



Epiphany of the Lord

la epifanía del señor

*On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Matthew 2:11*

*Al entrar en la casa vieron al niño con María, su madre.
Se postraron y le rindieron homenaje. Mateo 2:11*

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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 #878

Mass Intentions

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SUNDAY – EPIPHANY

8:00 a.m. † Rosemary Bremmer by Ron & Kathi O'Rourke
9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
11:00 a.m. † Alfredo Corpus by The Corpus Family
1:00 p.m. † Difuntos de Familia Razo-Perez
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

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MONDAY

NO MASS

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TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. Intentions of Marco Sadeghi by James & Rosemary Vallis
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Tony Diaz by Jessica Hamm

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WEDNESDAY

6:45 a.m. † Helen Patnaude by John & Michelle O'Rourke
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Larry Smith by Jenny Sherrill & Family

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THURSDAY

6:45 a.m. Intentions of Chia Lee by Peter Chang
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Orlando Vasquez Family by Ron & M.J. McClain

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FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. † Dean Cameron by John & Michelle O'Rourke
8:15 a.m. Intentions of SA School & Office Staff

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SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Ron McClain
by Hilda Vasquez Maroney
5:30 p.m. Intenciones de Jessica Hamm por Christopher Medina

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SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Intentions (30th Anniversary) of John & Michelle O'Rourke
by Ron & Kathi O'Rourke
9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
11:00 a.m. † Charles Esqueda by the Esqueda Family
1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Familia Gallardo
6:00 p.m. Intentions of AnnaMarie Vallis by James & Rosemary Vallis

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

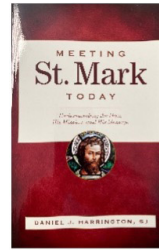
Tuesday night, January 10, 2023

6:30 p.m. in Room 22

Facilitator – Michael Danks-Ferguson

Welcome Back as we continue our study of *Meeting St. Mark Today*.

Open to all. *Meeting St. Mark Today* offers laypeople a clear, concise, and respectful presentation of Mark's Gospel while highlighting what Jesus' suffering means for us.



2023-2028 COMPASS CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

Attention: All St. Anthony of Padua and St. Agnes volunteers, the 2023-2028 Compass Child Protection training is now open.

You have two choices:

Online at home, www.fresno.safeenvironment.org

Your login is your email address. The password is the one you set up when you took 2018-2023 Safe and Sacred training. You can click the "Forgot Password" to assign a new password. Take once, good for 5 years.

In-person Instruction in the Social Hall (approx. 1.5hrs):

Tuesday, February 7	6:30 p.m.	Spanish
Saturday, February 11	11:00 a.m.	Spanish
Wednesday, February 15	6:30 p.m.	English
Saturday, February 18	11:00 a.m.	English

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.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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



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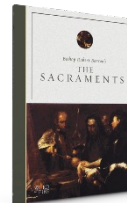
Men's Bible Study

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.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 21/

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

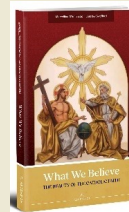
Knights of Columbus volunteers will be available to accept your non-monetary donations of non-perishable food, clothing, household goods and more after each of the weekend Masses. In December, St. Anthony parishioners donated 528 lbs. of food and ¾ of the truck in household goods. Together we can make a difference.



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.



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

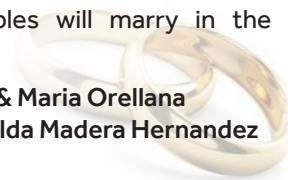
10:00 a.m. – Chapel Confessionals

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

Marriage Banns

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

Juan Martin & Maria Orellana
Toren Chung & Imelda Madera Hernandez



STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

December 18, 2022	\$19,043.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$15,817.00
Difference	\$3,226.00
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	\$378,566.00
Difference	\$38,913.00

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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.*

POSITION OPEN

St. Anthony of Padua Church

Intake Clerk



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

Monthly Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 14, 2023

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

At our Memorial Mass this month, we will remember those who celebrated their funeral Mass here at St. Anthony of Padua in January 2022.

They are: Willard Dale Dunlap; Theresa Mary Arriet; Margaret Torres Rodriguez; Robert Joseph Romero; Louis A. Gomez, Jr.; Elizabeth Corrales; and Christina Rodriguez.

We will light a candle for each person and we invite the family to take it home at the end of Mass as a Memorial of their loved one.



ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English –

Mass Intention: Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español –

Misa de Intención: Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

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 collection 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*

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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	
December 18, 2022	\$1,022.00
YTD Total	\$31,617.00
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Sister Flor Farewell Reception

Sunday, January 8th
After 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and
11:00 a.m. Masses

Conference Room
aka Donut Room

Baskets for farewell cards
will be available.

Take time to say goodbye
to our beloved Sister.

The parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua say farewell to Sister Flor on Sunday, January 8th with a reception in our Conference Room and outdoor Pavilion after the 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Baskets will be available for Farewell Cards. Everyone is welcome as Sister Flor has touched so many lives beyond St. Anthony of Padua.

Sister has served the parish of St. Anthony of Padua since 1999. With her knack for floral design and decor, she magically transforms our Church every week and for every annual Catholic feast to make it look even more magnificent. Whether it is Corpus Christi, Lent, Easter, or Christmas, Sister Flor makes our church look absolutely beautiful.

Sister Flor is the little Angel who started our senior ministry, the Silver Angels. Many Boutiques and craft projects later, we can say we are all truly blessed by her presence.

Sister is a shining example for all of us of how one person's time and talent given freely to our parish can benefit the entire community. We love you and will miss you, Sister Flor!



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
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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
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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.

A GIFT FOR EVERYONE

Reflection on Matthew 2:1-12

God calls all people to Himself, not just those of a particular time or place or tribe. This is affirmed in the prophecy of Isaiah – “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance” – and clearly fulfilled in the visitation of the Magi to the babe in Bethlehem. The Epiphany Gospel story is rich with imagery and symbolism which point to the universal nature of Salvation.

We see here the seed of our Christian understanding of the sacramental nature of creation. The Magi followed a star in their journey to Jesus. The whole universe, all parts of God’s creation, is a sign and sacrament of the divine presence. Creation offers us limitless gifts that reveal the radiance of God and particular calls that will invite and guide us into deeper journeys and thrilling adventures with Jesus.

Can we trust that all people today, no matter what their faith tradition or lack thereof may be, are being led by a star or some other gift of creation to recognize the God in whom we ultimately find our purpose, meaning and destiny? As disciples of Jesus, our evangelizing mission must necessarily embrace the reality that God makes Himself known in a variety of ways, speaking to humanity in a powerful manner through the gifts of the natural world.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 9, 2023

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Weekday

Heb 2:5-12

Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Weekday

Heb 2:14-18

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Weekday

Heb 3:7-14

Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11

Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 13, 2023

Weekday

Heb 4:1-5, 11

Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Weekday

Heb 4:12-16

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Mk 2:13-17

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

SAINT HILARY OF POITIERS

Feast Day: January 13

Patron Saint of: Children with Disabilities

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a “disturber of the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said, “The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually, he was called the “Athanasius of the West.”

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.

Christ said His coming would bring not peace but a sword (see Matthew 10:34). The Gospels offer no support for us if we fantasize about a sunlit holiness that knows no problems.

Read the full article: “Saint Hilary of Poitiers” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-hilary-of-poitiers/>. (Accessed 27 Dec 2022).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 8 de enero de 2023

Epifanía del Señor
 Is 60:1-6
 Sal 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Mt 2:1-12

Lunes, 9 de enero de 2023

El Bautismo del Señor
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Hch 10:34-38
 Sal 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
 Mt 3:13-17

Martes, 10 de enero de 2023

Día de la semana
 Heb 2:5-12
 Sal 8:2ab y 5, 6-7, 8-9
 Mc 1:21-28

Miércoles, 11 de enero de 2023

Día laborable
 Heb 2:14-18
 Sal 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
 Mc 1:29-39

Jueves, 12 enero de 2023

Día laborable
 Heb 3:7-14
 Sal 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11
 Mc 1:40-45

Viernes, 13 de enero de 2023

Día laborable
 Heb 4:1-5, 11
 Sal 78:3 y 4bc, 6c-7, 8
 Mc 2:1-12

Sábado, 14 de enero de 2023

Día de la semana
 Heb 4:12-16
 Sal 19:8, 9, 10, 15
 Mc 2:13-17

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

SAN HILARIO DE POITIERS

Día de la fiesta: 13 de enero
Patrón de: Niños discapacitados

Este acérrimo defensor de la divinidad de Cristo fue un hombre amable y cortés, dedicado a escribir algunas de las más grandes teologías sobre la Trinidad, y fue como su Maestro al ser tachado de "perturbador de la paz". En una época muy convulsa de la Iglesia, su santidad se vivió tanto en la erudición como en la controversia. Fue obispo de Poitiers, en Francia.

Criado como pagano, se convirtió al cristianismo cuando se encontró con su Dios de la naturaleza en las Escrituras. Su esposa aún vivía cuando fue elegido, contra su voluntad, obispo de Poitiers (Francia). Pronto se dedicó a combatir lo que se convirtió en el azote del siglo IV, el arrianismo, que negaba la divinidad de Cristo. La herejía se extendió rápidamente. San Jerónimo dijo: "El mundo gimió y se maravilló al descubrir que era arriano". Cuando el emperador Constancio ordenó a todos los obispos de Occidente que firmaran una condena contra Atanasio, el gran defensor de la fe en Oriente, Hilario se negó y fue desterrado de Francia a la lejana Frigia. Con el tiempo fue llamado el "Atanasio de Occidente".

Mientras escribía en el exilio, fue invitado por algunos semiarrianos (que esperaban una reconciliación) a un concilio que el emperador convocó para contrarrestar el Concilio de Nicea. Pero como era de esperar, Hilario defendió a la Iglesia, y cuando buscó un debate público con el obispo hereje que le había exiliado, los arrianos, temerosos de la reunión y de su resultado, suplicaron al emperador que enviara a este alborotador de vuelta a casa. Hilario fue bien recibido por su pueblo.

Cristo dijo que su venida no traería la paz, sino la espada (véase Mateo 10:34). Los Evangelios no nos ofrecen ningún apoyo si fantaseamos con una santidad iluminada por el sol que no conoce problemas.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Hilary of Poitiers" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-hilary-of-poitiers/>. (Consultado el 27 de dec de 2022).

UN DON PARA TODOS

Reflexión sobre Mateo 2:1-12

Dios llama a sí a todos los hombres, no sólo a los de una época, un lugar o una tribu. Así lo afirma la profecía de Isaías – "Las naciones caminarán a tu luz, y los reyes a tu resplandor" – y se cumple claramente en la visita de los Magos al niño de Belén. El relato evangélico de la Epifanía es rico en imágenes y simbolismos que apuntan a la naturaleza universal de la Salvación.

Vemos aquí la semilla de nuestra comprensión cristiana de la naturaleza sacramental de la creación. Los Magos siguieron una estrella en su viaje hacia Jesús. Todo el universo, todas las partes de la creación de Dios, son signo y sacramento de la presencia divina. La creación nos ofrece dones ilimitados que revelan el resplandor de Dios y llamadas particulares que nos invitarán y guiarán hacia viajes más profundos y emocionantes aventuras con Jesús.

¿Podemos confiar en que todas las personas de hoy, sea cual sea su tradición de fe o la falta de ella, están siendo guiadas por una estrella o por algún otro don de la creación para reconocer al Dios en el que, en última instancia, encontramos nuestro propósito, significado y destino? Como discípulos de Jesús, nuestra misión evangelizadora debe abarcar necesariamente la realidad de que Dios se da a conocer de diversas maneras, hablando a la humanidad de forma poderosa a través de los dones del mundo natural.

~ P. Jay





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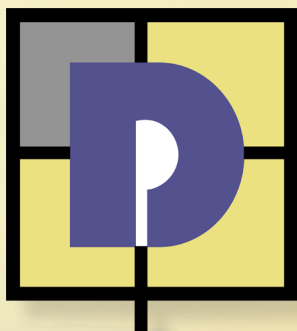
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