

**I turn to you,
Lord, in time of
trouble, and you
fill me with the joy
of salvation.**

Psalm 32:7

**Tú eres mi refugio,
tú me libras de los
peligros y me colmas
con la alegría de la
salvación.**

Salmo 32:7

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sexto domingo del tiempo ordinario

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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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 #944
 (Ash Wednesday – 882)

Mass Intentions

11 SUNDAY – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 8:00 a.m. † Steve Rontell by Harvey Armas
 9:30 a.m. † Maria Lozano by Rachel Lybarger
 11:00 a.m. † Francis O'Brien by Rod & Catherine Christensen
 1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
 6:00 p.m. Intentions of the Carranco Vallejo Family
 by the Carranco Martinez Family

12 MONDAY
 NO MASS

13 TUESDAY
 6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
 8:00 a.m. † William Winter by Perry Family

14 WEDNESDAY – ASH WEDNESDAY
 6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
 8:00 a.m. † Margaret Rodriguez by Bernie Araiza
 5:30 p.m. † Jason Lowart by Phil & Dorothy Christensen
 7:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

15 THURSDAY
 6:45 a.m. † Marcus Shiveley by the Shiveley Family
 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Charlie O'Looney by the Frye Family

16 FRIDAY
 6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
 8:15 a.m. † Eileen Jean Nicolet by Andre Nicolet

17 SATURDAY
 4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
 5:30 p.m. Intenciones de Roberto Valles por Rosa Lóera

18 SUNDAY – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:00 a.m. † Pat Mastro from his wife and family
 9:30 a.m. † George Jebian by Stella Jebian
 11:00 a.m. † Maria Dolores Garcia by Juan M. Garcia
 1:00 p.m. † Joshua Luzanilla por Familiares y Amigos
 6:00 p.m. Intentions of The Cuadros Family by John & Christina Renna



Monthly Memorial Mass



Saturday, February 17 – 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

At our Memorial Mass this month, we will remember those who celebrated their funeral Mass here at St. Anthony of Padua in February 2023. They are Catherine Manuela Zarate, Laura Andrea Martinez, Nathaniel Gonzales, Eileen Jean Nicolet, Marie Papulias-Cook, Agnes "Anne" Wrzalinski, Margaret Archuleta, Albert Herrera Galindo, Hermilo Parmatz-Morales, Maria Enriqueo Gonzales, and Rosemary Anne Bosch. We will light a candle for each person and we invite the family to take it home at the end of Mass as a Memorial of their loved one.

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

PARISH BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Night Co-Ed Bible Study

Next Session is February 21,

6:30 p.m. in Room 22

Sami/Dina Shwiyhat and Eliseo/Nivia Cuellar will lead men, women, and couples through the 10-week series. Please watch the bulletin for dates during Lent and Easter week.

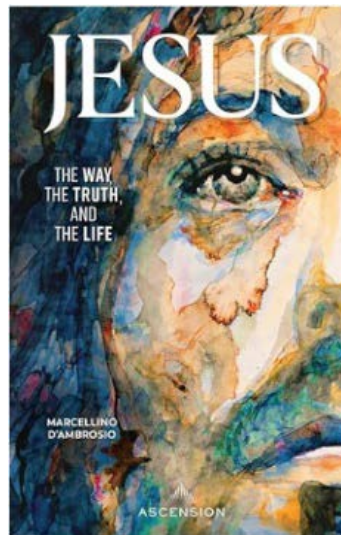
Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. in Room 21

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

Participants may order the book directly from Ascension Press at

<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/jesus-way-truth-and-life>.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24/SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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, MARCH 6

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

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ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA

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

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

Reflexionaremos las Lecturas y Evangelio Dominicales




INFORMES: HERMANA EDITH (559)439-0124 Ext: 122

JUEVES – ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA

7:00 p.m. en el salón #22

Acompáñenos para reflexionar en las lecturas de la biblia y el Evangelio Dominical. "Tu Palabra es una lampara a mis pies, es una luz en mi sendero." Salmo 119




SILVER ANGELS

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

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

Might you be looking for some Fun and Games and a good meal? Our monthly luncheon is just the thing. Cost \$17.00 per person.



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!

January 21, 2024	\$21,943.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$19,655.00
Difference	\$2,288.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023	\$610,689.15
July 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022	\$478,855.00
Difference	\$131,834.15

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.

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

**Matthew Yroz & Blanca Ceja Lopez
Martin Gomez & Rosa Moran**

If you know of any canonical reason for them not to be married, please contact the Parish Office.

5-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT CONTINUES SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

10:00 a.m. in Room 21
Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one?
You don't have to walk alone.
Come join us; open to all.



SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

January 21, 2024	\$1,025.25
2023-2024 YTD Total	\$44,590.42

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

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14TH

Distribution of Ashes only.
12:00-1:00 p.m. (one hour only)
Mass with distribution of Ashes
at 6:00 p.m. – bilingual .

Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross
at 6:00 p.m. – bilingual.

ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention:
† Eddie Chacon, Sr.

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Español – Misa Intencion:
† Hermanos Pulido-Sanchez

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

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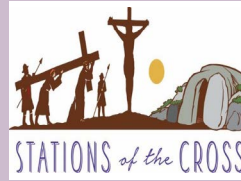
*“Christ has made my soul beautiful with
jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him
Whom the Angels serve.” – St. Agnes*



**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14**

Ash Wednesday Schedule

6:45 a.m.	Mass & Ashes	4:00 p.m.	Ash Service
8:00 a.m.	Mass & Ashes	5:30 p.m.	Mass & Ashes
12:15 p.m.	Ash Service	7:00 p.m.	Misa y Cenizas



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 6:00 p.m. in English
In the Main Church
Starts this Friday, February 16th



VÍA CRUCIS | ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ:

7:00 p.m.
Viernes durante la Cuaresma
En la Iglesia Principal



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 16, 2024
Hosted by Council 6092
St. Anthony's Community Center
No Host Cocktails start at 6:30 p.m., Dinner begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets:

\$30.00 Adult	\$15.00 Children under 12
\$200.00 for a Table of 8	\$350.00 for a Table of 10
\$400.00 for a Premium Table of 10	

Call Ron G. at 999-6383 for tickets as they are going fast.



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SILVER ANGELS –

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13,
11:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.
ST. AGNES CHURCH SOCIAL HALL –
111 BIRCH STREET, PINEDALE**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Amount: \$ _____ Cash Check
((\$14.00 per person))



Silver Angels Ministry

Checks payable to St. Anthony of Padua.
Store bought or homemade desserts and "White Elephant" prizes are welcome. Registrations are due by Friday, March 8, 2024. You can put your registration and payment in an envelope marked Silver Angels in the offertory.

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.

HEALING HANDS

Reflection on Mark 1:40-45

“Go show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed.” With this admonition, Jesus sends the healed leper off.

What Moses prescribed concerning leprosy is found in chapters 13 and 14 of Leviticus. Reading through these rather complex protocols, we discover that purification after leprosy includes some lengthy rituals involving “two live, clean birds, as well as some cedar wood, scarlet yarn, and hyssop.” (Lv 14:4).

It is interesting to note that Jesus Himself did not follow any of these protocols, especially in touching the leper. There’s an important lesson here in Jesus’ action of healing – taking the risk of touching others with the healing and loving and forgiving power of God is more important than following any protocol.

This story is a good illustration of a key controversy in the Gospels, between Jesus and the religious leaders of His day, who were often offended by Jesus’ exercise of His power because it challenged the system they maintained and their place and comfort in the community. Jesus was constantly pointing out that the law was made for the sake of the people, and not the other way around. He wanted the priests and other leaders to learn that people were always more important than the religious system. This is a good lesson for us as well.

~ Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

<p>Sunday, February 11, 2024 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31–11:1 Mk 1:40-45</p>	<p>Thursday, February 15, 2024 <i>Weekday</i> Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25</p>
<p>Monday, February 12, 2024 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mk 8:11-13</p>	<p>Friday, February 16, 2024 <i>Weekday</i> Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 13, 2024 <i>Weekday</i> Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21</p>	<p>Saturday, February 17, 2024 <i>Weekday</i> Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 14, 2024 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20–6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18</p>	<p>Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org</p>

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Saint of the Day: February 11

Patron Saint of: Relief from physical ills

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: “O Mary conceived without sin.”

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was “something white in the shape of a girl.” She used the word aquero, a dialect term meaning “this thing.” It was “a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm.” Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (tu), but the polite form (vous). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus’ healing miracles – now performed at the intercession of His mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

Read the full article: “Our Lady of Lourdes” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-lourdes/. (Accessed January 29, 2024).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 11 de febrero de 2024

6° domingo del tiempo ordinario

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

Sal 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mc 1:40-45

Lunes, 12 de febrero de 2024

Día de la semana

Sant 1:1-11

Sal 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76

Mc 8:11-13

Martes, 13 de febrero de 2024

Día de la semana

St 1:12-18

Sal 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19

Mc 8:14-21

Miércoles, 14 de febrero de 2024

Miércoles de Ceniza

Sant 2:12-18

Sal 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 y 17

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Jueves, 15 de febrero de 2024

Día de la semana

Dt 30:15-20

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

Lc 9:22-25

Viernes, 16 de febrero de 2024

Día de la semana

Is 58:1-9a

Sal 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19

Mt 9:14-15

Sábado, 17 de febrero de 2024

Día de la semana

Is 58:9b-14

Sal 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Lc 5:27-32

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Reflexión sobre Marcos 1:40-45

“Ve a presentarte al sacerdote y ofrece por tu purificación lo que prescribió Moisés.” Con esta admonición, Jesús despide al leproso curado.

Lo que Moisés prescribió sobre la lepra se encuentra en los capítulos 13 y 14 del Levítico. Leyendo estos protocolos bastante complejos, descubrimos que la purificación después de la lepra incluye algunos rituales largos que implican “dos aves vivas y limpias, así como un poco de madera de cedro, hilo escarlata e hisopo.” (Lv 14:4)

Es interesante observar que el propio Jesús no siguió ninguno de estos protocolos, especialmente al tocar al leproso. Hay aquí una lección importante en la acción de curación de Jesús: arriesgarse a tocar a otros con el poder curativo, amoroso y perdonador de Dios es más importante que seguir cualquier protocolo.

Esta historia es una buena ilustración de una controversia clave en los evangelios, entre Jesús y los líderes religiosos de su tiempo, que a menudo se sentían ofendidos por el ejercicio de Jesús de su poder porque desafiaba el sistema que ellos mantenían y su lugar y comodidad en la comunidad. Jesús señalaba constantemente que la ley se hizo por el bien del pueblo, y no al revés. Quería que los sacerdotes y otros líderes aprendieran que las personas eran siempre más importantes que el sistema religioso. Esta es una buena lección también para nosotros.

~ P. Jay

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOURDES

Santo del día: 11 de febrero

Patrona de: Alivio de los males físicos

Bernardita era una niña enfermiza de padres pobres. Su práctica de la fe católica era poco más que tibia. Bernadette sabía rezar el Padre Nuestro, el Ave María y el Credo. También conocía la oración de la Medalla Milagrosa: “Oh María, sin pecado concebida.”

Durante los interrogatorios, Bernadette contó lo que vio. Era “algo blanco con forma de niña”. Utilizó la palabra aquero, un término dialectal que significa “esta cosa”. Era “una chica joven y bonita con un rosario sobre el brazo”. Su túnica blanca estaba ceñida por una faja azul. Llevaba un velo blanco. Tenía una rosa amarilla en cada pie. Llevaba un rosario en la mano. A Bernadette le impresionó también que la señora no se dirigiera a ella de manera informal (tu), sino cortés (vous). La Virgen humilde se apareció a una muchacha humilde y la trató con dignidad.

A través de esa humilde muchacha, María revitalizó y sigue revitalizando la fe de millones de personas. La gente comenzó a acudir en masa a Lourdes desde otras partes de Francia y de todo el mundo. En 1862, las autoridades eclesíásticas confirmaron la autenticidad de las apariciones y autorizaron el culto a Nuestra Señora de Lourdes para la diócesis. La fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes se hizo mundial en 1907.

Lourdes se ha convertido en un lugar de peregrinación y curación, pero aún más de fe. Las autoridades eclesíásticas han reconocido más de 60 curaciones milagrosas, aunque probablemente haya habido muchas más. Para los creyentes, esto no es sorprendente. Es una continuación de los milagros de curación de Jesús, realizados ahora por intercesión de su madre. Algunos dirían que los mayores milagros están ocultos. Muchos de los que visitan Lourdes vuelven a casa con una fe renovada y dispuestos a servir a Dios en sus hermanos necesitados.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: “Our Lady of Lourdes” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/our-lady-of-lourdes/. (Consultado el 29 de enero de 2024)





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