

The Season of Advent

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LORD, COME AND SAVE US.
SEÑOR, VEN A SALVARNOS.

Psalm (Salmo) 146



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT • TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

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BULLETIN/WEBPAGE

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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 #864

Mass Intentions

11 SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 a.m. † Angelo & Blanche Papagni by Kathy Papagni-Clack
9:30 a.m. † Louie Contie by Ann Sciaroni
11:00 a.m. † Margaret Rodriguez
1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Familia Gallardo
6:00 p.m. † Angelita C. Sanchez by Libertie Tacata

12 MONDAY – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
NO MASS

13 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Bernard by Jeff & Maureen Abercrombie
8:00 a.m. † Ted Garcia by Bertina Laney

14 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Michael Ramirez by Reannon Ramirez
8:00 a.m. † Lupe Gonzalez by YLI Ramina #127

15 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Toni Fedele by Sal Fedele
8:00 a.m. † Tom Facio by Ramona Facio

16 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Ken & Susan Frandsen by Linda Mastro
8:15 a.m. † Margaret Rodriguez by Bernie Araiza

17 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
5:30 p.m. Intentions of Christopher Medina by Jessica Hamm

18 SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 a.m. † Flora C. Bayaca by Libertie Tacata
9:30 a.m. † Guido Ventresca by The Fanucchi Family
11:00 a.m. † Pat Mastro by his Wife
1:00 p.m. † Elivier Vazquez por Rafael Prado
6:00 p.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their Children

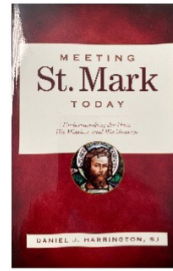
TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

6:30 p.m. in Room 22

Facilitator – Michael Danks-Ferguson

The study of *Meeting St. Mark Today* continues. Join us for a study of the Gospel of Mark. *Meeting St. Mark Today* offers laypeople a clear, concise, and respectful presentation of Mark's Gospel while highlighting what Jesus' suffering means for us.

We will be off on December 20 & 27 for Christmas break. See you January 3, 2023.



THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m. in Room 21

Facilitators – Dina Shwiyhat/Nivia Cuellar

December 15th topic: 1 Corinthians 16: Paul's Closing Words (28:19).

This is our last class before Christmas break.



SILVER ANGELS

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14,

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

St. Agnes Mission Church Social Hall – 111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale

Everyone is welcome. Come join us for some holiday fun and a Holiday Turkey & Ham Dinner from Pardini's.

Arrival/Check-in at 11:30 a.m.; Lunch at 11:45 a.m.; Fun & Games and carols start around 12:30 p.m. Cost \$20.00 per person, see page 9 for a registration form and meal information.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Annual Christmas Dinner at Pardini's.

Cost \$35.00/person plus an unwrapped toy to be donated to Valley Children's Hospital. Call Antoinette for details at 431-9536.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

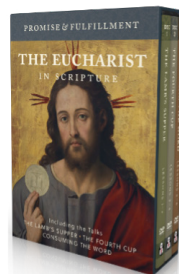
Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. in Room 21

Facilitators – Sami Shwiyhat/Eliseo Cuellar

Men of the parish are welcome join us as we continue our study on *The Eucharist in Scripture* by Dr. Scott Hahn. Come early for fellowship and encouragement.

This is our last class before Christmas break. See everyone on January 11, 2023.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

General Meeting 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall (Rosary, Dinner, & Meeting)

For more information on parish groups, call the Ministry Office at 439-0124, ext 106.

Sing aloud, o daughter Zion
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your
heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

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The Lord, your God, is in your
midst, a warrior who gives
victory
He will rejoice over you with
gladness, he will renew you in
his love;
He will exult over you with
loud singing as on a day of
festival.

Zephaniah 3: 14-15; 21-22

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. – 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

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

PILGRIM VIRGIN HOME VISITATION

Our Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation program is here. Families wishing to have the Virgin statue in their home for a week are encouraged to complete a Home Visit Request Form in the Parish Office. Pick-up is Tuesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Return on Tuesday, 8:00-11:00 a.m. For more info, call 439-0124, ext 106.



VISITA AL HOGAR DE LA VIRGEN PEREGRINA

Ya está aquí nuestro programa de Visita al Hogar de la Virgen Peregrina. Se anima a las familias que deseen tener la estatua de la Virgen en su hogar durante una semana a completar un Formulario de Solicitud de Visita Domiciliaria en la Oficina Parroquial. La recogida es el martes de 1:00-4:00 p.m. Regreso martes 8:00-11:00 a.m. Para más información llamar al 439-0124, ext. 122.

STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!


November 20, 2022	\$19,920.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$17,152.00
Difference	\$2,768.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2021-October 31, 2022	\$337,653.00
July 1, 2020-October 31, 2021	\$298,136.00
Difference	\$39,517.00

**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.*

<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention: † Laura Guzman
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español – Misa de Intención: † Jose Zacarias

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:
December 12th – Mañanitas 6:00 a.m. – The faithful gather in the social hall.
December 24th – Saturday Christmas Eve Mass: 5:30 p.m. – Bilingual
December 25th – Sunday Christmas Mass: 9:00 a.m. – English & 10:30 a.m. – Spanish.
NO NEW YEAR’S EVE MASS
Sunday, New Year’s Day: 9:00 a.m. – English & 10:30 a.m. – Spanish.
For the following Sacraments, please contact St. Anthony of Padua:
Anointing of the Sick • Baptisms • Confession • Funerals • Weddings

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Director of Religious Education.....Phyllis Carmona

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

**SHARING THE GIFTS
WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

November 20, 2022	\$985.00
YTD Total	\$27,278.70

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GENEROSIDAD

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

- 3rd Sunday of Advent – December 11
- Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mañanitas) – Monday, December 12, 5:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. (Español) In the Main Church
- 4th Sunday of Advent – December 18
- Advent Penance Service – Monday, December 19, 7:00 p.m. Main Church
- Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24 (No morning Mass or Confessions) 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m., Midnight
- Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (Español)
- New Year's Eve – Saturday, December 31 4:00 p.m. (English), 5:30 p.m. (Español)
- New Year's Day – Sunday, January 1 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (Español), 6:00 p.m.



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?

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.

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 Ministerio Eucarístico y lectores interesados deben contactar a Martha en la oficina parroquial al 439-0124, ext. 114 o por correo electrónico.

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

Are you a Eucharistic Minister who is being called to serve the members of our parish who are unable to come to Mass on Sunday due to illness or other limitation? We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers who are willing to take Holy Communion after Mass to the members of the parish who are Homebound. If you are interested, please contact the Office of Ministry at 439-0124, ext. 106.



MINISTERIO DE LOS CONFINADOS EN CASA

¿Es usted un Ministro Eucarístico que está siendo llamado a servir a los miembros de nuestra parroquia que no pueden asistir a Misa el domingo debido a una enfermedad u otra limitación? Estamos buscando un Ministro Eucarístico que esté dispuesto a llevar la Sagrada Comunión después de la Misa a los miembros de la parroquia que están en sus hogares. Si está interesado, comuníquese con la Oficina del Ministerio al 439-0124, ext. 106.



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

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

Sundays at 3:00 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
schristison@stanthonyfresno.org

Room 21, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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
schristison@stanthonyfresno.org

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
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 – (Rowdies' - Women's Bible Study) with Martha – Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. We will delve into the readings for the upcoming weekend and prepare our hearts to receive the Good News anew.



Educación Religiosa (Catecismo)

El programa de Educación Religiosa y Primera Comunión de GIFT para los grados K-6 se está preparando para regresar a las clases EN PERSONA que se llevarán a cabo los domingos a las 3:30 p.m. (más un jueves por mes a las 6:30 p.m. para estudiantes de segundo año y padres). Visite nuestro sitio web para obtener más información y registrarse en línea. ¡El espacio es limitado, así que por favor regístrese pronto!

Si le gusta trabajar con niños y quiere compartir su fe en este ministerio, comuníquese con Mary Briseno.



**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 Edith, ext. 122 o sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org.

THE LORD IS COMING

Reflection on Matthew 11:2-11

A message of hope resounds through the readings for this third Sunday of Advent. Isaiah’s word of hope came nearly three millennium ago to people suffering the turmoil and indignity of invasion by the Assyrians: Fear not! You will see the glory and splendor of the Lord who will come to save you! James encourages his community with yet more words of hope: Be patient! Do not lose heart! The Lord’s coming will be soon!

And the message of hope comes to us in the response of Jesus to John’s questions from a Galilean jail. John, who proclaimed the coming wrath of God and pointed to the One coming who is stronger than he, now sits in Herod’s prison awaiting death because he spoke truth to power. Is John questioning his life’s work? Perhaps, to a degree, but his question to Jesus: “Are you the one?” sets up the response of Jesus, a hope-filled message describing what His ministry will look like: the blind see, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the poor have the Good News preached to them. Echoing the dream and vision of Isaiah and all the prophets, the Kingdom of God comes to rule our hearts and the world. We who are privileged to be least in God’s Kingdom continue this mission and message of hope.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 11, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

Monday, December 12, 2022

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Jth 13:18bcde, 19
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25
Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Advent Weekday
Is 54:1-10
Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 16, 2022

Advent Weekday
Is 56:1-3a, 6-8
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17, 2022

Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17
Mt 1:1-17

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

AN ADVENT PRAYER OF JOY



*My glorious King,
You sent to us
Saint John the Baptist
to preach repentance and
to call us to Yourself.
Open my mind and heart,
dear Lord, to the message
John spoke and help me to
more fully heed his words
so as to share in the
greatness of life to which
I am called.
Jesus, I trust in You.*

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 11 de diciembre de 2022

Tercer domingo de Adviento
 Is 35:1-6a, 10
 Sal 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
 Sant. 5:7-10
 Mt 11:2-11

Lunes, 12 de diciembre de 2022

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
 Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12,1-6a, 10ab
 Jt 13:18bcde, 19
 Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47

Martes, 13 de diciembre de 2022

Santa Lucía, virgen y mártir
 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
 Sal 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 y 23
 Mt 21:28-32

Miércoles, 14 de diciembre de 2022

San Juan de la Cruz, sacerdote y
 Doctor de la Iglesia
 Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25
 Sal 85:9ab y 10, 11-12, 13-14
 Lc 7:18b-23

Jueves, 15 de diciembre de 2022

Día de la semana de Adviento
 Is 54:1-10
 Sal 30:2 y 4, 5-6, 11-12a y 13b
 Lc 7:24-30

Viernes, 16 de diciembre de 2022

Día de la semana de Adviento
 Is 56:1-3a, 6-8
 Sal 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
 Jn 5:33-36

Sábado, 17 de diciembre de 2022

Día de la semana de Adviento
 Gn 49:2, 8-10
 Sal 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17
 Mt 1:1-17

Acceda a las lecturas diarias de
 la Nueva Biblia Americana,
 Edición Revisada (NABRE) en línea en
<https://bible.usccb.org>

EL SEÑOR VIENE

Reflexión sobre Mateo 11:2-11

Un mensaje de esperanza resuena en las lecturas de este tercer domingo de Adviento. La palabra de esperanza de Isaías llegó hace casi tres milenios al pueblo que sufría la agitación y la indignidad de la invasión de los asirios: ¡No temáis! Veréis la gloria y el esplendor del Señor, que vendrá a salvarnos. Santiago anima a su comunidad con más palabras de esperanza: ¡Tengan paciencia! No perdáis el ánimo. ¡La venida del Señor será pronto!

Y el mensaje de esperanza nos llega en la respuesta de Jesús a las preguntas de Juan desde una cárcel de Galilea. Juan, que proclamó la ira de Dios que se avecinaba y señaló a Aquel que vendría más fuerte que él, ahora está sentado en la prisión de Herodes esperando la muerte por haber dicho la verdad al poder. ¿Está Juan cuestionando el trabajo de su vida? Tal vez, hasta cierto punto, pero su pregunta a Jesús: "¿Eres tú?" prepara la respuesta de Jesús, un mensaje lleno de esperanza que describe cómo será su ministerio: los ciegos ven, los lisiados caminan, los leprosos se curan, los sordos oyen, los muertos resucitan y a los pobres se les predica la Buena Nueva. Haciéndose eco del sueño y la visión de Isaías y de todos los profetas, el Reino de Dios viene a gobernar nuestros corazones y el mundo. Nosotros, que tenemos el privilegio de ser los últimos en el Reino de Dios, continuamos esta misión y este mensaje de esperanza.

~ P. Jay

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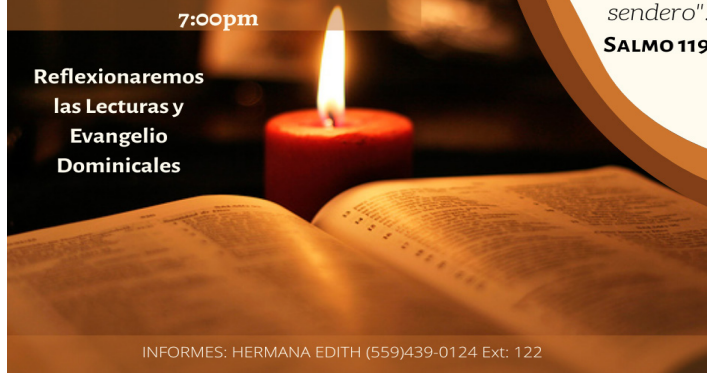
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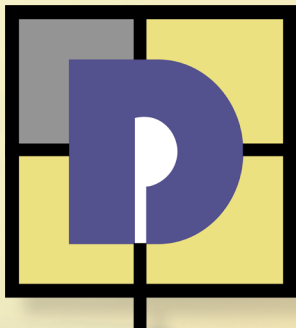
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