

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
6° domingo del tiempo ordinario

*St. Anthony of  
Padua Church*

5770 N. Maroa Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704  
559-439-0124 | [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org)

BENDICE AL SEÑOR,

*Oh, alma mia;  
y todo mi ser*

BENDICE SU SANTO NOMBRE

BLESS THE LORD,

*O my soul;  
and all my being,*

BLESS HIS HOLY NAME.

FEB  
19  
2023



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(closed 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

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Bulletin inserts are due 4 weeks

prior to publication.

# 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 #946

## Mass Intentions

<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. por su Familia Gallardo 6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
<b>20</b>	<b>MONDAY</b> NO MASS
<b>21</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b> 6:45 a.m. Intentions of Arnold Vasquez Family by Ron & MJ McClain 8:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Duarte & Rogers Families
<b>22</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY – ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 6:45 a.m. † Marcus Shiveley by the Shiveley Family 8:00 a.m. † Margaret Archuleta by Richard & Angie Chavez 5:30 p.m. † Mina Martinez by H. Maroney 7:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
<b>23</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> 6:45 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Vasquez by Hilda Vasquez Maroney 8:00 a.m. † Joyce Tuchscherer by her Family
<b>24</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> 6:45 a.m. Intentions of Ramona Gomez by the Gomez Family 8:15 a.m. Intentions of Mike Michels by Laura Michels
<b>25</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community) 5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
<b>26</b>	<b>SUNDAY – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8:00 a.m. † John Gliedweit by Susan Gleichweit 9:30 a.m. † Violet Perry by the Perry Family 11:00 a.m. † Justine Hernandez by Erma Felix & Family 1:00 p.m. Intenciones (B-Day) de Carlos Chavez por la Familia Chavez 6:00 p.m. † Will Brimberry by John & Michelle O'Rourke

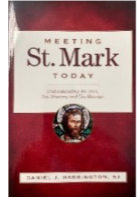
# Monthly Memorial Mass

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.

## TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

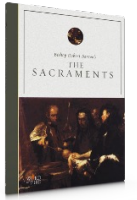
6:30 p.m. in Room 22. Facilitator – Michael Danks-Ferguson  
Welcome Back as we continue our study of *Meeting St. Mark Today*. Open to all. *Meeting St. Mark Today* offers laypeople a clear, concise, and respectful presentation of Mark's Gospel while highlighting what Jesus' suffering means for us.



## WEDNESDAY, 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.



## 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



## 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.



## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

### Grief Support (Week 2 of 5)

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon  
Room 21; Facilitator – Sylvia Miller  
5-week sessions are open to all looking for grief support.



## 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  
Domicales



INFORMES: HERMANA EDITA (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 lámpara a mis pies, es una luz en mi sendero." Salmo 119



## SILVER ANGELS

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**  
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
St. Agnes Mission  
Church Social Hall –  
111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale  
Might you be looking for some  
Fun & Games and a good meal?  
Our monthly luncheon is just the thing. Cost \$14.00 per person.  
See Page 9 for registration form and more details.



## 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

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





**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.

**STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US**

*Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!*

January 29, 2023	\$18,942.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$17,099.00
Difference	\$1,843.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2022-January 31, 2023	\$581,283.00
July 1, 2021-January 31, 2022	\$521,949.00
Difference	\$59,334.00

**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.*

<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>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 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>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>
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**ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH**  
111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale, CA 93650 | (559) 439-2100  
**Sunday 9:00 a.m. English** – Mass Intention: † Alfred Pizarro  
**Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español** –  
Misa de Intención: † Jose Urbano-Perez  
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 29, 2023	\$1,004.26
YTD Total	\$41,074.06

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE  
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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](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

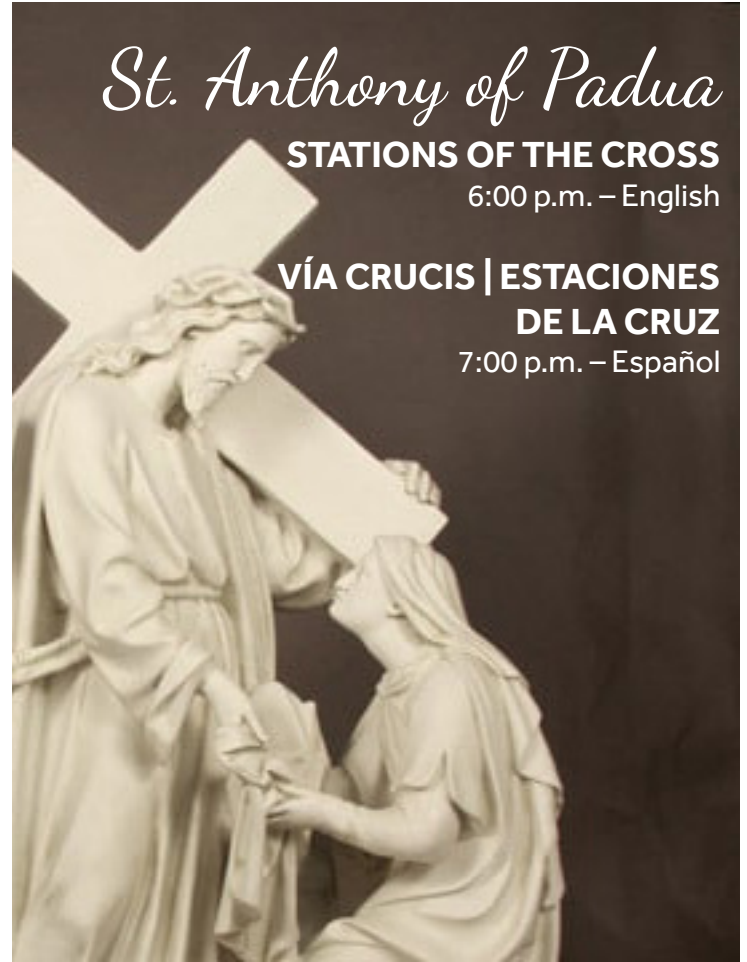
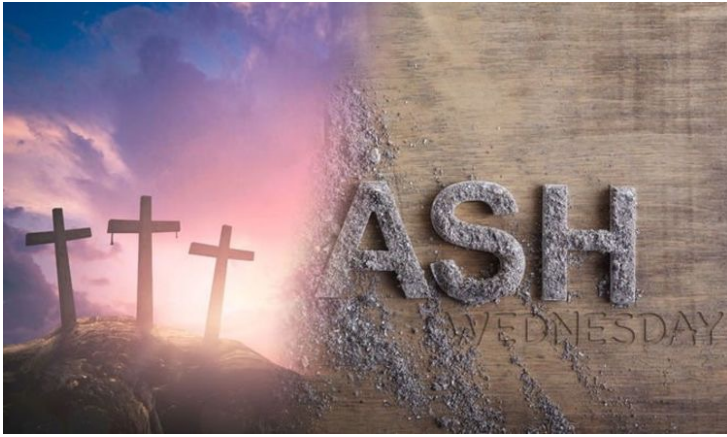
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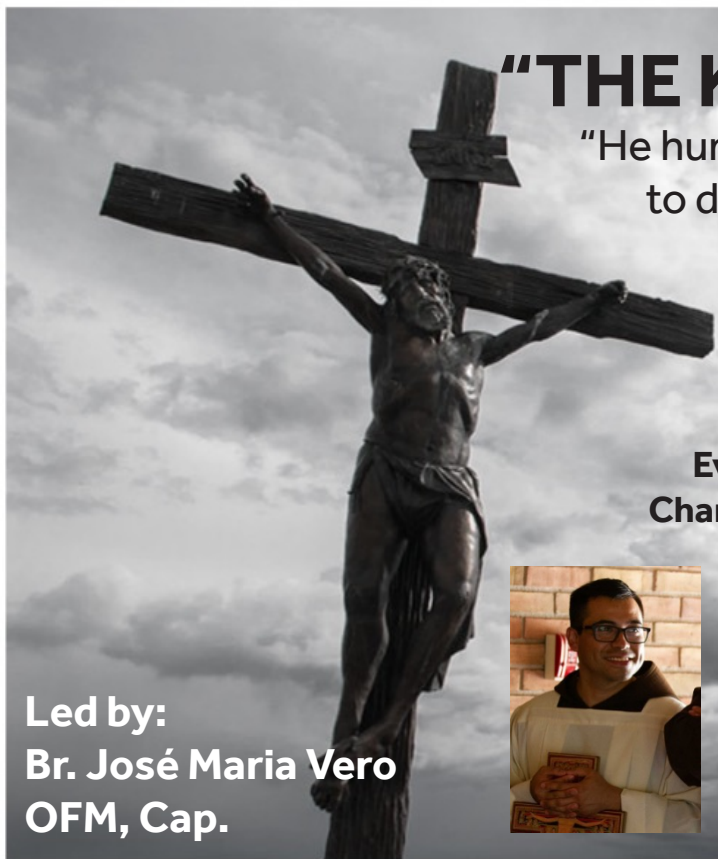
“Christ has made my soul beautiful with jewels of grace and virtue.  
I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve.” – St. Agnes





## 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



## “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.



**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).

**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.



## NON-DISCRIMINATING LOVE

Reflection on Matthew 5:38-48

Last week, we heard that our sincere attempts to do as the law requires are not enough, as Jesus said, "Unless you show yourselves far better than the scribes and the Pharisees, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven." Today, this sentiment continues as Jesus' Sermon on the Mount continues with the two paragraphs that are perhaps among the most difficult teachings to hear. They demand a righteousness that may seem to go beyond human possibility. After all, if someone kills, ought he not to be killed in turn? And if someone steals from me, ought I not to exact a penalty?

Yet here is the hard and unapologetic teaching of Jesus – God expects us not to exact any retribution – none at all. God expects us to love everyone, especially those who do not love us, especially those who do not respect us, especially those who do us grievous injury. God expects us to show in our dealings with others the same non-discriminating love God shows to the human family. If we are windows through which God's glory shows itself to the world, then we must act like God; we must forgive those we regard as unforgivable, and we must love even those who seem unlovable. Remember, Jesus Himself lived and died by these words.

~ Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, February 19, 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48

### Monday, February 20, 2023

Weekday  
Sir 1:1-10  
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5  
Mk 9:14-29

### Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Sir 2:1-11  
Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40  
Mk 9:30-37

### Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday  
Jl 2:12-18  
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17  
2 Cor 5:20-6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday, February 23, 2023

Thursday after Ash Wednesday  
Dt 30:15-20  
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
Lk 9:22-25

### Friday, February 24, 2023

Friday after Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:1-9a  
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19  
Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday, February 25, 2023

Saturday after Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:9b-14  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Lk 5:27-32

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## SAINT PETER DAMIAN

Feast Day: February 21

Patron Saint of: Faenza and Font-Avellano, Italy

Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Already in those days, Peter was very strict with himself. He wore a hair shirt under his clothes, fasted rigorously and spent many hours in prayer. Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana.

The abbot commanded that when he died Peter should succeed him. Abbot Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself. The Holy See periodically called on him, however, to be a peacemaker or troubleshooter, between two abbeys in dispute or a cleric or government official in some disagreement with Rome.

Finally, Pope Stephen IX made Peter the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony – the buying of church offices – and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living. He even wrote to the bishop of Besancon complaining that the canons there sat down when they were singing the psalms in the Divine Office.

With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

Read the full article: "Saint Peter Damian" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-damian/#>. (Accessed 20 Jan 2023).



## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

### Domingo, 19 de febrero de 2023

7º domingo del tiempo ordinario  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
Sal 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48

### Lunes, 20 de febrero de 2023

Día de la semana  
Eclo 1:1-10  
Sal 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5  
Mc 9:14-29

### Martes, 21 de febrero de 2023

Santos: Pedro Damián, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia  
Eclo 2:1-11  
Sal 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40  
Mc 9:30-37

### Miércoles, 22 de febrero de 2023

Miércoles de Ceniza  
Sal 2:12-18  
Sal 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 y 17  
2 Cor:5,20-6,2  
Mt 6:1-6,16-18

### Jueves, 23 de febrero de 2023

Jueves después del Miércoles de Ceniza  
Dt 30:15-20  
Sal 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6  
Lc 9:22-25

### Viernes, 24 de febrero de 2023

Viernes después del Miércoles de Ceniza  
Is 58:1-9a  
Sal 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19  
Mt 9:14-15

### Sábado, 25 de febrero de 2023

Sábado después del Miércoles de Ceniza  
Is 58:9b-14  
Sal 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Lc 5:27-32

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## SAN PEDRO DAMIÁN

Festividad: 21 de febrero

Patrón de: Faenza y Font-Avellano, Italia

Pedro escapó de la pobreza y del abandono de su propio hermano cuando su otro hermano, que era arcipreste de Rávena, lo tomó bajo su protección. Su hermano le envió a buenas escuelas y Pedro llegó a ser profesor.

Ya en aquella época, Pedro era muy estricto consigo mismo. Llevaba un cilicio bajo la ropa, ayunaba rigurosamente y pasaba muchas horas en oración. Pronto decidió dejar la enseñanza y entregarse por completo a la oración con los benedictinos de la reforma de San Romualdo, en Fonte Avellana.

El abad ordenó que, a su muerte, Pedro le sucediera. El abad Pedro fundó otros cinco eremitorios. Animó a sus hermanos en una vida de oración y soledad y no quiso nada más para sí mismo. Sin embargo, la Santa Sede lo llamaba periódicamente para que hiciera de pacificador o solucionador de problemas, entre dos abadías en disputa o un clérigo o funcionario del gobierno en algún desacuerdo con Roma.

Finalmente, el papa Esteban IX nombró a Pedro cardenal-obispo de Ostia. Trabajó duro para erradicar la simonía -la compra de cargos eclesiásticos- y animó a sus sacerdotes a observar el celibato e instó incluso al clero diocesano a vivir juntos y mantener la oración programada y la observancia religiosa. Quiso restaurar la disciplina primitiva entre religiosos y sacerdotes, advirtiendo contra los viajes innecesarios, las violaciones de la pobreza y la vida demasiado cómoda. Incluso escribió al obispo de Besancon quejándose de que los canónigos se sentaban cuando cantaban los salmos en el Oficio Divino.

Con los monjes reunidos a su alrededor rezando el Oficio Divino, murió el 22 de febrero de 1072. En 1828 fue declarado Doctor de la Iglesia.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Peter Damian" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/Saint-Peter-Damian/>. (Consultado el 20 de enero de 2023).

## AMOR NO DISCRIMINATORIO

Reflexión sobre Mateo 5:38-48

La semana pasada oímos que nuestros intentos sinceros de hacer lo que exige la ley no son suficientes, como dijo Jesús: "Si no os mostráis mucho mejores que los escribas y los fariseos, no podréis entrar en el reino de los cielos". Hoy, este sentimiento continúa mientras el Sermón de la Montaña de Jesús sigue con los dos párrafos que están quizás entre las enseñanzas más difíciles de escuchar. Exigen una justicia que puede parecer ir más allá de las posibilidades humanas. Después de todo, si alguien mata, ¿no debería ser matado a su vez? Y si alguien me roba, ¿no debo exigir un castigo?

Sin embargo, aquí está la enseñanza dura y sin disculpas de Jesús: Dios espera que no exijamos ninguna retribución, ninguna en absoluto. Dios espera que amemos a todos, especialmente a los que no nos aman, especialmente a los que no nos respetan, especialmente a los que nos hieren gravemente. Dios espera que mostremos en nuestro trato con los demás el mismo amor no discriminatorio que Dios muestra a la familia humana. Si somos ventanas a través de las cuales la gloria de Dios se muestra al mundo, entonces debemos actuar como Dios; debemos perdonar a los que consideramos imperdonables, y debemos amar incluso a los que parecen poco amables. Recuerda que Jesús mismo vivió y murió según estas palabras.

~ P. Jay





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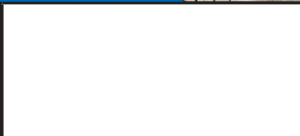
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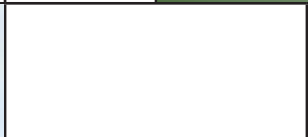


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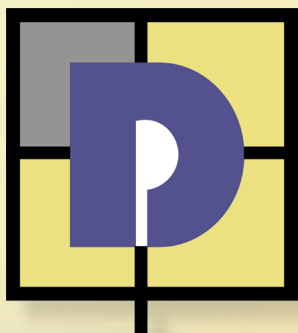
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