

Advent

The Season of



My soul
rejoices in
my God.
Isaiah 61:10b

Mi espíritu
se alegra
en Dios, mi
salvador.
Isaias 61:10b

Third Sunday of Advent | Tercer domingo de Adviento

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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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.

Thanks for joining us!

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL #865

Mass Intentions

17 SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Felix & Libertie Tacata
by the Forestiere Family
9:30 a.m. † Jeff Reynolds by his wife & children
11:00 a.m. † Dr. Maximo Parayno, Jr. by Tessie & Family
1:00 p.m. † Juan Caballero por Arturo Caballero
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

18 MONDAY
NO MASS

19 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Paul & Bessie Lopez by their daughter, Gloria Chavez
8:00 a.m. † Richard Burton by his wife

20 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Sandra M. Otero by the Otero Family
8:00 a.m. † Mary Leon by Danny & Dolores Leon

21 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Sherill Foster by the Giffen & York Families
8:00 a.m. † Ellen Green by Betty Uggla

22 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. † Chuck Stephens by Cheryl Hartshorn
8:15 a.m. † Sebastian Tyburski by Georgina Reynolds

23 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. † Marcus Shiveley by Chris Shiveley
5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

24 SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Monique Gomez by her Family
9:30 a.m. † Msgr John Coelho Hargundeguy by Georgina Reynolds
11:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
1:00 p.m. Intenciones de Darío y Martha Guerra
por parte de la Familia Guerra
4:00 p.m. † Natale Pardini by Linda Mastro
6:30 p.m. Msgr John Coelho Hargundeguy by Anna Hargundeguy
9:00 p.m. Intenciones de la familia Gómez Ramirez
Midnight † The Dearly Departed Members of the Ochinero & Ferdinandi Families

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

Knights of Columbus



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



Silver Angels Ministry

SILVER ANGELS

New Year's Luncheon

Wednesday, JANUARY 10, 2023

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

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

Start the New Year off with Lunch, fellowship, and lots of fun with your fellow

St. Anthony/St. Agnes parishioners. Lunch is only \$14.00 per person. Guests are welcome to bring a dessert to share and a small gift that fits in a lunch bag for our Fun & Games.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall (includes dinner)



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

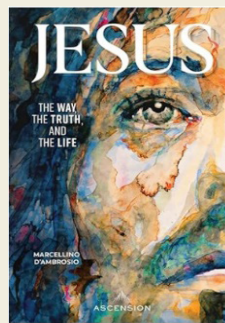
Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage Since 1924

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.

SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION — Every celebration of the Mass imparts sanctifying grace that helps us to decrease so that our Lord can increase within us. On this Gaudete Sunday, may our lives become a living hymn of praise and thanksgiving to our Eucharistic Lord, who comes to us with humility and love at every Mass. Ask our Lord today for the grace to humbly proclaim the Good News with your life.

Eucharistic Prayer Companions for the Advent and Christmas Seasons are available in the literature racks at all church entrances.



NATIONAL **Eucharistic Revival**

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 26, 2023	\$19,942.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$14,759.00
Difference	\$5,183.00
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

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.

Let us remember those in our parish community who are homebound, in the hospital or recovering from illness. May our Lord bless them with comfort and the support of a loving community.

Let us pray.



ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention: † Salvador & Beatrice Carmona

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español – Misa Intenciones de Jose Rodriguez Y familia

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

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Director of Religious Education..... Phyllis Carmona
For pastoral support, call St. Anthony of Padua Parish Office at 559-439-0124.

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

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

November 26, 2023	\$1,066.19
2024 YTD Total	\$29,125.23

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

Saturday, December 23rd

6:00 p.m. Posada in the Social Hall

Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Mass – English

Monday, December 25th – Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Mass – Spanish

No New Year’s Day Mass.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA *Advent/Christmas Schedule*

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 17

Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 16 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 17 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 21 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

Monday, December 25

Regular Mass Schedule – Saturday, December 30 & Sunday, December 31

New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, January 1



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

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.

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



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 LIGHT OF CHRIST

Reflection on John 1:6-8, 19-28

John, son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was sent from God to testify to the light, to make straight the way of the Lord, to announce the coming of the Messiah. In this Gospel passage for this third Sunday of Advent, John makes a point to his interrogators that we might miss: The One he is proclaiming is already among them.

How did they not see Him? How can you miss the coming of One so powerful, so awaited, so desired? Indeed, how do we not see Him?

This spirit-filled Messiah is a reversal of what we normally esteem and look for in leaders. He will not dominate in the usual way we expect and even want – by military power, by financial might, by political influence, by the sheer weight of personal appeal and magnetism. Instead, His power will come from self-sacrificing love, and the world will be saved from death and darkness because of Him.

This is the light to which John testifies, and to which we bear witness, and by which we are transformed. Will you join the holy conspiracy of the incarnation, and shine with the very light of God, and breathe with the very Spirit of God?

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 18, 2023

Weekday

Jer 23:5-8

Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Weekday

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a

Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22, 2023

Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28

1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23, 2023

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14

Lk 1:57-66

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

SAINT PETER CANISIUS

Feast Day: December 14

Patron Saint of: Germany

Although Peter once accused himself of idleness in his youth, he could not have been idle too long, for at the age of 19 he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. At this early age Peter had already taken up a practice he continued throughout his life – a process of study, reflection, prayer, and writing. After his ordination in 1546, he became widely known for his editions of the writings of St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. Besides this reflective literary bent, Peter had a zeal for the apostolate. He could often be found visiting the sick or imprisoned, even when his assigned duties in other areas were more than enough to keep most people fully occupied.

In 1547, Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany – from that point on, his life's work. He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand.

Renowned as a popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the Gospel. He had great diplomatic ability, often serving as a reconciler between disputing factions. In his letters – filling eight volumes – one finds words of wisdom and counsel to people in all walks of life. At times he wrote unprecedented letters of criticism to leaders of the Church – yet always in the context of a loving, sympathetic concern.

At 70, Peter suffered a paralytic seizure, but he continued to preach and write with the aid of a secretary, until his death in his hometown of Nijmegen, Netherlands, on December 21, 1597.

Read the full article: "Saint Peter Canisius" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-canisius/>. (Accessed December 4, 2023).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 17 de diciembre de 2023

Tercer domingo de Adviento

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

Lc 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

1 Ts:5,16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Lunes, 18 de diciembre de 2023

Día de la semana

Jer 23:5-8

Sal 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19

Mt 1:18-25

Martes, 19 de diciembre de 2023

Día de la semana

Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a

Sal 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Lc 1:5-25

Miércoles, 20 de diciembre de 2023

Día de la semana

Is 7:10-14

Sal 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Lc 1:26-38

Jueves, 21 de diciembre de 2023

San Pedro Canisio, Sacerdote y

Doctor de la Iglesia

Sg 2:8-14 o Zep 3:14-18a

Sal 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Lc 1:39-45

Viernes, 22 de diciembre de 2023

Día de la semana

1 Sm 1:24-28

1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Lc 1:46-56

Sábado, 23 de diciembre de 2023

San Juan de Kanty, Sacerdote

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Sal 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 y 14

Lc 1:57-66

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

SAN PEDRO CANISIO

Día de la fiesta: 14 de diciembre

Patrón de: Alemania

Aunque Pedro se acusó a sí mismo de ociosidad en su juventud, no pudo estar ocioso demasiado tiempo, ya que a los 19 años obtuvo una maestría en la universidad de Colonia. A esta temprana edad, Pedro ya había iniciado una práctica que continuó durante toda su vida: un proceso de estudio, reflexión, oración y escritura. Tras su ordenación en 1546, se hizo muy conocido por sus ediciones de los escritos de san Cirilo de Alejandría y san León Magno. Además de esta inclinación literaria reflexiva, Pedro tenía celo por el apostolado. A menudo se le podía encontrar visitando a los enfermos o encarcelados, incluso cuando sus deberes asignados en otras áreas eran más que suficientes para mantener a la mayoría de la gente completamente ocupada. En 1547, Pedro asistió a varias sesiones del Concilio de Trento, cuyos decretos se encargó de aplicar más tarde. Tras un breve período de docencia en el colegio jesuita de Mesina, se le encomendó la misión de Alemania, que fue a partir de entonces el trabajo de su vida. Enseñó en varias universidades y contribuyó a la creación de muchos colegios y seminarios. Escribió un catecismo que explicaba la fe católica de forma comprensible para el pueblo llano.

Conocido como predicador popular, Pedro llenaba las iglesias de personas deseosas de escuchar su elocuente proclamación del Evangelio. Tenía grandes dotes diplomáticas y a menudo actuaba como conciliador entre facciones enfrentadas. En sus cartas -que llenan ocho volúmenes- se encuentran palabras de sabiduría y consejos a personas de toda condición. A veces escribió cartas de crítica sin precedentes a los dirigentes de la Iglesia, pero siempre en el contexto de una preocupación afectuosa y comprensiva.

A los 70 años, Pedro sufrió un ataque de parálisis, pero continuó predicando y escribiendo con la ayuda de un secretario, hasta su muerte en su ciudad natal de Nimega, Países Bajos, el 21 de diciembre de 1597.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Peter Canisius" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-canisius/>. (Consultado el 4 de diciembre de 2023).

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Reflexión sobre Juan 1,6-8.19-28

Juan, hijo de Zacarías e Isabel, fue enviado por Dios para dar testimonio de la luz, para enderezar el camino del Señor, para anunciar la venida del Mesías. En este pasaje del Evangelio de este tercer domingo de Adviento, Juan hace una observación a sus interrogadores que nosotros podríamos pasar por alto: Aquel a quien anuncia ya está entre ellos.

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