

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears

Psalm 34:5

Busqué a Yahveh y él me respondió y
me libró de todos mis temores.

Salmo 34:5

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 20° domingo del tiempo ordinario

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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.

Thanks for joining us!

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL: #986

Mass Intentions

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

19 MONDAY
NO MASS

20 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Doug Swinehart by the Frye Family
8:00 a.m. † Bert Belton by the Belton Family


21 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Nancy & Berthan McDonald by Syl & Margaret Bryan
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Juan Luis Carranco by Guadalupe Carranco

22 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Raymond & Tillie Mora by V. Pacheco
8:00 a.m. † Peter & Anna Le by Monique Le

23 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. † Tony & Elvira Fagundes by Debbie Fagundes
8:15 a.m. † Bernard & Theresa Hermann by Jeanne Hermann Starks

24 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. † Carrie Dunn Penchuk by her Family
5:30 p.m. † Santas Almas del Purgatorio por Familia Diaz

25 SUNDAY – 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their children
9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
11:00 a.m. † Angelo & Blanche Papagni
by Demetrio, Angelo, & Kathleen
1:00 p.m. † Uriel Aguirre Espinoza por Noemi Gomez
6:00 p.m. † Michael Campos by Dennis & Chris Monahan



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.

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

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.



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


WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

General Meeting 7pm; Rosary 6:15 p.m.
New Location: St. Agnes Mission Social Hall
111 Birch Street, Pinedale



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
Empress of the Americas—Council # 6092



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



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

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

Calling all Silver Angels, we have missed you! It is time for some fellowship and fun. Please join us at our September luncheon on Wednesday, September 11. We meet at the St. Agnes Mission Church Social Hall. Registration form is on Page 9.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

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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




TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 23 (Front side of school building facing Maroa). Open to men, women, and couples. Bishop Robert Barron's series *David the King*.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ROWDIES)

Wednesday, September 18, 8:30 a.m. in St. Anthony Conference Room (aka Donut Room). Women were essential to the ministry of Jesus and the flourishing of the early church. In *Women in the New Testament*, trusted guide Catherine Cory delves into the lives of the fascinating women who befriended Jesus, were healed and transformed by Him, followed Him as disciples, and proclaimed the good news of His Resurrection. Journey through the New Testament, exploring the social and religious world of first-century Palestine and the remarkable lives of these women of faith.

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



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 Mission

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

We invite you to pray the Mission 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 28, 2024	\$22,063.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$20,010.00
Difference	\$2,053.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	\$91,563.36
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	\$105,293.45
Difference	(\$ 13,730.09)

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.



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 14, 2024	\$1,011.25
2024-2025 YTD Total	\$2,268.70
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

YEAR OF MISSION
JULY 2024-JUNE 2025



AÑO DE MISIÓN
JULIO 2024-JUNIO 2025



PILLAR 4

Eucharistic Mission

This pillar is a call to evangelize—boldly spreading the Good News of Christ’s Eucharistic love and mercy in word and deed. As our love for Christ deepens, our lives will become increasingly configured to his mission, compelling us to serve others with his heart. We will be drawn to compassionate service, living our call to be his hands and feet to our neighbors and bring his presence to the margins.

PILAR 4

Misión Eucarística

Este pilar es un llamado a evangelizar: difundir con valentía la Buena Nueva del amor y la misericordia eucarísticos de Cristo en palabras y obras. A medida que nuestro amor por Cristo se profundice, nuestras vidas se configurarán cada vez más para su misión, obligándonos a servir a los demás con su corazón. Nos sentiremos atraídos por un servicio compasivo, viviendo nuestro llamado a ser sus manos y pies para nuestros vecinos y llevar su presencia a los márgenes.



The legacies of St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini exemplify how a profound devotion to the Eucharist drives a life committed to evangelization and selfless service.

Los legados de Santa Teresa de Calcuta y Santa Francisco Javier Cabrini ejemplifican cómo una profunda devoción a la Eucaristía impulsa una vida comprometida con la evangelización y el servicio desinteresado.



INVITE ONE BACK INITIATIVE – LAUNCH 9/7 & 9/8

Jesús te espera
Jesus is waiting for YOU

WOULD YOU JOIN US FOR MASS?

There is always room for you.



Year of Mission
Año de Misión
2024 - 2025

Welcome Home

Bienvenido a casa

¡ÚNETE A NOSOTROS EN LA CELEBRACIÓN DE LA EUCARISTÍA ESTE FIN DE SEMANA!

Siempre hay un lugar para ti y tu familia en nuestra comunidad de fe.



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...

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.



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.

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.

THE VASTNESS OF GOD

Reflection on John 6:51-58

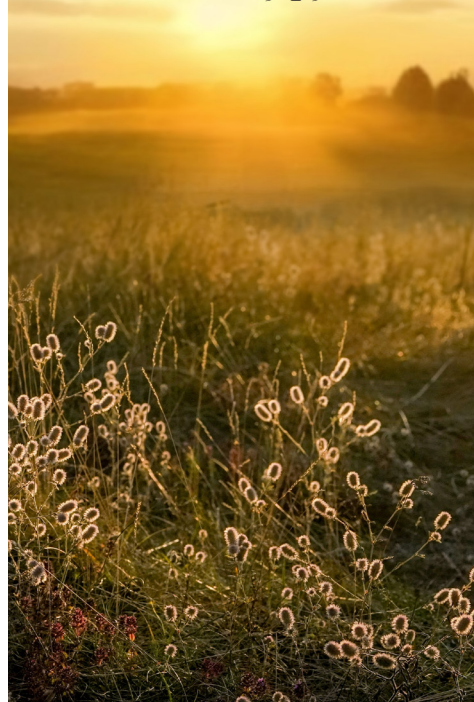
The many images and the vast language we use for God, in both our Scripture and tradition, cannot limit or “contain” who God is, but reflect the expansiveness of the divine. While the image of “God as Father” certainly dominates much of how we speak of God, a more feminine image of God is presented in today’s first reading from the Book of Wisdom. Here, God is “Wisdom,” who “has built her house” and “has spread her table.” She invites all to “come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!”

In this image we hear overtones of the Eucharistic Meal, and recall that “Wisdom of God” is one of the Church’s ancient titles for Jesus. The nourishment food brings to us is not optional; we need food and drink to survive physically. So it is also in the spiritual realm; we are in absolute need of Jesus – His real presence – in the Eucharist in order to have eternal life.

Fr. Jay

I sought the LORD,
and he answered me
and delivered me
from all my fears.

Psalm 34:5



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 18, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1-6
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58

Monday, August 19, 2024

Weekday

Ez 24:15-23
Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez 28:1-10
Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 34:1-11
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 36:23-28
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 23, 2024

Weekday

Ez 37:1-14
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 24, 2024

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
Jn 1:45-51

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

SAINT PIUS X, POPE

Saint of the Day: August 21

Patron Saint of: First Communicants and pilgrims

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children. The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century’s greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, “I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor.” He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. “Look how they have dressed me up,” he said in tears to an old friend. To another, “It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani.”

Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him. In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. “This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge.” He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

Read the full article: “St. Pius X” *Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars*,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pius-x/> (Accessed July 29, 2024).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 18 de agosto de 2024

20° del tiempo ordinario

Prv 9:1-6

Sal 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Ef 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58

Jueves, 22 de agosto de 2024

Reinado de la Bienaventurada

Virgen María

Ez 36:23-28

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

Mt 22:1-14

Lunes, 19 de agosto de 2024

Día de la semana

Ez 24:15-23

Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21

Mt 19:16-22

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Día de la semana

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Mt 22:34-40

Martes, 20 de agosto de 2024

San Bernardo, abad y doctor de la Iglesia

Ez 28:1-10

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Mt 19:23-30

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San Bartolomé, Apóstol

Ap 21:9b-14

Sal 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Jn 1:45-51

Miércoles, 21 de agosto de 2024

San Pío X, Papa

Ez 34:1-11

Sal 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Mt 20:1-16

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SANTOS: PIO X, PAPA

Santo del día: 21 de agosto

Patrón de: Primeros comulgantes y peregrinos

El Papa Pío X es quizás más recordado por su fomento de la recepción frecuente de la Sagrada Comunión, especialmente por parte de los niños. Joseph Sarto, el segundo de los diez hijos de una familia pobre italiana, se convirtió en Pío X a los 68 años. Fue uno de los papas más importantes del siglo XX.

Siempre consciente de su origen humilde, el Papa Pío declaró: "Nací pobre, viví pobre, moriré pobre". Se avergonzaba de la pompa de la corte papal. "Mira cómo me han vestido", le dijo entre lágrimas a un viejo amigo. A otro: "Es una penitencia que me obliguen a aceptar todas estas prácticas. Me llevan rodeado de soldados como a Jesús cuando le apresaron en Getsemaní".

El Papa Pío animó a los católicos italianos a implicarse más políticamente. Uno de sus primeros actos papales fue poner fin al supuesto derecho de los gobiernos a interferir mediante el veto en las elecciones papales, una práctica que redujo la libertad del cónclave de 1903 que le había elegido. En 1905, cuando Francia renunció a su acuerdo con la Santa Sede y amenazó con la confiscación de los bienes de la Iglesia si no se le concedía el control gubernamental de los asuntos eclesásticos, Pío X rechazó valientemente la demanda.

Aunque no escribió una famosa encíclica social como su predecesor, denunció los malos tratos a los indígenas en las plantaciones de Perú, envió una comisión de socorro a Mesina tras un terremoto y acogió a refugiados a sus expensas.

En el undécimo aniversario de su elección como Papa, Europa se vio inmersa en la Primera Guerra Mundial. "Esta es la última aflicción que el Señor visitará en mí. Con gusto daría mi vida para salvar a mis pobres hijos de este espantoso azote". Murió pocas semanas después del comienzo de la guerra, y fue canonizado en 1954.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "St. Pius X" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pius-x/> (Consultado el 29 de julio de 2024).

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