



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
24° domingo del tiempo ordinario

## St. Anthony of Padua Church

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The Lord is *kind*  
and *merciful*,  
slow to anger, and rich in  
*compassion.*  
Psalm 103:8

El Señor es *bondadoso*  
y *compasivo*, lento  
para enojarse y de gran  
*misericordia.*  
Salmo 103:8

SEPT  
17  
2023

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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

**Thanks for joining us!**

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL #997

## Mass Intentions

<b>17</b>	<b>SUNDAY – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 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
<b>18</b>	<b>MONDAY</b> NO MASS
<b>19</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b> 6:45 a.m. † Lorenzo & Honrata San Pedro by Elvie Edgerly 8:00 a.m. † Helen Mastro by Linda Mastro
<b>20</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 6:45 a.m. † Chuck Stephens by Cheryl 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Shirley Thompson by Hilda Maroney
<b>21</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> 6:45 a.m. Intentions of Thuan Nguyen by Nancy Nguyen 8:00 a.m. † Michael Berberian by Kate King
<b>22</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> 6:45 a.m. Intentions of Gloria Diaz by her Family 8:15 a.m. † Richard Sexton by Felice Montes
<b>23</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 p.m. † Michelle Giannetta by Donna & Gary Giannetta 5:30 p.m. † Carmen Ruiz Velasquez by Carolina Olivas
<b>24</b>	<b>SUNDAY – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 8:00 a.m. † Debbie Ann Rodarte by Mark Rodarte 9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community) 11:00 a.m. Intentions of Thon Alyza Bagay by Jesusa Bagay 1:00 p.m. Intenciones de Irvin Guerra por Martha Guerra 6:00 p.m. † Zenaida Falqueza by Babette Falqueza

**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.



*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.



**7-Part Small Group Study**  
**Jesus and the Eucharist**

2023 – 2024 YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



**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.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
After Morning Masses, Knights of Columbus Council 6092 will be selling Breakfast Burritos with proceeds benefiting the Sisters of the Divine Master. Bring the family by for breakfast.




**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 E.M.W. China Bistro. Cost is \$14.00 per person. Registration form can be found on Page 9 (Due by Friday, October 6.).



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 27, 2023	\$19,493.00
Last year's Plate Income	\$16,918.00
Difference	\$2,575.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023	\$195,698.69
July 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022	\$167,491.00
Difference	\$28,207.69

## 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.*



### 5-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT

Saturdays, October 7–November 4

10:00 a.m. Room 21

Open to all

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

Saturday, October 7, 2023

1:00 p.m. Main Church

All are welcome.



### 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).

### 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.



## ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

111 W. Birch Street, Pinedale, CA 93650

(559) 439-2100

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English –

Mass Intention: † Fred Vega

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español –

Misa de Intención: † Pedro y Rosa Torres 34 yr. Wedding Anniversary

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 27, 2023	\$1,781.65
2024 YTD Total	\$11,901.37

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

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

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

# 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 Kinder – 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. **Register 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:

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:

**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

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.*



## 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.

## FORGIVE GENEROUSLY

Reflection on Matthew 18:21-35

The parable of the king settling accounts with his servants is a short, three-act play. Act One is how the king behaves generously with his servant. Act Two is the bitter and brutal exchange between that servant and a fellow servant. Act Three is the final encounter between the king and the original servant, resulting in the servant being thrown in prison. From compassion and forgiveness, to hatred and imprisonment.

The truth is, we imprison ourselves when we refuse to forgive. The expectation we receive from this story is to forgive as God forgives us, generously and continuously. The forgiveness that Jesus practices in His ministry, as reported in the Gospels, is total and knew no bounds. It led to His forgiveness from the cross, where Jesus is seen as Mercy itself.

As difficult as forgiveness and the work of reconciliation can be, it is central to the mission of a disciple of Jesus, and it is a constant work to accomplish between persons, between peoples, between nations.

~ Fr. Jay

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, September 17, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

### Thursday, September 21, 2023

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5

Mt 9:9-13

### Monday, September 18, 2023

Weekday

1 Tm 2:1-8

Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9

Lk 7:1-10

### Friday, September 22, 2023

Weekday

1 Tm 6:2c-12

Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20

Lk 8:1-3

### Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 3:1-13

Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6

Lk 7:11-17

### Saturday, September 23, 2023

Saint Pius (Pio) of Pietrelcina, Priest

1 Tm 6:13-16

Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Lk 8:4-15

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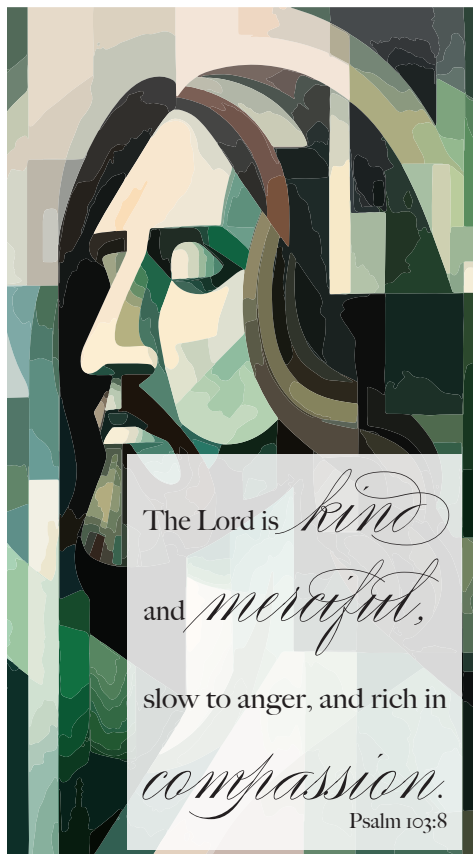
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The Lord is *kind*  
and *merciful*,  
slow to anger, and rich in  
*compassion.*  
Psalm 103:8

## SAINT PIUS (PIO) OF PIETRELCINA

Feast Day: September 23

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic. On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard Confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard Confessions. In time, his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds.

A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

Read the full article: "Saint Pio of Pietrelcina" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pio-of-pietrelcina/>. (Accessed September 5, 2023).



## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

### Domingo, 17 de septiembre de 2023

24° del tiempo ordinario

Eclo 27:30-28:7

Sal 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

### Lunes, 18 septiembre 2023

Día de la semana

1 Tm 2:1-8

Sal 28:2, 7, 8-9

Lc 7:1-10

### Martes, 19 de septiembre de 2023

San Juanuario, obispo y mártir

1 Tm 3:1-13

Sal 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6

Lc 7:11-17

### Miércoles, 20 de septiembre de 2023

Santos Andrés Kim Tae-gön, presbítero, y Pablo Chöng Ha-sang, y compañeros, Marytrs

1 Tm 3:14-16

Sal 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Lc 7:31-35

### Jueves, 21 de septiembre de 2023

San Mateo, apóstol y evangelista

Ef 4:1-7, 11-13

Sal 19:2-3, 4-5

Mt 9:9-13

### Viernes, 22 septiembre 2023

Día de la semana

1 Tm 6:2c-12

Sal 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20

Lc 8:1-3

### Sábado, 23 septiembre 2023

Sant Pío (Pio) de Pietrelcina, Sacerdote

1 Tm 6:13-16

Sal 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Lc 8:4-15

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## PERDONAR GENEROSAMENTE

Reflexión sobre Mateo 18: 21-35

La parábola del rey que ajusta cuentas con sus siervos es una obra breve en tres actos. El primer acto es el comportamiento generoso del rey con su siervo. El segundo acto es el intercambio amargo y brutal entre ese siervo y otro siervo. El tercer acto es el encuentro final entre el rey y el sirviente original, que acaba con el sirviente en la cárcel. De la compasión y el perdón, al odio y el encarcelamiento.

La verdad es que nos encarcelamos a nosotros mismos cuando nos negamos a perdonar. La expectativa que recibimos de esta historia es perdonar como Dios nos perdona, generosa y continuamente. El perdón que Jesús practica en su ministerio, tal como se relata en los Evangelios, es total y no tiene límites. Llevó a su perdón desde la cruz, donde Jesús es visto como la Misericordia misma.

Por difícil que pueda ser el perdón y el trabajo de reconciliación, es fundamental para la misión de un discípulo de Jesús, y es un trabajo constante a realizar entre las personas, entre los pueblos, entre las naciones.

~ P. Jay

## SAN PÍO DE PIETRELCINA

Día de la fiesta: 23 de septiembre

Nacido Francesco Forgione, el Padre Pío creció en una familia de agricultores del sur de Italia. Su padre trabajó dos veces en Jamaica, Nueva York, para proporcionar ingresos a la familia. A los 15 años, Francesco ingresó en los capuchinos y adoptó el nombre de Pío. Se ordenó sacerdote en 1910 y fue llamado a filas durante la Primera Guerra Mundial. Después de que le descubrieran tuberculosis, fue dado de baja. En 1917, fue destinado al convento de San Giovanni Rotondo, a 75 millas de la ciudad de Bari, en el Adriático. El 20 de septiembre de 1918, mientras daba gracias después de misa, el Padre Pío tuvo una visión de Jesús. Cuando terminó la visión, tenía los estigmas en las manos, los pies y el costado.

Después de recibir los estigmas, el Padre Pío apenas salía del convento, pero pronto empezaron a llegar autobuses llenos de gente para verle. Cada mañana, después de la misa de las 5 en una iglesia abarrotada, confesaba hasta el mediodía. Hacía una pausa a media mañana para bendecir a los enfermos y a todos los que venían a verle. Por la tarde también confesaba. Con el tiempo, su ministerio confesional le llevaba 10 horas al día; los penitentes tenían que llevar un número para que se pudiera manejar la situación. Muchos de ellos han dicho que el Padre Pío conocía detalles de sus vidas que nunca habían mencionado.

El padre Pío veía a Jesús en todos los enfermos y dolientes. A instancias suyas, se construyó un magnífico hospital en el cercano monte Gargano. La construcción del hospital fue una maravilla técnica debido a la dificultad de conseguir agua allí y de acarrear los suministros de construcción. Esta "Casa para el alivio del sufrimiento" cuenta con 350 camas.

Numerosas personas han referido curaciones que creen haber recibido por intercesión del Padre Pío. Los asistentes a sus misas salieron edificadas; varios curiosos se sintieron profundamente conmovidos. Murió el 23 de septiembre de 1968 y fue beatificado en 1999.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Pio of Pietrelcina" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pio-of-pietrelcina/>. (Consultado el 5 de septiembre de 2023)



El Señor es *bonacoso*  
y *compasivo*, lento  
para enojarse y de gran  
*misericordia*.

Salmo 103:8

I am Myka Chambers, the new principal of St. Anthony's. I feel so blessed to be a part of your community. I have enjoyed working with Monsignor and everyone else at St. Anthony Church. I have felt such a warm welcome from the Church and School community. I have been in Catholic education for over 20 years. My husband, Cullen, and I have just moved to Fresno from Bakersfield. I began my career in education at St. Francis School and have just recently left Garces Memorial High School in Bakersfield after being there for more than 15 years. Over the last eight years, I served as President and Principal; last year, I was just Principal and loved getting to work with the teachers and students, more specifically. I have been an admissions director, activities director, AP psychology teacher and coach just to name a few things in my past experiences. I look forward to focusing on the Mission of St. Anthony's School and partnering with our parents in educating their children. I look at my job as a campus minister, to bring your children closer to God; an admission director, to continue to grow our enrollment and be a part of the community; and finally, a principal.



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