

THE LORD IS MY

Shepherd;

I SHALL NOT WANT

EL SEÑOR ES MI

Pastor;

NADA ME FALTA

THE SEASON OF

Lent

Fourth Sunday of Lent | Cuarto 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 #892

Mass Intentions

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

20 MONDAY
NO MASS

21 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Narcizo Diaz by Maria Quinonez
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Michael Martinez by Hilda Martinez

22 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Belinda Granda by Ancaya Lujan Family
8:00 a.m. Intentions of San Juana Cura by the Cura Family

23 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Mary Maciel by John & Michelle O'Rourke
8:00 a.m. † Maria Carmen Lopez by Marcella Smith

24 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Raymond B. Vasquez by MJ & Ron McClain
8:15 a.m. † Gabriel Diaz by Griselda Prendez

25 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. Intentions of Alexander Domingos by Sandy & Brian Domingos
5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

26 SUNDAY – 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m. † Marian Garzelli by Monique Le
9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
11:00 a.m. † J.R. Norwood by Emilia Canzio
1:00 p.m. Intenciones (B-Day) de Daniella Guerra por Martha Guerra
6:00 p.m. Intentions of Ron & MJ McClain



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

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

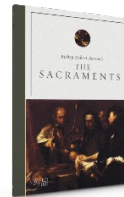
10:00 a.m. – Chapel Confessionals

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.



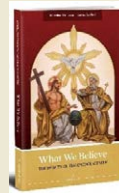
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

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.



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 6: The Church.
 Ladies of the parish, come join us.



SATURDAY, MARCH 25 Grief Support (5th Session)

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Room 22;
 Facilitator – Sylvia Miller
 Final Session until the Fall 2023.



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)439-0124 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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
 General Meeting 6:15 p.m. Location: TBD
 (Rosary, Dinner, & Meeting)



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
 General Meeting
 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall (includes dinner)



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.

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.



Silver Angels Ministry

STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

February 26, 2023	\$21,688.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$16,606.00
Difference	\$5,082.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2022-February 28, 2023	\$664,532.00
July 1, 2021-February 28, 2022	\$590,427.00
Difference	\$74,105.00

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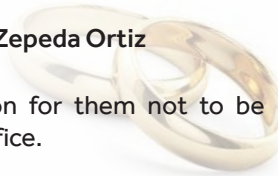
Easy, Safe, and Convenient: When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you. You can also drop your envelope in the mail slot located in the door on the south side of the parish office.

Marriage Banns

The following couple will marry in the coming weeks:

Miguel Ferrer & Fernanda Zepeda Ortiz

If you know of any canonical reason for them not to be married, please contact the parish office.



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.

Let us pray.



ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English –

Mass Intention: † Emilia Chimienti

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español –

Misa de Intención: Intenciones de Elias Quiñonez

Bendición de Cumpleaños

Stations of the Cross – 6:00 p.m., Fridays during Lent

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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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*

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

February 26, 2023	\$1,474.00
YTD Total	\$45,918.12

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Holy Week Schedule



Sunday, April 2	Palm Sunday	English Mass: 8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 6:00 p.m. Misa en Español: 1:00 p.m.
Monday, April 3	Parish Lenten Penance Service	7:00 p.m. in English and Español
Thursday, April 6	Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m. in English
Friday, April 7	Good Friday	Stations of the Cross: English 12:15 p.m. Passion of the Lord: English 1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross: English 5:30 p.m. Via Crucis: 6:30 p.m. Pasión del Señor
Saturday, April 8	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil: 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 9	Easter Sunday	English Mass: 8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 6:00 p.m. Misa en Español: 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 16	Divine Mercy Sunday	Chaplet: 2:15 p.m. in the Main Church



On Wednesday, March 1st St. Anthony of Padua hosted the Annual Rite of Election for Fresno Metro and Fresno Rural parishes with over 900 people in attendance. Bishop Brennan welcomed 65 Youth, 90 Catechumens – now “The Elect,” 128 Candidates, and 344 Sponsors. The Elect and Candidates will complete their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Let us continue to pray for all of them as they journey into full communion with the Catholic Church. This is a clear and visible sign that the Catholic Church is very much alive in our community. Let us welcome them with open arms and hearts.

Photo to the left includes our Parish Clergy and Ushers who assisted: Darrick Duerksen - Head Usher; Msgr. Rob Wenzinger - Pastor; Dan Cabe; Bishop Joseph Brennan; John Driscoll; Deacon Jose Ordaz; Joseph Moore; Debbie Walters; Ray Young; and Deacon Edgar Briseño



2023 ST. ANTHONY ELECT & CANDIDATES WITH BISHOP

Let us continue to pray for them as they journey to the Easter Vigil and full communion.

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.

RECEIVING HEALING

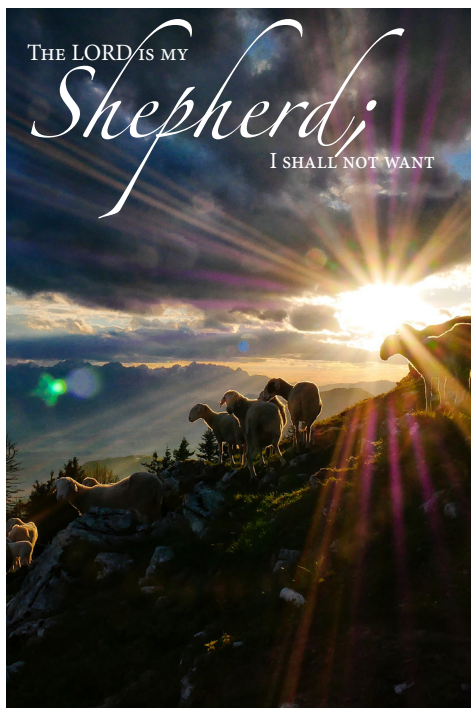
Reflection on John 9:1-41

In today's Gospel, John offers another dramatic story describing the healing of a man born blind and a range of responses to this healing. The experience of healing itself involves both the action of Jesus – using mud and spittle to smear on the man's eyes – and the response and cooperation of the man who must go and wash in the pool of Siloam, which means "sent." With physical sight restored, and spiritual sight awakened, this man is now "sent" as a witness to Jesus.

But look at the reactions! Accusations of sin all over the place. Mistrust, denial and division among the religious leaders. Too frightened of the controversy to get involved from the parents. Confusion from neighbors. What do we make of all this?

Jesus, the Light of the World, came to dispel darkness and sin. How do we experience and receive this healing for ourselves and others? Do we see reality with the eyes of faith when the Light of Christ exposes falsehood and reveals truth that is uncomfortable? Are we at times so comfortable with our blindness that we prefer ignorance over enlightenment? These are all good questions, prompted from the Gospel, for us to consider during this Lenten journey.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

Monday, March 20, 2023

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Saint Turibus of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Ex 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 24, 2023

Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 25, 2023

The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

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

The Fourth Week of Lent

Loving Creator of mine,

I feel the pace quicken, the time draws near.

I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter

and the promised reconciliation with You.

Teach me to follow the example of Your Son,

to be worthy of being called one of His people:

a Christian.

Help me to live each day as He did

turning hatred to love and conflict to peace.

I await the new life with eagerness, faith

and a deep gratitude. Amen.

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 19 de marzo de 2023

IV Domingo de Cuaresma
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Sal 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Ef 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

Lunes, 20 de marzo de 2023

San José, Esposo de la
Bienaventurada Virgen María
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Sal 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a o Lc 2:41-51a

Martes, 21 de marzo de 2023

Semana de Cuaresma
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Sal 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 5:1-16

Miércoles, 22 de marzo de 2023

Cuaresma semanal
Is 49:8-15
Sal 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
Jn 5:17-30

Jueves, 23 de marzo de 2023

Santos: Turibus de Mogrovejo,
obispo
Ex 32:7-14
Sal 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
Jn 5:31-47

Viernes, 24 de marzo de 2023

Semana de Cuaresma
Sab 2:1a, 12-22
Sal 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 y 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sábado, 25 de marzo de 2023

Anunciación del Señor
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Sal 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Heb 10:4-10
Lc 1:26-38

Acceda a las lecturas diarias de
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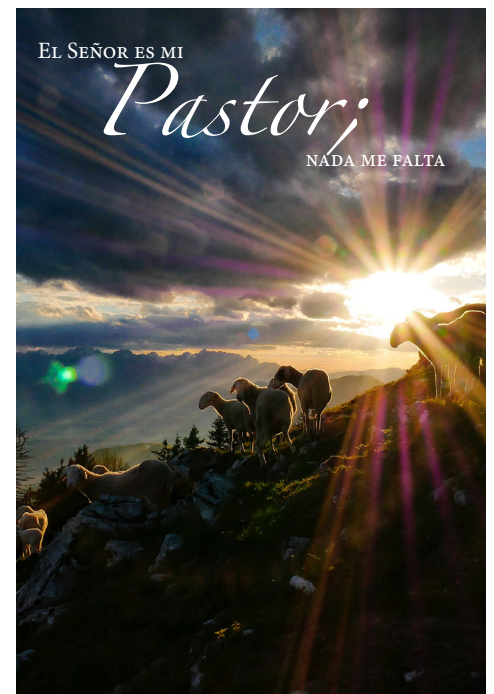
Reflexión sobre Juan 9:1-41

En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan nos ofrece otro relato dramático en el que se describe la curación de un ciego de nacimiento y una serie de respuestas a esta curación. La experiencia de la curación en sí implica tanto la acción de Jesús -que utiliza barro y saliva para untar los ojos del hombre- como la respuesta y la cooperación del hombre, que debe ir a lavarse a la piscina de Siloé, que significa "enviado". Con la vista física restaurada, y la vista espiritual despertada, este hombre es ahora "enviado" como testigo de Jesús.

Pero ¡mira las reacciones! Acusaciones de pecado por todas partes. Desconfianza, negación y división entre los líderes religiosos. Demasiado miedo a la controversia por parte de los padres. Confusión entre los vecinos. ¿Qué pensamos de todo esto?

Jesús, la Luz del Mundo, vino a disipar las tinieblas y el pecado. ¿Cómo experimentamos y recibimos esta curación para nosotros y para los demás? ¿Vemos la realidad con los ojos de la fe cuando la Luz de Cristo expone la falsedad y revela la verdad que es incómoda? ¿Nos sentimos a veces tan cómodos con nuestra ceguera que preferimos la ignorancia a la iluminación? Todas estas son buenas preguntas, suscitadas por el Evangelio, para que las consideremos durante este camino de Cuaresma.

~ P. Jay



Cuarta semana de Cuaresma

*Amado Creador mío, siento que el paso se acelera,
que el tiempo se acerca.*

*Me llena de alegría avanzar hacia la Pascua y
la prometida reconciliación contigo.*

*Enséñame a seguir el ejemplo de tu Hijo, a ser
digno de ser llamado uno de los suyos: cristiano.*

*Ayúdame a vivir cada día como Él, convirtiendo
el odio en amor y el conflicto en paz.*

*Espero la nueva vida con impaciencia,
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Amen.



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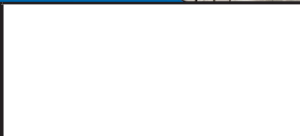
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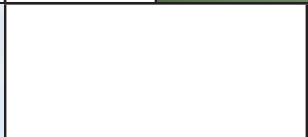


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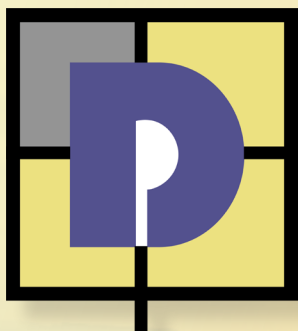
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