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Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua

The Catholic Christian community of St. Anthony Padua welcomes all to our celebrations of God's love. Through prayer, education, sacraments, caring and stewardship, we strive to serve the needs of God's people and to gain a richer understanding of the Gospel message of love. We invite you to become a part of our "Parish Life." Your talents are welcome!

Rev. Msgr. Robert D. Wenzinger, Pastor

Please register at www.stanthonyfresno.org.

Thanks for joining us!

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL #984

Mass Intentions

7 SUNDAY – 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Intentions (B-Day) of Linda Grossman by her Family

9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of our parish community)

11:00 a.m. Intentions (B-Day) of Teri Loera by her Family

1:00 p.m. † Ramiro Espinoza por Noemi Gomez

6:00 p.m. † Flora Bayaca by Libertie Tacata

MONDAY

NO MASS

TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of our parish community)

8:00 a.m. † JoAnn Reynolds by her Family

MEDNESDAY

6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of our parish community)

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Patricia Cruz by Bel Nickles

1 THURSDAY

6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of our parish community)

8:00 a.m. † Angelo Papagni by Renee Blasé Thorne

◀ ▼ FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of our parish community)

8:15 a.m. † Petra Ovalle by Ann Marie Kausin

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of our parish community)

5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of our parish community)

■ SUNDAY - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. † Angelo & Blanche Papagni by Cathy Papagni-Clack

9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of our parish community)

11:00 a.m. † Chuck Sant 'Agata by the Fanucchi Family

1:00 p.m. † Intenciones de Luisito Chavez por Karen Chavez

6:00 p.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their Children

Are you ready for some good Italian food?

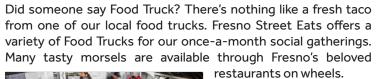
Come join us WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR



DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP. Members and guests are encouraged to bring salad and/or dessert to share. Open to parishioners of every nationality.

We will be discussing our 2022-2023 calendar which includes fundraisers and our annual Christmas Dinner (location to be determined). Who doesn't like good Italian food? All are welcome. For more information, call Ministry Coordinator, Antoinette Percora, or the Ministry office at 439-0124, ext. 106.

NEXT SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 AFTER THE 4:00 P.M. & 5:30 P.M. MASSES NO HOST FOOD TRUCK SOCIAL





Tables and chairs will be set up in the Pavilion and inside the Conference Room to provide space for parishioners to share a meal together.

Plan now to join us for either the 4:00 p.m. English Mass or 5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass and then some great food and fellowship.

Monthly Memorial Mass

Saturday, August 20, 2022 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Here at St. Anthony of Padua, we remember those who passed in the previous years (August 2020 or August 2021) at a Monthly Memorial Mass. We invite the family and friends of those who celebrated their funeral Mass here at St. Anthony (Mario De La Torre, RoseMarie Wise, Richard Lowell Beers, Neldon Ellison, Daniel & Gloria Smith, Jeanette Atkinson, Lucas Joel Zamora, Mercedes Bernadette Bruce, Jerry Jesse Magdaleno, Sr., and Marilyn Joyce George) to join us. We will light a Memorial Candle for each person and we invite the family to take it home at the end of Mass.

STEWARDSHIP - MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!	
July 17, 2022	\$15,282.00
Last year's Plate Income	\$15,765.00
Difference	- \$ 483.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022	\$902,382.00
July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021	\$514,321.90
Difference (2019 YTD total \$1,136,040.00)	\$388,060.10

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD



GIVE ONLINE – Easy, Safe, and Convenient: When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you. You can also drop your envelope in the mail slot located in the door on the south side of the parish office.

Marriage Banns

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

Andrew Jonathan Belzer & Danielle Marie Saurette

Florentino Alvarado & Joanna Moreno-Lopez

If you know of any canonical reason for them not to be married, please contact the parish office.



Let us remember those in our parish community who are homebound, in the hospital or recovering from illness. May our Lord bless them with comfort and the support of a loving community.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Vigil Mass)

4:00 p.m. – English 5:30 p.m. – Español

Sunday

8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. - English

1:00 p.m. – Español 6:00 p.m. – English

Livestream Mass Schedule

9:30 a.m. – English Mass

1:00 p.m. – Misa Español

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday-Thursday (OLG Chapel)

6:45 a.m. – Returns Tuesday, August 9 8:00 a.m. – Chapel open until 11:00 a.m.

Friday (OLG Chapel)

6:45 a.m. – Returns Friday, August 12 8:15 a.m. – Followed by Adoration

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday

9:00-11:00 a.m. - Guadalupe Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday

 $6:00\ p.m.-Chapel\ Confessionals$

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - Chapel Confessionals



ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale, CA 93650 (559) 439-2100

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English - Mass Intention: † Frank & Rita Amparano Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español - Misa de Intención: † Juan Garcia For the following Sacraments, please contact St. Anthony of Padua: **SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

July 17, 2022 Not Provided YTD Total \$34,742.50

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Hispanic Ministries	Manuel Robles

For pastoral support, call St. Anthony of Padua Parish Office at (559) 439-0124.

"Christ has made my soul beautiful with jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve." - St. Agnes

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | EXT. 102

Baptisms are celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua. Godparent class and Baptism registration must be completed prior to scheduling your Baptism. Everything you need to know and forms are online at www.stanthonyfresno.org.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION High School teens - 10th-12th grades

Confirmation 1 and 2 registration is online. More information can be found on our website at stanthonyfresno.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY | EXT. 118

Couples should contact our parish marriage coordinator to make an appointment at least six months in advance of your wedding date to begin preparations.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard at St. Anthony of Padua on: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. - Chapel Confessionals Saturday at 10:00 a.m. - Chapel Confessionals



ST. ANTHONY'S **SCHOOL**

www.sasfresno.com Phone (559) 435-0700 Fax (559) 435-6749 5680 N. Maroa Ave., Fresno, California 93704 **Monday-Friday** 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Principal, Mrs. Jeanette Suter





St. Anthony School is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Go to sasfresno.com and click on "Admissions Process" for more information and to submit an application.

The Story of

Saint Anthony Church

PART 4 - MULTI-PART SERIES

Taken from the 1978 book by Custombook, Inc.

These are some of the people who made our parish possible. Top left: Anna Marie and Tony Ochinero, who donated the land for the site, with John Sullivan, chairman of fund-raising committee, and Father Doherty. Top right: at ground-breaking ceremony, left to right, James J. Nargis, Architect; Louie Morrelli, Contractor; Father Doherty, Mr. Ochinero, and Mr. Sullivan. Center: team captains and workers on the fund-raising committee. Bottom, Executive Committee: Vincent Petrucci, Mr. Sullivan, Joseph Storelli, Father Doherty, Ramon Garibay, and Dr. Lou Prendergast.

The Mission Days Continue

In 1955 [Msgr. Doherty], he built the present St. Agnes rectory. It is the residence today of Monsignor Herbert Elmlinger. Then, in 1957, because of the influx of new parishioners in the southern end of the parish, another church site became imperative. An executive committee and team captains organized to raise funds for a new church.

Father Meanwhile, Denis Doherty approached Tony and Anna Marie Ochinero with a bid to purchase some of their land for a site for the new church. He was told the land was not for sale. Instead, they generously donated ten acres of land to the church. The groundbreaking ceremony took place in 1957. The church, located at 5680 N. Maroa, was dedicated under the patronage of St. Anthony. The first Mass was offered in the new church on Easter Sunday, 1959. The building consisted of what is the Social hall and the kindergarten and at the time, it seemed adequate for many years to come, but time would prove otherwise.

In May 1960, Monsignor Doherty was appointed C.C.D. Director of the Diocese of Monterey-Fresno and Reverend Patrick Flood was appointed as the pastor of the new parish. On his arrival, he found that all the bills had been paid, with the exception of twenty-seven thousand dollars owing on the church building. In 1960, a parish hall was added to the church of St. Agnes in Pinedale to be used as a C.C.D. facility and parish activity center.

St. Therese School, on Wishon and Floradora, was by now bulging at the seams with children at St. Anthony's Parish. Consequently, a school at St. Anthony's became the next item on the agenda. No money was available, but









Bishop Willinger graciously agreed to advance the money on the pledges made by the parishioners. The present eight-room school was built at a cost of one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars and opened its doors in September, 1962. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet staffed the school, which at first had only the first four grades. A new grade was added each year until all eight grades were complete. The administration section of the school was added in 1964 at a cost of thirty-four thousand dollars.

TO BE CONTINUED

La historia de

Iglesia de San Antonio

PARTE 4 -SERIE DE VARIAS PARTES

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Los días de la misión continúan

En 1955 [Mons. Doherty], construyó la actual rectoría de St. Agnes. Es la residencia actual de Monseñor Herbert Elmlinger. Luego, en 1957, debido a la afluencia de nuevos feligreses en el extremo sur de la parroquia, se hizo imprescindible otro sitio para la iglesia. Un comité ejecutivo y capitanes de equipo se organizaron para recaudar fondos para una nueva iglesia.

Mientras tanto, el padre Denis Doherty se acercó a Tony y Anna Marie Ochinero con una oferta para comprar parte de su terreno para un sitio para la nueva iglesia. Le dijeron que la tierra no estaba en venta. En cambio, generosamente donaron diez acres de tierra a la iglesia. La ceremonia de inauguración tuvo lugar en 1957. La iglesia, ubicada en 5680 N. Maroa, se dedicó bajo el patrocinio de San Antonio. La primera Misa se ofreció en la nueva iglesia el Domingo de Resurrección de 1959. El edificio consistía en lo que es el Salón Social y el Jardín de Infantes y en ese momento parecía adecuado para muchos años por venir, pero el tiempo demostraría lo contrario.

En mayo de 1960, Monseñor Doherty fue nombrado C.C.D. El Director de la Diócesis de Monterey-Fresno y el Reverendo Patrick Flood fueron designados como párrocos de la nueva parroquia. A su llegada, descubrió que todas las facturas habían sido pagadas, con excepción de veintisiete mil dólares adeudados por el edificio de la iglesia. En 1960, se agregó un salón parroquial a la iglesia de St. Agnes en Pinedale para ser utilizado como C.C.D. instalación y centro de actividades parroquial.

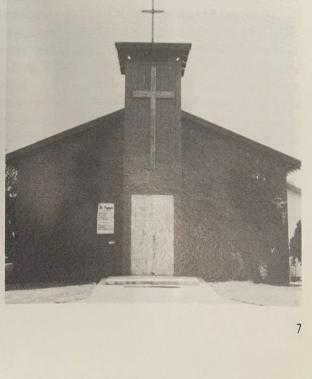
La escuela St. Therese, en Wishon y Floradora, ya estaba repleta de niños en la parroquia de St. Anthony.





Breaking ground for St. Anthony's School are left to right, Father Wilfred Diamond, Father Flood, and Father Joerger, and the Sisters of St. Joseph. A wedding in the first St. Anthony's Church, lower left. St. Agnes Church, after a face lifting under the guidance of Father McCann





En consecuencia, una escuela en St. Anthony se convirtió en el siguiente punto de la agenda. No había dinero disponible, pero el obispo Willinger amablemente accedió a adelantar el dinero de las promesas hechas por los feligreses. La actual escuela de ocho aulas se construyó a un costo de ciento cuarenta y cinco mil dólares y abrió sus puertas en septiembre de 1962. Las Hermanas de San José de Carondelet atendieron la escuela, que al principio solo tenía los primeros cuatro grados. Cada año se agregaba un nuevo grado hasta completar los ocho grados. La sección de administración de la escuela se agregó en 1964 a un costo de treinta y cuatro mil dólares.

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Parish Ministry Guide –

Christ said, "I have come to serve, not to be served."
The prayers during the Mass invite us to offer our prayers and gifts to the Lord. Liturgical Ministry calls the faithful to be part of the Mass.
We all feel unworthy to serve, just as Christ's disciples, who were fishermen before Christ called them. Is Christ calling you?

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Considered the unique honor to offer the "Body of Christ" to the faith community. Ministers are commissioned by our pastor to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Candidates should be 18 years of age and be in full communion with the church (all sacraments).

MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA

Se considera el honor único de ofrecer el "Cuerpo de Cristo" a la comunidad de fe. Los ministros son comisionados por nuestro párroco para asistir en la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión en la Misa. Los candidatos deben tener 18 años de edad y estar en plena comunión con la iglesia (todos los sacramentos).

LECTORS

Do you remember the joy of reading to your children before bed? If so, chances are you're a Lector candidate. Persons, 5th grade and older, who have made their First Holy Communion with good reading skills can serve as a Lector at Mass.

LECTORES

¿Recuerda la alegría de leer a sus hijos antes de dormir? Si es así, lo más probable es que usted sea un candidato a Lector. Las personas, de 5º grado en adelante, que han hecho su Primera Comunión con buenas habilidades de lectura pueden servir como Lector en la Misa.

Interested Lector and Eucharistic Minister candidates should contact Martha in the parish office at 439-0124, ext. 114 or by email. Los candidatos Miniterio Eucarístico y lectores interesados deben contactar a Martha en la oficina parroquial al 439-0124, ext. 114 o por correo electrónico.

ALTAR SERVER

We invite parents of youth (4th grade and up, who have received their First Holy Communion) to prayerfully consider the unique opportunity for your child to grow closer to Our Lord and His Church as an Altar Server. You can register online at stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/, then click on Altar Servers or call the parish office at 439-0124 for more details.

SERVIDOR DE ALTAR

Invitamos a los padres de los jóvenes (de 4º grado en adelante, que hayan recibido su Primera Comunión) a considerar en oración la oportunidad única de que su hijo crezca más cerca de Nuestro Señor y de Su Iglesia como Monaguillo. Usted puede registrarse en línea en stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/, luego haga clic en Altar Servers o llame a la oficina de la parroquia en 439-0124 para más detalles.

USHER & GREETER MINISTRY

Are you the type to get to church early? Why not join the Usher Ministry and greet your fellow parishioners as they enter the church? Ushers assist with the collection and act as Eucharistic Guards during Communion. Join the team and serve when you can. Call the parish office at 439-0124, ext. 106 for more details or complete the Volunteer Registration at www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries.

MINISTERIO DE UJIERES Y SALUDADORES

¿Eres de los que llegan temprano a la iglesia? ¿Por qué no te unes al Ministerio de Ujieres y saludas a tus feligreses cuando entran en la iglesia? Los ujieres ayudan con la colecta y actúan como guardias eucarísticos durante la comunión. Únase al equipo y sirva cuando pueda. Llame a la oficina parroquial al 439-0124, ext. 106 para obtener más detalles o complete el registro de voluntarios en www. stanthonyfresno.org/ministries.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Homebound Ministers are commissioned by the Pastor to take Holy Communion immediately after a weekend or weekday Mass to those in our parish unable to come to Mass on Sundays due to extended illness or confinement at home. Homebound is a Ministry of the Pastor. HB Ministers can only take Communion to those assigned by the Pastor. If you are interested in becoming a Homebound Minister, please call the Office of Ministry at 439-0124, ext. 106. All Volunteers must complete the new Diocese of Fresno Homebound training and Safe Environment requirements.

MINISTERIO DE LOS CONFINADOS EN CASA

Los ministros que se quedan en casa son comisionados por el Párroco para llevar la Sagrada Comunión inmediatamente después de una Misa de fin de semana o entre semana a aquellos en nuestra parroquia que no pueden venir a Misa los domingos debido a una enfermedad prolongada o confinamiento en casa. Los confinados en casa son un ministerio del párroco. Los ministros de HB sólo pueden llevar la comunión a los asignados por el párroco. Si usted está interesado en convertirse en un Ministro de Homebound, por favor llame a la Oficina de Ministerio en 439-0124, ext. 106. Todos los voluntarios deben completar el nuevo entrenamiento de la Diócesis de Fresno para los confinados en casa y los requisitos de un ambiente seguro.

Ministry Profile – G.I.F.T.

The meaning of G.I.F.T. ministry to me? First of all, it's an honor to be able to share the word of God with the children. When I was a child my grandmothers would gather us all together on Sunday evenings to share the word of God. I enjoyed all of the stories from the Bible and the great love and mercy that Our Lord has for humanity. I was so blessed to have such great teachers and by their example I, too, had the desire to share the love of God as well. I am now in my fifth year of teaching in the G.I.F.T. ministry and it's been an experience. I have the privilege of sharing some

of my stories with all of the children I teach. I also enjoy learning from them, hearing their interpretation of Scripture, their thoughts of being a Catholic in today's time and just Growing In Faith Together. Gloria Diaz, 6th Grade Catecista.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (GRADES K-6)

Director, Mary Briseno, ext. 113 mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org

GIFT is our parish religious education program for youth (K-6th Grade) and their families. Come explore the

richness of our Catholic tradition. 2022-2023 GIFT Registration is now open at www. stanthonyfresno.org. Is God calling you to share your faith with the next generation? Consider being a catechist. Call or email Mary for details.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (GRADES 6 TO 8)

Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117 schristison@stanthonyfresno.org

EDGE, Middle School Ministry provides a safe place for youth (Grades 6-8) to explore their faith in a fun, faith building program as well as sacrament preparation for

youth exploring Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. We just concluded JUNE JAM NIGHTS. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the Fall. Watch the bulletin for online registration dates.



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL TEENS)

Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117 schristison@stanthonyfresno.org

1st year sessions begin September 18th. 2nd year sessions begin September 25th.

It was a time of darkness for the Church — an age embroiled in suffering, fear, and isolation. And, then, God poured out His Spirit upon a small group of Jesus' closest followers. The Spirit came in boldness and power, unleashing a new fire within the hearts of the disciples and the budding Church.

Confirmation 1 & 2: Open to teens entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of High School. Registration will be online starting mid-August.

What do teens think? Topic: Jesus, He knows us and sees us. Jesus invites us to a life of holiness through discipleship. Teen Boy Response: When we become authentic disciples, our lives won't make sense to the world, and we will be persecuted.

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

In-person, St. Anthony Conference Room (aka Donut Room)



Director, Martha Danks-Ferguson 439-0124, ext. 114 mdanksferg@stanthonyfresno.org

See our website to register:

www.stanthonyfresno.org

Click on Faith Formation or scroll down to the RCIA icon.

We welcome adults seeking any of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist

New folks are welcome to join us any time during the year. If you have any questions, please contact Martha by phone or email.

LECTIONARY STUDY – Lectionary Study is on summer break. We look forward to seeing you in the Fall. Watch the bulletin for details.

Creciendo Juntos En Nuestra Fe

Educación Religiosa (Catecismo)

GIFT es nuestro programa parroquial de educación religiosa para jóvenes (grados K-6) y sus familias. Ven a explorar la riqueza de nuestra tradición católica. 2022-2023 GIFT la inscripción ya está abierta en www.stanthonyfresno.org. ¿Te está llamando Dios a compartir tu fe con la próxima generación? Considera ser catequista. Llame o envíe un correo electrónico a Mary para obtener más detalles.



CONFIRMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL

Para Jóvenes Bilingües en High School

;INSCRIPCIONES!

Las inscripciones para la confirmación en español ya están abiertas. Visite nuestra pagina de web a



stanthonyfresno.org o escanee el QR Code al lado para registrarse.

LAS CLASES COMIENZAN EN EL MES DE AGOSTO, 2022.

Para más información comuníquese con el Diacono Edgar al 439-0124, ext. 111 o ebriseno@stanthonyfresno.org.



SACRAMENTOS PARA **ADULTOS**

Adultos mayores de 18 años interesados en los Sacramentos de Primera Comunión, Confirmación o Bautismo hablar con Hermana Manuela, ext. 122 o sistermanuela@ stanthonyfresno.org.

BE PREPARED

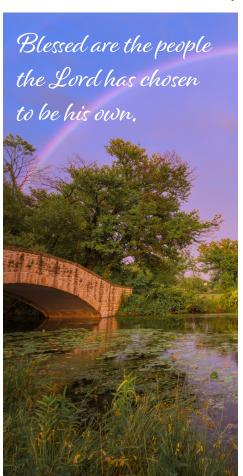
Reflection on Luke 12:32-48

During his sermon a preacher asked his congregation, "Who wants to go to heaven? Raise your hand." All hands went up, except for one older gentleman sitting in the front. The preacher pointed at him and said, "What about you sir, don't you want to go to heaven?" "Sure I do," he said, "but the way you asked the question, I thought you were getting a bus together for tonight."

Which is really the point of this Gospel: "Be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." It could be tonight, or tomorrow, and so Jesus urges us to be faithful, vigilant, and prepared.

"If you knew when the thief was coming...," Jesus says. Which I find to be a curious metaphor, Jesus comparing Himself to a thief. He did break into our world in a totally surprising way, becoming human. He did not employ force or violence, but through expressing love, mercy, and compassion, and announcing God's Kingdom, He totally stole our hearts!

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 7, 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Monday, August 8, 2022

Saint Dominic Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c

Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Weekday Ez 2:8-3:4

Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Saint Clare, Virgin Ez 12:1-12

Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 12, 2022

Weekday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Weekday Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32

Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 19:13-15

Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

Feast Day: August 11

Jn 12:24-26

Patron Saint of protection from eye disorders

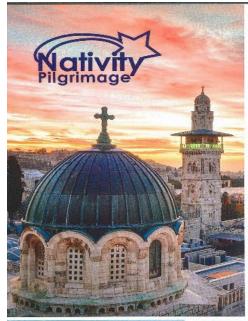
Having refused to marry at 15, Clare was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide. At 18, Clare escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel called the Portiuncula received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent, which her father and uncles immediately stormed in rage. Clare clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair, and remained adamant.

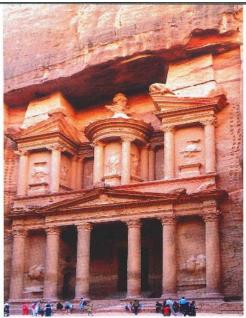
Sixteen days later her sister Agnes joined her. Others came. They lived a simple life of great poverty, austerity, and complete seclusion from the world, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. At age 21, Francis obliged Clare under obedience to accept the office of abbess, one she exercised until her death.

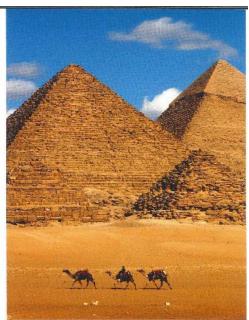
Contemporary accounts glow with admiration of Clare's life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She served the sick and washed the feet of the begging nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals, and bishops often came to consult her—Clare herself never left the walls of San Damiano. Francis always remained her great friend and inspiration. Clare was always obedient to his will and to the great ideal of Gospel life which he was making real.

A well-known story concerns her prayer and trust. Clare had the Blessed Sacrament placed on the walls of the convent when it faced attack by invading Saracens. "Does it please you, O God, to deliver into the hands of these beasts the defenseless children I have nourished with your love? I beseech you, dear Lord, protect these whom I am now unable to protect." To her sisters she said, "Don't be afraid. Trust in Jesus." The Saracens fled.

> Read the full article: "Saint Clare of Assisi" Franciscan Media. Franciscan Friars. https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-clare-of-assisi. (Accessed 25 July 2022).















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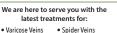
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