

Advent

The Season of

Lord, make us
turn to you; let
us see your
face and we
shall be saved.
Psalm 80:4

Señor,
muéstranos
tu favor y
sálvanos.
Salmo 80:4



First Sunday of Advent | Primer domingo de Adviento

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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BULLETIN/WEBPAGE

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prior to publication.

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 #859;
The Immaculate Conception of Mary #1045

Mass Intentions

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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

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MONDAY

NO MASS

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TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. † Tony & Elvira Fagundes by Debbie Fagundes
8:00 a.m. † Edwin Falqueza by Babette Falqueza

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WEDNESDAY

6:45 a.m. † Msgr. John Coelho-Harguindeguy
by Anna Harguindeguy & daughters
8:00 a.m. Intentions of James Mendoza by Kate King

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THURSDAY

6:45 a.m. † Carrie Dunn Penchuk by her family
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Diane Reyes by Mark Rodarte
5:30 p.m. † Ann Nist by Leslie & Janice Emerzian

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FRIDAY – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:45 a.m. Intentions of Manuel Espinoza by Maria Prado
8:15 a.m. † Jack Shiveley by the Shiveley Family
5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
7:00 p.m. Intenciones de Sandra Contreras-Román

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SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. † Charlotte Girado by Ed Girado & family
5:30 p.m. † Silvino Lopez por Margarita Caballero

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SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. † Estrellita Sarabosing by her daughter, Estrellita
9:30 a.m. † Erma Silipini by Danny & Dolores Leon
11:00 a.m. † Adrian Alvarado
1:00 p.m. † Alfonsina Catalan por Noemi Gomez
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)



SPECIAL THANKS TO FATHER RON HOYE WHO LED OUR 3-DAY PARISH MISSION

We had over 400 people who attended each night in addition to those who attended the morning talks after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Father is an excellent storyteller, presenting easy guides on how to grow closer to Our Lord and the Eucharist that appealed to everyone especially our parish youth.

Father Ron's prayer app can be found in your phone app store or online at www.thegodminute.org.

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.



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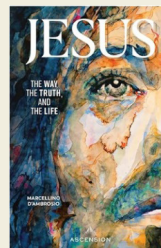
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

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.



PARISH BIBLE STUDY STARTS JANUARY 24

6:30 p.m. in Room 22
Sami/Dina Shwiyhat and Eliseo/Nivia Cuellar will begin a 10-week series, *Jesus, The Way, The Truth, and The Life* on Wednesday, January 24th, running every other Wednesday night. Watch the bulletin for dates as we navigate Lent, Easter, and beyond. You can order a copy of the book from Ascension Press at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/jesus-way-truth-and-life>.



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

EUCCHARISTIC 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 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

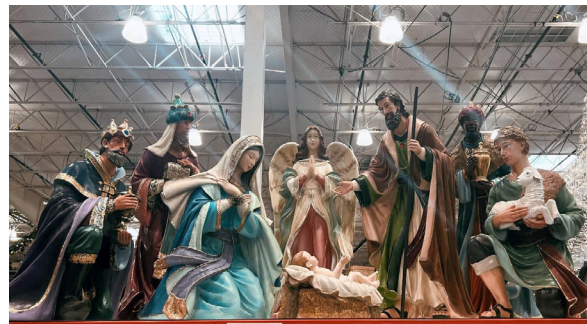
Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

November 12, 2023	\$19,720.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$17,601.00
Difference	\$2,119.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023	\$395,994.97
July 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022	\$337,623.00
Difference	\$58,371.97

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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.



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.



ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention: † Daniel Nino, Jr.

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español – Misa de Intención: † Luciano Tiso

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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amparano@stagnes.comcastbiz.net

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 12, 2023	\$1,427.86
2024 YTD Total	\$26,812.84

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE
YOUR CONTINUED
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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*

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Advent/Christmas Schedule

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

5:30 p.m. – English
6:45 a.m. – English 8:15 a.m. – English
5:30 p.m. – English 7:00 p.m. – Español

Vigil Mass – Thursday, December 7
Feast Day – Friday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30 a.m. Mass (Mañanitas at 5:00 a.m.)
7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 12

Parish Advent Penance Service

7:00 p.m. Main Church – English / Español

Thursday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17

Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 16 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 19 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 21 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 17 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 20 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 22 6:30 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00; 9:30; 11:00 a.m. – English 1:00 p.m. – Español

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Mass

4:00 p.m. Mass – English
6:30 p.m. Mass – English
9:00 p.m. Mass – English
Midnight Mass – English

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Day Mass

8:00 a.m. Mass – English
10:00 a.m. Mass – English
1:00 p.m. Mass – Español

Sunday, December 25



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.

We Need You...

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.

BE WATCHFUL

Reflection on Mark 13:33-37

As we begin this Advent season, we are told in today's Gospel to be attentive to God. Be watchful for His coming. Be open and malleable to the touch of God's hands that will continuously shape us into His lovers. In a seamless transition from the last liturgical year to this new one, we are invited into this Advent time of waiting and watching.

We do not wait in an idle or passive manner, but like the servants in the Gospel, we anticipate our master's return by assuming responsibility for the work of the household. Today, you and I are responsible for God's household, for the natural world in which we live and for the new world of grace given us in Christ. And so our waiting and watching are not passive, but involve active service of God's Kingdom, knowing that if we let Him, God can fashion each of us into something spectacular. May we be that kind of clay in the hands of the Potter.

~ Fr. Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent
 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 1 Cor 1:3-9
 Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 4, 2023

Weekday
 Is 2:1-5
 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Weekday
 Is 11:1-10
 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Weekday
 Is 25:6-10a
 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Is 26:1-6
 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8, 2023

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Gn 3:9-15, 20
 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Weekday
 Is 30:19-21, 23-26
 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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



SAINT AMBROSE

Feast Day: December 7

Patron Saint of: Beekeepers

One of Ambrose's biographers observed that at the Last Judgment, people would still be divided between those who admired Ambrose and those who heartily disliked him. He emerges as the man of action who cut a furrow through the lives of his contemporaries. Even royal personages were numbered among those who were to suffer crushing divine punishments for standing in Ambrose's way.

In his disputes with the Emperor Auentius, he coined the principle: "The emperor is in the Church, not above the Church." He publicly admonished Emperor Theodosius for the massacre of 7,000 innocent people. The emperor did public penance for his crime. This was Ambrose, the fighter sent to Milan as Roman governor, and chosen while yet a catechumen to be the people's bishop.

There is yet another side of Ambrose—one which influenced Augustine of Hippo, whom Ambrose converted. Augustine found the oratory of Ambrose less soothing and entertaining but far more learned than that of other contemporaries. Ambrose's sermons were often modeled on Cicero, and his ideas betrayed the influence of contemporary thinkers and philosophers.

His sermons, his writings, and his personal life reveal him as an otherworldly man involved in the great issues of his day. Humanity for Ambrose was, above all, spirit. In order to think rightly of God and the human soul, the closest thing to God, no material reality at all was to be dwelt upon.

Ambrose exemplifies for us the truly catholic character of Christianity. He is a man steeped in the learning, law, and culture of the ancients and of his contemporaries. Yet, in the midst of active involvement in this world, this thought runs through Ambrose's life and preaching: The hidden meaning of the Scriptures calls our spirit to rise to another world.

Read the full article: "Saint Ambrose" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ambrose/>. (Accessed November 21, 2023).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 3 de diciembre de 2023

Primer domingo de Adviento

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Sal 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mc 13:33-37

Lunes, 4 de diciembre de 2023

Día de la semana

Is 2:1-5

Sal 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mt 8:5-11

Martes, 5 diciembre 2023

Día de la semana

Is 11:1-10

Sal 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Lc 10:21-24

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Día de la semana

Is 25:6-10a

Sal 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Mt 15:29-37

Jueves, 7 de diciembre de 2023

San Ambrosio, obispo y

Doctor de la Iglesia

Is 26:1-6

Sal 118:1 y 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Viernes, 8 de diciembre de 2023

Inmaculada Concepción

de la Bienaventurada Virgen María

Gn 3:9-15, 20

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

Ef 1:3-6, 11-12

Lc 1:26-38

Sábado, 9 de diciembre de 2023

Día de la semana

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Sal 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mt 9:35-10, 1, 5a, 6-8

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SAN AMBROSIO

Día de la fiesta: 7 de diciembre

Patrón de: Apicultores

Uno de los biógrafos de Ambrosio observó que, en el Juicio Final, la gente seguirá dividida entre los que admiraban a Ambrosio y los que lo odiaban de corazón. Es el hombre de acción que abrió un surco en la vida de sus contemporáneos. Incluso personajes reales se contaban entre los que iban a sufrir aplastantes castigos divinos por interponerse en el camino de Ambrosio.

En sus disputas con el emperador Auxencio, acuñó el principio: "El emperador está en la Iglesia, no por encima de la Iglesia". Amonestó públicamente al emperador Teodosio por la masacre de 7.000 inocentes. El emperador hizo penitencia pública por su crimen. Este era Ambrosio, el luchador enviado a Milán como gobernador romano, y elegido siendo aún catecúmeno para ser el obispo del pueblo.

Hay otra faceta de Ambrosio, que influyó en Agustín de Hipona, a quien Ambrosio convirtió. Agustín encontró la oratoria de Ambrosio menos relajante y entretenida, pero mucho más erudita que la de otros contemporáneos. Los sermones de Ambrosio se inspiraban a menudo en Cicerón, y sus ideas revelaban la influencia de pensadores y filósofos contemporáneos.

Sus sermones, sus escritos y su vida personal lo revelan como un hombre de otro mundo implicado en las grandes cuestiones de su época. Para Ambrosio, la humanidad era, ante todo, espíritu. Para pensar correctamente en Dios y en el alma humana, lo más cercano a Dios, no había que detenerse en ninguna realidad material.

Ambrosio nos ejemplifica el carácter verdaderamente católico del cristianismo. Es un hombre impregnado del saber, el derecho y la cultura de los antiguos y de sus contemporáneos. Sin embargo, en medio de su activa participación en este mundo, este pensamiento recorre la vida y la predicación de Ambrosio: El significado oculto de las Escrituras llama a nuestro espíritu a elevarse a otro mundo.

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

VIGILA

Reflexión sobre Marcos 13:33-37

Al comenzar este tiempo de Adviento, el Evangelio de hoy nos dice que estemos atentos a Dios. Estén atentos a su venida. Permanezcamos abiertos y maleables al contacto de las manos de Dios, que nos irán moldeando hasta convertirnos en sus amantes. En una transición sin fisuras del último año litúrgico a este nuevo, se nos invita a este tiempo de Adviento de espera y vigilancia.

No esperamos de manera ociosa o pasiva, sino que, como los siervos del Evangelio, anticipamos el regreso de nuestro amo asumiendo la responsabilidad del trabajo de la casa. Hoy, tú y yo somos responsables de la casa de Dios, del mundo natural en el que vivimos y del nuevo mundo de gracia que se nos ha dado en Cristo. Por eso, nuestra espera y nuestra vigilancia no son pasivas, sino que implican un servicio activo al Reino de Dios, sabiendo que, si se lo permitimos, Dios puede convertirnos a cada uno de nosotros en algo espectacular. Que seamos esa clase de arcilla en las manos del Alfarero.

~ P. Jay





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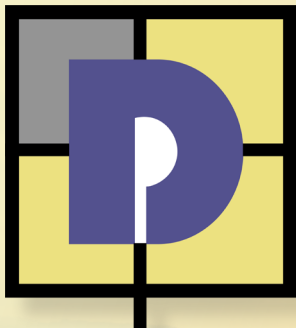
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