

MAY THE GRACIOUS CARE OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE OURS;

prosper the work of our hands

SEA LA LUZ DE JEHOVÁ NUESTRO DIOS SOBRE NOSOTROS,

Y la obra de nuestras manos confirma

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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prior to publication.

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 #996

Mass Intentions

4 SUNDAY – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. † Nick Kauls by the Fanucchi Family
9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of our parish community)
11:00 a.m. † John Messina by Marianne Messina
1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. Por Familia Gallardo
6:00 p.m. † Sandra Lynne Visciglio by Riccardo Visciglio Family

5 MONDAY
NO MASS

6 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of the Jorgensen Family by the Belton Family
8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Maria De Alba

7 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Billy Jordan by MaryBeth Perez
8:00 a.m. † Blanche Papagni by Renee Blasé Thorne


8 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Stella & Jesse Chavez by the Chavez Family
8:00 a.m. † Analia Estrada

9 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. † Leo LaMattina by Rich & Liz DeMera
8:15 a.m. † Santiago Ortega, Jr. by Carmela Ramirez

10 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of our parish community)
5:30 p.m. † Abel Brenes Aparicio por Familia Aparicio-Rubio

11 SUNDAY – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. † Tom Facio by Ramona Facio
9:30 a.m. † Bella Fena Hoadley by Ann Sciaroni
11:00 a.m. † Anastacia Sibal by Catherine Irususta
1:00 p.m. Intentions of Irvin Guerra & Familia por Martha Guerra
6:00 p.m. † Angelo & Blanche Papagni by Kathy Papagni-Clack

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 6092**
Grand Knight – Michael Cantelmi
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
General Council Meeting
Rosary 6:30 p.m. | Meeting 7:00 p.m.




Marriage Banns
The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

Brandon Sue & Michelle Porras
Scott Farrow & Kayla Keffel
Slade Smiley & Shelly Zavala

SILVER ANGELS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
9:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON
St. Agnes Mission Church Social Hall – 111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale
Please RSVP to this Silver Angels Event by completing a sign-up sheet in the parish office. Checks made payable to St. Anthony.



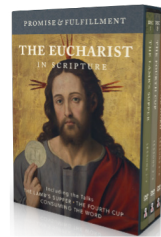


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH
6:30 P.M. IN THE SOCIAL HALL
(INCLUDES DINNER)
Do you like good Italian food, conversation, and fellowship?
Join us as we continue our event planning to include fundraisers and parish events. The Italian Catholic Federation was been an active part of our parish since 1975. Together we can make a difference in our parish and community. Come join us as we journey together. For more information, contact Antoinette Percora at the Ministry Office at 439-0124, ext 106.



Coming this Fall
5-week Grief Support, starts OCTOBER 1
Parish Renewal Mission – OCTOBER 25-27
For more information on parish groups, call the ministry office at 439-0124, ext. 106

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 & 28
Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. in Room 21, Facilitators – Sami Shwiyhat/Eliseo Cuellar
Liturgy is an essential element of Scripture. It is central to the Bible's story. The New Testament liturgy – especially the Eucharist – was promised in the Old Testament. It was anticipated, prefigured, foreshadowed. And it was fulfilled by Jesus in His Sacred Passion.



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

THURSDAYS, begins SEPTEMBER 22
Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. in Room 21, Facilitators – Dina Shwiyhat/Nivia Cuellar
11-Session series – St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians addresses many of the same topics in the news headlines today: scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, and issues related to prosperity versus poverty. Clearly, the struggles faced by the early Christians are in many ways similar to our own.



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday-Thursday (OLG Chapel)
6:45 a.m. – Daily Mass
8:00 a.m. – Chapel open until 11:00 a.m.
Friday (OLG Chapel)
6:45 a.m. – Daily Mass
8:15 a.m. – Followed by Adoration

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, begins SEPTEMBER 27
6:30 p.m. in Room 22, Facilitator – Michael Danks-Ferguson, MDiv
Join us for a study of the Gospel of Mark. Michael brings his love of Scripture (+ 39 years of teaching high school religion) to lead this study. Recommended book – which is optional – is *Meeting St. Mark Today* by Fr. Daniel Harrington S.J. (Loyola Press, 2011)



EUCCHARISTIC 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



STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

August 14, 2022	\$17,657.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$15,315.00
Difference	\$ 2,342.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022	\$92,788.00
July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021	\$68,135.00
Difference	\$24,653.00

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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.*

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. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale, CA 93650
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Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention: † Mary Tufano

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español – Misa de Intención: † Juan Garcia

For the following Sacraments, please contact St. Anthony of Padua:
Anointing of the Sick • Baptisms • Confession • Funerals • Weddings

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**SHARING THE GIFTS WE
HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

August 14, 2022	\$1,462.00
YTD Total	\$42,689.50

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*“Christ has made my soul beautiful with jewels of grace and virtue.
I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve.” – St. Agnes*

The Story of

Saint Anthony Church

PART 8 – MULTI-PART SERIES

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by Custombook, Inc.

The Church Structure

St. Anthony's style is cruciform and has proved functional in this time of the energy crunch in that the Guadalupe Chapel section is heated and cooled independently of the main section. Also, Baptisms, Marriage, Penance, and Funeral ceremonies, prayer group meetings and choir rehearsal can be held in either the Guadalupe or the main wings without overlap or noise interference with other ceremonies that are held almost simultaneously.



SAINT ANTHONY'S CHURCH

The concept of the church building being visible sign of God's presence has its roots deep in the past, when the Jews wandered for forty years in the desert. Standard instructions were to put up the Lord's tent in the center of the encampment to represent "The Lord living among us." This tent was superior in its furnishings to all other tents. The Lord's tent, from which we get the word "tabernacle" housed the Ark of the Covenant, containing the Ten Commandments, the staff of Aaron, and a jar of Manna. St. Anthony's Church, therefore, proclaims "The Lord living among us."

The total cost of the main church building, with furnishings, was eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The building is solid concrete construction, representing the power, strength, and majesty of God. The windows are constructed to take advantage of the sunlight without the heat. The same concrete construction was used in the famed Coventry Cathedral in England, which, we are told cost twenty-five million dollars. The windows in St. Anthony's are a special fringe benefit, only being visible when you leave the church to go out into the world.

The Cupola, in everyday jargon referred to as the skylight, has as its purpose "to point to God and bring in the light coming from God." The architect, Mr. James J. Nargis, explained, "We want people passing to know that this is a church. We want them to realize that the purpose of a church is to point them to God and to the sacrifice Christ made on the Cross for us all. We want to lift people's vision, hopes and spirit." Sometimes we are so busy looking down that we only see the dust at our feet, we need to lift our eyes and spirits, too.

The tabernacle opens on both sides, to the Guadalupe Chapel and main wing side. This makes it accessible for private devotions and also for distribution of the Holy Eucharist.

The altars in both the main wing and the Guadalupe Chapel are constructed of Sierra White Granite, cut from the foothills at Raymond in Madera County, California.

The pews have been constructed to give ample space for the congregation's comfort. Bishop Willinger requested a large sanctuary for possible future ordinations in our diocese. The sanctuary lends itself equally to other celebrations such as the children's Mass, First Communions, Religious Education services, religious concerts and large wedding parties.

Immediately behind the Main Altar is the replica of the Last Supper, which we hope is a visual aid to recall the First Mass, "which started it all." Saint John's Seminary in Camarillo has the original Last Supper design executed by the artist, Senor Ballester, in Valencia, Spain which was constructed by two artisans who showed up at the site of a new Catholic church which needed a cross in the village of Limpas in the 1700's. They took an oak log and some leftover planks from the church construction site and went to work behind a tarpaulin for two weeks. When the crucifix was completed and unveiled at the church dedication, the two artisans had disappeared without asking for payment. The people marveled at the craftsmanship and the figure of Christ, still living, his head raised, mouth opened slightly and eyes lifted to Heaven. The original crucifix has been the subject of much devotion related, in part, to the fact that on Fridays, especially Good Friday, the mouth is purported to fill with blood.

The three paintings over the Last Supper, are done in Byzantine Romanesque style. The Romanesque gilt softens the harsh, straight lines of the Byzantine art. These paintings are favorites with our Orthodox friends. The painting on the left depicts Our Lord as a child in the Holy Family, learning the trade of His foster father, Joseph. The central image is the Risen, glorified figure of Christ, here to remind us of His power and love for us. On the right of the main portrait of the Risen Lord, is the painting depicting Mary, assumed into heaven, and crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. The full symbolism of the Trinity is embodied here with God, Our Father, and Christ, the Son, depicted next to Mary with the Holy Spirit shown as a dove above her.

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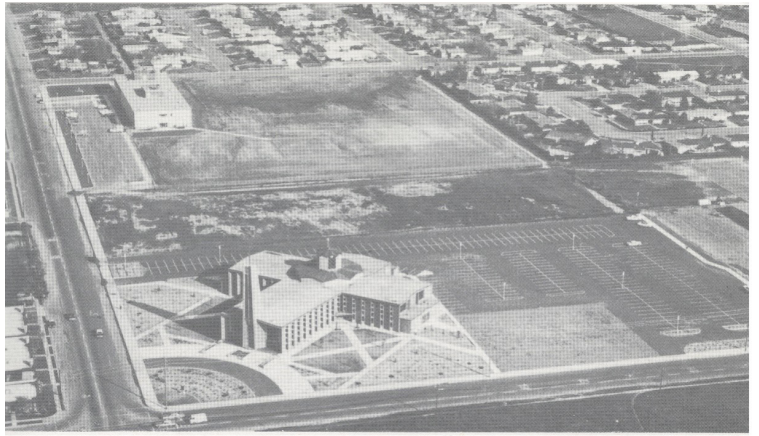
Iglesia de San Antonio

PARTE 8 - SERIE DE VARIAS PARTES

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Sociedades y Organizaciones Continúa

El estilo de St. Anthony es cruciforme y ha demostrado ser funcional en este momento de crisis energética en el sentido de que la sección de la Capilla de Guadalupe se calienta y se enfría independientemente de la sección principal. Además, las ceremonias de Bautismos, Matrimonios, Penitencias y Funerales, las reuniones de grupos de oración y los ensayos del coro se pueden llevar a cabo en el Guadalupe o en las alas principales sin superposición o interferencia de ruido con otras ceremonias que se realizan casi simultáneamente.



El costo total del edificio principal de la iglesia, con muebles, fue de ochocientos cincuenta mil dólares. El edificio es una construcción sólida de hormigón, que representa el poder, la fuerza y la majestad de Dios. Las ventanas están construidas para aprovechar la luz del sol sin el calor. La misma construcción de hormigón se usó en la famosa Catedral de Coventry en Inglaterra, que, según nos dicen, costó veinticinco millones de dólares. Las ventanas en St. Anthony's son un beneficio adicional especial, ya que solo son visibles cuando sales de la iglesia para salir al mundo.

La cúpula, en la jerga cotidiana conocida como el tragaluz, tiene el propósito de "apuntar a Dios y traer la luz que viene de Dios". El arquitecto, el Sr. James J. Nargis, explicó: "Queremos que la gente que pasa sepa que esta es una iglesia. Queremos que se den cuenta de que el propósito de una iglesia es señalarles a Dios y al sacrificio que Cristo hizo en la Cruz por todos nosotros. Queremos dar vida a la visión, las esperanzas y el espíritu de las personas". A veces estamos tan ocupados mirando hacia abajo que solo vemos el polvo a nuestro paso, también necesitamos dar vida a nuestros ojos y espíritu.

El tabernáculo se abre a ambos lados, a la Capilla de Guadalupe y al lado del ala principal. Esto lo hace accesible para devociones privadas y también para la distribución de la Sagrada Eucaristía.

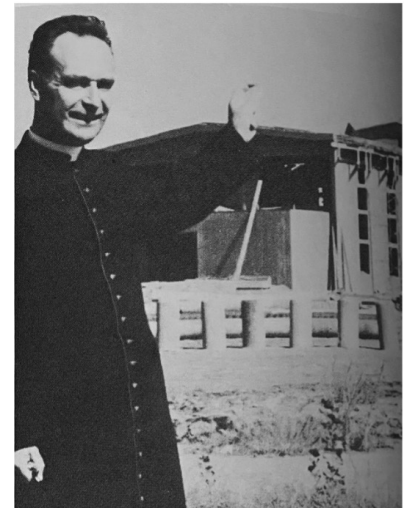
Los altares, tanto en el ala principal como en la Capilla de Guadalupe, están contruidos con granito Sierra White, cortados de las faldas de las colinas de Raymond en el condado de Madera, California.

Los bancos se han construido para dar un amplio espacio para la comodidad de la congregación.

El obispo Willinger solicitó un gran santuario para posibles futuras ordenaciones en nuestra diócesis. El santuario se presta igualmente a otras celebraciones como la Misa de niños, Primeras Comuniones, Servicios de Educación Religiosa, conciertos religiosos y grandes bodas.

Inmediatamente detrás del Altar Mayor se encuentra la réplica de la Última Cena, que esperamos sea una ayuda visual para recordar la Primera Misa, "que empezó todo". El Seminario de San Juan en Camarillo tiene el diseño original de la Última Cena ejecutado por el artista, Señor Ballester, en Valencia, España, fue construido por dos artesanos que se presentaron en el sitio de una nueva iglesia católica que necesitaba como cruz en el pueblo de Limpias en el 1700 Tomaron un tronco de roble y algunos tablonces sobrantes del sitio de construcción de la iglesia y se pusieron a trabajar detrás de una lona alquitranada durante dos semanas. Cuando se completó el crucifijo y se descubrió en la dedicación de la iglesia, los dos artesanos habían desaparecido sin pedir pago. La gente se maravilló de la artesanía y la figura de Cristo, aún vivo, con la cabeza erguida, la boca ligeramente abierta y los ojos levantados al cielo. El crucifijo original ha sido objeto de mucha devoción relacionada, en parte, con el hecho de que los viernes, especialmente el Viernes Santo, se supone que la boca se llena de sangre.

Las tres pinturas sobre la Última Cena, están realizadas en estilo románico bizantino. El dorado románico suaviza las líneas ásperas y rectas del arte bizantino. Estas pinturas son las favoritas de nuestros amigos ortodoxos. La pintura de la izquierda representa a Nuestro Señor como un niño en la Sagrada Familia, aprendiendo el oficio de su padre adoptivo, José. La imagen central es la figura glorificada y resucitada de Cristo, aquí para recordarnos su poder y amor por nosotros. A la derecha del retrato principal del Resucitado, se encuentra el cuadro que representa a María, asunta al cielo y coronada Reina del Cielo y de la Tierra. El simbolismo completo de la Trinidad está encarnado aquí con Dios, Nuestro Padre, y Cristo, el Hijo, representado junto a María con el Espíritu Santo como una paloma sobre ella.



CONTINUARÁ . . .

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?

EUCCHARISTIC 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 a Lector y Ministerio Eucarístico 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.

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 – Usher/Greeter Ministry

We are honored to have been asked to share a little something about us. We are the Romero Family. Celso "Sal" Romero, Flor "Flo" Romero, and Josiah Romero. We've been members of St. Anthony of Padua since 2003. Our son was baptized and did his First Holy Communion here. Throughout the years, we attended Mass at several different times, however, the 6:00 p.m. Mass became our favorite. We quickly made friends and we were invited to join the service ministry. Sal and Josiah became ushers in 2016 and Flo began serving as a lector and Eucharistic Minister in 2019. Josiah was only 11 years old when he began serving his church. Additionally, Flo was recently trained as a sacristan and has assisted other sacristans at the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Serving the church has been a blessing for us. We've been filled with joy as we get to do work for God at God's church! Having an abundance of love from our Heavenly Father has motivated us to serve Him. It truly is gratifying and we look forward to Sundays. We feel it has positively impacted our lives and we've grown closer as a family. Most importantly, it has strengthened our relationship with God. Things have only been better since we began serving at Mass. We are blessed to be able to participate as a family. We are proud to share our excitement about serving at St. Anthony of Padua with family and friends and encourage others to do so as well.





**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(GRADES K-6)**

Director, Mary Briseno, ext. 113
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Sundays at 3:30 p.m. (plus one Thursday per month at 6:30 p.m. for second year students and parent(s)).

The GIFT Religious Education & First Communion program for grades K-6th is preparing to return to IN-PERSON classes. Please visit our website for more information and to register online. Space is limited, so please register soon!

If you like working with children and want to share your faith in this ministry, please contact Mary Briseno.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY
(GRADES 6 TO 8)**

Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117
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EDGE Kickoff is September 13.

Registration is online at www.stanthonyfresno.org, click on Faith Formation then scroll down to Edge.

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.



**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY
(HIGH SCHOOL TEENS)**

Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117
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Lifeteen kickoff is **October 9th – New Fire.**

Registration is online now and can be found at www.stanthonyfresno.org on the drop-down menu Sacraments under Confirmation. Come be a part.

What is Life Teen?

Life Teen is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church. Life Teen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.



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
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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 – (Rowdies' - Women's Bible Study) with Martha – Returns on September 14th at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference room. We will delve into the readings for the upcoming weekend & prepare our hearts to receive the Good News anew.



Educación Religiosa (Catecismo)

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JESUS AT THE CENTER

Reflection on Luke 14:25-33

These sayings by Jesus in Luke's Gospel about the necessity of renunciation of family and possessions for discipleship are certainly provocative. How do we understand them? Is Jesus advocating some kind of life which pretends that we do not have material needs and bodily needs and relational needs?

Perhaps the best way to understand these sayings is in the simple question: What do we place at the center of our lives? All else circles around it and is peripheral; all else takes its meaning and purpose from what is at the center.

If we have nothing at the center, our lives will be random and meaningless. If we place something other than God at the center – whether it's a drive for wealth or a human relationship or any other obsession – that will shape a life that looks in all its parts like anxious striving.

Jesus proposes Himself as that center, so that everything else about our lives takes shape and gets its meaning and purpose from the command to love. I think of the words of St. John of the Cross here: "In the twilight of our life God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human success, but rather on how much we have loved."

~ Fr. Jay



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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, September 4, 2022
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wis 9:13-18b
 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17
 Phmn 9-10, 12-17
 Lk 14:25-33

Monday, September 5, 2022
 Weekday
 1 Cor 5:1-8
 Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12
 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 6, 2022
 Weekday
 1 Cor 6:1-11
 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 7, 2022
 Weekday
 1 Cor 7:25-31
 Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17
 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 8, 2022
 The Nativity of
 The Blessed Virgin Mary
 Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
 Ps 13:6ab, 6c
 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Friday, September 9, 2022
 Saint Peter Claver, Priest
 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27
 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12
 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 10, 2022
 Weekday
 1 Cor 10:14-22
 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18
 Lk 6:43-49

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NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Feast Day: September 8

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in His creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

Read the full article: "Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary>. (Accessed 22 Aug 2022).



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The pandemic had yet another victim. Between jail lockdowns and volunteer concerns, the presence of a Catholic ministry in the Fresno jails has all but disappeared. We are trying to rectify this problem by recruiting volunteers to conduct services for and make visits to the Catholic inmates. If you are seeking to personally encounter Jesus, guaranteed you will find Him there. If you are at all interested in this rewarding ministry, we invite you to an Introductory Meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Newman Center (1572 E. Barstow Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710). We will describe in depth the function of a volunteer, answer questions and guide you through completing the security clearance application. To help us prepare, please text (preferred) or call Elida Foster at 559-288-0033 or Tien Nguyen at 559-287-6441 to let us know that you are coming. Hope to see you there. God bless!



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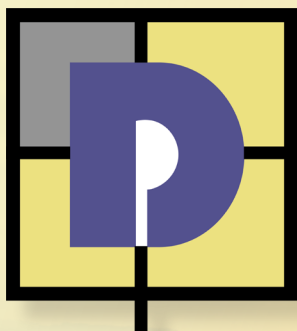
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