

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 31º domingo del tiempo ordinario

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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*In you, Lord,
I have found my peace.*

*Señor, consérvame
en tu paz.*

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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 #1018

Mass Intentions

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SUNDAY – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Santacruz Vargas Family
by Lizette Santacruz

9:30 a.m. † Estrellita Sarabosing by her daughter, Estrellita

11:00 a.m. † Monica L. Baker by Felise Montes

1:00 p.m. † Abel Brenes Aparicio por La Familia Rubio-Aparicio

6:00 p.m. † Cruz Hernandez by Tina Alcalá

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MONDAY

NO MASS

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TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. † Janet Marie Fusselman by Laura Michels

8:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Perry & Ramos Families
by The Perry & Ramos Families

8

WEDNESDAY

6:45 a.m. † Tony & Elvira Fagundes by Debbie Fagundes

8:00 a.m. † Richard Hermann by Jeanne Hermann Starks

9

THURSDAY

6:45 a.m. † Carrie Dunn PENCHUK by her Family

8:00 a.m. † Berton Belton by the Belton Family

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FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. † Chuck Stephens by Howard & Dottie DeMera

8:15 a.m. Intentions of James Mendoza by Kate King

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SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. † Charlotte Girado by Ed Girado & Family

5:30 p.m. † Maria Secco by Hector Secco

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SUNDAY – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Beth Zano by Nerish G.

9:30 a.m. Intentions of Florence Tacata Crosby
by The Forestiere Family

11:00 a.m. † Adrian Alvarado by John & Deanna Driscoll

1:00 p.m. † Oralio Aguirre Gonzalez por Noemi Gomez

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4/SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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 PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL SERIES

Session 7: Bread for the Journey

Wednesday, November 8 Conf. Rm 8:45-10:45 a.m.

Thursday, November 9 Room 21 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Eucharist sustains us on our spiritual journey. Our participation at Mass through the Liturgy of the

Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist is an offering of thanksgiving to God. We are then sent forth to share what we have received.

Sesión 5: Dios está con nosotros *miércoles 8 de noviembre* Room 21 6:30-8:30 p.m.

La presencia de Dios en el Antiguo Testamento prefigura el don de la Eucaristía, uno de los siete sacramentos de la Iglesia. Jesús estableció la Eucaristía para darnos fuerza y acompañarnos en cada momento de nuestro camino terrenal.



SILVER ANGELS

A Table of Thanks

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

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

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



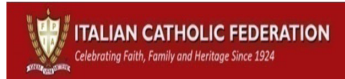
Join us for our monthly luncheon from Westwood BBQ along with Fun & Games. Cost is \$14.00 per person.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (ICF)

Wednesday, November 8

6:15 p.m. in the Social Hall (includes dinner)

Do you like good Italian Food, conversation, and fellowship? Come join us.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, November 11

10:00 a.m., Room 21

This is Session 3 of our 5-week Grief Support sessions. It is open to all.



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

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 22, 6:00 p.m.

Blessing of the Bread & Wine – Please place the bread and wine you plan to serve at Thanksgiving to be blessed in the baskets at the Communion rails. Make sure to write your name on your items as many may look alike.

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in the Main church.

No Confessions on Saturday, November 25



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



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



STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US	
<i>Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!</i>	
October 15, 2023	\$23,532.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$17,709.00
Difference	\$5,823.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023	\$285,231.89
July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022	\$244,052.00
Difference	\$41,179.89
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.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention: † Robin & Patty Baldwin

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español – Misa de Intención: † Florencia Diaz Y Familia

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

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 For pastoral support, call St. Anthony of Padua Parish Office at (559) 439-0124.

**SHARING THE GIFTS
WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

October 15, 2023	\$1,135.28
2024 YTD Total	\$21,403.84

**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

PARISH MISSION!



Fr. Ron Hoye

**Tuesday - Thursday
Nov 14, 15, 16**

Morning talk after 8a.m. Mass

Confessions 5:30p.m.; Talk 6:30p.m.

Want to feel closer to God?

An engaging spiritual gathering that weaves story, prayer and scripture into an enjoyable 45 minute presentation each evening.

For anyone who desires a spiritual boost or spark- come join us for 3 evenings you won't forget! All are welcome (especially kids!).

Ignite your faith!

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.

A PLACE AND PURPOSE

Reflection on 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Don't seek seats of honor at banquets. Don't be called "teacher" or "father." This is hard-hitting stuff, especially for one who is occasionally ensconced at the head table, and who has been called father and teacher ever since ordination.

And what of the "heavy burdens" laid on people's shoulders? Do these come from imposing the law? If so, the Jewish law had only 613 statutes, whereas there are 1,739 canons in our code of canon law, and 2,865 points of teaching in our catechism.

Everything has a place and a purpose, but only God is God. As St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians today, our message, our word, our teaching is God's, who works through and in us all. We must resist the temptation to make ourselves the message and the teaching, to set up any master or guru as a solution for life's questions, to impose on others anything beyond what is necessary.

~ Fr. Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, November 5, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

Ps 131:1, 2, 3

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Mt 23:1-12

Thursday, November 9, 2023

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Jn 2:13-22

Monday, November 6, 2023

Weekday

Rom 11:29-36

Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36

Lk 14:12-14

Friday, November 10, 2023

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Rom 15:14-21

Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Lk 16:1-8

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Weekday

Rom 12:5-16ab

Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3

Lk 14:15-24

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27

Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11

Lk 16:9-15

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Weekday

Rom 13:8-10

Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9

Lk 14:25-33

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



*In you, Lord,
I have found
my peace.*

SAINT LEO THE GREAT

Feast Day: November 10

Leo is known as one of the best administrative popes of the ancient Church. His work branched into four main areas, indicative of his notion of the pope's total responsibility for the flock of Christ. He worked at length to control the heresies of Pelagianism – overemphasizing human freedom – Manichaeism – seeing everything material as evil – and others, placing demands on their followers so as to secure true Christian beliefs.

A second major area of his concern was doctrinal controversy in the Church in the East, to which he responded with a classic letter setting down the Church's teaching on the two natures of Christ. With strong faith, he also led the defense of Rome against barbarian attack, taking the role of peacemaker (third area).

In these three areas, Leo's work has been highly regarded. His growth to sainthood has its basis in the spiritual depth with which he approached the pastoral care of his people, which was the fourth focus of his work. He is known for his spiritually profound sermons. An instrument of the call to holiness, well-versed in Scripture and ecclesiastical awareness, Leo had the ability to reach the everyday needs and interests of his people.

It is said of Leo that his true significance rests in his doctrinal insistence on the mysteries of Christ and the Church and in the supernatural charisms of the spiritual life given to humanity in Christ and in his Body, the Church.

At a time when there is widespread criticism of Church structures, we also hear criticism that bishops and priests – indeed, all of us – are too preoccupied with administration of temporal matters. Pope Leo is an example of a great administrator who used his talents in areas where spirit and structure are inseparably combined: doctrine, peace, and pastoral care.

Read the full article: "Saint Leo the Great" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-leo-the-great/>. (Accessed October 25, 2023).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 5 de noviembre de 2023

31º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
Sal 131:1, 2, 3
1 Ts 2:7b-9, 13
Mt 23:1-12

Lunes, 6 de noviembre de 2023

Día de la semana
Rom 11:29-36
Sal 69:30-31, 33-34, 36
Lc 14:12-14

Martes, 7 de noviembre de 2023

Día de la semana
Rom 12:5-16ab
Sal 131:1bcde, 2, 3
Lc 14:15-24

Miércoles, 8 de noviembre de 2023

Día de la semana
Rom 13:8-10
Sal 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9
Lc 14:25-33

Jueves, 9 de noviembre de 2023

Dedicación de la Basílica de Letrán
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Sal 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Viernes, 10 de noviembre de 2023

San León Magno, Papa y Doctor de la Iglesia
Rom 15:14-21
Sal 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Lc 16:1-8

Sábado, 11 de noviembre de 2023

San Martín de Tours, obispo
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Sal 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
Lc 16:9-15

Acceda a las lecturas diarias de la Nueva Biblia Americana, Edición Revisada (NABRE) en línea en <https://bible.usccb.org>

SAN LEÓN MAGNO

Día de la fiesta: 10 de noviembre

León es conocido como uno de los mejores papas administradores de la Iglesia antigua. Su trabajo se ramificó en cuatro áreas principales, indicativas de su noción de la responsabilidad total del papa sobre el rebaño de Cristo. Trabajó intensamente para controlar las herejías del pelagianismo -que exageraba la libertad humana-, el maniqueísmo -que veía todo lo material como malo- y otras, imponiendo exigencias a sus seguidores para asegurar las verdaderas creencias cristianas.

Otra de sus grandes preocupaciones fue la controversia doctrinal en la Iglesia de Oriente, a la que respondió con una carta clásica en la que establecía la doctrina de la Iglesia sobre las dos naturalezas de Cristo. Con una fe firme, dirigió también la defensa de Roma contra los ataques bárbaros, asumiendo el papel de pacificador (tercer ámbito).

En estas tres áreas, la labor de León ha sido muy apreciada. Su elevación a la santidad tiene su base en la profundidad espiritual con la que abordó la atención pastoral de su pueblo, que fue el cuarto eje de su obra. Es conocido por sus sermones espiritualmente profundos. Instrumento de la llamada a la santidad, buen conocedor de las Escrituras y de la conciencia eclesial, León tenía la capacidad de llegar a las necesidades e intereses cotidianos de su pueblo.

Se dice de León que su verdadera importancia reside en su insistencia doctrinal en los misterios de Cristo y de la Iglesia y en los carismas sobrenaturales de la vida espiritual dados a la humanidad en Cristo y en su Cuerpo, la Iglesia.

En una época en la que las críticas a las estructuras de la Iglesia están muy extendidas, también se oye decir que los obispos y los sacerdotes -de hecho, todos nosotros- estamos demasiado preocupados por la administración de los asuntos temporales. El Papa León es un ejemplo de gran administrador que utilizó su talento en áreas donde el espíritu y la estructura se combinan inseparablemente: la doctrina, la paz y la atención pastoral.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Leo the Great" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars. <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-leo-the-great/>. (Consultado el 25 de octubre de 2023).

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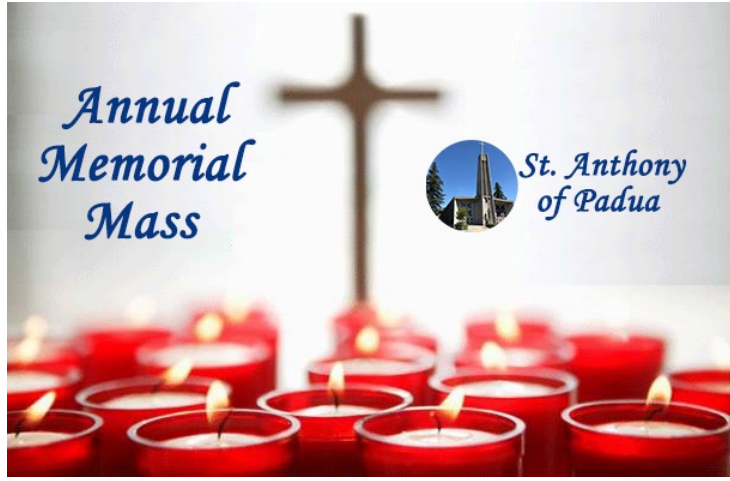
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