

21st Sunday on Ordinary Time —August 23rd, 2026

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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!



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:

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut,
when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Thursday:	St. Monica
Friday:	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

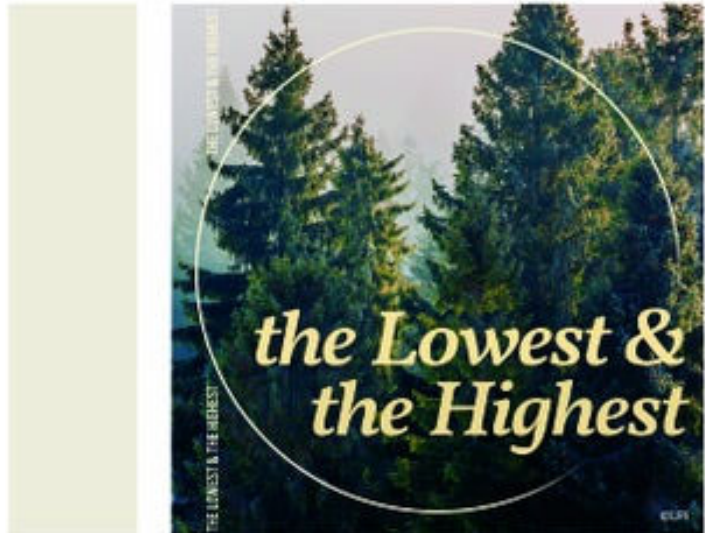
1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/
Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, **"Who do you say that I am?"** And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, **"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."**

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

Oracion de la Semana

Las lecturas de la semana del 23 de agosto de 2026

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

Lunes: Ap 21, 9-14/Sal 144, 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/Jn 1, 45-51

Martes: 2 Tes 2, 1-3. 14-17/Sal 95, 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 23, 23-26

Miércoles: 2 Tes 3, 6-10. 16-18/Sal 127, 1-2. 4-5/Mt 23, 27-32

Jueves: 1 Co 1, 1-9/Sal 144, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mt 24, 42-51

Viernes: 1 Co 1, 17-25/Sal 32, 1-2. 4-5. 10-11/Mt 25, 1-13

Sábado: 1 Co 1, 26-31/Sal 32, 12-13. 18-19. 20-21/Mc 6, 17-29

Domingo siguiente: Jr 20, 7-9/Sal 62, 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9/Rom 12, 1-2/Mt 16, 21-27

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 23 de agosto de 2026

Domingo: 21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes: San Bartolomé, apóstol

Martes: San Luis; San José Calasanz, sacerdote

Miércoles:

Jueves: Santa Mónica

Viernes: San Agustín, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Sábado: La pasión de San Juan Bautista

Domingo siguiente: 22º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



El Retiro Viñedo de Raquel

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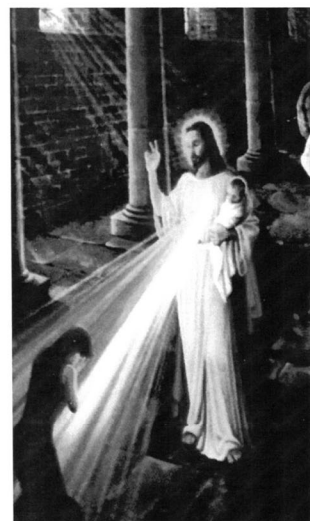
Retiros para mujeres y hombres que sufren el dolor emocional y espiritual del aborto. Este retiro está diseñado para ayudar a los participantes en que puedan trabajar sobre el duelo y el coraje reprimido en un ambiente seguro y sin juicio para poder llegar a la aceptación, sanación y esperanza para el 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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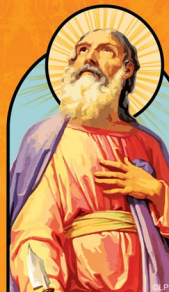
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'AHÍ AFUERA',
SABRÁS QUE
ES VERDAD



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Aunque el valor en sí mismo no es una virtud cardinal ni teológica, como palabra latina que significa "fortaleza", lo asociamos con el don de la fortaleza. Evoca una imagen de fortaleza en el campo de batalla — de fidelidad a la buena lucha, independientemente del ataque que se avecina.

ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS LOS
DÍAS

Oración por el Papa
Querido Dios,
Estate con Nuestro Santo
Padre en su ministerio.
Bendice, unge y protégelo en
sus idas y venidas. Inspira sus
palabras, dirige sus
interacciones, guía su oración.

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, August 22

5:00 p.m. Isaiah Vallejo, y Dario Magana, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Natasha & the health of Jason Charan. Happy Birthday to Margarita Orozco.

7:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso De Isaiah Vallejo, Alicia Cruz, Refugio Delgado, Roberto Garcia Finadas, Blanca Martinez y Elodia Lopez .

Sunday, August 23

6:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of the Lopez & the Pelayo Family.

8:00 a.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Isaiah Vallejo, Luis Martinez, Alpidio Valencia y Ignacio Pulido. Feliz Cumpleaños de Silvia y Leopoldo Briceno.

10:00 a.m. Juan Leonardo Munoz, Claudia Barquera y Theresa Pena Gonzalez may they rest in peace.

11:30a.m Matthew Escajeda & Jose Jesus Gomez may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the health of Altagracia Andrade, Danny Andrade, & for the Jenavie Batres family. Happy Birthday Penelope Angel.

1:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Ramona Torres, Raul Melgoza Sr., y Isaiah Vallejo. Special Intentions of Raul Melgoza Jr.

6:00 p.m. Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Garcia Finados, Blanca Martinez, Dario Magana, Isaiah Vallejo y Pedro Ramos. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio

Monday, August 24

7:30a.m. John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Noneli Valdez. Special Intentions of Raul Melgoza Jr.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Isaiah Vallejo, Dario Magana, Jose Ramon Meza, Blanca Martinez, Roberto Garcia Finados, Blanca Martinez. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Lorena Moreno, Esther Sanchez & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Raul Melgoza Jr. Happy Birthday Vanessa Palomera.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Isaiah Vallejo, Dario Magana, Blanca Martinez, Jose Ramon Meza, Roberto Garcia Finados. Feliz Cumpleaños de Erika Lopez. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio

Wednesday, August 26

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Francis Charon & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for Raul Melgoza Jr. Happy Birthday Stacey Palomera.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Jose Ramon Meza y Isaiah Vallejo. Feliz Cumpleaños de Maria y Viviana Ramirez. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio.

Thursday, August 27

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, Joseph Charan, Josephine Singh & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions of Raul Melgoza Jr.

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Trinidad Navarro, Frankie Carrillo, Jose Ramon Meza y Tere Flores, e Isaiah Vallejo. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio

Friday, August 28

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intention of the Pelayo & the Lopez Family. Happy birthday Raul Melgoza Jr y Agustina Gutierrez

6:00 p.m Para El Eterno Descanso de Agustina Garcia, Jose Ramon Meza, Aurelio Reynoso y Isaiah Vallejo. Happy Birthday to Micheal Gonzalez. Intercesión por todos las almas de purgatorio

Saturday, August 29

7:30 a.m. John Stephen Lee, James Singh, Lorraine 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:

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Have a Blessed Summer, God Bless You All!