

*Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of  
your statutes, that I may  
exactly observe them.*

*Give me discernment, that I may  
observe your law and keep it  
with all my heart.*

*Instruyeme, Señor, en el camino de tus  
estatutos, para que los  
observe exactamente.*

*Dame discernimiento, para que  
cumpla tu ley y la guarde  
de todo corazón.*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time | 6° 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](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org).

**Thanks for joining us!**

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL #943

## Mass Intentions

<b>12</b>	<b>SUNDAY – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
	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
<b>13</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
	NO MASS
<b>14</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
	6:45 a.m. Intentions of Joe & Mina Martinez Family by Ron & MJ McClain
	8:00 a.m. † Margaret Rodriguez by Bernie Araiza
<b>15</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
	6:45 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Vasquez by Hilda Vasquez Maroney
	8:00 a.m. † Marcus Shiveley by the Shiveley Family
<b>16</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
	6:45 a.m. † Margo Ruiz by Richard & Angie Chavez
	8:00 a.m. † Tom Facio by Ramona Facio
<b>17</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
	6:45 a.m. Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Vasquez by Hilda Vasquez Maroney
	8:15 a.m. Intentions of Diane Reyes by Mark Rodarte
<b>18</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
	4:00 p.m. † Ron & Marlene Fraizer by Doug Fraizer
	5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
<b>19</b>	<b>SUNDAY – 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
	8:00 a.m. † Joe Marchini by John & Michelle O'Rourke
	9:30 a.m. † Lorraine Kaiser by Mark Rodarte
	11:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
	1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallard, Jr. poor su Familia
	6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11/ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12



## SUPER BOWL SUNDAY TRI-TIP

Knights of Columbus Council 6092 will be selling Tri-Tip Dinners after the 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses on Saturday and after all morning Masses on Sunday for the big Super Bowl Game. Take advantage of this time-saving dinner opportunity and support our Knights of Columbus Council 6092.



**\$18 DINNER  
INCLUDES:  
TRI-TIP,  
RICE PILAF  
COLESLAW AND  
DINNER ROLL**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 /  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK**  
Knights of Columbus volunteers will be available to accept your nonmonetary donations of nonperishable food, clothing, household goods and more after each of the weekend Masses. The donations from January included 275 lbs. of food and ¾ of the truck in household goods. Together we make a difference.

### 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.





**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 2 – The Journey of Faith. Ladies of the parish, come join us.



## Monthly Memorial Mass

Saturday, February 18, 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 February 2022. They are: Maria Campos, David Hernandez, Jo Ellen Cruse, Frances Christina O'Brien, Thomas Francis Meehan, Ronald Castanon, Christina Rodriguez, and Marlene Fraizer. 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.

### 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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22


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.

<p><b>ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA 2023-2028 COMPASS CHILD PROTECTION</b> "In-Person" Class Open to St. Anthony of Padua and St. Agnes volunteers</p> <p>In-person classes, in English, will be held in the St. Anthony Social Hall (approx. 1.5 hours), no reservation required. Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before the start of class to sign in.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 15</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Saturday, February 18</b> 11:00 a.m.</p>	<b>STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US</b>	
	<i>Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!</i>	
	January 22, 2023	\$19,266.00
	Last year's Plate Income	\$15,100.00
	Difference	\$4,166.00
	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
	<b>WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD</b>	
 <p><b>GIVE ONLINE</b> – <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></p>		

<p><b>THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM   EXT. 102</b> 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 <a href="http://www.stanthonyfresno.org">www.stanthonyfresno.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY   EXT. 118</b> Couples should contact our parish marriage coordinator to make an appointment at least six months in advance of your wedding date to begin preparations.</p>
<p><b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION</b> <b>High School teens – 10th-12th grades</b> Confirmation 1 and 2 registration is online. More information can be found on our website at <a href="http://stanthonyfresno.org">stanthonyfresno.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</b> Confessions will be heard at St. Anthony of Padua on: Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. – Chapel Confessionals Saturday at 10:00 a.m. – Chapel Confessionals</p>



**ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH**  
111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale, CA 93650 | (559) 439-2100  
**Sunday 9:00 a.m. English** – Mass Intention: † John Villanueva  
**Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español** –  
Misa de Intención: Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
Ash Wednesday Mass/Ashes – 6:00 p.m. Bilingual  
Stations of the Cross – 6:00 p.m., Fridays during Lent

SHARING THE GIFTS  
WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

January 22, 2023	\$1,092.00
YTD Total	\$40,069.80

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE  
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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](mailto: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 Administrator .....Annette Amparano  
[amparano@stagnes.comcastbiz.net](mailto:amparano@stagnes.comcastbiz.net)

Director of Religious Education.....Phyllis Carmona  
For pastoral support, call St. Anthony of Padua Parish Office at (559) 439-0124.

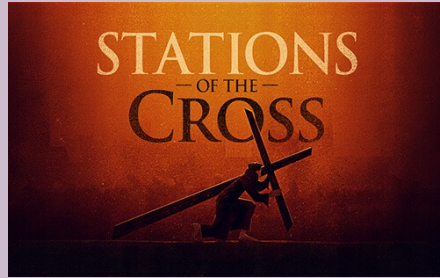
"Christ has made my soul beautiful with jewels of grace and virtue.  
I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve." – St. Agnes



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 22**

## Ash Wednesday Schedule

- 6:45 a.m. Mass & Ashes
- 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**  
Starts Friday, February 24th at  
6:00 p.m.



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

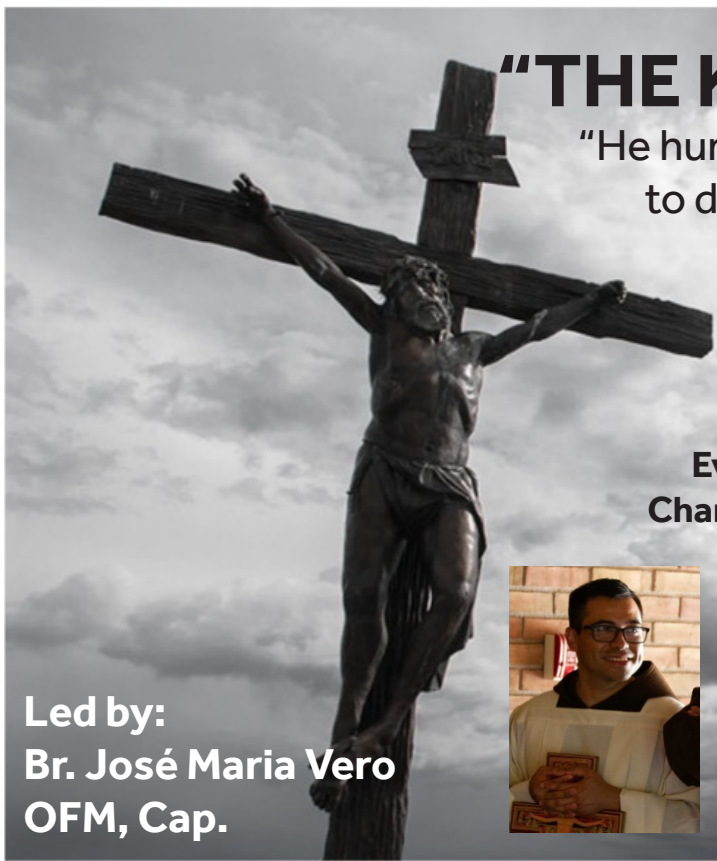


**ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA**  
"Tu palabra es una lámpara a mis pies; es una luz en mi sendero".  
**SALMO 119**  
Jueves, en salón #22 de la escuela  
7:00pm  
Reflexionaremos las Lecturas y Evangelio Dominicales  
INFORMES: HERMANA EDITH (559)439-0124 Ext: 122

**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



# "THE KENOSIS OF JESUS"

"He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, and death on a cross." (Phil 2:7)

**Lenten Parish Mission**  
**Tuesday-Thursday**  
**March 14, 15, & 16**  
**8:30 a.m. – English**

**Evening Talk & Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Charla Vespertina y Adoración Eucarística**  
**5:30 p.m. – English**  
**7:00 p.m. – Español**



**Led by:**  
**Br. José Maria Vero**  
**OFM, Cap.**

**Tuesday: "What is Kenosis?"**  
**Wednesday: "The Way of Kenosis."**  
**Thursday: "A Kenotic spirituality."**

# 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/](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:schristison@stanthonyfresno.org)

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

Registration is online at [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://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](mailto:schristison@stanthonyfresno.org)

Registration is online now and can be found at [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://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](mailto:mdanksferg@stanthonyfresno.org)

See our website to register:  
[www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org).

## LAW AND LOVE

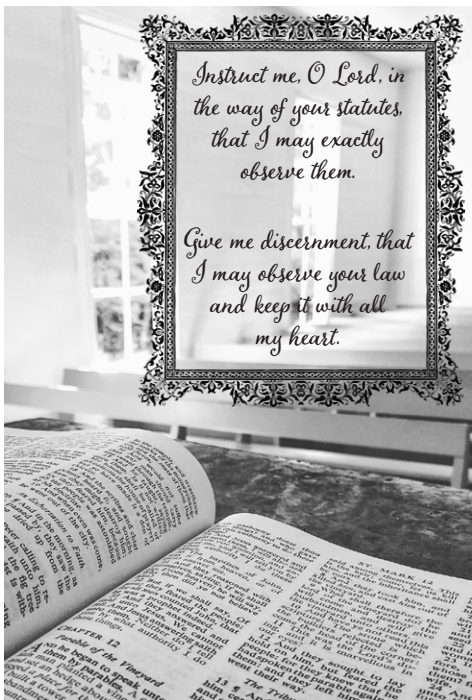
*Reflection on Matthew 5:17-37*

The Sermon on the Mount began with Jesus' proclamation of the Beatitudes, and continued last Sunday with Jesus calling us light and salt. Today, this sermon continues as Jesus teaches His disciples a new way of observing the commandments. In his Gospel, Matthew is keen to present Jesus as the new Moses, the great Teacher, who instructs with new and forceful authority.

We first hear that everything in the law will not be abolished, but fulfilled in Jesus. We can interpret this within the context of Jesus' central teaching on the law and the prophets, what we know as "the Great Commandment." Love of God and love of neighbor are, Jesus instructs, the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

We can then hear these "you have heard it said... but what I say to you" statements of Jesus regarding the ten commandments given by God through Moses, as a movement from exterior observation to interior disposition. Our observance, indeed our fulfillment of God's laws, involves not only behavioral compliance, but also interior attention to the motivations, judgements, thoughts, urges of the will, that give rise to speech and action. All of this scrutiny goes to the movement of our hearts, in a word, our love.

~ Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, February 12, 2023

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sir 15:15-20  
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
1 Cor 2:6-10  
Mt 5:17-37

### Monday, February 13, 2023

*Weekday*  
Gn 4:1-15, 25  
Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21  
Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday, February 14, 2023

*Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishops*  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10  
Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday, February 15, 2023

*Weekday*  
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22  
Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19  
Mk 8:22-26

### Thursday, February 16, 2023

*Weekday*  
Gn 9:1-13  
Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23  
Mk 8:27-33

### Friday, February 17, 2023

*Weekday*  
Gn 11:1-9  
Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
Mk 8:34-9:1

### Saturday, February 18, 2023

*Weekday*  
Heb 11:1-7  
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11  
Mk 9:2-13

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## Valentine Prayer

Gracious God,

My love for You grows daily.

Whenever I witness an act of kindness or receive an unexpected gift, I am reminded of Your expansive heart.

Even during times of duress, of sadness, or of heartache, I take comfort in knowing that nothing can separate me from Your love.

Let this love in me blossom and flower so that I reflect Your compassion and mercy in all that I say and do.

In gratitude and grace, I pray.

Amen.



## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

### Domingo, 12 de febrero de 2023

6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
 Eclo 15:15-20  
 Sal 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
 1 Cor 2:6-10  
 Mt 5:17-37

### Lunes, 13 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana  
 Gn 4:1-15, 25  
 Sal 50:1 y 8, 16bc-17, 20-21  
 Mc 8:11-13

### Martes, 14 de febrero de 2023

Santos Cirilo, Monje, y  
 Metodio, Obispos  
 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
 Sal 29:1a y 2, 3ac-4, 3b y 9c-10  
 Mc 8:14-21

### Miércoles, 15 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana  
 Gn 8:6-13, 20-22  
 Sal 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19  
 Mc 8:22-26

### Jueves, 16 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana  
 Gn 9:1-13  
 Sal 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 y 22-23  
 Mc 8:27-33

### Viernes, 17 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana  
 Gn 11:1-9  
 Sal 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15  
 Mc 8:34-9,1

### Sábado, 18 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana  
 Heb 11:1-7  
 Sal 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11  
 Mc 9:2-13

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## LEY Y AMOR

Reflexión sobre Mateo 5:17-37

El Sermón de la Montaña comenzó con la proclamación de Jesús de las Bienaventuranzas, y continuó el domingo pasado con Jesús llamándonos luz y sal. Hoy, este sermón continúa cuando Jesús enseña a sus discípulos una nueva manera de observar los mandamientos. En su Evangelio, Mateo se afana en presentar a Jesús como el nuevo Moisés, el gran Maestro, que instruye con una autoridad nueva y contundente.

En primer lugar, nos dice que todo lo que hay en la ley no será abolido, sino que se cumplirá en Jesús. Podemos interpretar esto en el contexto de la enseñanza central de Jesús sobre la ley y los profetas, lo que conocemos como "el Gran Mandamiento". El amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo son, instruye Jesús, el cumplimiento de la ley y los profetas.

Podemos, pues, escuchar estas afirmaciones de Jesús sobre los diez mandamientos dados por Dios a través de Moisés: "Habéis oído decir... pero esto es lo que yo os digo", como un paso de la observación exterior a la disposición interior. Nuestra observancia, es más, nuestro cumplimiento de las leyes de Dios, implica no sólo el acatamiento conductual, sino también la atención interior a las motivaciones, juicios, pensamientos, impulsos de la voluntad, que dan lugar al habla y a la acción. Todo este escrutinio se dirige al movimiento de nuestro corazón, en una palabra, a nuestro amor.

~ P. Jay

## Oración de Valentín

Dios bondadoso,

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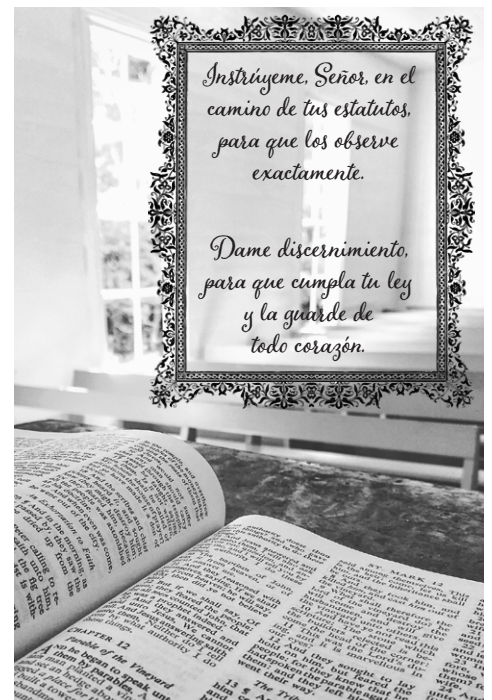
Cada vez que soy testigo de un acto de bondad o recibo un regalo inesperado, me acuerdo de Tu corazón expansivo.

Incluso en tiempos difíciles, de tristeza o de angustia, me consuela saber que nada puede separarme de Tu amor.

Haz que este amor florezca en mí para que refleje Tu compasión y misericordia en todo lo que digo y hago.

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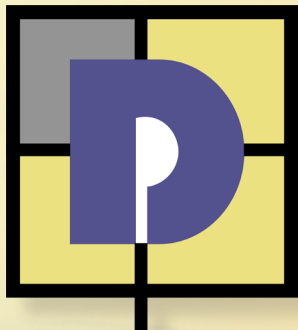
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