

I Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.
Psalm 40:7

Aquí estoy, Señor, para
hacer tu voluntad.
Salmo 40:7

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Segundo domingo del tiempo ordinario

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 #932

Mass Intentions

14 SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. † Luke Allen George by his parents
9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
11:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

15 MONDAY
NO MASS

16 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

17 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

18 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
8:00 a.m. † Pat Mastro by his wife and family

19 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
8:15 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

20 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. Intentions of Kathy Busick by Chris Shiveley
5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

21 SUNDAY – 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. † Steve Rontell by Harvey Armas
9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
11:00 a.m. † Jeff Reynolds by Georgina Reynolds
1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
6:00 p.m. † Antonia Sanchez by Diana Lopez

COMMUNION SERVICES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23-THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

6:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses *

***No Confession on January 23**

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

ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA

Jueves, en salón #22 de la escuela
7:00pm

Reflexionaremos
las Lecturas y
Evangelio
Dominicales

"Tu palabra es una
lámpara a mis
pies; es una
luz en mi
sendero".
SALMO 119

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



ICF FAMOUS ITALIAN SAUSAGE SALE

Saturday, January 13 & Sunday, January 14 after Masses

\$8.00 for 1; \$15.00 for 2

Tickets for the ICF Spring Gift Basket with Homemade Quilt will be sold. \$1.00 each or \$20.00 for 25. Drawing on March 13.

NO FEBRUARY MEETING

PARISH BIBLE STUDIES

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. in Room 21

Jesus: The Way, The Truth, and The Life

Begins on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

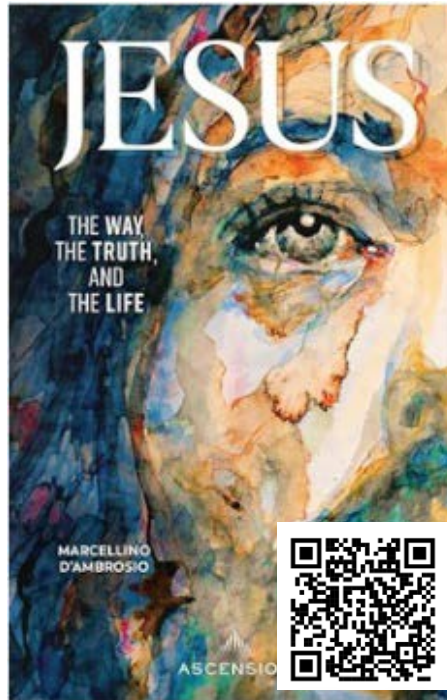
Open to women of all ages. Come grow in faith and fellowship.

Wednesday Night Co-Ed Bible Study

6:30 p.m. in Room 22

Sami/Dina Shwiyhat and Eliseo/Nivia Cuellar will lead men, women, and couples through the same 10-week series on Wednesday nights starting January 24th. Please watch the bulletin for dates during Lent and Easter week.

Participants may order the book directly from Ascension Press at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/jesus-way-truth-and-life>.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27/

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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.



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

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

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!

December 24, 2023	\$19,928.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$13,861.00
Difference	\$6,067.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023	\$487,922.38
July 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022	\$417,479.00
Difference	\$70,443.38

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.

Santo Niño (Child Jesus) Mass

Sunday, January 21

3:00 p.m.

Presider: Bishop Joseph Brennan

All are welcome to attend.



ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention:
Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español – Misa Intencion:
Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

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.

**SHARING THE GIFTS
WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

December 24, 2023	\$1,100.52
2024 YTD Total	\$35,503.49

**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

Pope at Angelus: We are not alone on the path of life.

Papa en el Ángelus: No estamos solos en el camino de la vida.

By Linda Bordoni

Pope Francis leads the recitation of the Angelus prayer in St. Peter's Square and invites Christians to renew their trust in the Lord, cultivating His presence through the Word and the Sacraments.

Christ is the God of the present.

Jesus, he added, is alive and accompanies us. "He is at our side, He offers us His Word and His grace, which enlighten and refresh us on the journey."

"He, an expert and wise guide, is happy to accompany us on the most difficult paths and the most inaccessible slopes."

We are never alone.

Nothing is impossible with Jesus at our side

Pope Francis said that if sometimes "the summit of Christian life seems too high and the path too steep," look to Jesus who walks beside us, welcoming our frailties, sharing our efforts and resting his firm and gentle arm on our weak shoulders.

"With Him close at hand, let us also reach out to one another and renew our trust: with Jesus, what seems impossible on our own is no longer so!" he concluded, inviting Christians to renew their trust in Him, to cultivate His presence through the Word and the Sacraments, and allowing themselves to be guided by Him together with their brothers and sisters, in the community.



El Papa Francisco dirige el rezo del Ángelus en la Plaza de San Pedro e invita a los cristianos a renovar su confianza en el Señor, cultivando su presencia a través de la Palabra y los Sacramentos.

Cristo es el Dios del presente.

Jesús, añadió, está vivo y nos acompaña. "Él está a nuestro lado, nos ofrece su Palabra y su gracia, que nos iluminan y refrescan en el camino".

"Él, un guía experto y sabio, estará encantado de acompañarnos por los caminos más difíciles y las pendientes más inaccesibles".

Nunca estamos solos.

Nada es imposible con Jesús a nuestro lado

El Papa Francisco dijo que si a veces "la cima de la vida cristiana parece demasiado alta y el camino demasiado empinado", mirad a Jesús que camina a nuestro lado, acogiendo nuestras debilidades, compartiendo nuestros esfuerzos y apoyando su brazo firme y dulce sobre nuestros hombros débiles.

"Con Él cerca, acerquémonos también nosotros unos a otros y renovemos nuestra confianza: ¡con Jesús, lo que por nosotros mismos parece imposible, ya no lo es!" concluyó invitando a los cristianos a renovar su confianza en Él, a cultivar su presencia a través de la Palabra y los Sacramentos y a dejarse guiar por Él junto con sus hermanos y hermanas, en la comunidad.

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.

INVITATION

Reflection on John 1:35-42

God does not seem to follow any pattern, protocol, or formula in making Himself known, or in calling individuals into relationship and gifting them for service. Over and over again, Scripture and countless stories in our tradition reveal that there is no predicting when God will come to us or how the visit might occur.

God can call the apprentice instead of the master, in the middle of the night while he is sleeping, as God did with Samuel. God can call an ordinary fellow out of a crowd of people at 4:00 in the afternoon, as God did with Andrew. Or two fisherman busy cleaning their nets, as with James and John. Or a tax collector hiding up a tree, as with Zacchaeus. Or an atheist walking down a crowded street in mid-town Manhattan, as with Thomas Merton. Or an old woman in her seventies, as with St. Mother Teresa.

“Come and see” – the invitation we hear in today’s Gospel – can come to any of us, at any time, anywhere. When the invitation comes to you, even if you are, like Samuel, not yet familiar with the crazy ways of God, may you at least imitate His openness and innocent honesty, by saying: “Here I am Lord. Speak, for your servant is listening.”

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 15, 2024

Weekday
 1 Sm 15:16-23
 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Weekday
 1 Sm 16:1-13
 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Saint Anthony, Abbott
 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Weekday
 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13
 Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19, 2024

Weekday
 1 Sm 24:3-21
 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11
 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Weekday
 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
 Mk 3:20-21

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

SAINT GREGORY NAZIANZEN

Saint of the Day: January 14

Patron Saint of: Medieval Bosnia

After his Baptism at 30, Gregory gladly accepted his friend Basil’s invitation to join him in a newly founded monastery. The solitude was broken when Gregory’s father, a bishop, needed help in his diocese and estate. It seems that Gregory was ordained a priest practically by force, and only reluctantly accepted the responsibility. He skillfully avoided a schism that threatened when his own father made compromises with Arianism. At 41, Gregory was chosen suffragan bishop of Caesarea and at once came into conflict with Valens, the emperor, who supported the Arians.

An unfortunate byproduct of the battle was the cooling of the friendship of two saints. Basil, his archbishop, sent him to a miserable and unhealthy town on the border of unjustly created divisions in his diocese. Basil reproached Gregory for not going to his See.

When protection for Arianism ended with the death of Valens, Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in the great See of Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for three decades. Retiring and sensitive, he dreaded being drawn into the whirlpool of corruption and violence. He first stayed at a friend’s home, which became the only orthodox church in the city. In such surroundings, he began giving the great sermons on the Trinity for which he is famous. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults, and even personal violence. An interloper even tried to take over his bishopric.

His last days were spent in solitude and austerity. He wrote religious poetry, some of it autobiographical, of great depth and beauty. He was acclaimed simply as “the Theologian.” St. Gregory Nazianzen shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with St. Basil the Great on January 2.

Read the full article: “Saint Gregory Nazianzen” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-gregory-nazianzen/. (Accessed January 3, 2024).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 14 de enero de 2024

Domingo II del tiempo ordinario

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Sal 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

Lunes, 15 de enero de 2024

Día de la semana

1 Sm 15:16-23
Sal 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 y 23
Mc 2:18-22

Martes, 16 de enero de 2024

Día de la semana

1 Sm 16:1-13
Sal 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Mc 2:23-28

Miércoles, 17 de enero de 2024

San Antonio Abbott

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Sal 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Mc 3:1-6

Jueves, 18 de enero de 2024

Día de la semana

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Sal 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13
Mc 3:7-12

Viernes, 19 enero 2024

Día de la semana

1 Sm 24:3-21
Sal 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11
Mc 3:13-19

Sábado, 20 enero 2024

Día de la semana

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Sal 80:2-3, 5-7
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Reflexión sobre Juan 1:35-42

Dios no parece seguir ningún modelo, protocolo o fórmula a la hora de darse a conocer, o de llamar a las personas a una relación y dotarlas para el servicio. Una y otra vez, las Escrituras e innumerables relatos de nuestra tradición revelan que no se puede predecir cuándo vendrá Dios a nosotros ni cómo se producirá la visita.

Dios puede llamar al aprendiz en lugar de al maestro, en mitad de la noche mientras duerme, como hizo con Samuel. Dios puede llamar a un tipo corriente de entre una multitud de gente a las cuatro de la tarde, como hizo con Andrés. O a dos pescadores ocupados limpiando sus redes, como Santiago y Juan. O a un recaudador de impuestos escondido en un árbol, como Zaqueo. O un ateo caminando por una calle abarrotada del centro de Manhattan, como Thomas Merton. O una anciana de setenta años, como la Santa Madre Teresa.

“Venid y veréis” – la invitación que escuchamos en el Evangelio de hoy – puede llegarnos a cualquiera de nosotros, en cualquier momento, en cualquier lugar. Cuando te llegue la invitación, aunque, como Samuel, todavía no estés familiarizado con los locos caminos de Dios, que al menos imites su apertura y su inocente honestidad, diciendo: “Aquí estoy Señor. Habla, que tu siervo escucha.”

~ P. Jay

SAN GREGORIO NACIANCENO

Santo del día: 14 de enero

Patrón de: Bosnia medieval

Tras su bautismo a los 30 años, Gregorio aceptó de buen grado la invitación de su amigo Basilio para unirse a él en un monasterio recién fundado. La soledad se rompió cuando el padre de Gregorio, obispo, necesitó ayuda en su diócesis y hacienda. Parece que Gregorio fue ordenado sacerdote prácticamente a la fuerza, y sólo aceptó la responsabilidad a regañadientes. Evitó hábilmente un cisma que amenazaba cuando su propio padre transigió con el arrianismo. A los 41 años, Gregorio fue elegido obispo sufragáneo de Cesarea y enseguida entró en conflicto con Valente, el emperador, que apoyaba a los arrianos.

Un desafortunado subproducto de la batalla fue el enfriamiento de la amistad de dos santos. Basilio, su arzobispo, lo envió a una ciudad miserable e insalubre en la frontera de las divisiones injustamente creadas en su diócesis. Basilio reprochó a Gregorio que no acudiera a su sede.

Cuando la protección del arrianismo terminó con la muerte de Valente, Gregorio fue llamado a reconstruir la fe en la gran sede de Constantinopla, que había estado bajo maestros arrianos durante tres décadas. Retirado y sensible, temía verse arrastrado por el torbellino de corrupción y violencia. Primero se alojó en casa de un amigo, que se convirtió en la única iglesia ortodoxa de la ciudad. En ese entorno, comenzó a pronunciar los grandes sermones sobre la Trinidad que le han hecho famoso. Con el tiempo, Gregorio reconstruyó la fe en la ciudad, pero a costa de grandes sufrimientos, calumnias, insultos e incluso violencia personal. Un intruso intentó incluso apoderarse de su obispado.

Pasó sus últimos días en soledad y austeridad. Escribió poesía religiosa, en parte autobiográfica, de gran profundidad y belleza. Fue aclamado simplemente como “el Teólogo.” San Gregorio Nacianceno comparte la celebración de su fiesta litúrgica con San Basilio el Grande, el 2 de enero.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: “Saint Gregory Nazianzen” *Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-gregory-nazianzen/*. (Consultado el 3 de enero de 2023)





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