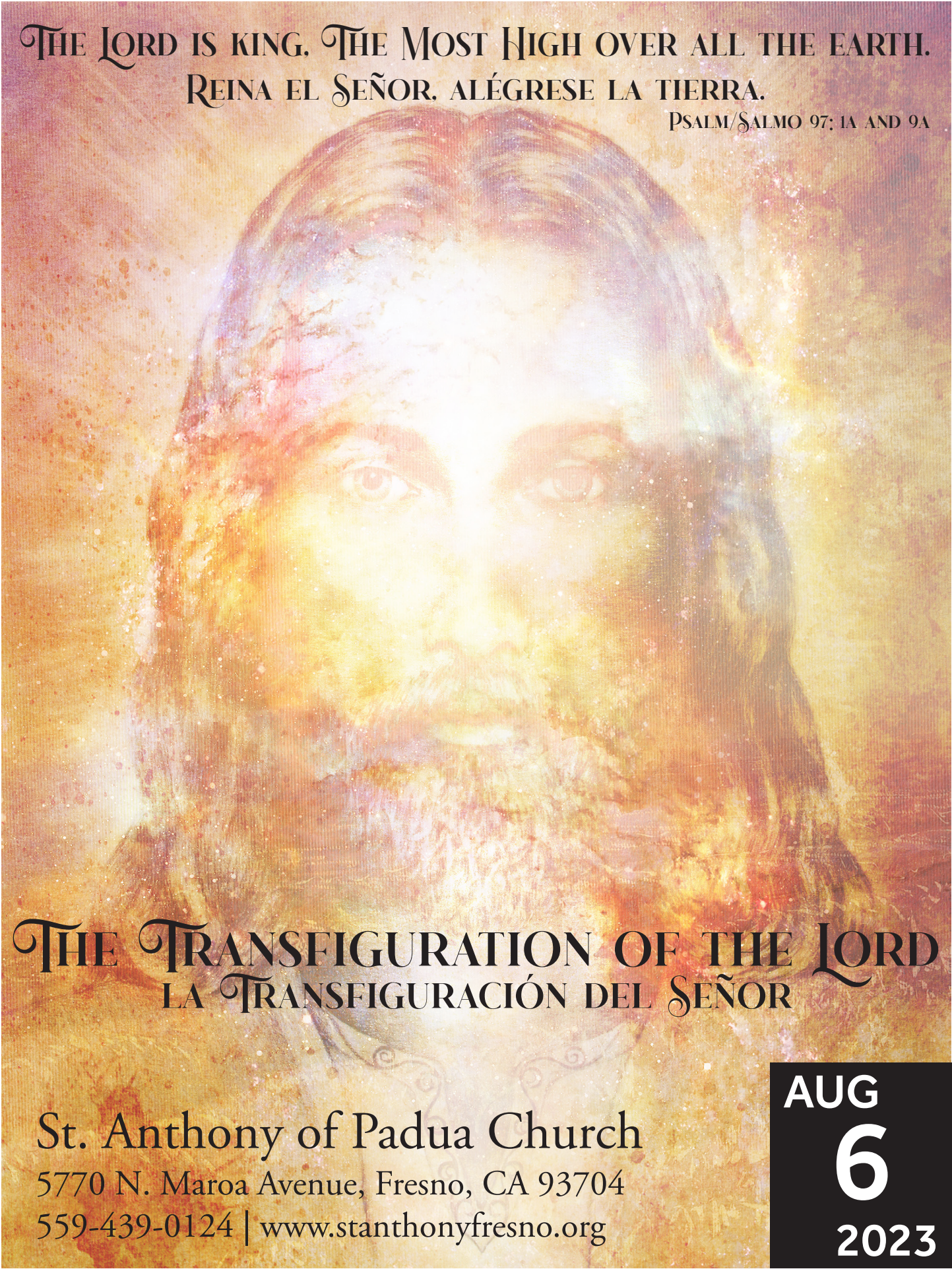


THE LORD IS KING. THE MOST HIGH OVER ALL THE EARTH.  
REINA EL SEÑOR. ALÉGRESE LA TIERRA.

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD  
LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

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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 #1038

## Mass Intentions

**6 SUNDAY – TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**  
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Teri Loera by her Family  
9:30 a.m. Intentions of Lydia Galvan by Galvan Family  
11:00 a.m. Intentions (Wedding Anniv.) of Luke & Brandi Mendiola by their Family  
1:00 p.m. † Ramiro Espinoza por Noemi Gomez  
6:00 p.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their Children

**7 MONDAY**  
NO MASS

**8 TUESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † JoAnn Reynolds by the Shiveley Family  
8:00 a.m. † Paul & Carolyn Perry by the Perry Family

**9 WEDNESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Sheila Igar by Kristina Socias  
8:00 a.m. Intentions of The McDowell Family by Kate King

**10 THURSDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Teresa Salvatore by Eliseo & Nivia Cuellar  
8:00 a.m. † Marie Sawers by Betty Uggla

**11 FRIDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Maria DeAlba  
8:15 a.m. Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Ron McClain by Hilda Maroney

**12 SATURDAY**  
4:00 p.m. † Charlotte Girado by Ed Girado & Family  
5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

**13 SUNDAY – 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 a.m. † Debbie Ann Rodarte by Mark Rodarte  
9:30 a.m. † Rosa Madrigal by Ramona YLI #127  
11:00 a.m. † Donato Canzio by Leonardo Canzio  
1:00 p.m. Intenciones (B-Day) de Luisito Chavez por la Familia Chavez  
6:00 p.m. † Dr. Thomas G. Sayeg by the Sayeg Family

Next General Meeting will be  
**AUGUST 9 AT 6:15 P.M.**  
 in the Social Hall (includes dinner)




**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**  
 6:45 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.  
 5:30 p.m.; Español 7:00 p.m.

*The Assumption*  
 OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Vigil Mass**  
 Monday, August 14  
 5:30 p.m.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**FRIDAYS – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORACIÓN EUCARISTICA**  
 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.



*Monthly Memorial Mass*

Saturday, August 19, 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 August 2022. They are Bernadette Ann Paschetta and Jim Hickcox. 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.



**NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival**

**Jesus and the Eucharist Study**

**Coming September 20 & 21**  
**7-Session Study**

**PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CORE GROUP PLANNING MEETING**  
 Thursday, August 24 – Room 23 at 6:30 p.m. CORE Group team members and those wishing to help as Table Facilitators are welcome to attend.

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

*The following couple will marry in the coming weeks:*

**Joseph Jimenez & Jacqueline Santos**

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**REMINDER (NO CONFESSIONS):**  
 Tuesday, August 15th

**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**

"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 EDITH (559)439-0124 Ext: 122

**JUEVES – ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA**  
 7:00 p.m. en el salón #22

Acompáñenos para reflexionar en las lecturas de la biblia y el Evangelio Dominical. "Tu Palabra es una 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




*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*


<b>STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US</b>	
<i>Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!</i>	
July 16, 2023	\$18,919.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$15,765.00
Difference	\$3,154.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	\$1,023,124.15
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	\$902,382.00
Difference	\$120,742.15
<b>WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD</b>	
	<b>GIVE ONLINE –</b> <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>



Today, we support our Bishop’s Annual appeal with a second collection. The theme this year, “We are One Body,” reminds us that we are joined as one, are called to care for one another with love. The funds from this appeal go directly to supporting our diocesan mission to proclaim the Good News to all. This year, the funds will be divided among four areas of ministry: Vocations, Youth Ministry, Catechetical Ministry and Catholic Education. Thank you for your generosity.

*Hoy apoyamos la apelación anual de nuestro Obispo con una segunda colecta. El tema de este año, “Somos un solo cuerpo”, nos recuerda que estamos unidos como uno, llamados a cuidarnos los unos a los otros con amor. Los fondos de esta apelación van directamente a apoyar*

*nuestra misión diocesana de proclamar las Buenas Nuevas a todos. Este año, los fondos se dividirán entre cuatro áreas de ministerio: Vocaciones, Ministerio Juvenil, Ministerio Catequético y Educación Católica. Gracias por su generosidad.*



**ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH**  
 111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale, CA 93650  
**(559) 439-2100**

**Sunday 9:00 a.m. English –**  
 Mass Intention: † Guz Guzman

**Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español –**  
 Misa de Intención: † Felipa R. Lopez

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

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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**

July 16, 2023	\$899.00
2024 YTD Total	\$ 3,855.00

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





## PATRONESS

# Our Lady of Guadalupe

This was the first Marian apparition to bless our continent, and it very concretely changed the course of history in the Americas! Our Lady of Guadalupe is the official Patroness of the National Eucharistic Revival. Today, we ask her to lead America to a greater love for her Son in the Eucharist.

# Pray for Revival

Join us in asking for the special intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Carlo Acutis upon the National Eucharistic Revival movement. Scan the QR code to join the movement!



[eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved](https://eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved)



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

## OUR SPECIAL INTERCESSOR

# Blessed Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis was the first millennial to be beatified by the Catholic Church. He lived his whole life consumed with love for the Eucharist until his death at age 15. His earthly legacy is a virtual museum of more than 100 Eucharistic miracles that have been approved by the Church! We ask for his special intercession upon this movement, especially in reaching young hearts.







## PATRONA

# Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Esta fue la primera aparición mariana que bendijo nuestro continente, ¡y cambió muy concretamente el curso de la historia en las Américas! Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es la patrona oficial del Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional. Hoy, le pedimos que conduzca a América a un mayor amor a su Hijo en la Eucaristía.

## Reza por el Avivamiento

Únete a nosotros para pedir la intercesión especial de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y del Beato Carlo Acutis sobre el movimiento del Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional. ¡Escanea el código QR para unirte al movimiento!



[es.eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved](https://es.eucharisticrevival.org/get-involved)



**Avivamiento  
Eucarístico  
NACIONAL**

## NUESTRO INTERCESOR ESPECIAL

# Beato Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis fue el primer millennial beatificado por la Iglesia Católica. Vivió toda su vida consumido por el amor a la Eucaristía hasta su muerte a los 15 años. ¡Su legado terrenal es un museo virtual de más de 100 milagros eucarísticos aprobados por la Iglesia! Pedimos su intercesión especial sobre este movimiento, sobre todo para llegar a los corazones jóvenes.





# 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

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](http://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

schristison@stanthonyfresno.org

Registration will be online in mid-August at

[www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://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](http://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](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.*



## 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, 2023.

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).

## 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.



## ENCOUNTERING GOD

*Reflection on Matthew 17:1-9*

Peter, James and John had no doubt experienced Jesus in many mundane moments – sharing a meal, walking together along the road, relaxing after a busy day, and the many other actions that make up daily life. Now, they encounter Jesus in a mountaintop moment – an explosion of light and awareness revealing the awesome beauty and truth of who Jesus is: the fulfillment of the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah); the fulfillment of every human desire.

How often do we, like these disciples, wish to “stay in” these mountaintop moments (“Lord, it is good that we are here...[let’s] make three tents...”). I have encountered some Christians who spend much of their energy seeking out these mountaintop moments; I call them “spiritual thrill seekers.” But Jesus always beckons us to follow Him back down the mountain, to the valley and the mundane, where we encounter Jesus daily in the ordinary.

The irony that I have discovered is that every “mundane,” “ordinary” moment holds a potential for an encounter with Jesus that can pack as much punch as any mountaintop moment. For example, oftentimes liturgical ministers will ask me, as the presider before Mass, if there is anything special about today’s liturgy. You bet there is! In the ordinary elements of bread and wine, Jesus Himself deigns to become present to us, body and spirit, to nourish and transform us! Truly a mountaintop in the ordinary!

~ Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, August 6, 2023

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9  
2 Pt 1:16-19  
Mt 17:1-9

### Monday, August 7, 2023

*Weekday*

Nm 11:4b-15  
Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday, August 8, 2023

*Saint Dominic, Priest*

Nm 12:1-13  
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday, August 9, 2023

*Weekday*

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23  
Mt 15: 21-28

### Thursday, August 10, 2023

*Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

2 Cor 9:6-10  
Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9  
Jn 12:24-26

### Friday, August 11, 2023

*Saint Clare, Virgin*

Dt 4:32-40  
Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21  
Mt 16:24-28

### Saturday, August 12, 2023

*Weekday*

Dt 6:4-13  
Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51  
Mt 17:14-20

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## SAINT DOMINIC

*Feast Day: August 8*

*Patron Saint of: Astronomers*

Born in old Castile, Spain, Dominic was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma, where there was an attempt to revive the apostolic common life described in Acts of the Apostles.

On a journey through France with his bishop, Dominic came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians—or Cathari, “the pure ones”—held to two principles—one good, one evil—in the world. All matter is evil—hence they denied the Incarnation and the sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers.

Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching crusade was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according to the Gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders.

His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 Dominic founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans.

Read the full article: “Saint Dominic” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-dominic/>. (Accessed July 21, 2023).



## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

### Domingo, 6 de agosto de 2023

*La transfiguración del Señor*

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Sal 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

2 Pe 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

### Lunes, 7 de agosto de 2023

*Día de la semana*

Nm 11:4b-15

Sal 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Mt 14:13-21

### Martes, 8 de agosto de 2023

*Santo Domingo, Sacerdote*

Nm 12:1-13

Sal 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13

Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15,1-2.10-14

### Miércoles, 9 de agosto de 2023

*Día de la semana*

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14, 1, 26a-29a, 34-35

Sal 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23

Mt 15:21-28

### Jueves, 10 de agosto de 2023

*Santo Lorenzo, diácono y mártir*

2 Cor 9:6-10

Sal 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9

Jn 12:24-26

### Viernes, 11 de agosto de 2023

*Santa Clara, Virgen*

Dt 4:32-40

Sal 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 y 21

Mt 16:24-28

### Sábado, 12 de agosto de 2023

*Día de la semana*

Dt 6:4-13

Sal 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 y 51

Mt 17:14-20

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## SANTO DOMINGO

*Festividad: 8 de agosto*

*Patrón de: Astrónomos*

Nacido en Castilla la Vieja (España), Domingo fue educado para el sacerdocio por un tío sacerdote, estudió artes y teología y se convirtió en canónigo de la catedral de Osma, donde se intentaba revivir la vida apostólica común descrita en los Hechos de los Apóstoles.

En un viaje por Francia con su obispo, Domingo se encontró cara a cara con la entonces virulenta herejía albigense en Languedoc. Los albigenses -o cátaros, "los puros" - sostenían dos principios -uno bueno y otro malo- en el mundo. Toda materia es mala, por lo que negaban la Encarnación y los sacramentos. Por el mismo principio, se abstendían de procrear y tomaban un mínimo de alimentos y bebidas. El círculo íntimo llevaba lo que algunos consideraban una vida heroica de pureza y ascetismo que no compartían los seguidores ordinarios.

Domingo sintió la necesidad de que la Iglesia combatiera esta herejía, y fue comisionado para formar parte de la cruzada de predicación contra ella. Inmediatamente se dio cuenta de por qué la cruzada de predicación no estaba teniendo éxito: la gente común admiraba y seguía a los héroes ascéticos de los albigenses. Comprensiblemente, no les impresionaban los predicadores católicos que viajaban con caballos y séquitos, se alojaban en las mejores posadas y tenían sirvientes. Por ello, Domingo, con tres cistercienses, comenzó una predicación itinerante según el ideal evangélico. Continuó esta labor durante diez años, teniendo éxito con la gente corriente, pero no con los dirigentes.

Sus compañeros predicadores se convirtieron poco a poco en una comunidad, y en 1215 Domingo fundó una casa religiosa en Toulouse, el comienzo de la Order de Predicadores o Dominicos.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Dominic" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-dominic/>. (Consultado el 21 de julio de 2023)

## ENCUENTRO CON DIOS

*Reflexión sobre Mateo 17:1-9*

Sin duda, Pedro, Santiago y Juan habían experimentado a Jesús en muchos momentos mundanos: compartiendo una comida, caminando juntos por la carretera, descansando después de un día ajetreado, y muchas otras acciones que componen la vida cotidiana. Ahora, se encuentran con Jesús en un momento en la cima de una montaña: una explosión de luz y conciencia que revela la impresionante belleza y la verdad de quién es Jesús: el cumplimiento de la ley (Moisés) y de los profetas (Elías); el cumplimiento de todos los deseos humanos.

Cuántas veces, como estos discípulos, deseamos "quedarnos" en estos momentos en la cima de la montaña ("Señor, es bueno que estemos aquí...[hagamos] tres tiendas..."). Me he encontrado con algunos cristianos que gastan gran parte de su energía buscando estos momentos en la cima de la montaña; yo los llamo "buscadores de emociones espirituales". Pero Jesús siempre nos hace señas para que le sigamos montaña abajo, al valle y a lo mundano, donde nos encontramos con Jesús a diario en lo ordinario.

La ironía que he descubierto es que cada momento "mundano" y "ordinario" encierra el potencial de un encuentro con Jesús que puede tener tanta fuerza como cualquier momento en la cima de una montaña. Por ejemplo, a menudo los ministros de liturgia me preguntan, como celebrante antes de la Misa, si hay algo especial en la liturgia de hoy. Pues claro que sí. En los elementos ordinarios del pan y el vino, Jesús mismo se digna hacerse presente ante nosotros, en cuerpo y espíritu, para alimentarnos y transformarnos. Una verdadera cima en lo ordinario.

~ Fr. Jay





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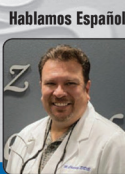
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