



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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BULLETIN/WEBPAGE

Bulletin Editor: bulletin@stanthonyfresno.org
 Bulletin inserts are due 4 weeks
 prior to publication.

Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua

The Catholic Christian community of St. Anthony of 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 #908

Mass Intentions

21 SUNDAY – 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
 9:30 a.m. † Steve Rontell by Phil & Dorothy Christensen
 11:00 a.m. † Peter Mendez by Sandra Mendez
 1:00 p.m. † Ruben Pineda por Noemi Gomez
 6:00 p.m. † Jose Viramontes by Viramontes Family

22 MONDAY
 NO MASS

23 TUESDAY
 6:45 a.m. † Carrie Dunn Penchuk by her family
 8:00 a.m. † Fernando Alibar by Richard Chavez


24 WEDNESDAY
 6:45 a.m. † Ray Abinanti by Madeline Wenzinger
 8:00 a.m. † Pat Mastro by his wife & family

25 THURSDAY
 6:45 a.m. † Jean Posson
 8:00 a.m. † Jesuina Lima by Phil & Dorothy Christensen

26 FRIDAY
 6:45 a.m. † Irene Johnson
 8:00 a.m. † Steve Hansen by the Perry Family

27 SATURDAY
 4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
 5:30 p.m. † Saul Ramirez, Jr. por su Familia

28 SUNDAY – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 8:00 a.m. † Hortencia Chavez by Stephanie Guglielmo
 9:30 a.m. † Juventina Zuniga by Alma Proxmire
 11:00 a.m. † Pedro T. Gamez by his Family
 1:00 p.m. Intenciones de la Familia DeAnda
 por parte de la Familia Briseño
 6:00 p.m. † Jesuina Lima by Phil & Dorothy Christensen



Monthly Memorial Mass

Saturday, April 20 – 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 or at St. Agnes Mission Church in April 2023. They are Alfredo Sanchez, Anne Frances Nist, Manuel Joseph Manzula, and Paul Gerald Messner. We will light a candle for each person and invite the family to take it home at the end of Mass as a Memorial of their loved one.



PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Night Co-Ed Bible Study

Next Session is April 24, 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: Jesus: The Way, the Truth and the Life. Please watch the bulletin for class dates.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. in Room 21

We have begun a new study, using the *Mary's Mantle Consecration: A Spiritual Retreat for Heaven's Help* book which is available on Amazon or at www.queenofpeacemedia.com/marys-mantle for those who wish to order a copy.



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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

SATURDAY, APRIL 27/SUNDAY, APRIL 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.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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




SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

CINCO DE MAYO LUNCHEON

Wednesday, May 8, 2024
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
St. Agnes Mission Church Social Hall,
111 W. Birch Steet, Pinedale

St. Anthony and St. Agnes parishioners (50+) are welcome to join us for our monthly luncheon. This month, we are celebrating with Mexican Food from Antonio's. Come join us for fun and a good meal! Cost: \$17.00 per person.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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



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

ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA

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 lámpara a mis pies, es una luz en mi sendero." Salmo 119

Grupo de Oración



JUEVES – GRUPO DE ORACIÓN ENCUENTRO CON DIOS.

Te invitamos al grupo de oración todos los jueves desde las 6:30 p.m. empezando con El Rosario, en la Iglesia de Santa Inés "Ven y llénate del Señor." 111 W Birch Street, Fresno, CA 93650

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!

March 31, 2024	\$44,952.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$45,939.00
Difference	-\$987.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024	\$818,556.86
July 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023	\$664,532.00
Difference	\$154,024.86

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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.

First Friday Schedule – May 3

- 8:45-11:00 a.m. Morning Mass and Adoration/Benediction
- 6:30 p.m. Adoration/Benediction Adoración Eucarística con Bendición Main Church



First Saturday Mass – May 4

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Mass in OLG Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Confession



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 (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)

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

Please mail any correspondence, contributions, Mass intentions to: St. Anthony of Padua – 5770 N. Maroa Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704

Sacraments & Pastoral Support..... Chris Shiveley (559) 439-0124, ext. 103
cshiveley@stanthonyfresno.org
Director of Religious Education..... Phyllis Carmona

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN	
March 31, 2024	\$2,548.92
2023-2024 YTD Total	\$62,643.41
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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



ENCOUNTER NIGHTS/NOCHES DE ENCUENTRO MAY 3, 2024

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration/*Hora Santa Eucaristica*

Come and Encounter Jesus Personally in the Eucharist. First Friday Bilingual Celebration will be held in the OLG Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

Ven y encuentra a Jesús personalmente en la Eucaristía. La Celebración Bilingüe del Primer Viernes se llevará a cabo en la Iglesia Principal a las 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Over the coming weeks, St. Anthony of Padua parish will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at weekend Mass. St. Anthony School will also be celebrating First Holy Communion during the Easter season.

As a community, let us pray for these young people as they receive Our Lord for the first time. May their love for Jesus grow over their lifetime. And may they and their family yearn to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion often.

First Holy Communion is the second of the three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism and Confirmation) which complete an individual's membership to the Catholic Community. The Eucharist Sacrament is commonly called First Holy Communion and celebrates the real presence of Christ in the bread, wine, and gathered community.

Communion (Eucharist) is the most important and more repeated Sacrament of the Catholic life. Each Sunday, we gather in Mass as the Body of Christ to be nourished by the life-giving gift of Jesus' own body and blood. When we leave Mass, we take this loving gift with us into the world, spreading the love of God and Good news of Jesus to all those around us. Regular participation in Communion (Eucharist) is encouraged for all Catholics from age 7 years and older.

Durante las próximas semanas, la parroquia de San Antonio de Padua celebrará el Sacramento de la Primera Comunión en la Misa del fin de semana. La escuela St. Anthony también celebrará la Primera Comunión durante la temporada de Pascua.

Como comunidad, oremos por estos jóvenes que reciben a Nuestro Señor por primera vez. Que su amor por Jesús crezca a lo largo de su vida. Y que ellos y sus familias anhelan recibir a Nuestro Señor en la Sagrada Comunión con frecuencia.

La Primera Comunión es el segundo de los tres Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo y Confirmación) que completan la membresía de un individuo en la Comunidad Católica. El Sacramento de la Eucaristía se llama comúnmente Primera Comunión y celebra la presencia real de Cristo en el pan, el vino y la comunidad reunida.

La Comunión (Eucaristía) es el Sacramento más importante y más repetido de la vida católica. Cada domingo nos reunimos en Misa como Cuerpo de Cristo para ser nutridos por el don vivificante del propio cuerpo y sangre de Jesús. Cuando salimos de Misa, llevamos este regalo de amor al mundo, difundiendo el amor de Dios y las Buenas Noticias de Jesús a todos los que nos rodean. Se anima a todos los católicos a partir de los 7 años de edad a participar regularmente en la Comunión (Eucaristía).

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD

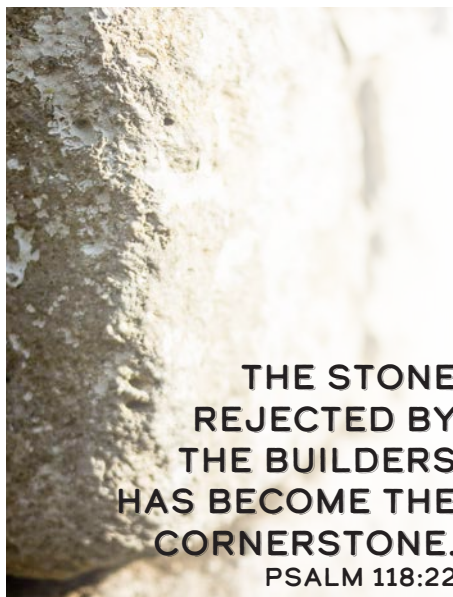
Reflection on John 10:11-18

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus says, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." These words call to mind the Church's mission of ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, which St. John Paul II states "is part of the church's evangelizing mission (Redemptoris Missio, 56).

While Jesus calls for a unity, a oneness for His flock, the aims of these dialogues with other Christians and people of other faiths (or of no faith) usually fall within three objectives:

1. To help people of different religions to live together in peace and harmony, a task which is ever more urgent in a world becoming increasingly multicultural, multireligious, and secular;
2. To work together in the service of humankind, knowing that the problems which our world and communities face are so great there is need for the efforts of all, together, to reach out to those who are in need; and
3. To share spiritual values, a mutual witness to beliefs, and an exploration of the riches of our respective traditions, helping all to deepen their religious commitments, respond with greater sincerity to God's call, and walk together toward the truth.

~ Fr. Jay



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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

Monday, April 22, 2024

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mk 16:15-20

Friday, April 26, 2024

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52

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

Jn 14:7-14

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

SAINT FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

Saint of the Day: April 24

Patron Saint of: Lawyers

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint's life.

Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed "the poor man's lawyer," Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest. Fidelis was his religious name.

As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers.

He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions.

He was accused of opposing the peasants' national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God's hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed.

Fidelis was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.

Fidelis' constant prayer was that he be kept completely faithful to God and not give in to any lukewarmness or apathy. He was often heard to exclaim, "Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain." His prayer against apathy, and his concern for the poor and weak make him a saint whose example is valuable today.

Read the full article: "Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-fidelis-of-sigmaringen/ (Accessed April 8, 2024).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 21 de abril de 2024

Cuarto domingo de Pascua

Hch 4:8-12

Sal 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

Lunes, 22 de abril de 2024

Semana Santa

Hch 11:1-18

Sal 42:2-3; 43:3, 4

Jn 10:1-10

Martes, 23 de abril de 2024

Semana Santa

Hch 11:19-26

Sal 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7

Jn 10:22-30

Miércoles, 24 de abril de 2024

Semana Santa

Hch 12:24-13, 5a

Sal 67:2-3, 5, 6 y 8

Jn 12:44-50

Jueves, 25 de abril de 2024

San Marcos, Evangelista

1 Pe 5:5b-14

Sal 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17

Mc 16:15-20

Viernes, 26 de abril de 2024

Semana Santa

Hch 13:26-33

Sal 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab

Jn 14:1-6

Sábado, 27 de abril de 2024

Semana Santa

Hch 13:44-52

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

Jn 14:7-14

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EL BUEN PASTOR

Reflexión sobre Juan 10,11-18

En este Domingo del Buen Pastor, Jesús dice: "Tengo otras ovejas que no son de este redil. También a ellas tengo que apacentar, y oirán mi voz, y habrá un solo rebaño y un solo pastor". Estas palabras nos recuerdan la misión de diálogo ecuménico e interreligioso de la Iglesia, que San Juan Pablo II afirma que "forma parte de la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia (Redemptoris Missio, 56).

Si bien Jesús pide una unidad, una unicidad para su rebaño, los fines de estos diálogos con otros cristianos y personas de otras religiones (o sin fe) suelen enmarcarse en tres objetivos:

- Ayudar a personas de distintas religiones a convivir en paz y armonía, una tarea cada vez más urgente en un mundo cada vez más multicultural, multirreligioso y laico;
- Trabajar juntos al servicio de la humanidad, sabiendo que los problemas a los que se enfrentan nuestro mundo y nuestras comunidades son tan grandes que es necesario el esfuerzo de todos, juntos, para ayudar a los necesitados; y
- Compartir valores espirituales, un testimonio mutuo de creencias y una exploración de las riquezas de nuestras respectivas tradiciones, ayudando a todos a profundizar en sus compromisos religiosos, responder con mayor sinceridad a la llamada de Dios y caminar juntos hacia la verdad.

~ P. Jay

SAN FIDEL DE SIGMARINGEN

Santo del día: 24 de abril

Patrón de: Abogados

Si un pobre necesitaba ropa, Fidelis solía dársela directamente. La generosidad total hacia los demás caracterizó la vida de este santo.

Nacido en 1577, Marcos Reyse convirtió en un abogado que defendía constantemente las causas de los pobres y los oprimidos. Apodado "el abogado de los pobres", Rey pronto se indignó con la corrupción y la injusticia que veía entre sus colegas. Dejó la abogacía para hacerse sacerdote. Fidelis era su nombre religioso.

Como seguidor de San Francisco de Asís, Fidelis continuó su devoción a los débiles y necesitados. Durante una grave epidemia en una ciudad donde era guardián de un convento, Fidelis atendió y curó a muchos soldados enfermos.

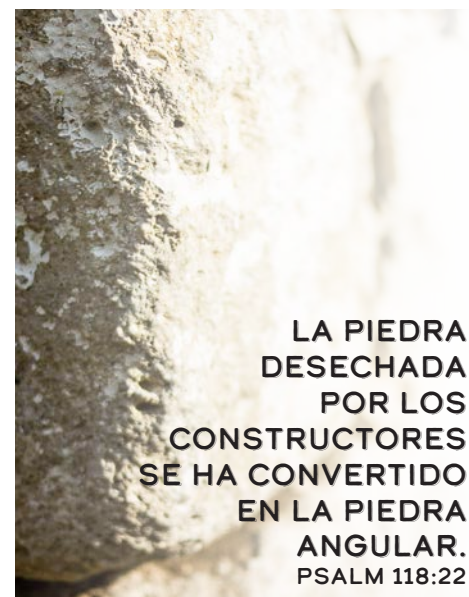
Fue nombrado jefe de un grupo de capuchinos enviados a predicar contra los calvinistas y zwinglianos en Suiza. Amenazaba una violencia casi segura. Quienes observaron la misión consideraron que el éxito se debía más a la oración de Fidelis durante la noche que a sus sermones e instrucciones.

Se le acusó de oponerse a las aspiraciones nacionales de los campesinos de independizarse de Austria. Mientras predicaba en Seewis le dispararon, pero salió ileso. Un protestante se ofreció a acogerle, pero Fidelis declinó la oferta alegando que su vida estaba en manos de Dios. En el camino de regreso, un grupo de hombres armados se abalanzó sobre él y lo mató.

Fidel fue canonizado en 1746. Quince años después fue reconocido mártir.

Fidelis rezaba constantemente para mantenerse completamente fiel a Dios y no ceder a ninguna tibieza o apatía. A menudo se le oía exclamar: "Ay de mí si no resultara más que un soldado a medias al servicio de mi Capitán coronado de espinas". Su oración contra la apatía y su preocupación por los pobres y los débiles hacen de él un santo cuyo ejemplo es valioso hoy en día.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-fidelis-of-sigmaringen/ (consultado el 8 de abril de 2024).



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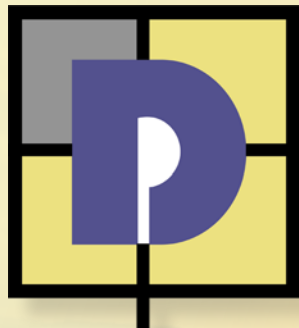
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