

HIS HEART IS STEADFAST; HE SHALL NOT FEAR.

The just man is a light in darkness



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 5° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

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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 #940

Mass Intentions

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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

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MONDAY

NO MASS

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TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. Intentions of Hilda V. Maroney Family by Ron & MJ McClain

8:00 a.m. † Carolyn Winter by The Winter Family

8

WEDNESDAY

6:45 a.m. † Salvador Quintero

8:00 a.m. † Bernard & Theresa Hermann by Jeanne Hermann-Starks

9

THURSDAY

6:45 a.m. Intentions of Orlando Vasquez by Hilda Vasquez Maroney

8:00 a.m. † Dean Ray by Patricia Ray

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FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Vasquez
by Hilda Vasquez Maroney

8:15 a.m. † Debbie Rodarte by Laura Michels

11

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. † Charlotte Girado by Ed Girado & Family

5:30 p.m. † Bobby Espinoza

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SUNDAY – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. † Marcella Hackemiller by Laura Michels

9:30 a.m. † Lillian Billingsley by John & Michelle O'Rourke

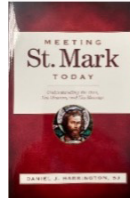
11:00 a.m. † Stephanie Garrett by Mark Rodarte

1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

6:00 p.m. † Don Francis Thompson by Hilda Vasquez Maroney

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.



SILVER ANGELS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

We are having our monthly luncheon with Chinese Food this month with Fun & Games to follow. Cost is \$14.00 per person.



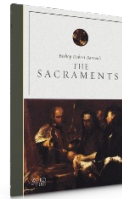
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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



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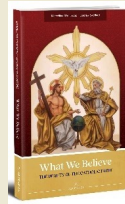
Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. in Room 21
 Facilitators – Sami Shwiyhat/Eliseo Cuellar
 Men of the parish, start the New Year off right by committing to bimonthly fellowship with other men of the parish. Their new study is entitled, "The Sacraments" by Bishop Barron. Hope to see you there.



THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m. in Room 21
 Facilitators – Dina Shwiyhat/Nivia Cuellar
 This week we will be looking at Session 1 –
 The Catholic Faith: The Fullness of Christian

Life. Ladies of the parish, come join us.



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

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA 2023-2028 COMPASS CHILD PROTECTION

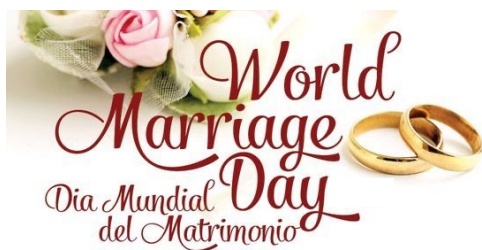
"In-Person" Class
 Open to St. Anthony of Padua and St. Agnes volunteers

Las clases presenciales en español se llevarán a cabo en el St. Anthony Social Hall (aproximadamente 1.5 horas), no se requiere reserva. Planee llegar de 10 a 15 minutos antes del comienzo de la clase para registrarse.

Tuesday, February 7
 6:30 p.m. Español
Saturday, February 11
 11:00 a.m. Español

In-person classes in English will be held in the St. Anthony Social Hall (approx. 1.5hrs), no reservation required. Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before the start of class to sign in.

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



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

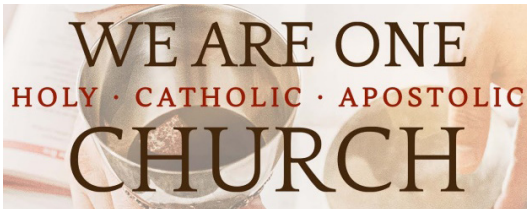
Bishop Brennan will again celebrate Mass for couples celebrating landmark years of marriage in 2023. The Mass will be on February 12th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church

in Fresno. Couples are invited to register online at <https://form.jotform.com/RoseHernandez/2023-world-marriage-day> or by telephone at 559-488-7474.

DÍA MUNDIAL MATRIMONIAL, 12 DE FEBRERO 2023

El obispo Brennan volverá a celebrar Misa para las parejas que celebran años históricos de matrimonio en 2023. La misa será de febrero a las 3 pm en la iglesia San Antonio de Padua en Fresno. Las parejas pueden inscribirse para la misa y recepción al <https://form.jotform.com/RoseHernandez/2023-world-marriage-day> o por teléfono al 559-488-7474.

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



SECOND COLLECTION – BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Second Collection today is for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Our Annual Appeal goal is divided into 12 monthly payments by the Diocese. Here at St. Anthony, we take a collection on the even months of the year to meet our Annual Appeal goal. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as we work together to meet the needs of our community outside our parish walls.

SEGUNDA COLECTA – CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO

La segunda colecta es para la Campaña Anual del Obispo. Nuestro objetivo de la Campaña Anual se divide en 12 pagos mensuales por parte de la Diócesis. Aquí en St. Anthony, hacemos una colecta en los meses pares del año para cumplir con nuestra meta de la Campaña Anual. Sus contribuciones son muy apreciadas mientras trabajamos juntos para satisfacer las necesidades de nuestra comunidad fuera de los muros de nuestra parroquia.

STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

January 15, 2023	\$19,307.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$15,427.00
Difference	\$3,880.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
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.*



ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English –

† Alfred & Inex Rodriguez

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español –

† Para todos Los Difuntos de familias Castillo Y Arevalo

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN	
January 15, 2023	\$1,076.00
YTD Total	\$38,977.82
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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

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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*



Safe Environment Renewal Training
"Protecting Children in the 21st Century"

English and Spanish Online Training is NOW OPEN as of Jan. 1, 2023

Clergy, employees and volunteers can start the process of renewal prior to the expiration date of June 30, 2023

To complete training, you'll need to login to your profile at:

FRESNO.SAFEENVIRONMENT.ORG

Should you have any issues with your password or username login, Contact Tech Support via email, phone call or live chat.

Tech Support can be found on your home page on the upper tab at the second left-hand side



Renovación del Entrenamiento Ambiente Seguro
"Proteger a los Niños en el Siglo XXI"

Comenzando Enero 1, 2023, el entrenamiento estará disponible en internet en Inglés y Español

Clero, empleados, y voluntarios pueden comenzar con el proceso de renovación antes de la fecha de vencimiento que es Junio 30, 2023.

Para completar con el entrenamiento, necesitara ingresar a su cuenta en:

FRESNO.SAFEENVIRONMENT.ORG

Si tiene problemas para ingresar a su cuenta ya sea con la contraseña o nombre de usuario, favor de comunicarse con el equipo técnico de ayuda vía telefónica, correo electrónico o chat en vivo.

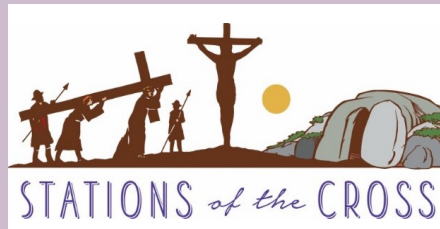
El equipo técnico puede ser encontrado en la pagina principal en la parte de arriba a mano izquierda.



ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 22

Ash Wednesday
Schedule

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



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



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

SALT AND LIGHT

Reflection on Matthew 5:13-16

Salt has many virtues; it is an effective preservative, it perks up the taste of everything from tomatoes to margaritas, and warm salt water promotes healing. Few of us would like to live in a saltless world. A lightless world would be incomparably worse. Without light, nothing grows, we trip over our own two feet, and we don't feel safe.

When Jesus says we are salt and light, He gives us high praise indeed. We are not – at least, God does not intend us to be – useless. But we know that a light can sputter and go out, and Jesus contemplated the possibility that salt might lose its tang, and be no better than sand. So if we are to merit Jesus' implicit praises, we need to do something – perhaps a lot of somethings. And all of these good works that flavor the world with justice and enlighten our brothers and sisters with mercy and love, are not accomplished to be a source of personal pride, but to glorify God's name.

~ Fr. Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 5, 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10
Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

Monday, February 6, 2023

*Saint Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs*

Gn 1:1-19
Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10,12, 24 and 35c
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Weekday
Gn 1:20–2:4a
Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Weekday
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Weekday
Gn 2:18-25
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 10, 2023

Saint Scholastica, Virgin
Gn 3:1-8
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes
Gn 3:9-24
Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13
Mk 8:1-10

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

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Feast Day: February 11

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the *Our Father*, the *Hail Mary* and the *Creed*.

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (tu), but the polite form (vous). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles – now performed at the intercession of His mother. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

Read the full article: "Our Lady of Lourdes" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-lourdes/>. (Accessed 20 Jan 2023).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 5 de febrero de 2023

5º domingo del tiempo ordinario
Is 58:7-10
Sal 112:4-5, 6-7., 8-9
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

Lunes, 6 de febrero de 2023

Santos: Pablo Miki y compañeros, mártires
Gn 1:1-19
Sal 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24 y 35c
Mc 6:53-56

Martes, 7 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana
Gn 1:20-2,4a
Sal 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mc 7:1-13

Miércoles, 8 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Sal 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30
Mc 7:14-23

Jueves, 9 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana
Gn 2:18-25
Sal 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Mc 7:24-30

Viernes, 10 de febrero de 2023

Santa Escolástica, Virgen
Gn 3:1-8
Sal 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mc 7:31-37

Sábado, 11 de febrero de 2023

Nuestra Señora de Lourdes
Gn 3:9-24
Sal 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13
Mc 8:1-10

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Reflexión sobre Mateo 5:13-16

La sal tiene muchas virtudes: es un conservante eficaz, realza el sabor de todo, desde los tomates hasta los margaritas, y el agua salada caliente favorece la curación. A pocos nos gustaría vivir en un mundo sin sal. Un mundo sin luz sería incomparablemente peor. Sin luz, nada crece, tropezamos con nuestros propios pies y no nos sentimos seguros.

Cuando Jesús dice que somos sal y luz, nos elogia mucho. No somos -al menos, Dios no pretende que lo seamos- inútiles. Pero sabemos que una luz puede chisporrotear y apagarse, y Jesús contempló la posibilidad de que la sal perdiera su sabor y no fuera mejor que la arena. Por eso, si queremos merecer las alabanzas implícitas de Jesús, tenemos que hacer algo, quizá muchas cosas. Y todas estas buenas obras que sazonan el mundo con justicia e iluminan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas con misericordia y amor, no se realizan para ser fuente de orgullo personal, sino para glorificar el nombre de Dios.

~ P. Jay

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOURDES

Día de la fiesta: 11 de febrero

El 8 de diciembre de 1854, el Papa Pío IX proclamó el dogma de la Inmaculada Concepción en la constitución apostólica *Ineffabilis Deus*. Poco más de tres años después, el 11 de febrero de 1858, una joven se apareció a Bernadette Soubirous. Esto inició una serie de visiones. Durante la aparición del 25 de marzo, la señora se identificó con las palabras: "Soy la Inmaculada Concepción".

Bernadette era una niña enfermiza de padres pobres. Su práctica de la fe católica era poco más que tibia. Bernadette sabía rezar el Padre Nuestro, el Ave María y el Credo. Durante los interrogatorios, Bernadette contó lo que había visto. Era "algo blanco con forma de muchacha". Era "una joven bonita con un rosario sobre el brazo". Su túnica blanca estaba ceñida por una faja azul. Llevaba un velo blanco. Tenía una rosa amarilla en cada pie. Llevaba un rosario en la mano. A Bernadette le impresionó también que la señora no se dirigiera a ella de manera informal (tu), sino cortés (vous). La Virgen humilde se apareció a una muchacha humilde y la trató con dignidad.

A través de esa humilde muchacha, María revitalizó y sigue revitalizando la fe de millones de personas. La gente comenzó a acudir en masa a Lourdes desde otras partes de Francia y de todo el mundo. La fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes se hizo mundial en 1907.

Lourdes se ha convertido en un lugar de peregrinación y curación, pero aún más de fe. Las autoridades eclesíásticas han reconocido más de 60 curaciones milagrosas, aunque probablemente haya habido muchas más. Para los creyentes, esto no es sorprendente. Es una continuación de los milagros de curación de Jesús, ahora realizados por intercesión de su madre. Muchos de los que visitan Lourdes vuelven a casa con una fe renovada y dispuestos a servir a Dios en sus hermanos necesitados.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "*Our Lady of Lourdes*" *Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars*, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-lourdes/>. (Consultado el 20 de enero de 2023).

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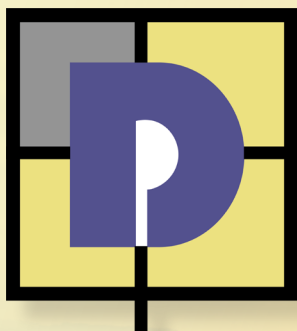
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