

If today you
hear his voice,
harden not your

hearts

Psalms 95:8

Si hoy oís su voz,
no endurezcáis
vuestros

corazones

Salmo 95:8

THE SEASON OF
LENT

Third Sunday of Lent | Tercer domingo de Cuaresma
St. Anthony of Padua Church

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BULLETIN/WEBPAGE

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Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua

The Catholic Christian community of St. Anthony Padua welcomes all to our celebrations of God's love. Through prayer, education, sacraments, caring and stewardship, we strive to serve the needs of God's people and to gain a richer understanding of the Gospel message of love. We invite you to become a part of our "Parish Life." Your talents are welcome!

Rev. Msgr. Robert D. Wenzinger, Pastor

Please register at www.stanthonyfresno.org.

Thanks for joining us!

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL #889

Mass Intentions

12 SUNDAY – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mike Michels by Mark Rodarte Family
9:30 a.m. † Tom Ferdinandi, Sr. by The Donato Family
11:00 a.m. † Marian Garzelli by Monique Le
1:00 p.m. † Demetrio Gomez por su Gomez Familia
6:00 p.m. † Velme Teixiera by John & Michelle O'Rourke

13 MONDAY
NO MASS

14 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Alfred E. Toste by Toste Family
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Susan Swanson by John & DeAnna Driscoll

15 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Mike Lethert by Kate King
8:00 a.m. † Tom Facio by Ramona Facio

16 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Dave Hochstedler by Kate King
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Shirley Thompson by Hilda Maroney

17 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. † Joseph Oanh Nguyen by Richard & Angie Chavez
8:15 a.m. † Sue Brisendine by Fr. Philip Kunder

18 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. † Maria D. Garcia by Juan Garcia
5:30 p.m. † Otilia Lamas por Carlos Lamas

19 SUNDAY – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
9:30 a.m. † Debbie Ann Rodarte by Mark Rodarte
11:00 a.m. † Rebecca Milward by Dexter & Sandra Marr
1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por su Familia Gallardo
6:00 p.m. Intentions of Thorne Family by Ann Thorne



St. Anthony of Padua
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 6:00 p.m. – English
VÍA CRUCIS | ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ
 7:00 p.m. – Español
FRIDAYS DURING LENT

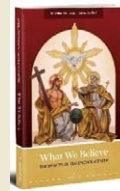
TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Last class was March 7, 2023.
 Special thanks to Michael Danks-Ferguson for his hard work and dedication.


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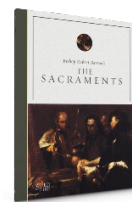

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
 10:00 a.m. in Room 21
 Facilitators – Dina Shwiyhat/Nivia Cuellar
 This week we will be looking at Session 5: The Holy Spirit, the Breath of God.
 Ladies of the parish, come join us.



Monthly Memorial Mass
 Saturday, March 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 March 2022. They are Meline Apikian, Fr. Michael Lastiri, Helen Smades, Gary Hoff, Joan Arendt, Patricia May Leonardo, Maria Gutierrez De La Torre, and Irineo Ayala Carrillo. 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.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
 Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. in Room 21
 Facilitators – Sami Shwiyhat/Eliseo Cuellar
 Men of the parish, enrich your faith life by committing to bimonthly fellowship with other men of the parish. Their new study is entitled, "The Sacraments" by Bishop Barron. Hope to see you there.



SATURDAY, MARCH 25
Grief Support (5th Session)
 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Room 22; Facilitator – Sylvia Miller
 No class on March 18, the 5th and final Session will be March 25.



SILVER ANGELS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. St. Agnes Mission Church Social Hall – 111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale. Special Blast & Brew Pizza luncheon with Fun & Games to follow. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Come check out the Fun and Fellowship. See Page 9 for registration form. Turn yours in today and reserve your spot.



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



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 EDITA (559)429-0124 Ext. 122

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

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



Let us remember those in our parish community who are homebound, in the hospital or recovering from illness. May our Lord bless them with comfort and the support of a loving community.

STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US	
<i>Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!</i>	
February 19, 2023	\$19,121.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$17,284.00
Difference	\$1,837.00
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 – <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>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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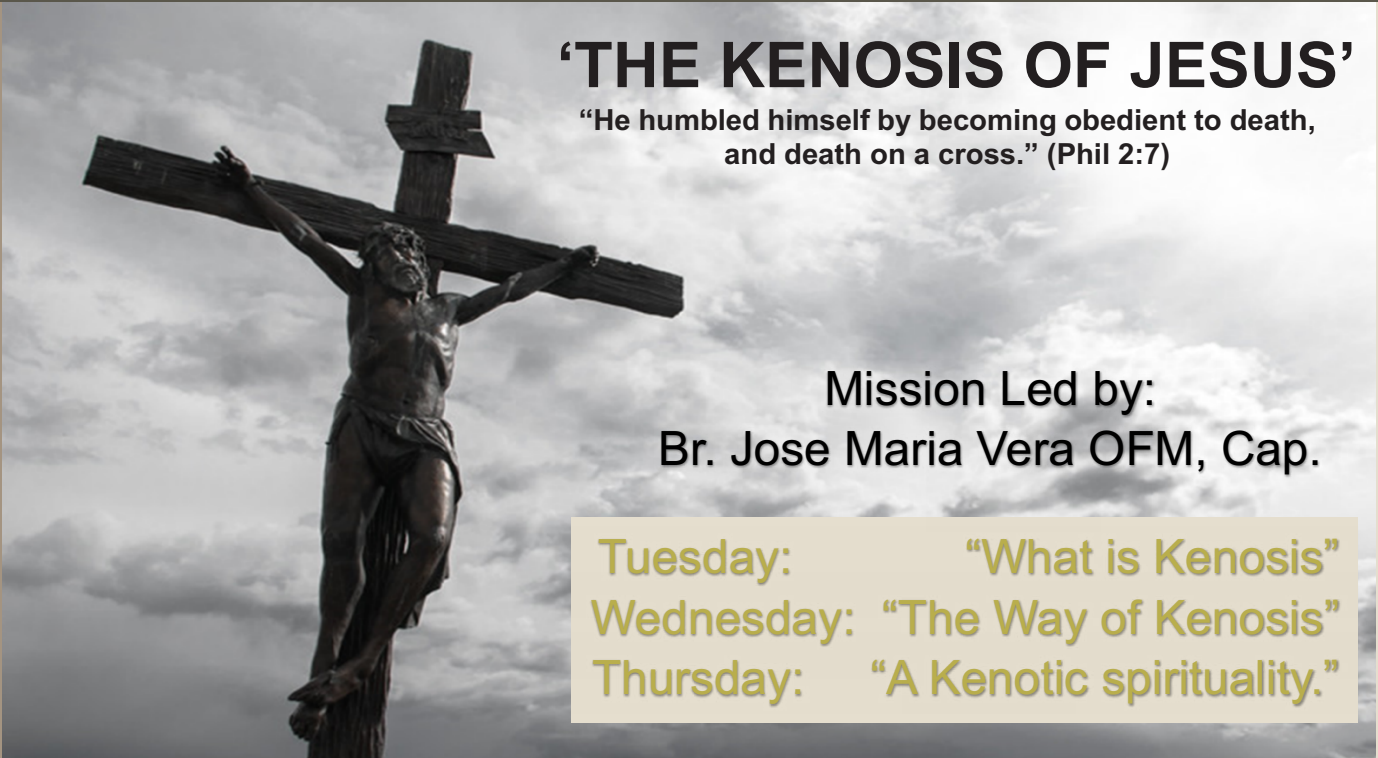
	<p>ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH 111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale, CA 93650 (559) 439-2100</p> <p>Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention: † Vincent & Vera Ceronsky</p> <p>Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español – Misa de Intención: † Biviano Romero</p> <p>Stations of the Cross – 6:00 p.m., Fridays during Lent</p> <p>For the following Sacraments, please contact St. Anthony of Padua: Anointing of the Sick • Baptisms • Confession • Funerals • Weddings</p> <p><i>*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</i></p>	<p>SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>February 19, 2023</td> <td>\$1,036.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>YTD Total</td> <td>\$44,444.12</td> </tr> </table> <p>WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY! GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD</p>	February 19, 2023	\$1,036.06	YTD Total	\$44,444.12
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<p>ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH STAFF (559) 439-2100</p> <p>Parish AdministratorAnnette Amparano amparano@stagnes.comcastbiz.net</p> <p>Director of Religious Education.....Phyllis Carmona For pastoral support, call St. Anthony of Padua Parish Office at (559) 439-0124.</p> <p><i>“Christ has made my soul beautiful with jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve.” – St. Agnes</i></p>						



*St. Anthony of Padua
Fresno, CA*

LENT
2023

Parish *Mission*



‘THE KENOSIS OF JESUS’

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

Mission Led by:
Br. Jose Maria Vera OFM, Cap.

Tuesday: “What is Kenosis”
Wednesday: “The Way of Kenosis”
Thursday: “A Kenotic spirituality.”

This week at St. Anthony
March 14 – 16, 2023 (Tuesday – Thursday)

Morning Talk after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Evening Talk & Eucharist Adoration
5:30 p.m. – English

Charla Vespertina y Adoración Eucarística
7:00 p.m. – Español

A goodwill collection will be taken after each day for those who would like to support Br. Jose’s continued formation.



Se realizará una colecta de buena voluntad después de cada día para aquellos que quisiera apoyar al Hno. La formación continua de José.

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.

LIVING WATER

Reflection on John 4:5-42

Throughout John's Gospel, there are many scenes like the one today describing Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well, where there is so much going on behind the surface dialogue. John will often leave nameless the character whom Jesus encounters, inviting us to imagine ourselves in the role, receiving some certain gift, some truth, from the exchange.

This woman takes her bucket to the well, as no doubt she has done countless times, there to encounter Jesus who offers Himself as living water, welling up to eternal life. Here is where we might place ourselves in the story. To what "well" do I return over and over again to attain those things I think I need? Career? Wealth? Human affection? Sexual fulfillment? Pornography? Alcohol? Food? Social Media? Where do I go to get what I believe I need to be satisfied, to feel alive or whole?

Of course, Jesus proposes Himself as the true fulfillment of all that is needed or desired by us to be made whole, alive, and complete. But even more, in His encounter with the woman – and us – at the well of our obsession, idolatry, and sin, He reveals the depth of God's divine thirst for each of us. Jesus longs to share His life – welling up to eternal life – with us.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

Monday, March 13, 2023

Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab
Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34-43
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 17, 2023

Saint Patrick, Bishop
Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
Lk 18:9-14

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

The Third Week of Lent

Loving Father,

So many times I turn away from you
and always You welcome me back.

Your mercy and love gives me confidence

Thank You for the invitation to share,
fast and pray

so that You can form a new heart within me.

Your powerful compassion for
my weaknesses

leads me to ask for mercy

and await with great hope the Easter joy

You share with us. Amen.

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 12 de marzo de 2023

3º Domingo de Cuaresma

Ex 17:3-7

Sal 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42

Lunes, 13 de marzo de 2023

Semana de Cuaresma

2 Re 5:1-15ab

Sal 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4

Lc 4: 24-30

Martes, 14 de marzo de 2023

Semana de Cuaresma

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Sal 25:4-5ab, 6 y 7bc, 8-9

Mt 18:21-35

Miércoles, 15 de marzo de 2023

Semana de Cuaresma

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Sal 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Mt 5:17-19

Jueves, 16 de marzo de 2023

Semana de Cuaresma

Jer 7:23-28

Sal 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Lc 11, 14-23

Viernes, 17 de marzo de 2023

San Patricio, obispo

Os 14:2-10

Sal 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17

Mc 12:28-34

Sábado, 18 de marzo de 2023

Santos: Cirilo de Jerusalén, obispo
y doctor de la Iglesia

Os 6:1-6

Sal 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab

Lc 18:9-14

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

AGUA VIVA

Reflexión sobre Juan 4:5-42

A lo largo del Evangelio de Juan, hay muchas escenas como la de hoy, en la que se describe el encuentro de Jesús con la mujer junto al pozo. A menudo, Juan deja sin nombre al personaje con el que se encuentra Jesús, invitándonos a imaginarnos a nosotros mismos en el papel, recibiendo algún regalo, alguna verdad, del intercambio.

Esta mujer lleva su cubo al pozo, como sin duda ha hecho innumerables veces, para encontrarse allí con Jesús, que se ofrece como agua viva que brota para la vida eterna. Aquí es donde podemos situarnos en la historia. ¿A qué "pozo" vuelvo una y otra vez para conseguir las cosas que creo que necesito? ¿Carrera? ¿La riqueza? ¿Amor humano? ¿Realización sexual? ¿Pornografía? ¿El alcohol? ¿La comida? ¿Las redes sociales? ¿Adónde voy para conseguir lo que creo que necesito para estar satisfecho, para sentirme vivo o completo?

Por supuesto, Jesús se propone a sí mismo como el verdadero cumplimiento de todo lo que necesitamos o deseamos para sentirnos plenos, vivos y completos. Pero aún más, en su encuentro con la mujer -y con nosotros- en el pozo de nuestra obsesión, idolatría y pecado, revela la profundidad de la sed divina de Dios por cada uno de nosotros. Jesús anhela compartir su vida -que brota de la vida eterna- con nosotros.

~ P. Jay

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Tantas veces me alejo de ti y siempre

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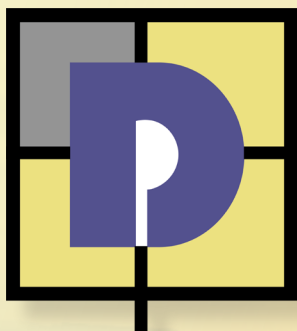
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