

O Holy Night *O Noche Santa*



CHRISTMAS 2022 • NAVIDAD 2022

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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 #870-873

Mass Intentions

25 SUNDAY – CHRISTMAS DAY
8:00 a.m. † Leo Lamattina by Angie Antognoli
9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
11:00 a.m. † Richard Young by Nancy LeRoux
1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

26 MONDAY
NO MASS

27 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Donna Nguyen by Nancy Nguyen
8:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Maria DeAlba

28 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Irene Danks by Sue Fagan
8:00 a.m. † Joann Mardilejos by Perla DeLaCruz

29 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Ben Warmerdam
8:00 a.m. † Ted Garcia by Bertina Laney

30 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. † Jesuina Lima by Phil & Dorothy Christenson
8:15 a.m. † Helen Walcott by Ann Sciaroni

31 SATURDAY – NEW YEAR'S EVE
4:00 p.m. † Angelo & Blanche Papagni by Cathy Papagni-Clack
5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

1 SUNDAY – NEW YEAR'S DAY
8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Thorne Family by Ann Thorne
9:30 a.m. † A. Thomas Ferdinandi, Sr. by Angela Alejandro & Family
11:00 a.m. † Guido Ventresca by the Ferdinandi Family
1:00 p.m. Intenciones de las Familias Briseño y Villarreal por la Familia Briseño
6:00 p.m. † Carlotta Alverey by Yolanda Garcia

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday night, January 3

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 27 for Christmas break. See you January 3, 2023.



Happy Feast Day of Our Lady of GUADALUPE
St. Anthony of Padua

Hundreds of parishioners attended the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations at St. Anthony of Padua parish in Fresno. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, may we come to experience the peace of her Son throughout our land and learn to live together in harmony, with mutual respect and love for one another and - let's begin in our own homes!

Que por intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas, lleguemos a experimentar la paz de su Hijo en toda nuestra tierra y aprendamos a vivir juntos en armonía, con respeto mutuo y amor mutuo y, ¡comencemos en nuestros propios hogares!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

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

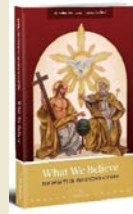
Knights of Columbus



THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m. in Room 21

Facilitators – Dina Shwiyhat/Nivia Cuellar
The ladies are on Christmas break, however you can join them as they begin a new study starting January 26, 2023.



SILVER ANGELS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

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

Welcome in the New Year with some Fun & Games and lunch. Cost \$14.00 includes Blast & Brew pizza, salad, and more. Store bought or homemade desserts to share and "White Elephant" prizes are welcome. See Page 9 for registration form.



Silver Angels Ministry

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

General Meeting 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall
(includes dinner)



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

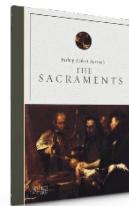
Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. in Room 21

Facilitators – Sami Shwiyhat/Eliseo Cuellar

Men of the parish, start the New Year off right by committing to bimonthly fellowship with other

men of the parish. Their new study is entitled, "The Sacraments" by Bishop Barron. Hope to see you there.



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

POSITION OPEN

St. Anthony of Padua Church

Intake Clerk

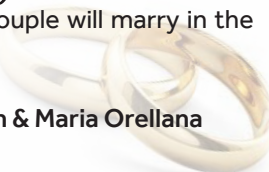
Call the parish office at (559) 439-0124, ext. 103 for more details.



Marriage Banns

The following couple will marry in the coming weeks:

Juan Martin & Maria Orellana



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

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US	
<i>Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!</i>	
December 4, 2022	\$19,117.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$19,245.00
Difference	- \$128.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2021-October 31, 2022	\$417,479.00
July 1, 2020-October 31, 2021	\$378,565.00
Difference	\$38,914.00
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD	
	GIVE ONLINE – <i>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.</i>

¡Oh, mi Dios, yo creo en Ti! ¡Te adoro! ¡Confío en Ti y tu amor! ¡Te pido perdón por los que no creen, no te adoran, no confían en Ti y no te aman! ¡Oh, Santísima Trinidad, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, os adoro profundamente! Os ofrezco el preciosísimo Cuerpo, la preciosísima Sangre, El Alma y Divinidad de Cristo Jesús, presente en todos los tabernáculos del mundo, en reparación de todos los ultrajes, sacrilegios y la indiferencia con que es ofendido, y por los méritos infinitos del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y del Inmaculado Corazón de María, os ruego por la conversión de los pecadores. Amén.

We invite you to pray the Revival prayer in silence after Mass in your pew.



ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

Sat, December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 p.m. - Bilingual

Sun, December 25th - Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. - Bilingual

Mass Intention/Misa de Intención: † Francisca Zacarias

Please submit your 2023 Mass intentions by filling out the Mass Intention form that is available in the entrance of the church English & Spanish.

You may also email your intentions to the church office to Annette Amparano – amparano@stagnes.comcastbiz.net. (you may also drop off your mass intention forms on Sundays in the collections baskets) Any questions call the church office.

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

***We are looking for a volunteer musician to play for the 9:00 a.m. English Mass. If you are able to help or know someone, please contact the church office. Thank you**

ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH STAFF | (559) 439-2100

Parish AdministratorAnnette Amparano
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Director of Religious Education.....Phyllis Carmona

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

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN	
December 4, 2022	\$1,262.00
YTD Total	\$28,540.70
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY! GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD	

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



A Message from Msgr. Rob,

Texas 7th grader says teacher told the class: "God is a myth." We have all witnessed the byproducts of removing God from society. Increased gun violence, mental health issues, and social unrest just to name a few.

In contrast, what does the meaning of Christmas and Christmas Mass offer? The birth of Jesus, the Son of God on Christmas morning, brings the four themes of Advent to life: Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy.

HOPE – The hope of eternal life made possible from the sacrifice of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus on the cross. Eternity in Heaven with God, Jesus, and Mary. A world without pain, suffering, or discord.

PEACE – The peace we have in our hearts, minds, and world when we look upon the Christ Child in the manger. Take a moment before the manger when you are at church this Christmas season.

JOY – Do our hearts not burn with immense joy as we adore the Child Jesus in the manger each Christmas? The Christ child gives us gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love which can affect our hearts, family, and world as we ponder the Christmas miracle each year.

LOVE – What greater love is there, than the gift of the Father's love to offer His only begotten Son to live among us. To teach us how to truly love our neighbor and ourselves.

May Our Good Lord touch your hearts and family in a special way, this Christmas. Sincerely, Msgr. Rob

Un Mensaje de Msgr. Rob,

Alumno de 7º grado de Texas dice que el maestro le dijo a la clase: "Dios es un mito". Todos hemos sido testigos de los subproductos de sacar a Dios de la sociedad. Aumento de la violencia armada, la salud mental y el malestar social, solo por nombrar algunos.

En contrato, ¿qué ofrece el significado de la Navidad y la Misa de Navidad? El nacimiento de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios, en la mañana de Navidad, trae a la vida los cuatro temas del Adviento: Esperanza, Paz, Amor y Alegría.

ESPERANZA – La esperanza de la vida eterna hecha posible por el sacrificio de Nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesús en la cruz. Eternidad en el Cielo con Dios, Jesús y María. Un mundo sin dolor, sufrimiento o discordia.

PAZ – La paz que tenemos en nuestros corazones, mentes y mundo cuando miramos al Niño Jesús en el pesebre. Tómame un momento ante el pesebre cuando estés en la iglesia esta temporada navideña.

ALEGRÍA – ¿No arde nuestro corazón con inmensa alegría al adorar al Niño Jesús en el pesebre cada Navidad? El niño Cristo nos da regalos de esperanza, paz, alegría y amor que pueden afectar nuestros corazones, familia y mundo mientras reflexionamos sobre el milagro de la Navidad cada año.

AMOR – Qué mayor amor hay, que el don del amor del Padre para ofrecer a su Hijo unigénito para vivir entre nosotros. Enseñarnos a amar verdaderamente a nuestro prójimo y a nosotros mismos.

Que Nuestro Buen Señor toque sus corazones y familiares de manera especial, esta Navidad. Atentamente, Monseñor Rob

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.



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.

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ST ANTHONY OF PADUA YOUNG ADULT
Fundraiser Pilgrimage to

WYD LISBON 2023
WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023
LISBON PORTUGAL

PLEASE HELP US TO REACH OUR GOAL!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO sponsor our pilgrimage by making a Tax Deductible financial contribution please contact Deacon Edgar Briseño @ 439-0124 *111 or ebriseno@stanthonyfresno.org

\$36,000
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THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING A DONATION, AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF OUR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

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DO NOT BE AFRAID

Reflection on John 1:1-18

From the manger to the cross and beyond forms the story of our redemption. It begins with the birth of Christ, a momentous, history-changing event. But this event wasn't as neat and clean, as "calm and bright" as we often make it out to be. A long journey while pregnant. No room at the Inn. Surrounded by animals. A manger instead of a crib. God in a barn. It was a mess.

The whole scene was chaos, because that is the reality of what was happening: God entering the mess; the Light of the World shining into the darkness of fallen humanity.

And we have strangers following a star to the place of this birth. We, too, follow stars, when life is smooth and when we are challenged. We follow God's way of leading our lives to those Bethlehems-of-experience where we see God present in the mess of human existence, where generosity and humbleness of spirit are invited, and human destiny is divinely fulfilled.

Christmas celebrates the incarnation of our God into human form. Now, there is no human life, no human experience, where God cannot be found. As deeply as we may look into humanity, we will never find a place where God is not smiling back at us. God entered the mess, and is here with us, to lead us on the narrow path home.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 25, 2022

The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Monday, December 26, 2022

Saint Stephan, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17
Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
Mt 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29, 2022

5th Day within the Octave

1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Lk 2:22-35

Friday, December 30, 2022

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday, December 31, 2022

7th Day within the Octave

1 Jn 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
Jn 1:1-18

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

12 Days of Christmas Explained...

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 A Partridge in a Pear Tree
<i>The gift of the One, True Christ</i> | 7 Seven Swans A-Swimming
The sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit |
| 2 Two Turtle Doves
The Old and New Testament | 8 Eight Maids A-Milking
The eight Beatitudes |
| 3 Three French Hens
The three that remain;
Faith, Hope and Love | 9 Nine Ladies Dancing
The nine Fruits of the Spirit |
| 4 Four Calling Birds
The four Gospels | 10 Ten Lords A-Leaping
The Ten Commandments |
| 5 Five Gold Rings
The first five books of the Old Testament | 11 Eleven Pipers Piping
The eleven faithful disciples |
| 6 Six Geese A-Laying
The six days of creation | 12 Twelve Drummers Drumming
The twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed |

...What marvelous gifts we've been given!

NO TENGAS MIEDO

Reflexión sobre Juan 1:1-18

Del pesebre a la cruz y más allá constituye la historia de nuestra redención. Comienza con el nacimiento de Cristo, un acontecimiento trascendental que cambia la historia. Pero este acontecimiento no fue tan ordenado y limpio, tan "tranquilo y brillante" como a menudo lo pintamos. Un largo viaje estando embarazada. Sin sitio en la posada. Rodeado de animales. Un pesebre en lugar de una cuna. Dios en un granero. Todo era un caos.

Toda la escena era un caos, porque ésa era la realidad de lo que estaba ocurriendo: Dios entrando en el desorden; la Luz del Mundo brillando en la oscuridad de la humanidad caída.

Y tenemos forasteros siguiendo una estrella hasta el lugar de este nacimiento. Nosotros también seguimos a las estrellas, cuando la vida es tranquila y cuando nos enfrentamos a desafíos. Seguimos el camino de Dios que conduce nuestras vidas a esos Belénes de la experiencia donde vemos a Dios presente en el desorden de la existencia humana, donde se invita a la generosidad y a la humildad de espíritu, y el destino humano se cumple divinamente.

La Navidad celebra la encarnación de nuestro Dios en forma humana. Ahora bien, no hay vida humana, ni experiencia humana, en la que no se pueda encontrar a Dios. Por muy profundamente que miremos en la humanidad, nunca encontraremos un lugar donde Dios no nos sonría. Dios entró en el desorden, y está aquí con nosotros, para guiarnos por el estrecho camino a casa.
~ Fr. Jay



ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo 25 de diciembre de 2022

La Natividad del Señor

Is 52,7-10
Sal 98,1.2-3.3-4.5-6
Heb 1,1-6
Jn 1,1-18

Lunes, 26 de diciembre de 2022

San Esteban, primer mártir

Hch 6,8-10; 7,54-59
Sal 31,3cd-4, 6 y 8ab, 16bc y 17
Mt 10,17-22

Martes, 27 de diciembre de 2022

San Juan, apóstol y evangelista

1 Jn 1,1-4
Sal 97,1-2.5-6.11-12
Jn 20,1a y 2-8

Miércoles, 28 de diciembre de 2022

Santos Inocentes, mártires

1 Jn 1,5-2,2
Sal 124,2-3.4-5.7cd-8
Mt 2,13-18

Jueves, 29 de diciembre de 2022

5º día de la Octava

1 Jn 2, 3-11
Sal 96,1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Lc 2, 22-35

Viernes, 30 diciembre 2022

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

Eclo 3,2-6.12-14 o Col 3,12-21
Sal 128,1-2.3.4-5
Mt 2,13-15.19-23

Sábado, 31 de diciembre de 2022

7º día dentro de la Octava

1 Jn 2, 18-21
Sal 96,1-2.11-12.13
Jn 1, 1-18

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Los 12 días de Navidad explicados...

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| <p>1 Una perdiz en un peral
<i>El don del Cristo único y verdadero</i></p> <p>2 Dos tórtolas
<i>El Antiguo y el Nuevo Testamento</i></p> <p>3 Tres gallinas francesas
Las tres que quedan;
Fe, Esperanza y Amor</p> <p>4 Cuatro pájaros que llaman
Los cuatro Evangelios</p> <p>5 Cinco anillos de oro
Los cinco primeros libros del Antiguo Testamento</p> <p>6 Los seis días de la creación
Los seis días de la creación</p> | <p>7 Siete cisnes a nado
Los siete dones del Espíritu Santo</p> <p>8 Ocho bienaventuranzas
Las ocho bienaventuranzas</p> <p>9 Nueve Damas Bailando
Los nueve frutos del Espíritu</p> <p>10 Ten Lords A-Leaping
The Ten Comandments</p> <p>11 Diez Señores
Los Diez Mandamientos</p> <p>12 Doce tambores
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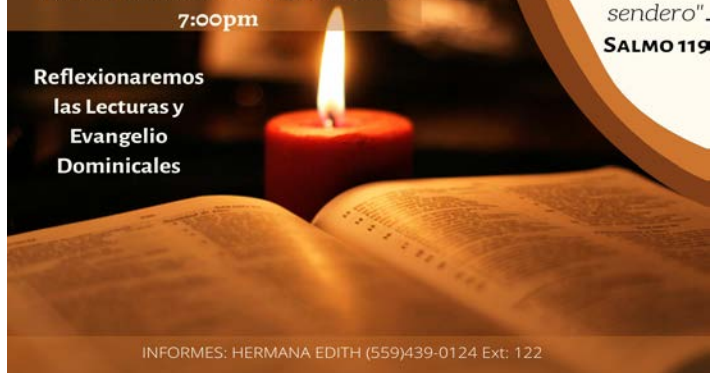
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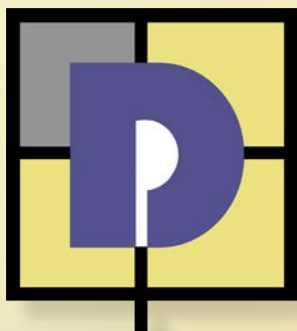
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