

*I will bless the Lord at all times; his  
praise shall be ever in my mouth*

*Psalm 34:2*

*Bendeciré al Señor en todo tiempo; su  
alabanza estará siempre en mi boca*

*Salmo 34:2*



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(closed 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. for lunch)

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# 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](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org).

**Thanks for joining us!**

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL: #983;  
Feast of the Assumption #1039/1040

## Mass Intentions

**11 SUNDAY – 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 a.m. † Rose Velarde by Rod & Catherine Christensen  
9:30 a.m. † James Hallowell by Rita Gladding  
11:00 a.m. † Maria Dolores Garcia by Juan M. Garcia  
1:00 p.m. † Roger Myers por Mary Bastos  
6:00 p.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their children

**12 MONDAY**  
NO MASS

**13 TUESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Bennie & Lucy Leal by Debbie Fagundes  
8:00 a.m. † Linda Quinn by the Belton Family

**14 WEDNESDAY – VIGIL – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
6:45 a.m. † Nancy & Sylvester, Sr. Bryan by Syl & Margaret Bryan  
8:00 a.m. Intentions (40th Ordination Ann.) of Father Regino Quijano  
5:30 p.m. † Patricia Lometti by Cindy Ferdindandi

**15 THURSDAY – Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
6:45 a.m. † Marcus Shiveley by the Shiveley Family  
8:00 a.m. † Peter Mendez by Sandra Mendez  
5:30 p.m. † Patricia Lometti by Linda Mastro  
7:00 p.m. † Jose Maria Reyes por Antonio & Jessica Reyes


**16 FRIDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Cortes Family by Evelyn Cortes  
8:15 a.m. Intentions of Maricor Cruzat by the Cruzat Family  
5:30 p.m. Intentions (40th Ordination Ann.) of Father Regino Quijano

**17 SATURDAY**  
4:00 p.m. † Charlotte Girado by Ed Girado & Family  
5:30 p.m. † Richard Burton por Ana Burton

**18 SUNDAY – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
9:30 a.m. † Gavin Gladding by Rita Gladding  
11:00 a.m. † Roland Realon by the Realon Family  
1:00 p.m. † Berenica Bastos por Mary Bastos  
6:00 p.m. Intentions (B-Day) of Aaliyah Garcia by Rosalinda Garcia

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

General Meeting & Dinner  
6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**  
6:45 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.; Español 7:00 p.m.

*The Assumption*  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Vigil Mass  
Wednesday, August 14  
5:30 p.m.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

### 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



## Monthly Memorial Mass

Saturday, August 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 or at St. Agnes Mission Church in August 2023. They are Nancy P. Wilson, Joan Anderson, Rogelio Molinero Pahua, Pedro Robles Avila, Sr., Ingeburg Maria Goolkasian, Mary Beza Salvio, Lyn Anne Acitelli, and William Richard Oaxaca. 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.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24/SUNDAY, AUGUST 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.



### 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



## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

Wednesday, September 11  
from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
\$17.00/person

They are back. Our Silver Angels ministry meets monthly on the second Wednesday at the St. Agnes Social Hall for fellowship, lunch, and a little fun. If you are looking for a fun outing and an opportunity to meet other parishioners, use the registration form on Page 9.

## 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.

*God our Father,*

*You never cease to seek out Your children – the lonely, the frightened, the hurt, and the lost. We pray for all our parishioners who have been missing from our parish community and Eucharistic celebrations since COVID.*

*Through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua, please pave the way for conversations and invitations that welcome them back to the Catholic Church and our St. Anthony of Padua Parish community. We trust in Your love and mercy for every one of Your children. Amen.*

*Dios, Padre nuestro,*

*Tú nunca dejas de buscar a tus hijos: los solitarios, los asustados, los heridos y los perdidos. Oramos por todos nuestros feligreses que han estado ausentes de nuestra comunidad parroquial y de las celebraciones eucarísticas desde el COVID.*

*Por intercesión de San Antonio de Padua, allane el camino para conversaciones e invitaciones que les den la bienvenida a la Iglesia Católica y a nuestra comunidad parroquial de San Antonio de Padua. Confiamos en tu amor y misericordia para cada uno de tus hijos. Amén.*

## STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

*Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!*

July 21, 2024	\$21,811.20
Last year’s Plate Income	\$21,145.00
Difference	\$666.20
<b>Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</b>	
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	\$1,214,185.91
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	\$1,023,124.15
Difference	\$191,061.76

## 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.

**WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE**  
CAMINANDO JUNTOS EN ESPERANZA  
2024 - 2025

**Bishop's Annual Appeal**  
WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

- 50% VOCATIONS/VOCACIONES
- 25% FORMATION/FORMACIÓN
- 25% RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

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Caminando Juntos en Esperanza

## SECOND COLLECTION/ SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN

This collection supports our seminarians as well as Diocesan programs that reach beyond our parish boundaries. *Esta colección apoya a nuestros seminaristas y a los programas diocesanos que van más allá de los límites de nuestra parroquia.*



## 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**

July 21, 2024	\$1,804.80
2024-2025 YTD Total	\$4,073.50

**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*





# Fr. Regino Quijano 40th Anniversary Mass

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 5:30 P.M.  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE EVENT CENTER.**

**YEAR OF MISSION**  
JULY 2024-JUNE 2025



**AÑO DE MISIÓN**  
JULIO 2024-JUNIO 2025



### PILLAR 3

## Eucharistic Life

This pillar encourages us to integrate our love for Christ into every aspect of our lives, transforming daily actions into continuous acts of worship and service. As we love Christ more, our lives become configured to his, reflecting his sacrificial love. When we live a Eucharistic life, we join in Christ's self-offering, allowing his love to flow through us to others.

### PILAR 3

## Vida Eucarística

Este pilar nos anima a integrar nuestro amor por Cristo en cada aspecto de nuestra vida, transformando las acciones diarias en actos continuos de adoración y servicio. A medida que amamos más a Cristo, nuestras vidas se configuran con la suya, reflejando su amor sacrificial. Cuando vivimos una vida eucarística, nos unimos al ofrecimiento de Cristo, permitiendo que su amor fluya a través de nosotros hacia los demás.



St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton are powerful examples of how putting the Eucharist at the center of your life leads to personal transformation and fuels mission.

Santa Teresa de Lisieux y Santa Isabel Ann Seton son ejemplos poderosos de cómo poner la Eucaristía en el centro de la vida conduce a la transformación personal y alimenta la misión.





# 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/](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://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...*



**Accepting Registrations for RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – GIFT “Growing In Faith Together”**



**Faith Formation & Sacrament Preparation for Children in Kindergarten-6th Grade**

FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Classes are held on Sundays at 3:00-4:15 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 and continue to have this program, contact Mary Briseno at 559-439-0124, ext. 113 or by email mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org.

**Aceptando Inscripciones para EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA – GIFT “Creciendo Juntos En Nuestra Fe” 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 3:00-4:15 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 nuestro sitio web: stanthonyfresno.org**

Para más información o para ser voluntario en el ministerio de niños y poder continuar con este programa, comuníquese con Mary Briseño al 559-439-0124, ext. 113 o por email: mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org.

**EDGE**

2024-2025 Registration for Grades 6th through 8th begins mid-August (only available online).

**Tuesday Evenings in Room 22 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning October 1st.**

Youth can prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion while attending EDGE.

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.



Para Jóvenes Bilingües  
**INSCRIPCIONES YA ESTÁN ABIERTAS PARA EL CURSO 24-25**

Visite nuestra pagina WEB o ESCANEE el CÓDIGO QR abajo para registrarse.



**CLASES COMIENZAN EL 8 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2024**

Para mas información comuníquese con el Diacono Edgar al 439-0124, ext. 111.



**LIFETEEN High School Youth Ministry**

**2024-2025 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.



**Confirmation 1 and 2 – High School Teens**

**2024-2025 Registration begins mid-August (only available online)**

Confirmation is a two-year program for students who are Freshmen or older. Candidates for Confirmation must be at least 16 years of age to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation candidates meet Sunday evenings with our Life Teen Youth Group. Confirmation meetings consist of attending: The Life Teen 6:00 p.m. Mass, and the Life Teen Youth Group which begins immediately after Mass until 8:30 p.m.

1st year, sessions begin Sunday, September 8th.

2nd year, sessions begin Sunday, September 15th.

**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.*



**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](mailto:sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org).

## THE FULLNESS OF LIFE

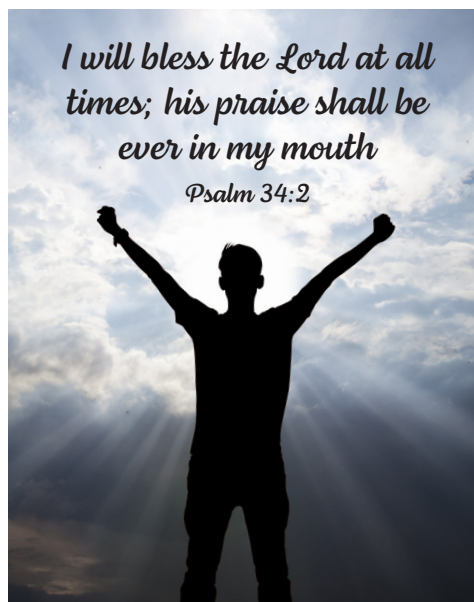
Reflection on Jn 6:41-51

Elijah, who has just defeated the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel and is now being pursued by a furious Queen Jezebel's army, sits down under a broom tree and prays for death. He is finished. But God has more plans for Elijah, and sends His angel to feed him and strengthen him for the journey to Horeb, the mountain of God.

I once met an angel, who looked very much like a Dominican sister. The details aren't important, but I was very much in the darkness of doubt and despair (a place we all have been), and was ready to give up completely. Sister N., so very gently but with firmness, helped me to see that God wasn't finished with me yet, and that God had some significant work for me to tend to in His Kingdom. Angels, God's messengers, are everywhere, in many guises.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, in quoting the prophets, says, "They shall all be taught by God," and that He Himself, as the "living bread that came down from heaven," gives Himself to us "for the life of the world." This echoes another saying of Jesus, that "I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full." Fullness of life comes in the eternity that breaks into our lives now, never more so than in our participation in the Eucharistic banquet. The Eucharist, and all those God places in our paths who become eucharist for us, is the great teacher.

—Fr. Jay



### Sunday, August 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8  
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Eph 4:30—5:2  
Jn 6:41-51

### Monday, August 12, 2024

Weekday

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c  
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14  
Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Weekday

Ez 2:8—3:4  
Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131  
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Saint Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest and Martyr

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22  
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Mt 18:15-20

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Thursday, August 15, 2024

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16  
1 Cor 15:20-27  
Lk 1:39-56

### Friday, August 16, 2024

Weekday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63  
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6  
Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday, August 17, 2024

Weekday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32  
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19  
Mt 19:13-15

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

## SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Saint of the Day: August 16

Patron Saint of: Bricklayers, Hungary

The Church is universal, but its expression is always affected—for good or ill—by local culture. There are no "generic" Christians; there are Mexican Christians, Polish Christians, Filipino Christians. This fact is evident in the life of Stephen, national hero and spiritual patron of Hungary.

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## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, August 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Eph 4:30—5:2

Jn 6:41-51

### Monday, August 12, 2024

Weekday

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c

Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14

Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Weekday

Ez 2:8—3:4

Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Saint Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest and Martyr

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22

Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday, August 15, 2024

The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

### Friday, August 16, 2024

Weekday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday, August 17, 2024

Weekday

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32

Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Mt 19:13-15

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## THE FULLNESS OF LIFE

Reflection on Jn 6:41-51

Elijah, who has just defeated the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel and is now being pursued by a furious Queen Jezebel's army, sits down under a broom tree and prays for death. He is finished. But God has more plans for Elijah, and sends His angel to feed him and strengthen him for the journey to Horeb, the mountain of God.

I once met an angel, who looked very much like a Dominican sister. The details aren't important, but I was very much in the darkness of doubt and despair (a place we all have been), and was ready to give up completely. Sister N., so very gently but with firmness, helped me to see that God wasn't finished with me yet, and that God had some significant work for me to tend to in His Kingdom. Angels, God's messengers, are everywhere, in many guises.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, in quoting the prophets, says, "They shall all be taught by God," and that He Himself, as the "living bread that came down from heaven," gives Himself to us "for the life of the world." This echoes another saying of Jesus, that "I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full." Fullness of life comes in the eternity that breaks into our lives now, never more so than in our participation in the Eucharistic banquet. The Eucharist, and all those God places in our paths who become eucharist for us, is the great teacher.

—Fr. Jay

## SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Saint of the Day: August 16

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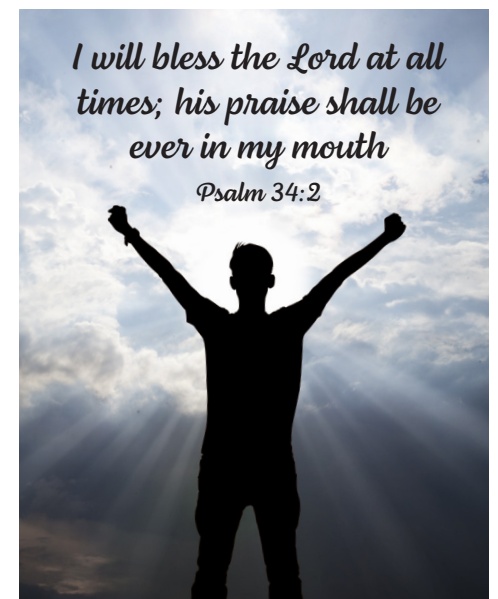
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