



*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.*

*Psalm 118:24*

*Este es el día de triunfo del Señor:  
día de júbilo y de gozo.*

*Salmo 118:24*

Divine Mercy Sunday | Domingo de Divina Misericordia

**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 #903A

## Mass Intentions

**16 SUNDAY – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
8:00 a.m. † John Galindo by Adrienne Galindo  
9:30 a.m. † Debbie Ann Rodarte by Mark Rodarte  
11:00 a.m. † Nicholas Kauls by Mom & Grandma  
1:00 p.m. Intenciones (B-Day) de Madilynn Chavez  
por la Familia Chavez  
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

**17 MONDAY**  
NO MASS

**18 TUESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Sheryl Diaz by Alice Diaz  
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Trey Martinez by Hilda Maroney

**19 WEDNESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Jesus Prado by Rafael Prado  
8:00 a.m. † Irene Facio Herrera by Ramona Facio

**20 THURSDAY**  
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Anne Nist by Laraine Martin  
8:00 a.m. † Richard Lopez by Marcella & Family

**21 FRIDAY**  
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Petra Oralle Family by AnneMarie Kausin  
8:00 a.m. † Sandy Hooke by Sami & Dina Shwiyhat

**22 SATURDAY**  
4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
5:30 p.m. † Agustin Prado por Maria Prado

**23 SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
8:00 a.m. † Pat Mastro by his wife & family  
9:30 a.m. † Rosemary Bremer by Anthony & Michelle Donato  
11:00 a.m. † Blesilda Liganor by Yolanda Canzio Aparicio  
1:00 p.m. † Abel Brenes Aparicio por la Familia Rubio-Aparicio  
6:00 p.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their children



## Monthly Memorial Mass

This Saturday, April 15, 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 April 2022. They are Norma Daliva Banks, Sandra Lynne Visciglio, Richard Fernandez, Refugio Guevara, Angela Marie Debenedetto, and Michael Amparano. 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.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15/SUNDAY, APRIL 16 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. Together we make a difference.



### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

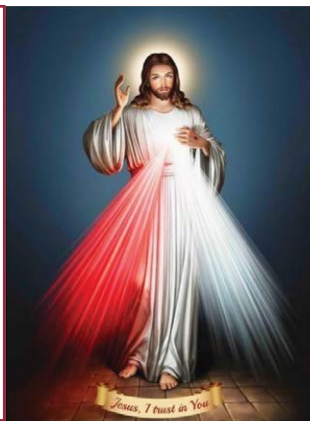
SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 2:30 P.M.

**St. Anthony of Padua**  
in the Main Church

Come join us as we will celebrate by reciting the praises and the Chaplet of Mercy along with Venerating the Image of the Divine Mercy.

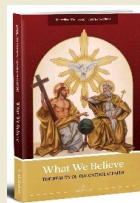
*"Look into My Heart and see there the love and mercy which I have for humankind, and especially for sinners. Look, and enter into My Passion"*

Jesus to St. Faustina (Diary 1663)



### THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m. in Room 21  
Facilitators – Dina Shwiyhat/Nivia Cuellar  
Thursday, April 20, we will be covering Session 8: Union with God: The Life of Prayer. Ladies of the parish, please join us.



### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. in Room 21  
Facilitators – Sami Shwiyhat/Eliseo Cuellar  
Men of the parish, join us twice a month for fellowship and faith enrichment. Our current study is entitled, "The Sacraments" by Bishop Barron. Hope to see you there.



### SILVER ANGELS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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

Join us for a Mother's Day Fiesta lunch with Fun & Games. Lunch includes a variety from Sal's Mexican Food Restaurant. Cost is \$14.00 per person. All are welcome.



### 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

### EUCHARISTIC 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

Jueves, en salón #22 de la escuela  
7:00pm

Reflexionaremos  
las Lecturas y  
Evangelio  
Dominicales

INFORMES: HERMANA EDITA (559)439-0124 Ext. 122

"Tu palabra es una  
lámpara a mis  
pies; es una  
luz en mi  
sendero".  
SALMO 119

### 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."*

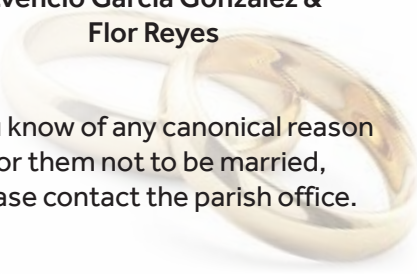
111 W Birch Street,  
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## Marriage Banns

The following couple will marry  
in the coming weeks:

**Evencio Garcia Gonzalez &  
Flor Reyes**

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



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

#### Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

March 26, 2023	\$20,060.50
Last year's Plate Income	\$18,012.00
Difference	\$ 2,048.50

#### Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha

July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023	\$751,359.74
July 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023	\$671,768.00
Difference	\$79,591.74

### 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.*

#### 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](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org).

#### 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](http://stanthonyfresno.org).

#### 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.

#### 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



### ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

**Sunday 9:00 a.m. English –**

Mass Intention: † Petra Navarro

**Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español –**

Misa de Intención: † John Chimienti, Jr.

NOTE: Mass intentions for 2023 are now full.

For the following Sacraments, please contact St. Anthony of Padua:  
Anointing of the Sick • Baptisms • Confession • Funerals • Weddings

*\*We are looking for a volunteer musician to play for the 9:00 a.m. English Mass.  
If you are able to help or know someone, please contact the church office. Thank you*

### ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH STAFF | (559) 439-2100

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amparano@stagnes.comcastbiz.net

Director of Religious Education.....Phyllis Carmona

For pastoral support, call St. Anthony of Padua Parish Office at (559) 439-0124.

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

#### SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

March 26, 2023	\$1,179.02
YTD Total	\$50,718.97

**WE GREATLY APPRECIATE  
YOUR CONTINUED  
GENEROSITY!  
GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA  
GENEROSIDAD**





Over 1,000 family and friends were in attendance at St. Anthony of Padua - Fresno on Saturday, March 25, 2023 to witness 82 parish youth receive Confirmation. Confirmandi include:

Michael Joseph Aed; Natalia Isabella Aed; Emely Anais Arambula; Angel Ricardo; Arciga Linares; Adolfo Esteban Arenas; Zoe Alexis Barber; Adrián Bautista Lias; Eva Teresa Castillo; Ethan Robert Castillo; Allie Marie Castro; Grace Christine Castro; Adrián Cervantes Rojas; Melina Griscel Chavez; Maddison Elisabete Cortez; Hector Isaiah Cortez; Stacy Cota Rubio; Sofia Valentina Covarrubias Seden; Joanne De Leon Esteban; Rossalyn Maria Estrada; Juliana Alesandra Fregoso; Julissa Aide Fregoso; Peter Anthony Garcia; Andrea Marie Gavel; Leslie Jesenia Gomez Miguel; Colin Gonzales; Anthony Ignacio Gonzalez; Daniel Jr. Gonzalez; Jesus Jr. Gonzalez; Laila Granada; Osvaldo Gutierrez; Carson Joseph Haslam; Jesus Angel Hernandez; Anthony Hernandez; Pedro Hernandez; Adrian Daniel Hernandez Gomez; Adalberto Enrique Hernandez Jacinto; Vanessa Lynn Hull; John Angel Jimenez Escamilla; Nathaniel Kirby; Sebastian Omar Leyva; Marissa Isabel Lopez; Ella Grace Lopez; Diego Ariel Malagon; Carmelo Issac Maldonado Mendez; Joshua Emmanuel Martinez; Brianna Inez Martinez; Lydia Martínez Sepulveda; Kinsey Elaine McIntosh; Gabriel Hugo Mejia; Veronica Mejia; Katherine Mesa; Abigail Moreno; Jorge Moreno; Jacqueline Moreno; Jovana Moreno; Margot Elizabeth Munoz; Jasmin Pacheco Reyes; Uriel Pacheco Reyes; Jesus Aaron Paramo; Tanya Denise Puentes Caldera; Marco Antonio Ramirez; Yovanna Pah'Ola Ramirez; Raul Ramirez; Ibarra Elijah Reyes; Molly Nieves L. Riojas; Matthew Joseph P. Riojas; Ava Giselle Rivera; Dulce Maria Ruiz; Jose Eduardo Ruvalcaba; Darlen Sampedro Cruz; Diego Santiago Hernandez; Oscar Santiago Ruiz; Alexa Janette Secco; Sandy Jolette Secco; Lesly Tello Robles; Dolan Dikran Jeter Torossian; Jose Urbano; Vernon William Valmonte; Vienna Ailean Vasquez; Jose Verdugo; Osmar Villa Beltran; Evan Nicholas Villarreal; Serenitee Ayobamidele Yap

We pray this special day and the significance of what they received from Bishop Armando Xavier Ochoa remains with them throughout their life. Bishop reminded them that today is not a graduation, but rather the beginning of their adult faith journey. Today is when you say Yes (like Mary's "Fiat") to the call of the Holy Spirit to live your Catholic faith and to share that faith with others. It is a call to be an active part of the faith community starting this Sunday and every Sunday thereafter at St. Anthony of Padua and St. Agnes parishes. Let us continue to pray for these young people that God will use them in unique ways to influence our local community with the fruits of the Holy Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Congratulations to the Confirmandi and their families.

# 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  
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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.

**GIFT** GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER  
 Creciendo Juntos En Nuestra Fe

## 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).

## DIVINE MERCY

*Reflection on John 20:19-31*

I don't remember who said this, but it rings so true: Christianity has nothing to say to someone who does not know him/herself to be a sinner. If I do not know and accept my need for forgiveness and redemption, then divine mercy makes no sense; it is lost on me.

How blessed and grateful we are, though, when this great gift of divine mercy is accepted, and flows into our hearts and lives! I am convinced that when we receive God's mercy, in a proper disposition of true repentance, then God does not want us to be burdened with the sins that have shamed us and brought us low. Instead, God desires us to be truly free, for His gift of mercy liberates us to be merciful.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites Thomas into His wounds, and so into the reception of His divine life. This is the pattern of our lives as well. It is going deeply into our wounds which sin has caused, where we are in contact with the wounds of Christ which redeem us. Praise God for His great mercy!

~ Fr. Jay

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, April 16, 2023

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

Acts 2:42-47

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

### Thursday, April 20, 2023

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:27-33

Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20

Jn 3:31-36

### Friday, April 21, 2023

*Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Acts 5:34-42

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Jn 6:1-15

### Monday, April 17, 2023

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 4:23-31

Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9

Jn 3:1-8

### Tuesday, April 18, 2023

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 4:32-37

Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

Jn 3:7b-15

### Saturday, April 22, 2023

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 6:1-7

Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Jn 6:16-21

### Wednesday, April 19, 2023

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:17-26

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Jn 3:16-21

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*This is the day the  
Lord has made;  
let us be glad and  
rejoice in it.*

*Psalms 118:24*

## SAINT ANSELM

*Feast Day: April 21*

At 15, Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, was elected prior three years later, and 15 years later, was unanimously chosen abbot.

Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness, and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the Abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies. During these years, at the community's request, Anselm began publishing his theological works, comparable to those of Saint Augustine. His best-known work is the book *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God Became Man").

Against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093, at age 60. His appointment was opposed at first by England's King William Rufus and later accepted. Rufus persistently refused to cooperate with efforts to reform the Church. Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled to England by Rufus' brother and successor, Henry I. Disagreeing fearlessly with Henry over the king's insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent another three years in exile in Rome.

His care and concern extended to the very poorest people. Opposing the slave trade, Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.

Like every true follower of Christ, Anselm had to carry his cross, especially in the form of opposition and conflict with those in political control. Though personally a mild and gentle man and a lover of peace, he would not back off from conflict and persecution when principles were at stake.

Read the full article: "Saint Anselm" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-anselm/>. (Accessed 3 Apr 2023).



## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

### Domingo, 16 de abril de 2023

*Domingo de la Divina Misericordia*

Hch 2:42-47

Sal 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

1 Pe 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

### Lunes, 17 de abril de 2023

*Semana Santa*

Hch 4:23-31

Sal 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9

Jn 3:1-8

### Martes, 18 de abril de 2023

*Semana Santa*

Hch 4:32-37

Sal 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

Jn 3:7b-15

### Miércoles, 19 de abril de 2023

*Semana Santa*

Hch 5:17-26

Sal 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Jn 3:16-21

### Jueves, 20 de abril de 2023

*Semana Santa*

Hch 5:27-33

Sal 34:2 y 9, 17-18, 19-20

Jn 3:31-36

### Viernes, 21 de abril de 2023

*San Anselmo, Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia*

Hch 5:34-42

Sal 27:1, 4, 13-14

Jn 6:1-15

### Sábado, 22 de abril de 2023

*Semana Santa*

Hch 6:1-7

Sal 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Jn 6:16-21

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## SAN ANSELMO

*Festividad: 21 de abril*

A los 15 años, Anselmo quiso entrar en un monasterio, pero no fue aceptado por la oposición de su padre. Doce años más tarde, tras un descuidado desinterés por la religión y años de vida mundana, cumplió por fin su deseo de ser monje. Ingresó en el monasterio de Bec, en Normandía, fue elegido prior tres años después y, quince años más tarde, fue elegido abad por unanimidad.

Considerado un pensador original e independiente, Anselmo era admirado por su paciencia, dulzura y habilidad para la enseñanza. Bajo su dirección, la abadía de Bec se convirtió en una escuela monástica, influyente en los estudios filosóficos y teológicos. Durante estos años, a petición de la comunidad, Anselmo comenzó a publicar sus obras teológicas, comparables a las de San Agustín. Su obra más conocida es el libro *Cur Deus Homo* ("Por qué Dios se hizo hombre").

En contra de su voluntad, Anselmo fue nombrado arzobispo de Canterbury en 1093, a la edad de 60 años. Al principio, el rey Guillermo Rufo de Inglaterra se opuso a su nombramiento, que más tarde aceptó. Rufus se negó persistentemente a cooperar con los esfuerzos para reformar la Iglesia. Finalmente, Anselmo se exilió voluntariamente hasta la muerte de Rufo en 1100. Entonces fue llamado a Inglaterra por el hermano y sucesor de Rufo, Enrique I. Discrepando sin miedo con Enrique sobre la insistencia del rey en investir a los obispos de Inglaterra, Anselmo pasó otros tres años en el exilio en Roma.

Su preocupación se extendió a los más pobres. Oponiéndose al comercio de esclavos, Anselmo obtuvo del consejo nacional de Westminster la aprobación de una resolución que prohibía la venta de seres humanos.

Como todo verdadero seguidor de Cristo, Anselmo tuvo que cargar con su cruz, especialmente en forma de oposición y conflicto con quienes ejercían el control político. Aunque personalmente era un hombre apacible y amante de la paz, no se arredraba ante el conflicto y la persecución cuando los principios estaban en juego.

Lea el artículo completo: "San Anselmo" Franciscan Media, Frailes Franciscanos, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-anselm/>. (Consultado el 3 de abril de 2023).

## LA MISERICORDIA DIVINA

*Reflexión sobre Juan 20:19-31*

No recuerdo quién dijo esto, pero suena tan cierto: El cristianismo no tiene nada que decir a quien no se sabe pecador. Si no conozco y acepto mi necesidad de perdón y redención, entonces la misericordia divina no tiene sentido; está perdida para mí.

Sin embargo, ¡cuán bendecidos y agradecidos nos sentimos cuando aceptamos este gran don de la misericordia divina y lo recibimos en nuestro corazón y en nuestra vida! Estoy convencido de que cuando recibimos la misericordia de Dios, en una disposición adecuada de verdadero arrepentimiento, entonces Dios no quiere que carguemos con los pecados que nos han avergonzado y abatido. Por el contrario, Dios desea que seamos verdaderamente libres, porque su don de misericordia nos libera para ser misericordiosos.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús invita a Tomás a entrar en sus heridas y, por tanto, a recibir su vida divina. Este es también el modelo de nuestras vidas. Es adentrarnos en nuestras heridas causadas por el pecado, donde entramos en contacto con las heridas de Cristo que nos redimen. ¡Alabado sea Dios por su gran misericordia!

~ P. Jay

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*Salmo 118:24*





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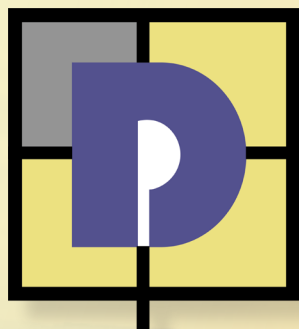
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