

20th Sunday on Ordinary Time —August 16th, 2026

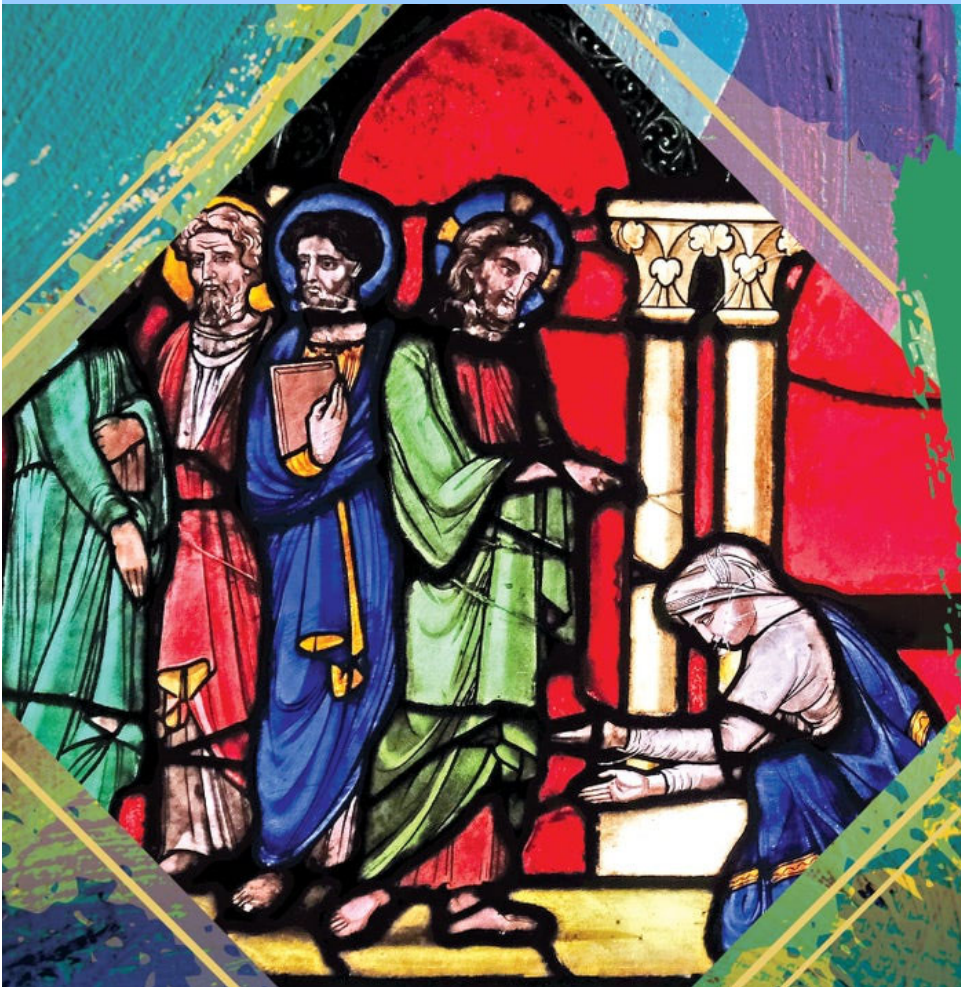
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Mission Statement:

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



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and
did Jesus homage, saying,
“Lord, help me.”
- Mt 15:25

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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:
Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed. (Is 56:1)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience,
that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply,
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

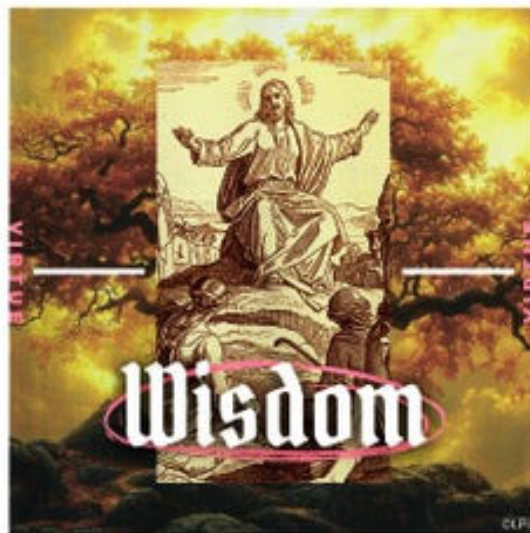
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Canaanite woman did not take Jesus' initial refusal as rejection, but as an invitation to engage with God, to show him the depth of her faith. When our prayers are not answered as we wish, will we have the courage to do the same?

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

They say that wisdom comes with experience, and it does — but only if you accept it. Wisdom originates in both our will and in our intellect, meaning we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of wisdom — and remember to be ready when it comes.

Prayer for Conversion in Our Communities

Dear God,
Move in our community:
Bring Your light to the darkness,
Your justice to the oppressed,
Your hope to those in despair,
Your healing to those in pain.
Work in us, Lord, and change our hearts,
making us more loving, more merciful, and more compassionate.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-
14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David."** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. **"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."** But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **"Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."** Jesus' silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **"O woman, great is your faith,"** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir

Oracion de la Semana

Las lecturas de la semana del 16 de agosto de 2026

Domingo: Is 56, 1. 6-7/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8/Rom 11, 13-15. 29-32/Mt 15, 21-28

Lunes: Ez 24, 15-23/Dt 32, 18-19. 20. 21/Mt 19, 16-22

Martes: Ez 28, 1-10/Dt 32, 26-27. 27-28. 30. 35-36/Mt 19, 23-30

Miércoles: Ez 34, 1-11/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Mt 20, 1-16

Jueves: Ez 36, 23-28/Sal 50, 12-13. 14-15. 18-19/Mt 22, 1-14

Viernes: Ez 37, 1-14/Sal 106, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Mt 22, 34-40

Sábado: Ez 43, 1-7/Sal 84, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14/Mt 23, 1-12

Domingo siguiente: Is 22, 19-23/Sal 137, 1-2. 2-3. 6 y 8/Rom 11, 33-36/Mt 16, 13-20

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 16 de agosto de 2026

Domingo: 20º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes:

Martes:

Miércoles: San Juan Eudes, sacerdote

Jueves: San Bernardo, abad y doctor de la Iglesia

Viernes: San Pío X, papa

Sábado: La coronación de la Virgen María como Reina de todo lo creado

Domingo siguiente: 21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



El Retiro Viñedo de Raquel

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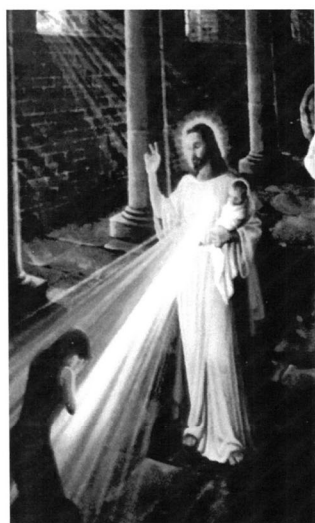
Retiros para mujeres y hombres que sufren el dolor emocional y espiritual del aborto. Este retiro está diseñado para ayudar a los participantes en que puedan trabajar sobre el duelo y el coraje reprimido en un ambiente seguro y sin juicio para poder llegar a la aceptación, sanación y esperanza para el 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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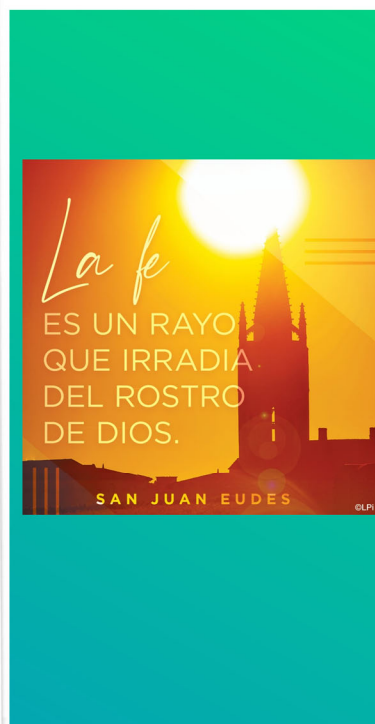
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ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS LOS
DÍAS

Oración por la Conversión en
Nuestras Comunidades
Querido Dios,

Muévete en nuestra
comunidad:

trae tu luz a la oscuridad,
tu justicia a los oprimidos,
tu esperanza a los que están en
desesperación,
tu sanación a los que sufren.
Trabaja en nosotros, Señor, y
cambia nuestros corazones,
haciéndonos más amorosos,
más misericordiosos y más
compasivos.
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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Religious Education Office
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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 15

5:00 p.m. Jesus Humberto Perez, Ernesto Gonzalez, Isaiah Vallejo, Dario Magana & Maria Luisa Quintero may they rest in peace.

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso De Isaiah Vallejo, Felipa Diaz, Enrique Alvarez, Jose Alferedo Beltran y Elodia Lopez . Intención especial por el salud Cecilia Pelayo

Sunday, August 16

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

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Isaiah Vallejo, Jose Luis Navarrete, Alpidio Valencia, Manuel Arias y Ignacio Pulido. Intención Especial de la Salud de Maria Chavez

10:00 a.m. Juan Leonardo Munoz, Claudia Barquera y Socorro Gallegos, Pedro Avila Lares may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Carlos Fernandez & Elena Zamora

11:30a.m Matthew Escajeda & Rosa Ochoa may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the health of Adela Loera. Happy Birthday Filomena Carrillo

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Maria de Jesus Salazar, Jorge Salazar, Raul Melgoza Sr., Marcos Silva M. y Isaiah Vallejo.

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Juana Pelano, Alfredo Gutierrez, Dario Magana, Isaiah Vallejo y Pedro Ramos. Feliz Cumpleanos de Melany López. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio

Monday, August 17

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee, Dario Magana, Raul Melgoza Sr. & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Emma y Ricardo Rios.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Isaiah Vallejo, Marcelino Martinez, Roberto Garcia Finados, Blanca Martinez. Feliz Cumpleanos de Silva Bricenio.

Tuesday, August 18

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee Raul Melgoza Sr., Alfredo Gutierrez, Rachel Barragan & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the health of Anna Parmal

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Isaiah Vallejo, Dario Magana, Blanca Martinez, Roberto Garcia Finados. Intension Especial de la salud de Victor Arenas

Wednesday, August 19

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza Sr. & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the health of Rosyln Lazarus

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Javier Garcia Ortiz, Dario Magana, Alberto Sandoval, Refugio Solano, Blanca Martinez, Roberto Garcia Finados y Isaiah Vallejo.

Thursday, August 20

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza Sr, Sukhia Charan, Shiu Charan & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Dario Magana, Roberto Garcia Finados, Blanca Martinez, e Isaiah Vallejo. Feliz Cumpleanos de Octavio Lopez. Intencion Especial de Nancy Gabriela Martinez

Friday, August 21

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Raul Martinez Sr., & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intention of the Pelayo & the Lopez Family. Happy birthday Carmen Aceves

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Dario Magana, Blanca Martinez, Roberto Garcia Finados y Isaiah Vallejo. Intension Especial de la Salud de Bertha Jimenez.

Saturday, August 22

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza Sr., Philomena Charan & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special intentions of Raul Melgoza Jr.

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.

Programa RICA en español de St. Didacus - 2026-2027

¿Está usted —o alguien que conoce— pensando en convertirse al catolicismo o en completar los sacramentos de iniciación? Le invitamos a unirse al programa de RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos) en español de la parroquia St. Didacus, que comienza el jueves 27 de agosto de 2026; las clases se impartirán los jueves por la noche a las 7:00 p. m.

El programa RICA está diseñado para adultos que nunca han sido bautizados, para aquellos que fueron bautizados pero no han completado los sacramentos de iniciación, y para quienes fueron bautizados en otra tradición cristiana y desean ingresar a la Iglesia Católica.

La inscripción se realizará la primera noche de clases. El costo del programa es de \$140 (en efectivo o cheque), importe que ayuda a cubrir los gastos de los materiales del curso.

Antes de asistir, por favor visite www.stdidacus.org para consultar los requisitos del programa, la documentación necesaria y otra información importante que le ayudará a prepararse. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

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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:

Email: stdidacusconfirmation@gmail.com

David Urzua: (818) 282-3800

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Have a Blessed Summer, God Bless You All!