

18th Sunday on Ordinary Time —August 2nd, 2026

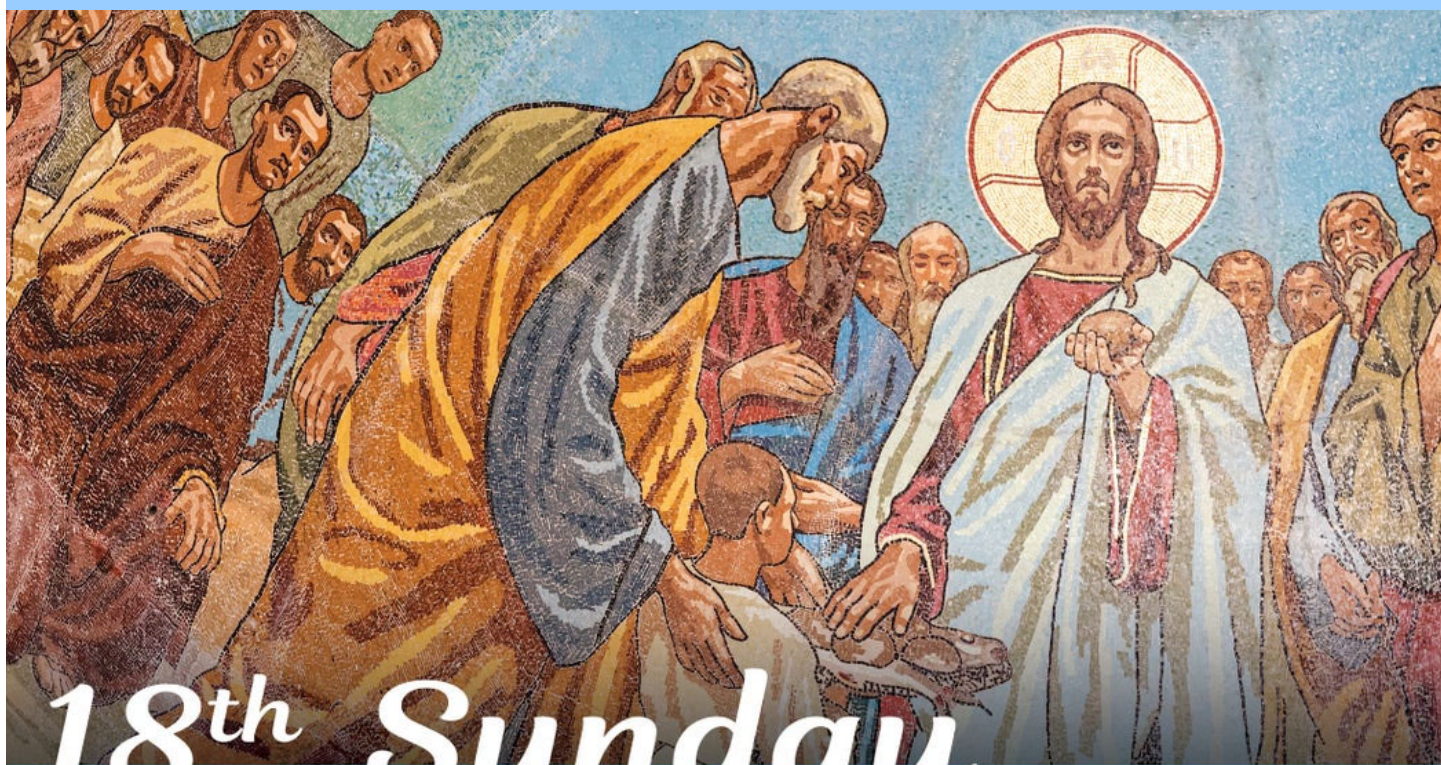
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Mission Statement:

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



18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds." Matthew 14:19

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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:

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water! (Is 55:1)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

Gospel:

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and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds. (Mt 14:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

Observances for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the "everyday form of reverence." It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.

Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,
Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/
2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab,
39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir

Oracion de la Semana

Las lecturas de la semana del 2 de agosto de 2026

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

Lunes: Jr 28, 1-17/Sal 118, 29. 43. 79. 80. 95. 102/Mt 14, 22-36

Martes: Jr 30, 1-2. 12-15. 18-22/Sal 101, 16-18. 19-21. 29. 22-23/Mt 14, 22-36 o Mt 15, 1-2. 10-14

Miércoles: Jr 31, 1-7/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 15, 21-28

Jueves: Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9/2 Pe 1, 16-19/Mt 17, 1-9

Viernes: Na 2, 1. 3; 3, 1-3. 6-7/Dt 32, 35-36. 39. 41/Mt 16, 24-28

Sábado: Hb 1, 12-2, 4/Sal 9, 8-9. 10-11. 12-13/Mt 17, 14-20

Domingo siguiente: 1 Re 19, 9. 11-13/Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14/Rom 9, 1-5/Mt 14, 22-33

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 2 de agosto de 2026

Domingo: 18^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes:

Martes: San Juan María Vianney, sacerdote

Miércoles: La dedicación de la basílica de Santa María la Mayor

Jueves: La Transfiguración de Jesús

Viernes: San Sixto II, papa, y compañeros, mártires; San Cayetano, sacerdote

Sábado: San Domingo, sacerdote

Domingo siguiente: 19^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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El Retiro Viñedo de Raquel

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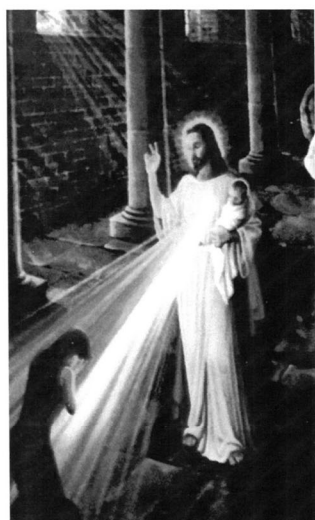
Retiros para mujeres y hombres que sufren el dolor emocional y espiritual del aborto. Este retiro está diseñado para ayudar a los participantes en que puedan trabajar sobre el duelo y el coraje reprimido en un ambiente seguro y sin juicio para poder llegar a la aceptación, sanación y esperanza para el futuro. Diseñado en la tradición Católica Apostólica Romana donde se utiliza ejercicios espirituales y dinámicas para ayudar en el proceso del duelo sobre la pérdida de los bebés nonatos y así también poder aceptar el perdón de Dios.

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El respeto, escribió el teólogo padre Romano Guardini, es la "forma cotidiana de reverencia.

" Es una admiración por la santidad de algo, y por eso el respeto por quienes fueron hechos a imagen de Dios fluye naturalmente de nuestro respeto primario por Dios mismo..

ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS LOS
DÍAS

Bendición de la Provisión de
Dios

Querido Dios,

Gracias por las formas en que siempre has provisto en el pasado, y estate con nosotros también en estos días. Bendice a nuestra comunidad — cada familia, cada hogar, cada persona confiada al cuidado de nuestra parroquia. Provee nuestras necesidades — corporales, emocionales, financieras, mentales y espirituales — en tu nombre santo y sagrado.

Amén.

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, August 1

5:00 p.m. Antonia Alvarez, Isaiah Vallejo, Dario Magana & Terry White, may they rest in peace.

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso De Isaiah Vallejo, Felipa Diaz, Enrique Alvarez y Elodia Lopez . Intención Especial de la salud de Cecilia Pelayo

Sunday, August 2

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Terry White & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Isaiah Vallejo, Alpidio Valencia, Mariano Magana y Ignacio Pulido. Intención Especial de la familia Aceves Martin

10:00 a.m. Juan Leonardo Munoz, Claudia Barquera y Philip Lopez, Pedro Avila Lares, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Alexis Gardea

11:30a.m Matthew Escajeda, Oswaldo Barreras, Jenny Valenzuela, Refgio Dorame, may they rest in peace.

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Inez D. Trevino. Ramona Torres y Isaiah Vallejo .

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Raquel Villanueva, Dario Magana, Isaiah Vallejo y Pedro Ramos. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio

Monday, August 3

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Terry White & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Phillip Doyle

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Isaiah Vallejo, Dario Magana, Michelle Cortez, Maria Luisa Gallegos. Intension Especial de la Salud de Isidro Morales.

Tuesday, August 4

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Terry White & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Phillip Doyle. Happy Birthday to Ramon Rios

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Isaiah Vallejo, Dario Magana, Maria Luisa Gallegos e Maria de Jesus Morales. Intención Especial de la Salud de Paz Morales

Wednesday, August 5

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Antonia Alvarez .& Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Phillip Doyle.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Terry White, Maria Luisa Gallegos, Clemente Reynoso y Dario Magana.

Thursday, August 6

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Olinda Maravi & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Silvia Rios. Special Intentions of Phillip Doyle

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Dario Magana, Gloria Lopez, Maria Luisa Gallegos e Isaiah Vallejo. Feliz Cumpleanos de Juan Carlos Hernandez

Friday, August 7

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intention of Norma Gallegos, Phillip Doyle, the Pelayo & the Lopez Family

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Dario Magana, Maria Luisa Gallegos, Maria de Jesus de lam Rosa y Isaiah Vallejo.

Saturday, August 8th

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Lorenza Chuabunpjo, Martina Ngcha & 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?

Domestic violence and child abuse

Children can suffer from short- and long-term consequences of growing up in a home with domestic violence. The State of California has laws in place to protect children against physical, verbal, and emotional violence done in any home. Any safe adult with a reasonable concern that a child is witnessing domestic violence or being harmed in his or her home, should report to Child Protective Services (CPS) or the appropriate authorities to have the situation investigated for the child's safety. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Domestic Violence: Part 1" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know. Read the VIRTUS® article "Domestic Violence: Part 1 here.

Violencia doméstica y maltrato a menores

Los niños pueden sufrir consecuencias a corto y largo plazo por crecer en un hogar donde se encuentra violencia doméstica. El Estado de California cuenta con leyes para proteger a los niños frente a la violencia física, verbal y emocional que se produzca en cualquier hogar. Un adulto que tenga motivos razonables para creer que un niño está presenciando violencia doméstica o sufriendo maltrato en su hogar puede denunciarlo ante los Servicios de las autoridades correspondientes para que se investigue la situación en beneficio de la seguridad del niño. Para más consejos e información lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "Violencia doméstica: parte 1" (Domestic Violence: part 1) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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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!