

4th 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!



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”
- Jn 10:9-10

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.

Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
(second choice)

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/
Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/
Jn 14:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, "I just want you to know, I'm willing to die for these files." She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "**I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep.**" (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: *I will die for them.* The crowd understandably responds: "**He is out of his mind.**"

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John's Gospel won't let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd's madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.

— Father John Muir

Oracion de la Semana

Las lecturas de la semana del 26 de abril de 2026

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

Lunes: Hch 11, 1-18/ Sal 41, 2-3; 43, 3. 4/ Jn 10, 11-18

Martes: Hch 11, 19-26/ Sal 86, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Jn 10, 22-30

Miércoles: Hch 12, 24-13, 5/ Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8/ Jn 12, 44-50

Jueves: Hch 13, 13-25/ Sal 88, 2-3. 21-22. 25 y 27/ Jn 13, 16-20

Viernes: Hch 13, 26-33/ Sal 2, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/ Jn 14, 1-6

Sábado: Hch 13, 44-52/ Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/ Jn 14, 7-14

Domingo siguiente: Hch 6, 1-7/ Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 18-19/1 Pe 2, 4-9/ Jn 14, 1-12

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 26 de abril de 2026

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

Lunes:

Martes: San Pedro Luis María Chanel, sacerdote y mártir; San Luis María Grignon de Montfort, sacerdote

Miércoles: Santa Catalina de Siena, virgen y doctora de la Iglesia

Jueves: San Pío V, papa

Viernes: San José, obrero; Día Nacional de la Oración

Sábado: San Atanasio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Domingo siguiente: 5^o Domingo de Pascua

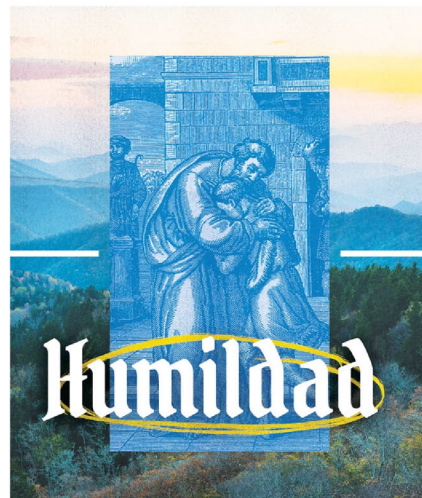
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DE LA SEMANA VIVIR LA LITURGIA -

"Las ovejas le siguen porque reconocen su voz", dice Jesús. ¿Reconocemos la voz de Jesús cuando nos habla? ¿Hemos pasado tiempo conversando con él? Esta semana, escucha la voz de Jesús en tu vida y sigue a donde te lleve.

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nuestro Creador y están
destinados a Su gloria, no a la
nuestra.

ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODO

Bendición Para la Primavera

Bendición del Buen Pastor

Querido Jesús,

Sé el Buen Pastor en mi vida.

Ayúdame a conocer tu voz y a
responder.

Ayúdame a encontrar tu redil y
los caminos por los que guías.

Bendíceme con pastos verdes y
aguas tranquilas.

Refresca mi alma.

Amén.

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Prayer

Lord, help me when I am afraid.

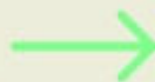
Mission for the Week

When I am afraid, I will remember that God is always with me.

Sharing the Gospel

Peter, James, and John had walked up the mountain with Jesus. When they got to the top, Jesus looked different. Rays of bright light came from his face. His robes became white. Then a voice from a cloud said, "This is my Son whom I love. In him I am well pleased. Listen to him." The three apostles were scared and fell on the ground and covered their heads with their arms. Then Jesus touched them and said, "Don't be afraid."

Now color the picture!



Help Jesus find his father!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 25th

5:00 p.m Matthew Escajeda, Jose Galvan, Rosalina Regala, Ernesto Moreno, Fitz Gerald Mabulay, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Maria Esther Palomera

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso Paula Rivera, Juana Garcia Moreno y Elodia Lopez . Intercession de todo las almas de Pulgatorio

Sunday, April 26th

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions to the Lopez & Pelayo Family.

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Mark Anthony Campos, Maria Esperanza Valdivia y Ignacio Pulido. Feliz Compleanos de Alejandra Hernandez

10:00 a.m. Juan Martin & Juan Leonardo Munoz, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Chayo Hernandez & Ernie Mierzynski

11:30a.m Rudy Nanagad, Carmen Nanagad, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Sudhir Munshi & Angel Guerrero

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Maria de Jesus Salazar, Jorge Salzar y Saturnino Casillas. Feliz Complaenos de Angel Guerrero

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno de Justin Contreras, Gregorio Casillas, Mariano Magana Juana Garcia y Elodia López.

Monday, April 27

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Salvador Torres & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary to Alex & Emalyn Gomez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Rodolfo Bolanos y Judith Amparo Lopez. Feliz Cumpleanos de Herminio Monreal

Tuesday, April 28

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Abigail “biby” Martin & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Ismael Garcia

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Consuelo Garcia y Jose Jesus Gomez. Special Intentions of Carlos Ramos. Intercession to all Souls in purgatory.

Wednesday, April 29

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Maria Dionisio & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Ares Chavez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Primitvo Gonzalez. Intercession de todo las almas de Pulgatorio

Thursday, April 30

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

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Teresa Macias. Intension especial de Christopher Malbrouh, Martin Fernandez & Florencia Ocegueda

Friday, May 1

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, & 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 y Maria Guadalupe Gamboa. Intercession de todo las almas de Pulgatorio. Special Intentions of Juanita Alcantor

Saturday, May 2

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

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MAY 15, 16 & 17

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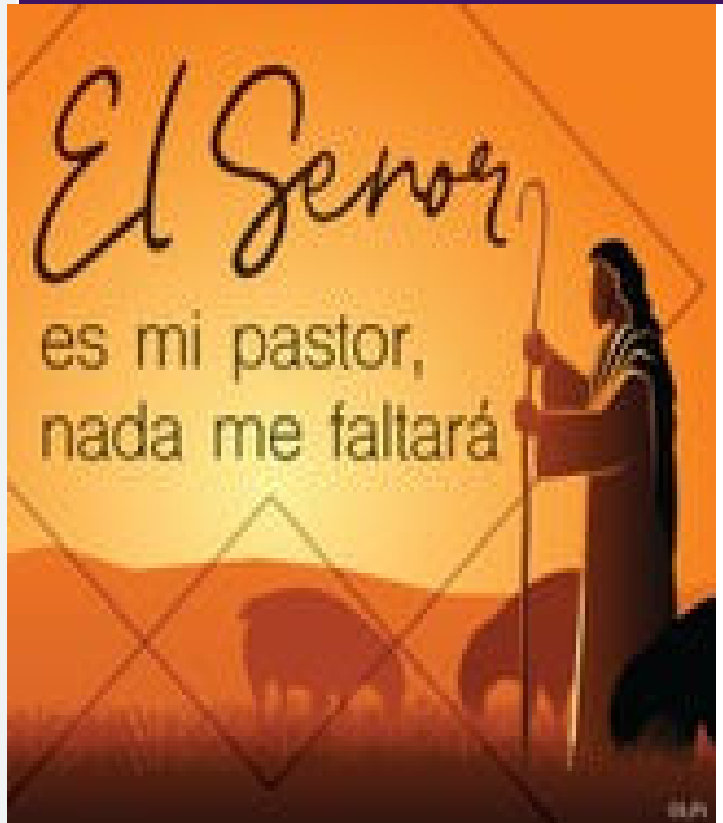
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Bottled Water/Soda- We will continue to accept donations of Bottled Water and various types of soda . Cans of soda are preferred, 2 Liter Bottles are acceptable. These donations are sold at the various food booths. Please bring your donations to the 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.

