

17th Sunday on Ordinary Time — July 26th, 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!



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Thus it will be at the
end of the age.
The angels will go out
and separate the wicked
from the righteous.”
- Mt 13:49-51

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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:

"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart
to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" (1 Kgs 3:9)

Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose. (Rom 8:28)

Gospel:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
(Mt 13:44)

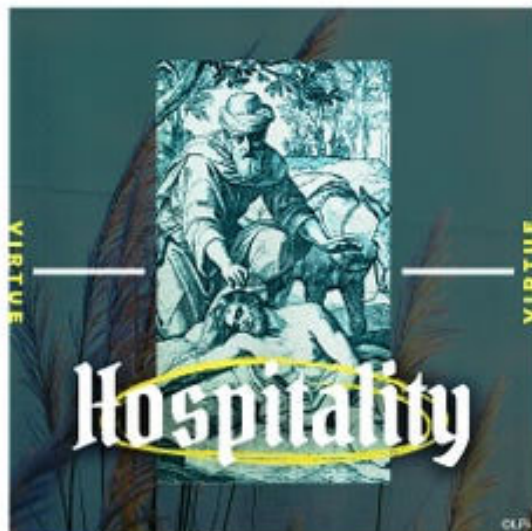
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

Observances for the week of July 26, 2026

- Sunday:** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. It is the practice of true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19).

Blessing for Our Parish

Dear God,
Pour Your blessing upon our
parish, in need of Your renewal and
inspiration.
Prune the places that need pruning,
and pour fresh grace and courage
into our midst.
Help us to find You and, with great
joy, follow You wholeheartedly.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

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

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday:

Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday:

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Mt 13:47-53

Friday:

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday:

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Around the time that the gold rushes ended in the nineteenth-century West, a curious phenomenon arose in New England known as money diggers. These were men who roamed the countryside with shovels, divining rods, and superstitious hope, convinced that treasure lay buried beneath their feet. Surely there must be gold under our feet. But there was not. The craze of these wild goose chases caused many to lose farms, families, and sanity.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus inaugurates a new era of spiritual money digging. He announces, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."** He invites us to become treasure seekers who search in the right place. What is of greatest value is not money beneath our feet, but the infinite treasure hidden deep in the humanity of Jesus himself, God's own blessed life. The glory of heaven lies veiled in his ordinary life, his teaching, his suffering, his Church.

This teaching about the Kingdom changes things. Now we see the Church's doctrinal and moral teachings are not arbitrary rules. They are a treasure map. Follow them, and we will uncover divine happiness. Ignore them, and we will wander aimlessly, spade in hand, digging in empty fields, discouraged.

Where have we wasted energy seeking treasure in the wrong places? How have we given up on seeking the treasure of truly finding God's love for us? If so, let us repent of both. Then let us dust off our shovels and get back to digging deep into the field of Christ Jesus and his Church. After all, He never ceases seeking his treasure in us.

— Father John Muir

Oracion de la Semana

Las lecturas de la semana del 26 de julio de 2026

Domingo: 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

Lunes: Jr 13, 1-11/Dt 32, 18-19. 20. 21/Mt 13, 31-35

Martes: Jr 14, 17-22/Sal 78, 8. 9. 11 y 13/Mt 13, 36-43

Miércoles: Jr 15, 10. 16-21/Sal 58, 2-3. 4. 10-11. 17. 18/Jn 11, 19-27 o Lc 10, 38-42

Jueves: Jr 18, 1-6/Sal 145, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mt 13, 47-53

Viernes: Jr 26, 1-9/Sal 68, 5. 8-10. 14/Mt 13, 54-58

Sábado: Jr 26, 11-16. 24/Sal 68, 15-16. 30-31. 33-34/Mt 14, 1-12

Domingo siguiente: Is 55, 1-3/Sal 144, 8-9. 15-16. 17-18/Rom 8, 35. 37-39/Mt 14, 13-21

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 26 de julio de 2026

Domingo: 17^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes:

Martes:

Miércoles: Santos Marta, María, y Lázaro

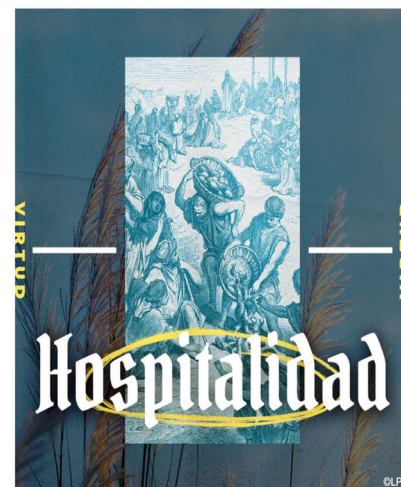
Jueves: San Pedro Crisólogo, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Viernes: San Ignacio de Loyola, sacerdote

Sábado: San Alfonso María de Ligorio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Domingo siguiente: 18^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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— CONÉCTATE CON LA
TRADICIÓN Y CRECE EN TU FE**

La virtud de la hospitalidad se caracteriza por la amabilidad y la bienvenida, especialmente hacia quienes son desconocidos. Es la práctica del amor cristiano verdadero — amor puramente por el amor de aquel "que nos amó primero" (1 Juan 4:19)..

**ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS LOS
DÍAS Y PARA TODOS
Bendición para Nuestra
Parroquia**

Querido Dios,
Derrama tu bendición sobre
nuestra parroquia, que necesita
Tu renovación e inspiración.
Poda los lugares que necesitan
poda y vierte nueva gracia y
valor entre nosotros.
Ayúdanos a encontrarte y, con
gran alegría, seguirte de todo
corazón.

Amén.
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Yo amo,
Señor, tus
mandamientos

**LA PERFECCIÓN
DEL AMOR A DIOS
CONSISTE EN
CONFORMAR NUESTRA
VOLUNTAD CON LA
VOLUNTAD DE DIOS.
SAN ALFONSO DE LIGORIO**

LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA (Live the Liturgy)
Cristo compara el reino de los cielos con un tesoro enterrado — el hallazgo de toda una vida, uno por el que arriesgarías todo por conservarlo. ¿Estamos haciendo todo lo posible por conservar este tesoro que hemos tenido la suerte de descubrir? ¿Cuánto vale el Cielo para nosotros?
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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 25th

5:00 p.m. Fr. Zacharias Elampunkal, Isaiah Vallejo, Matthew Escajeda, Chris Dodge & Pedro Ramos, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Kevin Viberos

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso De Isaiah Vallejo, Juan Manuel Hueso, Felipa Diaz, Enrique Alvarez y Elodia Lopez . Intención Especial de Abel y Christine Gonzalez

Sunday, July 26th

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Rosalina Regala, Fitz Gerald & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Custodio Molina, Isiah Vallejo, Alpidio Valencia y Ignacio Pulido. Intención Especial de Manuel Morales

10:00 a.m. Juan Leonardo Munoz, Claudia Barquera y Beatriz Lopez, may they rest in peace.

11:30a.m Kathleen Cardenas & Judith Lopez, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the Health of Jose Gutierrez.

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Marcela R. Silva, Maria de Jesus Salazar, Jorge Salazar y Isaiah Vallejo .

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Justin Contreras, Fernando Aguirre, Alfonso Hinijosa, Isaiah Vallejo y Pedro Ramos

Monday, July 27th

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Israel Silva, P.C. Joseph, Accamma Joseph & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the Vallejo Family.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Isiah Vallejo, Eulalia Barrientos, Ana Veronica Arias, Nadia Arias, Israel Silva y Pedro Ramos.

Tuesday, July 28th

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Terry White & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the Health of Jose Gutierrez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Isiah Vallejo, Ramon Torres, Nicolasa Ruiz, Jose Gallardo, Felipa Suarez y Pedro Ramos. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio

Wednesday, July 29th

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Mariano Calderon Jr. & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the health of Jose Gutierrez. Happy Birthday Elianna Alvarez & Elianna Alvarez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Terry White, Maria de la Luz Jacobo, Isaiah Vallejo y Pedro Ramos.

Thursday, July 30th

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Jose Camacho & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Samuel Alvarez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Terry White, Josehua Trujillo, Raquel Torres, Isiah Vallejo y Pedro Ramos.

Friday, July 31st

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Tim Foss & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Eugenia Cabrera

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Saul Gomez, German Garcia, Terry White, Regina Anne Shido y Isiah Vallejo.

Saturday, August 1st

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Matthew Escajeda & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

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.

St. Didacus English RCIA Program – 2026–2027

Are you—or someone you know—thinking about becoming Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation? We invite you to join the **St. Didacus English RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** program beginning **Thursday, August 27, 2026**, with classes held **Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**

RCIA is designed for adults who have never been baptized, those who were baptized but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation, and those baptized in another Christian tradition who are interested in entering the Catholic Church.

Registration will take place on the first evening of class. The program fee is **\$140** (cash or check), which helps cover the cost of program materials.

Before attending, please visit www.stdidacus.org to review the program requirements, the documents you will need, and other important information to help you prepare. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Did You Know?

Safety on the road this summer

Summer means more children are using paths and roads for biking, walking, and rolling. That is why the state of California started the “Protect Our Pedestrians. Protect Our Cyclists” education campaign. The campaign calls on drivers to slow down, look out for people of all ages who are biking and walking. One important way to stay safe is to teach children to put phones, headphones and devices down when crossing the street. For more information please visit: <https://gosafelyca.org/share-the-road/>.

Seguridad en los caminos para el verano

El verano supone que hay más niños utilizando los caminos y calles para ir en bicicleta, caminar y patinar. Por eso, el estado de California ha comenzado una campaña educativa “Protejamos a nuestros peatones. Protejamos a nuestros ciclistas.” La campaña llama a los conductores a reducir la velocidad y a prestar atención a las personas de todas las edades que van en bicicleta o a pie. Una forma importante de garantizar la seguridad es enseñar a los niños a dejar a un lado los teléfonos, los audífonos y otros dispositivos cuando crucen la calle. Para obtener más información, visita: <https://gosafelyca.org/share-the-road/>.

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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!