



THE SEED THAT
FALLS ON *good* GROUND
WILL YIELD
A *fruitful* HARVEST.

- LUKE 8:8

Y OTRA CAYÓ
EN TIERRA *buena*,
Y CRECIENDO DIO FRUTO
centuplicado.

- LUCAS 8:8

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 15º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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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 #970

Mass Intentions

16 SUNDAY – 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. † Debbie Ann Rodarte by Mark Rodarte
9:30 a.m. † Alfredo Corpus by the Corpus Family
11:00 a.m. † Jeff Reynolds by his wife & children
1:00 p.m. † Difuntos de Familia Alvarado-Perez
6:00 p.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their children

17 MONDAY
NO MASS

18 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Richard Burton by his Wife
8:00 a.m. † Gabriel Rogers by the Perry Family

19 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Inex McCrae
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Geraldine Vasquez by Hilda Maroney

20 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Albert Leon by Danny & Dolores Leon
8:00 a.m. † Charlotte Girado by Ed Girado & Family

21 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions (Wedding Anniv) of James & Brittany Guerra by their Family
8:15 a.m. † Michael Berberian by Kate King

22 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. † Vince McNamera by Mary Najarian
5:30 p.m. † Paulino Saenz por su Esposa Aurora & hijos

23 SUNDAY – 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. † Monica Diaz Zarasua
9:30 a.m. † Rosa Madrigal by Ramona YLI #127
11:00 a.m. † Chuck Shwiyhat by Sami & Dina Shwiyhat
1:00 p.m. † Sergio Delgadillo by Noemi Gomez
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

Monthly Memorial Mass

Saturday, July 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 July 2022. They are Raoul Celdran, Guido Ventresca, Maurice Quercia, Beatrice Collier, Frank Munoz Romero, and Amedio Thomas Ferdinandi. 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.

FRIDAYS – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Friday morning until 11:00 a.m. immediately following the 8:15 a.m. Mass in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel. Come and encounter Jesus in the Eucharist.



SILVER ANGELS

Our next luncheon will be
OCTOBER 11, 2023
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy your summer.



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

Next General Meeting will be

AUGUST 9TH AT 6:15 P.M.
in the Social Hall (includes dinner)



RECONCILIATION

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. – Chapel Confessionals

Saturday

10:00 a.m. – Chapel Confessionals



MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

On Summer Break – We hope to see you in Fall as we join the Parish Eucharistic Revival for the "Jesus and the Eucharist" series on Thursday nights starting September 21 in the Social Hall from 6:30-



8:30 p.m. We invite all men, women and couples of the parish to join us as we journey together.



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

ENCOUNTER NIGHTS NOCHES DE ENCUENTRO

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4



Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration, Music, and Scripture. Come and Encounter Jesus Personally in the Eucharist. Bilingual Celebration will be held in the Main Church. Invite a friend.

Hora Santa Eucarística, Música y Escritura. Ven a encontrarte personalmente con Jesús en la Eucaristía. La celebración Bilingüe se llevará a cabo en la Iglesia.

First Friday | Cada Primer Viernes de Mes
6:30 p.m. Main Church

Grupo de Oración



JUEVES – GRUPO DE ORACIÓN ENCUENTRO CON DIOS.

Te invitamos al grupo de oración todos los jueves desde las 6:30 p.m. empezando con El Rosario, en la Iglesia de Santa Inés "Ven y llénate del Señor." 111 W Birch Street, Fresno, CA 93650

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:



Julian Gonzalez & Jessica Ortiz
Earl Giffen & Julieta Solis

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!	
June 25, 2023	\$19,587.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$16,538.00
Difference	\$3,049.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023	\$936,835.68
July 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022	\$829,836.00
Difference	\$106,999.68
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>



Year of Parish Revival

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
We invite you to pray the Revival prayer in silence after Mass in your pew.

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Amen

¡Oh, mi Dios, yo creo en Ti! ¡Te adoro! ¡Confío en Ti y tu amor! ¡Te pido perdón por los que no creen, no te adoran, no confían en Ti y no te aman! ¡Oh, Santísima Trinidad, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, os adoro profundamente! Os ofrezco el preciosísimo Cuerpo, la preciosísima Sangre, El Alma y Divinidad de Cristo Jesús, presente en todos los tabernáculos del mundo, en reparación de todos los ultrajes, sacrilegios y la indiferencia con que es ofendido, y por los méritos infinitos del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y del Inmaculado Corazón de María, os ruego por la conversión de los pecadores. Amén



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Sunday 9:00 a.m. English –
Mass Intention: † Paula Guzman by Lisa Guzman

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español –
Misa de Intención: † Edmundo Prado por Modesto Prado

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

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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	
June 25, 2023	\$1,076.05
YTD Total	\$ 68,558.09
WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY! GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD	



“This Is My Body”

THE SHOCKING TRUTH

Jesus said, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.” This teaching was so shocking that many of his followers left at that moment! Jesus did not call them back to clarify, because he knew they understood correctly. He was actually telling them to eat his flesh and drink his blood.

As Catholics, we believe Jesus’ words literally, not symbolically. The substance of the bread and wine transform into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ at every Mass. We call this miracle the Eucharist.



Scan to explore Church teaching on the Eucharist!

eucharisticrevival.org



Avivamiento
Eucarístico
NACIONAL



“Esto es mi Cuerpo”

LA IMPACTANTE VERDAD

Jesús dijo: “El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tiene Vida eterna”.
¡Esta enseñanza fue tan impactante que muchos de sus seguidores se marcharon en ese momento!
Jesús no los volvió a llamar para aclararles las cosas, porque sabía que lo habían entendido correctamente.
En realidad, les decía que comieran su carne y bebieran su sangre.

Como católicos, creemos las palabras de Jesús literalmente, no simbólicamente.
La sustancia del pan y del vino se transforma en el Cuerpo, la Sangre, el Alma y la Divinidad de
Jesucristo en cada Misa. A este milagro lo llamamos Eucaristía.



¡Escanea para explorar la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la Eucaristía!

es.eucharisticrevival.org

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 will be online starting in mid-August at www.stanthonyfresno.org on the drop-down menu under **Faith Formation**.

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. We create a space where the youth can develop friendships with their peers and draw closer to God through prayer and Scripture.



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY (HIGH SCHOOL TEENS)

Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117

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Registration will be online in mid-August at

www.stanthonyfresno.org on the drop-down menu under **Faith Formation**.

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. We create a dynamic space where the youth can develop friendships with their peers, learn more about their faith, and encounter Jesus in the Sacraments.

Confirmation for Teens begins in their sophomore year in high school through senior year. It is a two-year preparation. Registration takes place online at stanthonyfresno.org on the drop-down menu under **Sacraments** in mid-August. All teens are welcome.

"If we spend time in front of the sun, we get suntanned..."

But when we spend time in front of the Eucharist, we become saints!"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EDGE, 6TH-8TH GRADE AND LIFETEEN, 9TH-12TH GRADE

Please join our team in sharing kindness and our faith with others. Come and be a part of our great team. Training will be provided. Volunteer forms are on the front page of our website. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on **You can Make a Difference, Get Involved**.

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.



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, 2023.

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.

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.

THE WORD

Reflection on Matthew 13:1-23

I don't remember where I first heard of this image, but it was most likely in a Scripture study class in the seminary. We were trying hard to offer interpretations of a section of St. Paul's letter to the Romans, when our professor said, "Forget what the words on the page say, what is The Word of God burning away? What do you see when the curtain is lifted?"

The words of Scripture are like a curtain in a theater; when you first sit down, the curtain is the focus. But it opens to reveal the action on the stage, and you no longer focus on the curtain. We struggle with the words of Scripture in order to discover The Word, which is always living, active, and inviting us to transformation.

So the Word comes down from heaven, and does not return until accomplishing the work for which it was sent. God indiscriminately and with great generosity continually sows the seeds of The Word in the soil of our lives, where rocks and thorns may at times deter its growth, or even choke it off. But the seeds are not sown just once, but over and over again, waiting for us to be fertile soil that will produce a grand harvest.

~ Fr. Jay



THE SEED THAT
FALLS ON *good* GROUND
WILL YIELD
A *fruitful* HARVEST.

~ LUKE 8:8

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:10-11
Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Monday, July 17, 2023

Weekday
Ex 1:8-14, 22
Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Ex 2:1-15a
Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Weekday
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12
Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Ex 3:13-20
Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27
Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 21, 2023

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Ex 11:10-12:14
Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Saint Mary Magdalene
Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

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

SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

Feast Day: July 21

Patron Saint of: Brindisi, Naples

Lawrence was born on July 22, 1559, and died exactly 60 years later on his birthday in 1619. After the early death of his parents, he was educated by his uncle at the College of St. Mark in Venice. When he was just 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Venice and received the name of Lawrence. He completed his studies of philosophy and theology at the University of Padua and was ordained a priest at 23. With his facility for languages, Lawrence was able to study the Bible in its original texts. At the request of Pope Clement VIII, he spent much time preaching to the Jews in Italy. So excellent was his knowledge of Hebrew, the rabbis felt sure he was a Jew who had become a Christian.

Lawrence's sensitivity to the needs of people – a character trait perhaps unexpected in such a talented scholar – began to surface. He was elected major superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany at the age of 31. He had the combination of brilliance, human compassion, and administrative skill needed to carry out his duties. In rapid succession he was promoted by his fellow Capuchins and was elected minister general of the Capuchins in 1602. In this position he was responsible for great growth and geographical expansion of the Order.

Lawrence was appointed papal emissary and peacemaker, a job which took him to a number of foreign countries. An effort to achieve peace in his native kingdom of Naples took him on a journey to Lisbon to visit the king of Spain. Serious illness in Lisbon took his life in 1619.

In 1956, the Capuchins completed a 15-volume edition of Lawrence's writings. Eleven of these 15 contain his sermons, each of which relies chiefly on scriptural quotations to illustrate his teaching.

Read the full article: "Saint Lawrence of Brindisi" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-lawrence-of-brindisi/>. (Accessed June 30, 2023).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 16 de julio de 2023
 15º domingo del tiempo ordinario
 Is 55:10-11
 Sal 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
 Rom 8:18-23
 Mt 13:1-23 o Mt 13:1-9

Lunes, 17 de julio de 2023
 Día de la semana
 Ex 1:8-14, 22
 Sal 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8
 Mt 10:34-11, 1

Martes, 18 de julio de 2023
 San Camilo de Lellis, Sacerdote
 Ex 2:1-15a
 Sal 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
 Mt 11:20-24

Miércoles, 19 de julio de 2023
 Día de la semana
 Ex 3:1-6, 9-12
 Sal 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7
 Mt 11:25-27

Jueves, 20 de julio de 2023
 San Apolinar, obispo y mártir
 Ex 3:13-20
 Sal 105:1 y 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27
 Mt 11:28-30

Viernes, 21 de julio de 2023
 San Lorenzo de Brindisi, Sacerdote
 y Doctor de la Iglesia
 Ex 11:10-12, 14
 Sal 116:12-13, 15 y 16bc, 17-18
 Mt 12:1-8

Sábado, 22 de julio de 2023
 Santa María Magdalena
 Sg 3:1-4b o 2 Cor 5:14-17
 Sal 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

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SAN LORENZO DE BRINDISI

Día de la fiesta: 21 de julio
 Patrón de: Brindisi, Nápoles

Lorenzo nació el 22 de julio de 1559 y murió exactamente 60 años después, el día de su cumpleaños, en 1619. Tras la temprana muerte de sus padres, fue educado por su tío en el Colegio de San Marcos de Venecia. Con sólo 16 años, ingresó en la Orden Franciscana Capuchina de Venecia y recibió el nombre de Lorenzo. Completó sus estudios de filosofía y teología en la Universidad de Padua y fue ordenado sacerdote a los 23 años. Gracias a su facilidad para los idiomas, Lorenzo pudo estudiar la Biblia en sus textos originales. A petición del Papa Clemente VIII, pasó mucho tiempo predicando a los judíos en Italia. Tan excelente era su conocimiento del hebreo, que los rabinos estaban seguros de que era un judío que se había hecho cristiano.

La sensibilidad de Lorenzo hacia las necesidades de la gente -un rasgo de carácter quizá inesperado en un erudito de tanto talento- empezó a aflorar. Fue elegido superior mayor de la provincia franciscana capuchina de Toscana a la edad de 31 años. Tenía la combinación de brillantez, compasión humana y habilidad administrativa necesaria para desempeñar sus funciones. En rápida sucesión fue promovido por sus compañeros capuchinos y fue elegido ministro general de los capuchinos en 1602. En este cargo fue responsable del gran crecimiento y expansión geográfica de la Orden.

Lorenzo fue nombrado emisario papal y pacificador, labor que le llevó a varios países extranjeros. Un esfuerzo por lograr la paz en su reino natal de Nápoles le llevó de viaje a Lisboa para visitar al rey de España. Una grave enfermedad en Lisboa acabó con su vida en 1619.

En 1956, los capuchinos terminaron una edición en 15 volúmenes de los escritos de Lorenzo. Once de ellos contienen sus sermones, cada uno de los cuales se basa principalmente en citas bíblicas para ilustrar sus enseñanzas.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Lawrence of Brindisi" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-lawrence-of-brindisi/>. (Consultado el 30 de junio de 2023)

LA PALABRA

Reflexión sobre Mateo 13:1-23

No recuerdo dónde oí hablar por primera vez de esta imagen, pero lo más probable es que fuera en una clase de estudio de las Escrituras en el seminario. Estábamos esforzándonos por ofrecer interpretaciones de una sección de la carta de San Pablo a los Romanos, cuando nuestro profesor dijo: "Olvida lo que dicen las palabras de la página, ¿qué es La Palabra de Dios ardiendo? ¿Qué ves cuando se levanta el telón?".

Las palabras de la Escritura son como el telón de un teatro; cuando te sientas por primera vez, el telón es el centro de atención. Pero se abre para revelar la acción en el escenario, y ya no te centras en el telón. Luchamos con las palabras de la Escritura para descubrir La Palabra, que siempre está viva, activa, y nos invita a la transformación.

Por eso la Palabra baja del cielo, y no vuelve hasta cumplir la obra para la que fue enviada. Dios, indiscriminadamente y con gran generosidad, siembra continuamente las semillas de la Palabra en el suelo de nuestras vidas, donde a veces las piedras y las espinas pueden impedir su crecimiento, o incluso ahogarlo. Pero las semillas no se siembran una sola vez, sino una y otra vez, esperando que seamos tierra fértil que produzca una gran cosecha.

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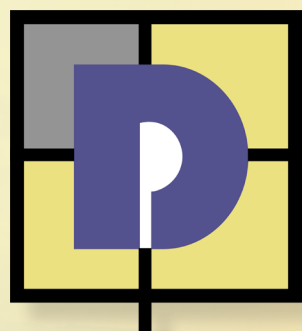
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