



The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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Only goodness and
kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the
house of the LORD
for years to come.

Psalm 23:6

Tu bondad y tu gracia me
acompañana lo largo de
mi vida; y habitaré en la
Casa del Señor, por muy
largo tiempo.

Salmo 23:6

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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 #1027

Mass Intentions

26 SUNDAY – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
8:00 a.m. † John Gleichweit by Susan Gleichweit
9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
11:00 a.m. † Leticia T. Teodoro by the Montes Family
1:00 p.m. † Maria de Jesus Ayala por Ramona Cardenas
6:00 p.m. † Daniel Sarabosing by his daughter, Estrellita

27 MONDAY
NO MASS

28 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Chuck Stephens by Howard & Dottie DeMera
8:00 a.m. † Joann & Chuck Stephens by Ron & Kathi O'Rourke

29 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Dana Bruce by Olivia Miranda
8:00 a.m. † Maria Luisa Valdez by Briseño Family

30 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Frank Fagan by Sue Fagan
8:00 a.m. † Richard Burton by his Wife

1 FRIDAY – FIRST FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Maria DeAlba
8:15 a.m. † Berton Belton by the Belton Family

2 SATURDAY – FIRST SATURDAY
8:15 a.m. † St. Leopold Mandic by Mike & Angelina DiNuzzo
4:00 p.m. † Bernard Reynolds by the Shiveley Family
5:30 p.m. † Abel Brenes Aparicio por La Familia Rubio Aparicio

3 SUNDAY – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 a.m. † Cruz Hernandez by Tina Alcalá
9:30 a.m. † Joyce Tuchscherer by her Family
11:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
1:00 p.m. † Maria Lopez Ruelas por Noemi Gomez
6:00 p.m. Intentions of Felisa Tacata by the Forestiere Family

7-Part Small Group Study
Jesus and the Eucharist
 2023 – 2024 YEAR OF PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



SERIE DE AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO PARROQUIAL

Sesión 7: Pan para el camino
Miércoles, Nov 29 Room 21 6:30-8:30 p.m.

La Eucaristía nos sostiene en nuestro camino espiritual.

Nuestra participación en la Misa a través de la Liturgia de

la Palabra y la Liturgia de la Eucaristía es una ofrenda de acción de gracias a Dios. Luego se nos envía a compartir lo que hemos recibido.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

General Meeting, 6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall (Rosary, Dinner, Meeting)

Knights of Columbus



SILVER ANGELS

Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, DECEMBER 13, 2023

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

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



Come enjoy a Holiday Turkey & Ham dinner from Pardini's along with some Fun & Games. We invite our fellow parishioners, age 50 and above, to join us. Cost is only \$16.00 per person this year, thanks to the generous gift from Ursula Sullivan which provides a \$10.00 discount. A registration form can be found on page 9. Please return your registration form by Friday, December 8, so we know how much food to order. Thank you!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall (includes dinner)
 Stay tuned for details on the ICF December event.



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION
 Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage Since 1924

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:30 a.m. in Room 21
 Women's Bible Study Reunion and welcome to new members. Our focus will be on the Advent season and we will preview our Winter 2024 Study.



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

First Friday Schedule — December 1st

8:15-11:00 a.m. Morning Mass and Adoration/Benediction
 6:30 p.m. Adoration/Benediction
 Adoración Eucarística con Bendición
 Main Church



First Saturday Mass — December 2nd

8:15 a.m. Morning Mass in OLG Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Confession

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 lámpara 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



ST. ANTHONY'S SPANISH CORE TEAM FUNDRAISER

Recaudación de fondos del equipo CORE español de St. Anthony.

Beautiful 8-Piece Nativity Set

Valued at \$900.00

Nacimiento de Navidad (8 piezas)

Valuado a \$900.00 (para adentro o fuera)

See Page 9 – Tickets available in the Pavillion after Mass.

Entradas disponibles

en el Pabellón después de la Misa.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MONTH

Restorative justice is about addressing the rights and needs of everyone impacted by crime in a balanced way - victims, offenders and the community.

STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD'S GIFTS TO US	
<i>Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!</i>	
November 5, 2023	\$25,898.00
Last year's Plate Income	\$19,148.00
Difference	\$6,750.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023	\$395,994.97
July 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022	\$337,623.00
Difference	\$58,371.97
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.

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

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

Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 23, 10:00 a.m. – bilingual.
No Confessions on Saturday, November 25.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention: † Joe & Gwen Sullivan
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español – Misa de Intención: Efrain 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

November 5, 2023	\$1,504.28
2024 YTD Total	\$25,384.98

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

ENCOUNTER NIGHTS NOCHES DE ENCUENTRO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1



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 Eucaristica, 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
Includes: Communion Service | Incluye: Servicio de Comunion

Morning Adoration (OLG Chapel) | after 8:15 a.m. Mass until 11:00 a.m.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass – Thursday, December 7

5:30 p.m. – English 7:00 p.m. – Español

Feast Day – Friday, December 8

6:45 a.m. – English 8:15 a.m. – English

5:30 p.m. – English 7:00 p.m. – Español

Holy Day of Obligation with Mass in the Main church.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE NOVENA

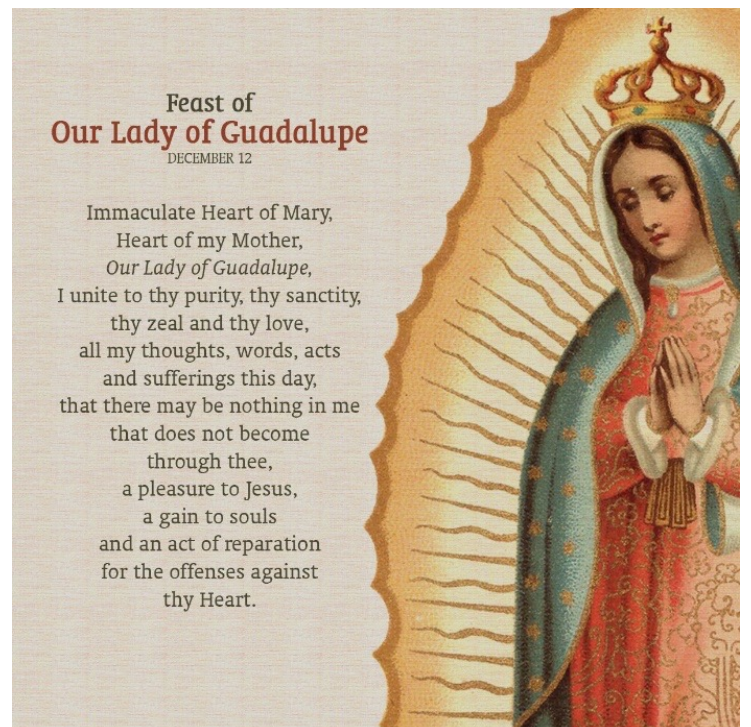
7:00 p.m. in OLG Chapel

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| Sunday, December 3 | Friday, December 8 |
| Monday, December 4 | Saturday, December 9 |
| Tuesday, December 5 | Sunday, December 10 |
| Wednesday, December 6 | Monday, December 11 |

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12

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| 5:00 a.m. | Mañanitas Mass |
| 7:00 p.m. | Mañanitas Mass |



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



Faith Formation & Sacrament

Preparation for Grades K through 6th

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Classes are in session, Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Additionally, Second Year students and parent(s) attend one

Thursday per month at 6:30 p.m.

Registrations available on our website: 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

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. 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

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

EDGE

2023-2024 for Grades 6th through 8th

Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117, 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. 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

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 began 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

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.



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 COMENZARON 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 LEAST OF THESE

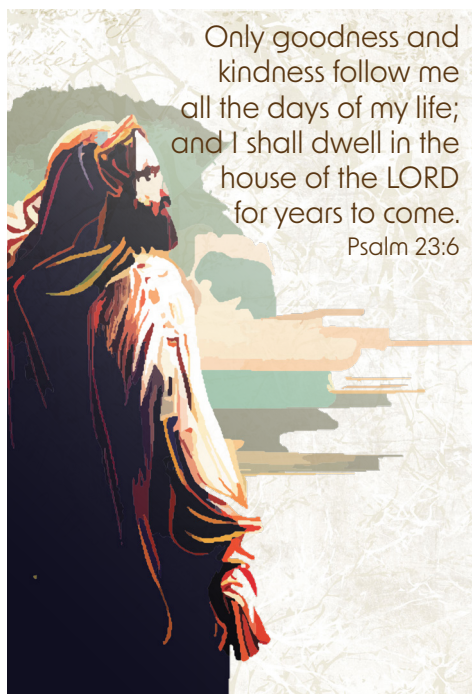
Reflection on Matthew 25:31-46

As Catholics we have learned from infancy and know in our bones that God is present with us in a most powerful way in His Word, and most especially in the Eucharist. We hear, experience, and are nourished by this sacred presence at every Mass.

The surprise the Son of Man springs on all people assembled for this final separation and judgment (“whatever you did for one of the least brothers/sisters of mine, you did for me”), connects in an inseparable manner God’s Word and Eucharist with the needs of the poor. Every act of intentional reverence we give to the Word at Mass (standing, incensation, acclamation) and to the Eucharist (kneeling, praise, care of the elements), must be mirrored in our treatment of others, especially the poor, vulnerable, and those most in need. These are, in fact, one and the same deed.

At the very end of Matthew’s Gospel, we hear the promise of Jesus to be with us always, to the end of time. Today, we learn that Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, fulfills that promise by being with us in the face of the poor, and that the King takes personally, as if done to Him, how we treat His subjects. Our action, or inaction, in response to those in need has eternal implications.

~ Fr. Jay



Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

Psalm 23:6

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, November 26, 2023

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

Monday, November 27, 2023

Weekday
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Weekday
Dn 2:31-45
Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Weekday
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Saint Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Mt 4:18-22

Friday, December 1, 2023

Weekday
Dn 7:2-14
Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Weekday
Dn 7:15-27
Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87
Lk 21:34-36

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

SAINT ANDREW

Feast Day: November 30

Patron Saint of: Fisherman

Andrew was Saint Peter’s brother, and was called with him. “As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him” (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. “Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day” (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus’ power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.

Read the full article: “Saint Andrew” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-andrew/>. (Accessed November 14, 2023).

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SAN ANDRÉS

Día de la fiesta: 30 de noviembre

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Andrés era hermano de San Pedro y fue llamado con él. "Paseando [Jesús] junto al mar de Galilea, vio a dos hermanos, Simón, que ahora se llama Pedro, y su hermano Andrés, que echaban la red al mar; eran pescadores. Jesús les dijo: "Venid en pos de mí y os haré pescadores de hombres". Al instante dejaron las redes y le siguieron" (Mateo 4, 18-20).

El evangelista Juan presenta a Andrés como discípulo de Juan el Bautista. Cuando un día pasó Jesús, Juan dijo: "He aquí el Cordero de Dios". Andrés y otro discípulo siguieron a Jesús. "Jesús se volvió, los vio que le seguían y les dijo: "¿Qué buscáis?". Ellos le respondieron: "Rabí (que traducido significa Maestro), ¿dónde estás?". Él les dijo: "Venid y lo veréis. Fueron, pues, y vieron dónde se hospedaba, y se quedaron con él aquel día" (Juan 1:38-39a).

Poco más se dice de Andrés en los Evangelios. Antes de la multiplicación de los panes, fue Andrés quien habló del muchacho que tenía los panes de cebada y los peces. Cuando los gentiles fueron a ver a Jesús, acudieron a Felipe, pero Felipe recurrió entonces a Andrés.

Cuenta la leyenda que Andrés predicó la Buena Nueva en lo que hoy es Grecia y Turquía modernas y fue crucificado en Patras en una cruz en forma de X.

Como en el caso de todos los apóstoles excepto Pedro y Juan, los Evangelios nos dan poca información sobre la santidad de Andrés. Era apóstol. Con eso basta. Fue llamado personalmente por Jesús para proclamar la Buena Nueva, para curar con el poder de Jesús y para compartir su vida y su muerte. La santidad hoy no es diferente. Es un don que incluye una llamada a preocuparse por el Reino, una actitud extrovertida que no quiere otra cosa que compartir las riquezas de Cristo con todos los hombres.

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EL MÁS PEQUEÑO DE ELLOS

Reflexión sobre Mateo 25:31-46

Como católicos, hemos aprendido desde la infancia y lo llevamos en los huesos que Dios está presente con nosotros de la manera más poderosa en su Palabra, y muy especialmente en la Eucaristía. Escuchamos, experimentamos y nos nutrimos de esta presencia sagrada en cada Misa.

La sorpresa que el Hijo del Hombre hace brotar sobre todas las personas reunidas para esta separación y juicio final ("cuanto hicisteis a uno de mis hermanos más pequeños, a mí me lo hicisteis"), conecta de manera inseparable la Palabra de Dios y la Eucaristía con las necesidades de los pobres. Cada acto de reverencia intencional que damos a la Palabra en la Misa (de pie, incensación, aclimatación) y a la Eucaristía (arrodillarse, alabanza, cuidado de los elementos), debe reflejarse en nuestro trato a los demás, especialmente a los pobres, vulnerables y más necesitados. Se trata, de hecho, de una misma acción.

Al final del Evangelio de Mateo, escuchamos la promesa de Jesús de estar siempre con nosotros, hasta el fin de los tiempos. Hoy aprendemos que Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, cumple esa promesa estando con nosotros ante los pobres, y que el Rey se toma personalmente, como si se lo hiciéramos a Él, cómo tratamos a sus súbditos. Nuestra acción, o inacción, en respuesta a los necesitados tiene implicaciones eternas.

~ P. Jay





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