. Intencion Especial de Marco Antonio Navarrete

10:00 a.m. Teresa Ramirez, Socorro Munoz & Juan Leonardo Munoz, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Phillip Doyle.

11:30a.m Matthew Escajeda y Beatriz Lopez, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Leticia Valdivia

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Raul Hernandez, Irenen Olivares Lopez e Raul Melgoza.

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno de Felipe Reyes, Josefina Reyes, Maria Dolores Caslan, Adolfo Palma, Luis Roberto Alareon y Elodia López.

Monday, April 20

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza , Ines Torres, Romona Torres & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions to the healing of Philp Doyle. Happy Birthday Jessica Kardouni

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Beatriz y Judith Amparo Lopez

Tuesday, April 21

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Rosalina Regala & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of alfredo Gutierrez Family, the Healing & Protection on Philip Doyle

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de J. Carmen Ruiz y Adonay Arturo Roman

Wednesday, April 22

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Alicia Cruz, Alfredo Gutierrez, Rosalina Regla, Ernesto Moreno & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Pedro Rojas y Jose Jesus Gomez. Feliz Cumpleanos de Jason Bricencio y Alberto Sandoval Alvarez. Intercession de todo las almas de Pulgatorio

Thursday, April 23

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza, Socorro Gallegos & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Robert Gomez & Joseph Garcia

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Rogelio Landeros, Jose Inez Anguiano y Arturo Adonay Roman

Friday, April 24

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions to the Health of Christopher Malbrough , the Pelayo & Lopez Family. Happy Birthday Ernesto Maldonado Jr.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Aleida Giraldo, Juana Garcia y Eduardo Hernandez Zambrano. Intercession de todo las almas de Pulgatorio

Saturday, April 25

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Jamie Lopez

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Bottled Water/Soda- We will continue to accept donations of Bottled Water and various types of soda . Cans of soda are preferred, 2 Liter Bottles are acceptable. 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 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.

