

16th Sunday on Ordinary Time — July 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!



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest.’”

- Mt 13:29-30

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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:

For your might is the source of justice;
your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.
(Wis 12:16)

Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

Second Reading:

And the one who searches hearts
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because he intercedes for the holy ones
according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed
that a person took and sowed in a field.
It is the smallest of all the seeds,
yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants."
(Mt 13:31-32)

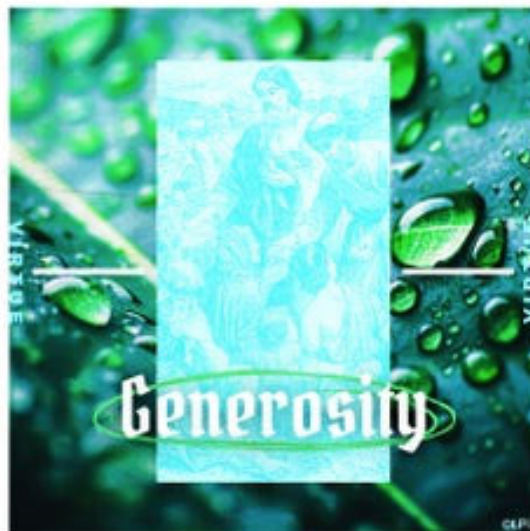
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice.

Observances for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday:	St. Bridget, Religious
Friday:	St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest
Saturday:	St. James, Apostle
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Generosity is a hallmark of Christian discipleship. Christ placed our needs above his own, so we likewise place the needs of others above our own. Our concern for our brothers and sisters must be evident not just in what we do but in how we do it — with cheerfulness and love.

Blessing for Summer

O God,
Pour your blessing upon these summer months of sun and clouds, flowers and growth. In this season of cultivation, cultivate us as we worship, work, play, and rest in You. May this season, and all the others, serve to draw us closer to You.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sunday:

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday:

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4,
5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday:

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9,
10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday:

Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday:

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-
128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or
13:44-46



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GOD WORKS WITHIN THE

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. **"It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth,"** he said, **"but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?"** That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, **"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field,"** yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir

Oración de la Semana

Las lecturas de la semana del 19 de julio de 2026

Domingo: Sab 12, 13. 16-19/Sal 85, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16/Rom 8, 26-27/Mt 13, 24-43 o 13, 24-30

Lunes: Mi 6, 1-4. 6-8/Sal 49, 5-6. 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23/Mt 12, 38-42

Martes: Mi 7, 14-15. 18-20/Sal 84, 2-4. 5-6. 7-8/Mt 12, 46-50

Miércoles: Cant 3, 1-4 o 2 Co 5, 14-17/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18

Jueves: Jr 2, 1-3. 7-8. 12-13/Sal 35, 6-7. 8-9. 10-11/Mt 13, 10-17

Viernes: Jr 3, 14-17/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 13, 18-23

Sábado: 2 Co 4, 7-15/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6/Mt 20, 20-28

Domingo siguiente: 1 Re 3, 5. 7-12/Sal 118, 57. 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130/Rom 8, 28-30/Mt 13, 44-52 o 13, 44-46

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 19 de julio de 2026

Domingo: 16^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: San Apolinar, obispo y mártir

Martes: San Lorenzo de Brindis, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia

Miércoles: Santa María Magdalena

Jueves: Santa Brígida, religiosa

Viernes: San Chárbel Makhlof, sacerdote

Sábado: San Santiago, apóstol

Domingo siguiente: 17^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

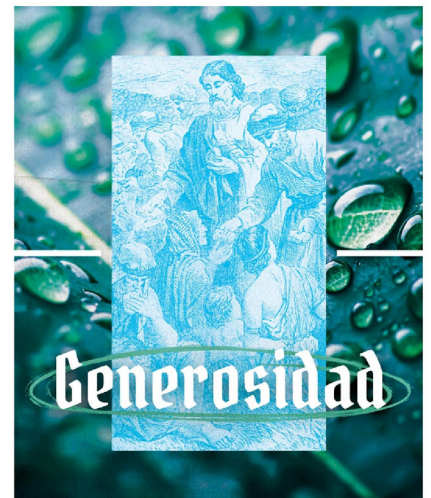
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VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA (Live the Liturgy)

La semilla de mostaza era la más pequeña, pero creció hasta ser la planta más grande porque estaba bien cuidada. Esto es fe: mirar más allá de lo que es para ver lo que puede ser, si tan solo tomamos la decisión necesaria.

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¡DEVOCIONES, EXPLICADAS! —
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TRADICIÓN Y CRECE EN TU FE

La generosidad es una característica distintiva del discipulado cristiano. Cristo antepuso nuestras necesidades a las suyas, así que nosotros también ponemos las necesidades de los demás por encima de las nuestras. Nuestra preocupación por nuestros hermanos y hermanas debe ser evidente no solo en lo que hacemos, sino en cómo lo hacemos — con alegría y amor.

ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS LOS
DÍAS Y PARA TODOS
Bendición para el Verano

Oh Dios,
Derrama tu bendición sobre
estos meses de verano de sol y
nubes, flores y crecimiento. En
esta temporada de cultivo,
cultívanos mientras adoramos,
trabajamos, jugamos y
descansamos en Ti. Que esta
temporada, y todas las demás,
nos acerquen más a Ti.

Amén.

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Religious Education

Catechist

The Religious education is recruiting the help of new bilingual catechist for the 2026-2027 year. if you are intrested in helping or know someone who is intrested in working the religious education please contact the office of the religous education at 818-367-4155

1st Communion Photos

The religious education has photos from 2015 to present they will be availbe for pick up in the month of June and august only. If yuou have ever picked up the photos please come and check. all photos will be recycled in the month of september.

Catequistas

El programa de educación religiosa está buscando nuevos catequistas bilingües para el año 2026-2027. Si le interesa colaborar o conoce a alguien interesado en participar en la educación religiosa, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de educación religiosa al 818-367-4155.

Fotos de Primera Comunión

El programa de educación religiosa cuenta con fotos desde el año 2015 hasta la actualidad; estas estarán disponibles para ser recogidas únicamente durante los meses de junio y agosto. Si aún no ha recogido sus fotos, por favor acérquese a ver si están allí. Todas las fotos serán recicladas en el mes de septiembre.

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¡Información del Registro Importante!

REGISTRACIONES EMPIEZAN EL 1 DE JUNIO

Estudiantes para 2nd año con Cita Solamente

Los niños con necesidades especiales, que deben tener 9 años o más, deben inscribirse en persona junto con el estudiante.

1er año

Estar registrados en la parroquia y traer prueba
Certificado de bautismo
(Acta de nacimiento si no está bautizado)
7 años de edad o más
¡\$ 75.00 cuota de inscripción, en efectivo o cheque!

2do Año

Actualmente registrados en la parroquia y traer prueba
Certificado de Promoción y
Certificado de Formación de Fe y Horas de Servicio
¡\$ 85.00 cuota de inscripción, en efectivo o cheque!

*Cheques necesitan que estar a nombre de **Saint Didacus Church – CCD***

Pago de inscripción y los certificados correspondientes tienen que ser entregados al momento de su registración. Sin el pago y el certificado, no se registrara su hijo/a.

Usted escoge la clase que prefiere para su hijo/a:

Martes Español: 4:00-5:30PM

Sábado Español: 8:30-10:00AM

Miércoles Ingles: 4:00-5:30PM

Sábado Ingles: 10:30AM-12:00PM

Clase de Jóvenes – Un Año Solamente (13-17 años de edad)

Estar registrados en la parroquia y traer prueba
Certificado de bautismo (Acta de nacimiento si no está bautizado)
deben inscribirse en persona junto con el estudiante.

\$150.00 de registración, en efectivo o cheque solamente

Horas de oficina para el mes de Junio y Agosto:

Lunes y Jueves – 10:00am-4:00pm

Martes y Miércoles – 10:00am-7:00pm

Viernes, Sábado y Domingo – Cerrado

No cerramos para lonche

Clases comienzan el Martes 8, Miércoles 9, y Sábado 12 de Septiembre

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Important Registration Information!

REGISTRATION STARTS JUNE 1st

Students for 2nd year have to make an Appointment to register

Special need children, must be 9yr. or older have to Register in person with the student.

1st Year

Must be registered in the parish & bring proof
Baptismal Certificate
(Birth Certificate if NOT baptized)
Must be **7 years or older**
\$75.00 registration fee, cash or check only!

*All checks must be made to **Saint Didacus Church – CCD***

All registration fees and appropriate certificates are due at the time of your appointment; We will not register your child into the program without these items.

2nd Year

Currently registered in the parish & bring proof
Promotional Certificate &
Service Hours-Faith Formation Certificate
\$85.00 registration fee, cash or check only!

You can choose your preferred class day & time:

Tuesday Spanish: 4:00-5:30PM

Saturday Spanish: 8:30-10:00AM

Wednesday English: 4:00-5:30PM

Saturday English: 10:30AM-12:00PM

Teen Program – One Year (Must be 13-17 years of age)

Must be registered in the parish and bring proof
Baptismal Certificate or Birth Certificate if not baptized
Have to Register in person with the student.
\$150.00 registration fee, cash or check only!

Office Hours for the months of June and August are as follows:

Monday & Thursday – 10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday & Wednesday – 10:00am-7:00pm

Friday, Saturday & Sunday – Closed

We don't close for lunch.

Classes start September Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th, and Sat. 12 September

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 18th

5:00 p.m. Wayne Spears, Isiah Vallejo & Pedro Ramos, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Kevin Viberos

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso De Isiah Vallejo, Francisca Matias, Cristabela Hernandez, Felipa Diaz, Enrique Alvarez y Elodia Lopez .

Sunday, July 19th

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Rosalina Regala, Ernesto Moreno, Pedro Ramos & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Jose Luis Navarrete, Isiah Vallejo, Alpidio Valencia y Ignacio Pulido. Happy Birthday Jaime Hernandez

10:00 a.m. Juan Leonardo Munoz, Claudia Barquera, Jose Zamora, Loli Hernandez & Patty Ledesma, may they rest in peace.

11:30a.m Matthew Escajeda & Beatriz Lopez, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Shawn Mcadory & the Health of Daniel Andrade.

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Antonia Adulfo Monge, Josefina Antonia Guardado, Julio Cesar Guardado, Raul Melgoza y Isaih Vallejo . Intención Especial de la Familia Melgoza Esparza

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Mariano Magana, Jose Flores Aguilera, Maria Micaela Marguia, Isiah Vallejo y Jose Jesus Gomez

Monday, July 20th

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Alfredo Gutierrez, Fr. Zacharias Elapumkath & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Elvira Martinez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Isiah Vallejo y Pedro Ramos. Intención especial para todos los sacerdotes, Abel y Silvia González. Feliz Cumpleaños de Ofelia Martínez. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio

Tuesday, July 21st

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Maria Gutierrez & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Elvira Martinez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Isiah Vallejo, Daniel Duarte y Pedro Ramos. Intención especial para todos los sacerdotes, Abel y Silvia González. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio

Wednesday, July 22nd

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Magdaleno Aceves & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Elvira Martinez.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Alicia Cruz, Isiah Vallejo, Raquel Villanueva y Pedro Ramos. Intención especial para Abel y Silvia González.

Thursday, July 23rd

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Jose Gutierrez & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Elvira Martinez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Pablo Garcia, Isiah Vallejo y Pedro Ramos. Intención especial para la familia Ascencio Alejandro, Abel y Christine González.

Friday, July 24th

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Elvira Martinez, the Pelayo & Lopez Family.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Asuncion Lopez, Magdalena Arechiga, Isiah Vallejo, Celia Melendez y Pedro Ramos. Intension Especial de Abel y Christine Gonzalez.

Saturday, July 25th

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Margarita Lorena & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Elvira Martinez.

In Memoriam

Let us pray for all who have died, that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord.

All Souls In Purgatory

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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Generative Artificial Intelligence is technology that allows a user to create new or alter existing images, videos, or text, based on user prompts or requests. It can be misused to create AI-generated child sexual abuse material, including sexually explicit or exploitative images that depict real children. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, this technology is being used to exploit children, particularly in the creation of GAI Child Sexual Abuse Material, often generated from images that have already been posted or shared online. In many cases, the offenders were people who knew the child victims well. For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/generative-ai>.

¿Qué es la Inteligencia Artificial Generativa?

La Inteligencia Artificial Generativa (IAG) es una tecnología que permite al usuario crear o modificar imágenes, vídeos o textos nuevos, a partir de indicaciones o peticiones del usuario. Se puede utilizar indebidamente para crear material de abuso sexual infantil generado por IA, incluidas imágenes sexualmente explícitas o de explotación en las que aparecen niños reales. Según el Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados, esta tecnología se está utilizando para explotar a los niños, especialmente en la creación de material de abuso sexual infantil generado por IAG, que son creadas a partir de imágenes que ya se han publicado o compartido en el Internet. Para obtener más información visita <https://www.missingkids.org/>

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Confirmation Registration 2026-2027



Registration Begins:

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 - Wednesday, October 14, 2026

(Wednesdays Only)

Confirmation Office | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Program Details:

Students Age: 14-17 Years Old

First Year: Grades 9-10 | Second Year: Grades 10-12

Classes Begin: September 16, 2026 - May 5, 2027

***Baptism & First Holy Communion Certificates Due at Registration**

Program Cost:

First Year: \$200

Second Year: \$300 (Includes Weekend Retreat)

Parent Orientation

September 9th, 2026 (Parish Hall)

First Year: 6PM

Second Year: 7:30PM

Questions? Contact Us:

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Have a Blessed Summer, God Bless You All!