

*Come, let us sing  
joyfully to the Lord;  
let us acclaim the  
rock of our salvation.*

*Psalm 95:1*

*¡Vengan, cantemos  
con júbilo al Señor,  
aclamemos a la Roca  
que nos salva!*

*Salmo 95:1*

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 23º domingo del tiempo ordinario*

*St. Anthony of Padua Church*

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(closed 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

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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 #994

## Mass Intentions

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**SUNDAY – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 a.m. † Mary Kay Awalt by Mimi & Don Devany

9:30 a.m. † Ivo Martin by Sami & Dina Shwiyhat

11:00 a.m. † Rosa Madrigal by Ramona YLI #127

1:00 p.m. † Elvira Razo-Alvarado

6:00 p.m. † Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

**11**

**MONDAY**

NO MASS

**12**

**TUESDAY**

6:45 a.m. † Beatriz Atienza by the Valmonte Family

8:00 a.m. † Doug Morrison by Eliseo & Nivia Cuellar

**13**

**WEDNESDAY**

6:45 a.m. † Tere Darby by Frances & Wally Peets

8:00 a.m. † Carolyn Winter by the Winter Family

**14**

**THURSDAY**

6:45 a.m. Intentions of Ben Dieo by Nancy Nguyen

8:00 a.m. † Art Ugglá by Betty Ugglá

**15**

**FRIDAY**

6:45 a.m. † Michael Bellow by AnnMarie Bellow

8:15 a.m. † Tom Facio by Ramona Facio

**16**

**SATURDAY**

4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

5:30 p.m. † Guadalupe Lopez por Arturo Caballero

**17**

**SUNDAY – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 a.m. † Elvira Razo-Alvarado by Eliseo & Nivia Cuellar

9:30 a.m. Intentions (B-Day) of Michael O'Rourke  
by Ron & Kathi O'Rourke

11:00 a.m. Intentions of Aguinaldo L. Bagay by Jesusa Bagay

1:00 p.m. Intenciones de Karen & Luis Chavez por la Familia Chavez

6:00 p.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their Children

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Sacraments for K-6 grades  
FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION



**REGISTRATIONS FOR GIFT ARE NOW OPEN**

**CATECISMO Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN**  
Inscripciones ¡YA ESTÁN ABIERTAS! del Kder al 6to grados

**REGISTER HERE**


REGISTER TODAY AT [WWW.STANTHONYFRESNO.ORG](http://WWW.STANTHONYFRESNO.ORG).

**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.




**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (ICF)**  
Wednesday, September 13th  
6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall (includes dinner)



*Monthly Memorial Mass*

Saturday, September 16, 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 September 2022. They are Guadalupe Dwyer, Harlan Ainsworth Eyre, Robert Anthony Hernandez, Rosemary Elizabeth Bremer, Jerry Lynn Archer, Lawrence Anthony Gonzales, Adam Romero Garcia, and Manuela De Jesus Jimenez. 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.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16/ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**  
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.



**PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL SERIES**  
Session 1: What's Our Story?  
Wednesday, September 20 Room 21 8:45-10:45 a.m.  
Thursday, September 21 Room 21 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
The Bible is the story of God's love for us. He created us out of love, redeemed us by His love, and transforms us in His love.



**SILVER ANGELS** Welcome back luncheon  
**Wednesday, OCTOBER 11, 2023**  
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. St. Agnes Mission Church Social Hall, 111 W. Birch Steet, Pinedale. Join us for our monthly luncheon with Fun & Games. Lunch includes food from East Meets West China Bistro. Cost is \$14.00 per person. Registration form can be found on Page 9. Enjoy your summer.



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

**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*

## STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

*Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!*

August 20, 2023	\$21,971.00
Last year's Plate Income	\$17,560.00
Difference	\$4,411.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	\$105,293.45
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	\$92,788.00
Difference	\$12,505.45

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

**Marco Perez & Teresa Trujillo**

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



## St. Anthony of Padua Church Annual Summary for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

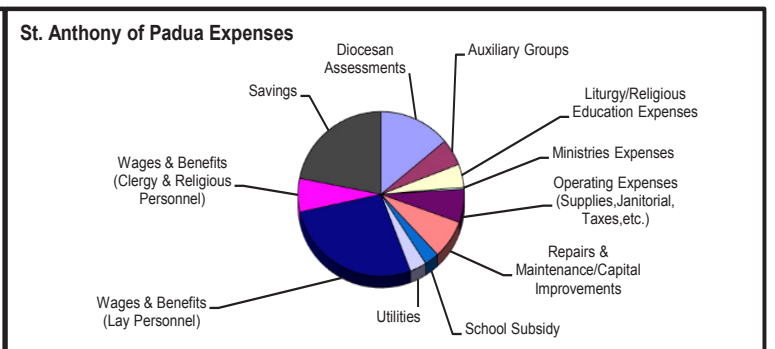
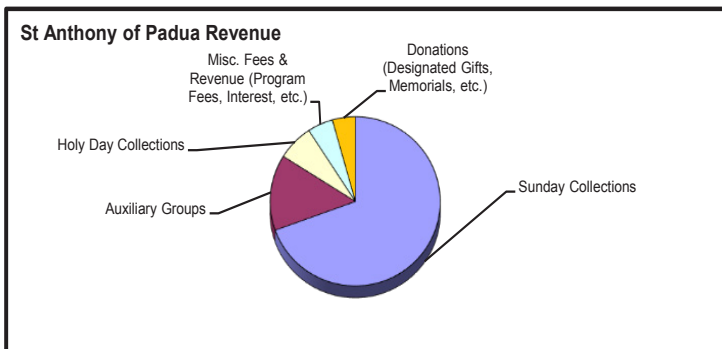
### 2022-2023 Church Revenue and Expense Summary

#### Revenue From:

	\$	%
Sunday Collections	1,457,679.29	69%
Auxiliary Groups	303,408.41	14%
Holy Day Collections	144,050.14	7%
Misc. Fees & Revenue (Program Fees, Interest, etc.)	101,250.15	5%
Donations (Designated Gifts, Memorials, etc.)	91,745.87	4%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,098,133.86</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Expenses:

	\$	%
Diocesan Assessments	291,498.72	14%
Auxiliary Groups	109,341.60	5%
Liturgy/Religious Education Expenses	94,789.14	5%
Ministries Expenses	7,938.82	0%
Operating Expenses (Supplies, Janitorial, Taxes, etc.)	137,316.93	7%
Repairs & Maintenance/Capital Improvements	158,942.56	8%
School Subsidy	60,000.00	3%
Utilities	68,480.20	3%
Wages & Benefits (Lay Personnel)	572,402.05	27%
Wages & Benefits (Clergy & Religious Personnel)	138,189.26	7%
Savings	459,234.58	22%
<b>Total Expenses &amp; Savings</b>	<b>\$ 2,098,133.86</b>	<b>100%</b>





## ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

**Sunday 9:00 a.m. English –**  
Mass Intention: † Gilbert Salazar-Rincon

**Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español –**  
Misa de Intención: Anita Diaz y Familia

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

### 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.

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN	
August 20, 2023	\$1,131.98
2024 YTD Total	\$10,119.72
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*“Christ has made my soul beautiful with jewels of grace and virtue.  
I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve.” – St. Agnes*

### St Agnes Mission Church Annual Summary for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

#### 2022-2023 Mission Revenue and Expense Summary

**Revenue From:**

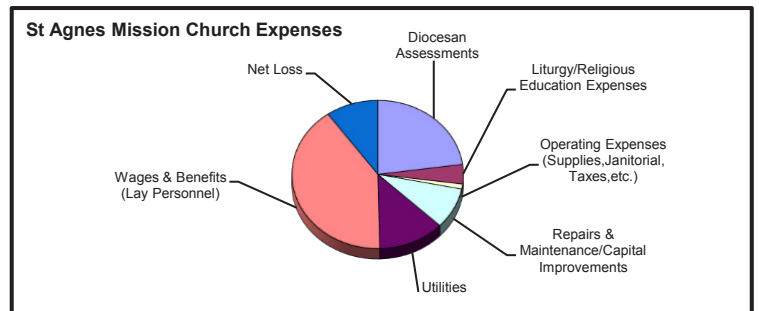
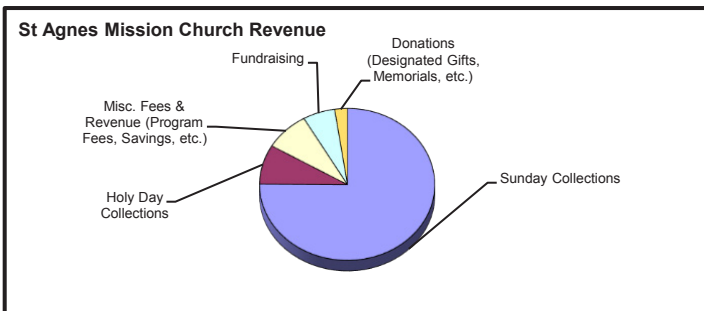
	\$	%
Sunday Collections	61,936.82	75%
Holy Day Collections	6,892.63	8%
Misc. Fees & Revenue (Program Fees, Savings, etc.)	6,799.49	8%
Fundraising	4,874.87	6%
Donations (Designated Gifts, Memorials, etc.)	1,944.00	2%

**Total Revenue \$ 82,447.81 100%**

**Expenses:**

	\$	%
Diocesan Assessments	23,448.12	28%
Liturgy/Religious Education Expenses	4,396.84	5%
Operating Expenses (Supplies, Janitorial, Taxes, etc.)	1,115.96	1%
Repairs & Maintenance/Capital Improvements	9,163.10	11%
Utilities	12,887.14	16%
Wages & Benefits (Lay Personnel)	41,577.37	50%
Net Loss	(10,140.72)	-12%

**Total Expenses \$ 82,447.81 100%**



2023 - 2024 YEAR OF PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

# Jesus and the Eucharist

7-Part Small Group Study

## Parish Eucharistic Revival Series

Small Group Study held in Room 21, 22, and 23

### English Sessions - Morning

8:45 – 10:45am

Wednesday, Sept 20

Wednesday, Sept 27

Wednesday, Oct 4

Wednesday, Oct 11

Wednesday, Oct 18

Wednesday, Oct 25

No Class, Nov 1 (All Saints)

Wednesday, Nov 8

### Sesiones en Español

6:30 – 8:30pm

Miércoles, Oct 4

Miércoles, Oct 11

Miércoles, Oct 18

Miércoles, Oct 25

Sin clase, (Todos los santos)

Miércoles, Nov 8

Miércoles, Nov 15

Miércoles, Nov 29

### English Sessions - Evening

6:30 – 8:30pm

Thursday, Sept 21

Thursday, Sept 28

Thursday, October 5

Thursday, October 12

Thursday, October 19

Thursday, October 26

No Class, Nov 2 (All Souls)

Thursday, November 9

November 14 – 16 IGNITE YOUR FAITH Parish Mission with Fr. Ron Hoye

5770 N. Maroa Avenue

Fresno, California 93704

(559) 439-0124

# 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



## Faith Formation & Sacrament

### Preparation for Grades K through 6th

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Classes are on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. starting on October 1st. Additionally, Second Year students and parent(s) attend one Thursday per month at 6:30 p.m.

**Registrations available on our website: [stanthonyfresno.org](http://stanthonyfresno.org)**

For more information or to volunteer in children's ministry, contact Mary Briseno at (559) 439-0124 ext. 113 or by email: [mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org)

# GIFT EDUCACION RELIGIOSA

## Formación de Fe y Preparación Sacramental para niños del Kínder – 6to grados

PRIMERA RECONCILIACION, PRIMERA COMUNION, Y SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACION

Las Clases son los domingos a 3:00 p.m. comenzando en 1ro de octubre. Adicional, en el Segundo Año escolar los estudiantes y sus padres asisten a un jueves por mes a las 6:30 p.m.

**Inscripciones disponibles en nuestra página web: [stanthonyfresno.org](http://stanthonyfresno.org)**

Para mas información o para ser voluntario en el ministerio de niños, comuníquese con Mary Briseno al (559) 439-0124 ext. 113 o por email: [mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org)

# EDGE

## 2023-2024 for Grades 6th through 8th

Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117, [schristison@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:schristison@stanthonyfresno.org)  
Catholic Youth Ministry Sessions are Tuesday Evenings in Room 22 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. EDGE starts Tuesday, September 12th



**Registration is now open at [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org). Click on Faith Formation tab and scroll down to click one of the EDGE options.**

EDGE is a Catholic youth group that is designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents. As young adolescents, they are trying to figure out who they are and what they believe. Youth can prepare for sacraments of Baptism and First Communion while attending Edge.

# LIFETEEN High School Youth Ministry

## 2023-2024 for Grades 9 through 12

Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117, [schristison@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:schristison@stanthonyfresno.org)  
LifeTeen is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church. LifeTeen 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.



**First Year Confirmation starts:** September 10th – 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Registration is online only. All forms must be submitted by September 6th.

Confirmation is a two-year program for High School students who are sophomores and older. Confirmation candidates usually meet Sunday evenings with our Life Teen Youth Group. Meetings would consist of attending the Life Teen 6:00 p.m. Mass and then the Life Night until 8:30 p.m.

**Second Year Confirmation starts:** September 17th – 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Registration is online only. All forms must be submitted by September 13th.

**Confirmation 2** is open to juniors and seniors who have completed their first year of preparation. Second-year sessions are on Sunday evenings.

LifeTeen Life Nights begin in September for all high school teens. Invite a friend and grow together.

## RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Anthony Conference Room (aka Donut Room)

Director, Martha Danks-Ferguson

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**See our website to register:** [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org)

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**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.



## FORGIVENESS

*Reflection on Matthew 18:15-20*

Last week, Jesus instructed us to take up our cross and follow Him. Today, we see that extending forgiveness to a sister or brother, and actively working through reconciliation when we have wronged someone or been wronged ourselves, can be one of the most painful ways of taking up our cross. But forgiveness and reconciliation are central to the command of Jesus, because they are one of the most important ways of loving.

The principle of subsidiarity is a key value within the body of the church's social justice teaching. It means that we do not do something at a higher level when it can be done at a lower level. How often, especially today, do people try to begin at the highest level possible to address a problem or issue? Today, we are given "Gospel Subsidiarity" as a pathway to follow in our work of forgiveness and reconciliation. I think of all the times when I have told everyone around me about how someone else did me dirty, instead of going directly to that person, as Jesus asks us to do, to reconcile directly. It takes great humility, patience, and vulnerability to forgive and reconcile in the way of the cross, the way of self-sacrificing love.

~ Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, September 10, 2023

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Ez 33:7-9  
 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
 Rom 13:8-10  
 Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday, September 14, 2023

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
 Nm 21:4b-9  
 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38  
 Phil 2:6-11  
 Jn 3:13-17

### Monday, September 11, 2023

*Weekday*  
 Col 1:24-2:3  
 Ps 62:6-7, 9  
 Lk 6:6-11

### Friday, September 15, 2023

*Our Lady of Sorrows*  
 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14  
 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11  
 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

### Tuesday, September 12, 2023

*Weekday*  
 Col 2:6-15  
 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11  
 Lk 6:12-19

### Saturday, September 16, 2023

*Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop; Martyrs*  
 1 Tm 1:15-17  
 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7  
 Lk 6:43-49

### Wednesday, September 13, 2023

*Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
 Col 3:1-11  
 Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab  
 Lk 6:20-26

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

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

*Feast Day: September 14*

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

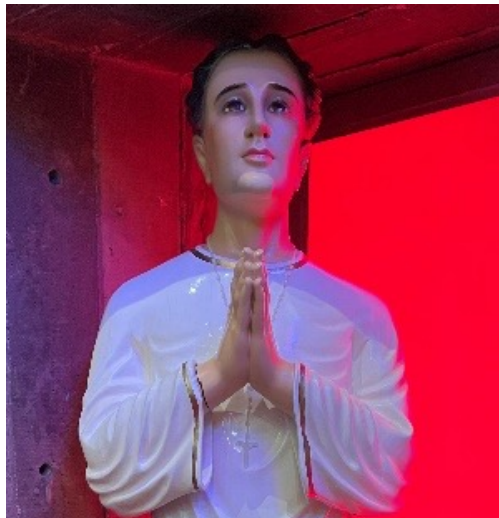
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