

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 4° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

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BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT;
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS THEIRS!
BIENAVENTURADOS LOS POBRES EN ESPÍRITU;
EL REINO DE LOS CIELOS.

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2023

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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 #937

Mass Intentions

29 SUNDAY – 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
9:30 a.m. † John Messina by Marianne Messina
11:00 a.m. Intentions of Barbara Maroney by Hilda Maroney
1:00 p.m. Intentions of Berta Quintana
6:00 p.m. Intentions of Susan Thompson-Rupe by Hilda Maroney

30 MONDAY
NO MASS

31 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Kidni Vasquez Family by Ron & MJ McClain
8:00 a.m. † Irene Facio Herrera by Ramona Facio

1 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Ray & Velia Vasquez Family by Ron & MJ McClain
8:00 a.m. † Ursula Sullivan by S.A. Rosary Group

2 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Joyce Quintero
8:00 a.m. † Melanie Ruvalcaba by Belton Family

3 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Sally & Al Singh
8:15 a.m. Intentions of Sharon Thompson Myers by Hilda Maroney

4 SATURDAY
8:15 a.m. † St. Leopold Mandic by Mike & Angelina DiNuzzo
4:00 p.m. Intentions of Shirley Thompson by Hilda Maroney
5:30 p.m. Intentions of Jenny Alfaro

5 SUNDAY – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. † Debbie Ann Rodarte by Mark Rodarte
9:30 a.m. † Nicholas Kauls by Mom & Grandma
11:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
1:00 p.m. † Dolores Mora
6:00 p.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their children

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

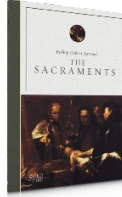
6:30 p.m. in Room 22. Facilitator – Michael Danks-Ferguson
 Welcome Back as we continue our study of *Meeting St. Mark Today*.
 Open to all. *Meeting St. Mark Today* offers laypeople a clear, concise, and respectful presentation of Mark's Gospel while highlighting what Jesus' suffering means for us.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25



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.



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.

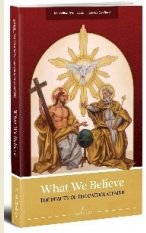
In-person instruction in the Social Hall (approx. 1.5 hrs):

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



THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m. in Room 21
 Facilitators – Dina Shwiyhat/Nivia Cuellar
 New study, "What We Believe" starts January 26, 2023. You can order your book online at <https://stanthonyfresno.org/thursday-womens-bible-study/>.



SILVER ANGELS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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


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

Join us for our Chinese food luncheon and Fun & Games. Cost is \$14.00 per person. See Page 9 for registration form and more details.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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




WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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



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



To everyone in this parish and beyond, my heartfelt thanks for all the good done and its contribution for God's glory. Too much to be named. May the Lord bless each one as needed.

Please continue to pray for God's Will be done – for our clergy, staff, world needs and ours. We will be united.

Franciscan Hospitaller Sisters of the Immaculate Conception; Sisters Flor de Maria Azevedo & Maria J. Rodrigues

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

POSITION OPEN

St. Anthony of Padua Church
Intake Clerk



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



**REMEMBER:
NEXT WEEKEND,
FEBRUARY 4TH & 5TH**

**SECOND
COLLECTION
BISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL**

**HELPS SUPPORT THOSE OUTSIDE
OF OUR PARISH WALLS. THANK YOU**

STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

January 8, 2023	\$19,233.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$13,180.00
Difference	\$6,053.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2021-December 31, 2022	\$478,808.00
July 1, 2020-December 31, 2021	\$445,638.00
Difference	\$33,170.00

**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.

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.

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.

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 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 | (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)

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN	
January 8, 2023	\$1,051.00
YTD Total	\$37,901.82
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY! GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD	

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*

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

Parish AdministratorAnnette Amparano
amparano@stagnes.comcastbiz.net

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*



**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22**

Ash Wednesday Schedule

6:45 a.m.	Mass & Ashes	4:00 p.m.	Ash Service
8:00 a.m.	Mass & Ashes	5:30 p.m.	Mass & Ashes
12:15 p.m.	Ash Service	7:00 p.m.	Misa y Cenizas

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Anthony of Padua
Invites you to our

VALENTINE'S DAY
Dinner

A WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE FUNDRAISER

Celebrate the Season of Love!

Saturday, February 11th @ 6:30pm

No Host Bar, Appetizers and a 3-Course Dinner
Music and Silent Auction

\$95.00 per couple (limited seating)
- table for 4 couples available -

RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW AT THE QR CODE BELOW

No Host Bar @ 6pm
Dinner @ 6:30pm
Dance from 8pm-10pm
St. Anthony's Social Hall

STATIONS of the CROSS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
6:00 p.m. in English
In the Main Church
Starts Friday, February 24th

VÍA CRUCIS | ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ:
7:00 p.m.
Viernes durante la Cuaresma
En la Iglesia Principal

ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA

"Tu palabra es una lámpara a mis pies; es una luz en mi sendero".
SALMO 119

Jueves, en salón #22 de la escuela
7:00pm

Reflexionaremos las Lecturas y Evangelio Dominicales

INFORMES: HERMANA EDITH (559)439-0124 Ext: 122

JUEVES – ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA
7:00 p.m. en el salón #22

Acompáñenos para reflexionar en las lecturas de la biblia y el Evangelio Dominical. "Tu Palabra es una lampara a mis pies, es una luz en mi sendero." Salmo 119

Grupo de Oración

JUEVES – GRUPO DE ORACIÓN ENCUENTRO CON DIOS.

Te invitamos al grupo de oración todos los jueves desde las 6:30 p.m. empezando con El Rosario, en la Iglesia de Santa Inés "Ven y llénate del Señor." 111 W Birch Street, Fresno, CA 93650

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
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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.

POOR IN SPIRIT

Reflection on Matthew 5:1-12a

The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is a carefully constructed masterpiece, a brilliant snapshot of the meaning of discipleship. Jesus delivers today's Beatitudes to those who have already responded favorably to His call to follow Him. (Matthew tells us at the outset that the sermon is addressed to the disciples... "his disciples came to him, he began to teach them.") So, this is Jesus unpacking the implications of sharing fellowship with Him.

You can pour the most water into the emptiest container. So God's Kingdom belongs to the poor in spirit, not because they have purchased God's love with their poverty, but because the poor in spirit know deep down that nothing they have or are is really their own, so they can accept everything as a gift from God. Once this truth is embraced and lived, all the other actions these Beatitudes propose – like peacemaking, humbleness, being merciful, and so on – become possible.

The eight simple sentences that make up the Beatitudes have grown into a library of commentaries. Return to these words in prayer and reflection as often as you can, and discover the ways in which your life can be a commentary on them.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 29, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12a

Monday, January 30, 2023

Weekday

Heb 11:32-40
Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Saint John Bosco, Priest

Heb 12:1-4
Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Weekday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15
Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 2, 2023

The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday, February 3, 2023

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

Heb 13:1-8
Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Weekday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Mk 6:30-34

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

SAINT BLAISE

Feast Day: February 3

Patron Saint of: Throat Ailments

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them, Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Persecution raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day, a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Four centuries give ample opportunity for fiction to creep in with fact. Who can be sure how accurate Blaise's biographer was? But biographical details are not essential. Blaise is seen as one more example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told His apostles at the Last Supper, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise's protection.

Read the full article: "Saint Blaise" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-blaise/>. (Accessed 16 Jan 2023).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 29 de enero de 2023

IV domingo del tiempo ordinario
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
Sal 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12a

Lunes, 30 de enero de 2023

Día de la semana
Heb 11:32-40
Sal 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24
Mc 5:1-20

Martes, 31 de enero de 2023

San Juan Bosco, Sacerdote
Heb 12:1-4
Sal 22:26b-27, 28 y 30, 31-32
Mc 5:21-43

Miércoles, 1 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15
Sal 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a
Mc 6:1-6

Jueves, 2 de febrero de 2023

Presentación del Señor
Mal 3:1-4
Sal 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Heb 2:14-18
Lc 2:22-40 ó 2, 22-32

Viernes 3 de febrero de 2023

Santos: Blas, obispo y mártir
Heb 13:1-8
Sal 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc
Mc 6:14-29

Sábado, 4 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21
Sal 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Mc 6:30-34

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SAN BLAS

Día de la fiesta: 3 de febrero

Patrón de: Afecciones de garganta

Sabemos más de la devoción de los cristianos de todo el mundo a san Blas que del propio santo. En 1222, el Concilio de Oxford prohibió el trabajo servil en Inglaterra el día de la festividad de Blas. Los alemanes y los eslavos le rinden un homenaje especial, y durante décadas muchos católicos de Estados Unidos han solicitado la bendición anual de San Blas para sus gargantas.

Sabemos que el obispo Blaise fue martirizado en su ciudad episcopal de Sebastea, Armenia, en 316. Las legendarias Actas de San Blas se escribieron 400 años después. Según ellas, Blaise fue un buen obispo, que trabajó duro para fomentar la salud espiritual y física de su pueblo. La persecución hizo estragos en Armenia. Al parecer, Blaise se vio obligado a huir al interior del país. Allí vivió como un ermitaño en soledad y oración, pero se hizo amigo de los animales salvajes. Un día, un grupo de cazadores que buscaba animales salvajes para el anfiteatro tropezó con la cueva de Blaise. Primero se sorprendieron y luego se asustaron. El obispo estaba arrodillado en oración rodeado de lobos, leones y osos que esperaban pacientemente.

Cuenta la leyenda que, mientras los cazadores se llevaban a Blaise a la cárcel, llegó una madre con su hijo pequeño, que tenía una espina de pescado clavada en la garganta. A la orden de Blaise, el niño pudo expulsar la espina.

Cuatro siglos son suficientes para que la ficción se mezcle con la realidad. ¿Quién puede estar seguro de la exactitud del biógrafo de Blaise? Pero los detalles biográficos no son esenciales. Blaise es visto como un ejemplo más del poder que tienen aquellos que se entregan enteramente a Jesús. Como dijo Jesús a sus apóstoles en la Última Cena: "Si permanecéis en mí y mis palabras permanecen en vosotros, pedid todo lo que queráis y os será hecho" (Juan 15:7). Con fe podemos seguir el ejemplo de la Iglesia pidiendo la protección de Blas.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Blaise" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-blaise/>. (Consultado el 16 de enero de 2023)

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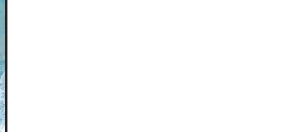
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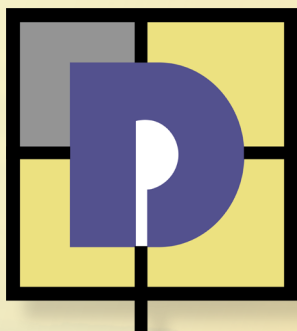
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