

5th Sunday of Easter — May 3rd, 2026

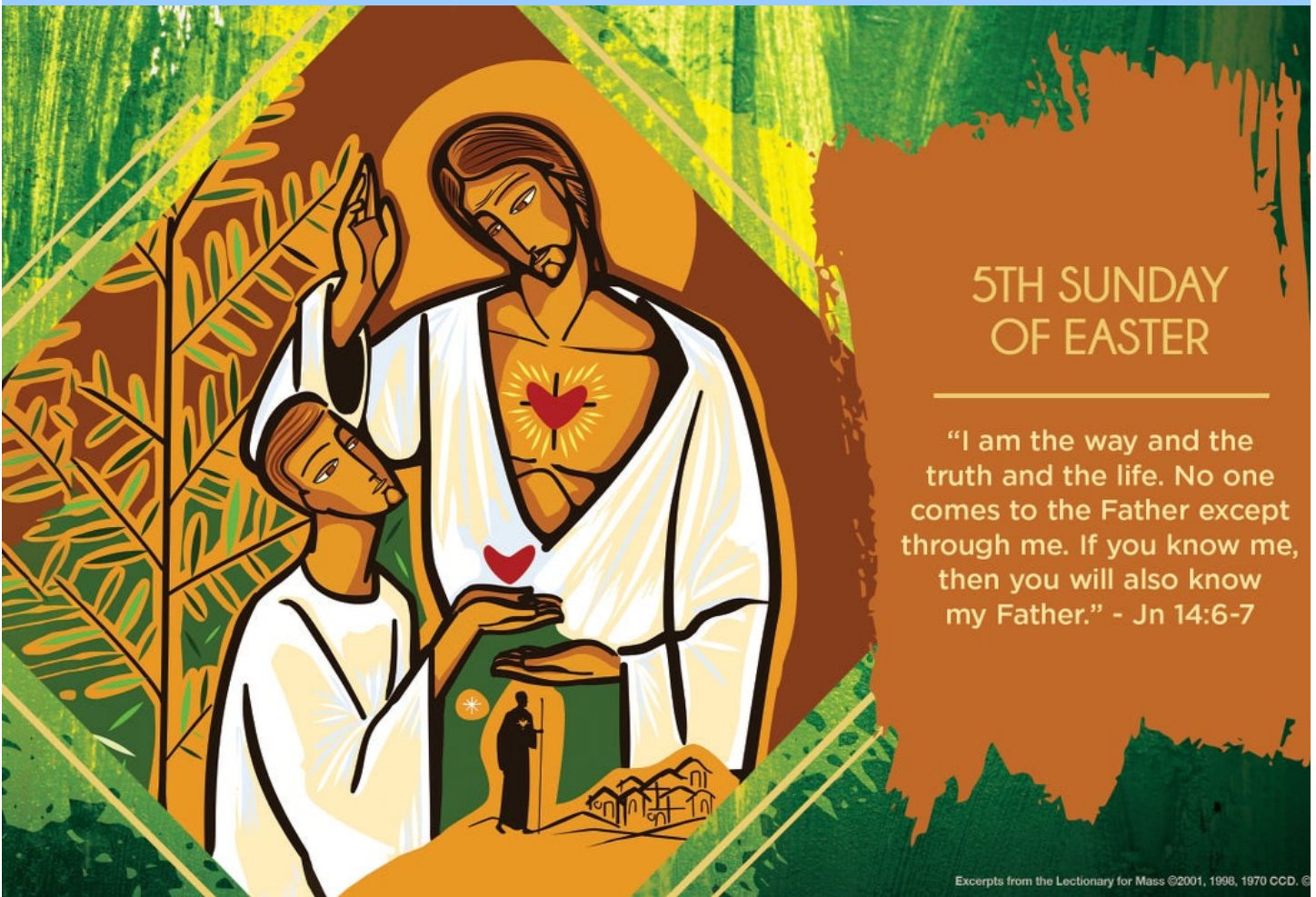
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Mission Statement:

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



5TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father.” - Jn 14:6-7

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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:

The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased
greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.* (1 Pt 2:7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

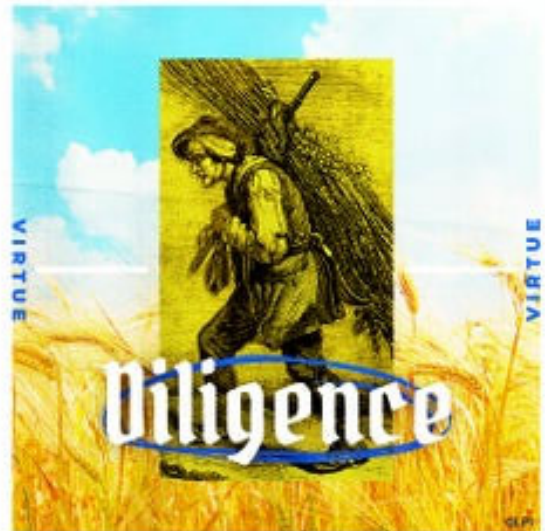
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

How often do we contemplate the
mercy of God, but fear it will run out?
How often do we consider following the
path of Christ and worry that it is too
steep? But God has not overpromised.
Dare to believe Him. Dare to follow Him.

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: *Cinco de Mayo*
Thursday: National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter;
Mother's Day



Virtues, Explained!

Diligence is the opposite of negligence; the diligent man pursues his goal with the same faithfulness with which God has pursued us, wayward as we are, through the long course of salvation history. It is the virtue by which man can secure for himself true happiness.

Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
You have said, "Do not let your hearts
be troubled."
Bless me with Your peace.
Fill my heart with trust in You,
and hope in Your promises.
Be my rock in times of distress,
my light in times of darkness,
and my rest in the storm.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16
and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He is the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

Oracion de la Semana

LAS LECTURAS Y CONMEMORACIONES SEMANALES - INVOLUCRAR A PARROQUIANOS EN MISA Y ORACIÓN DIARIO

Las lecturas de la semana del 3 de mayo de 2026

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

Lunes: Hch 14, 5-18/ Sal 113, 1-2. 3-4. 15-16/ Jn 14, 21-26

Martes: Hch 14, 19-28/ Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 21/ Jn 14, 27-31

Miércoles: Hch 15, 1-6/ Sal 121, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5/ Jn 15, 1-8

Jueves: Hch 15, 7-21/ Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 10/ Jn 15, 9-11

Viernes: Hch 15, 22-31/ Sal 56, 8-9. 10 y 12/ Jn 15, 12-17

Sábado: Hch 16, 1-10/ Sal 99, 1-2. 3. 5/ Jn 15, 18-21

Domingo siguiente: Hch 8, 5-8. 14-17/ Sal 65, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7. 16 y 20/1 Pe 3, 15-18/ Jn 14, 15-21

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 3 de mayo de 2026

Domingo: 5^o Domingo de Pascua

Lunes:

Martes: Cinco de Mayo

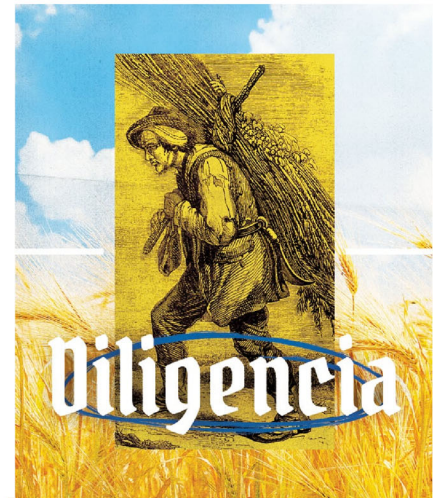
Miércoles:

Jueves: Día Nacional de la Oración

Viernes:

Sábado:

Domingo siguiente: 6^o Domingo de Pascua; Día de la Madre (EEUU)



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La diligencia es lo opuesto a la negligencia; el hombre diligente persigue su objetivo con la misma fidelidad con la que Dios nos ha perseguido, por más desviados que estemos, a lo largo de la historia de la salvación. Es la virtud por la que el hombre puede asegurarse la verdadera felicidad.

**ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS
LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODO**
Bendición de Paz

Querido Señor,
Has dicho: "No dejéis que
vuestros corazones se inquieten."
"Bendíceme con tu paz.
Llena mi corazón de confianza en
Ti, y esperanza en tus promesas.
Sé mi roca en tiempos de
angustia,
mi luz en tiempos de oscuridad,
y mi descanso en la tormenta.

Amén.

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**DE LA SEMANA
VIVIR LA LITURGIA -**

¿Con qué frecuencia contemplamos la misericordia de Dios, pero tememos que se agote? ¿Con qué frecuencia consideramos seguir el camino de Cristo y nos preocupamos de que sea demasiado empinado? Pero Dios no ha prometido en exceso. Atrévete a creerle. Atrévete a seguirle.

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Prayer

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

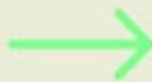
Mission for the Week

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS TRUST PREPARE	PLACE GOING FATHER	BELIEVE LIVING MIRACLES								
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**Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday, May 2nd**

5:00 p.m. Leonard Galka, Rosalina Regala, Ernesto Moreno, Fitz Gerald Mabulay, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions to the Mabulay Family

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso Maria Guadalupe Gamboa, Paula Rivera, Jose Roa y Elodia Lopez .

Sunday, May 3rd

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Gilbert Briones jr. & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Juana Magana, Isabel Sambrano, Maria Guadalupe Gamboa y Ignacio Pulido.

10:00 a.m. Donaciano Chavez, Pedro Avila , Salvador Torres & Juan Leonardo Munoz, may they rest in peace.

11:30a.m Matthew Escajeda & Judith Lopez, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Jaslin Hernandez.

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Engracia Saldiva, Juan Ramos y Raul Hernandez, Intencion Especial de la Familia de Juanita Alcantor

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno de Lourdes Romero, Mariano Pelayo, Francisco Javier Diaz y Fernando Arellano y Elodia López.

Monday, May 4th

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Salvador Torres, Leonard Galka & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Maria Guadalupe Gamboa y Pedro Rojas. Intencion Especial de la Familia de Juanita Alcantor

Tuesday, May 5th

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Salvador Torres, Maria Guadalupe Gamboa, Aurelio Anguiano & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of the Junita Alcantor Family

6:00 p.m No Mass Youth Confirmation, all Names added to the 7:30 AM MASS

Wednesday, May 6th

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Onofre Pacis, Salvador Torres, Fr.Mariano Pacias, Maria Guadalupe Gamboa & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of the Junita Alcantor Family

6:00 p.m No Mass Youth Confirmation, all Names added to the 7:30 AM MASS

Thursday, May 7th

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Salvador Torres, Alma Talens & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Lorena Moreno

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Maria Guadalupe Gamboa Intencion especial de la Familia de Juanita Alcantor

Friday, May 8th

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Salvador Torres & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions to the Lopez & Pelayo Family. Happy Birthday Rey Rey Camacho

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Aleida Giraldo y Maria Guadalupe Gamboa. Intercession de todo las almas de Pulgatorio. Intencion Especial de la Familia de Juanita Alcantor. Feliz Cumpleanos de Ilda y Blanca Lopez

Saturday, May 9th

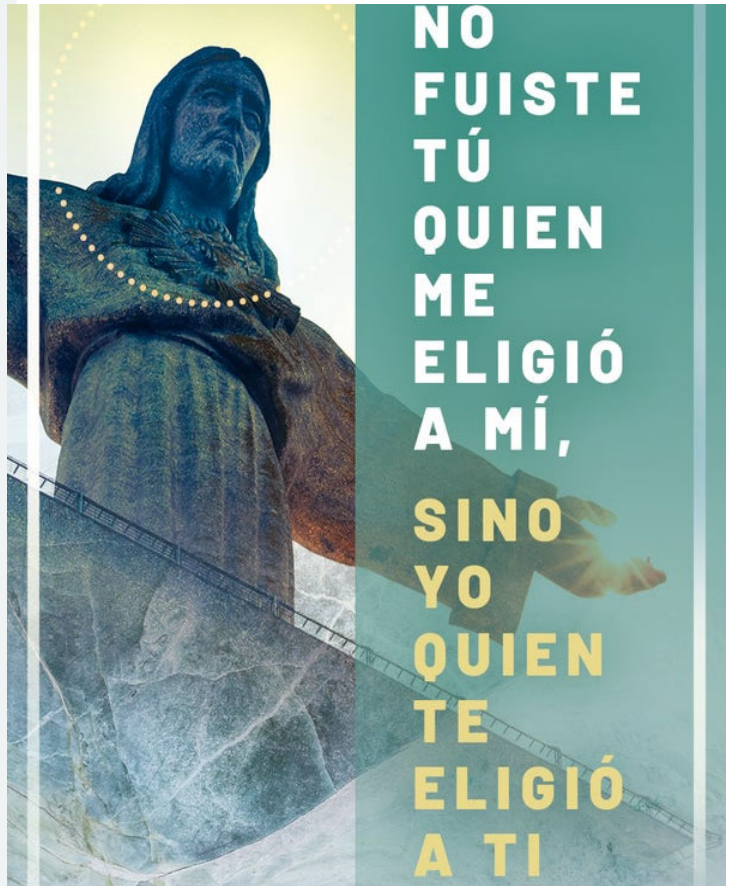
7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Salvador Torres, Lorenzo Chuabu8npho, Martina Talens & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

Did You Know?

Digital age family safety The Daughters of St. Paul (often referred to as the media nuns) have introduced a YouTube series designed to help parents navigate online safety and media skills for their children. The Digital Age Family Safety course offers short videos that teach parents about media mindfulness and discernment, best practices for technology use, and how to protect children from unsafe and dehumanizing content. These videos can be found at <https://www.familytheater.org/digitalagefamilysafety>

Seguridad familiar en la era digital

Las Hijas de San Pablo (conocidas también como Hermanas Paulinas o “The Media Nuns”) han presentado una serie en YouTube diseñada para ayudar a los padres a aprender sobre seguridad en Internet y el uso de los medios de comunicación para sus hijos. El curso “seguridad familiar en la era digital” ofrece videos breves que enseñan a los padres a ser conscientes del uso de los medios de comunicación, las mejores prácticas para el uso de la tecnología y como proteger a los niños de contenido digital peligroso y/o degradante. Estos videos se pueden encontrar en <https://www.familytheater.org/>





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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.

