

THE LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind;

The LORD raises up those who were bowed down.

Psalm 146:7-8

Yahveh libera al cautivo

Yahveh da la vista a los ciegos

Yahveh levanta a los que estaban postrados.

Salmo 146:7-8

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 23º domingo del tiempo ordinario

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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BULLETIN/WEBPAGE

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*Welcome to
 St. Anthony of Padua*

The Catholic Christian community of St. Anthony 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: #995

Mass Intentions

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SUNDAY – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00 a.m. † Mike Michels by Laura Michels
- 9:30 a.m. † Elvira Razo Alvarado by her family
- 11:00 a.m. † Peter Mendez by Sandra Mendez
- 1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
- 6:00 p.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their children

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MONDAY

NO MASS

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TUESDAY

- 6:45 a.m. † Steve Fountain
- 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Orlando Vasquez by Hilda Maroney

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WEDNESDAY

- 6:45 a.m. Intentions of The Cortes Family by Evelyn Cortes
- 8:00 a.m. † Elvira Razo Alvarado by the Briseño Family

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THURSDAY

- 6:45 a.m. † Carrie Dunn Penchuk by her family
- 8:00 a.m. † Bernard & Theresa Hermann by Jeanne Hermann Starks

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FRIDAY

- 6:45 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory by Deacon Jose Ordaz
- 8:15 a.m. † Antoinette & Herman Gambero by daughter, Georgina

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SATURDAY

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

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SUNDAY – 24TH 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. † Maria Dolores Garcia by Juan M. Garcia
- 1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Rosa Gallardo
- 6:00 p.m. † Julito Remotique by Chris Shiveley



**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY**
Wednesday, September 11
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$17.00/person

Welcome back Silver Angels. We missed you. St. Anthony's Silver Angels ministry meets monthly on the second Wednesday at the St. Agnes Social Hall (111 Birch Avenue, Pinedale) for fellowship, lunch, and a little fun. If you are looking for a fun outing and an opportunity to meet other parishioners, join us.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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



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, September 14 – 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 September 2023. They are Juan J. Rodriguez, George Jebian, Shirley C. Martinez, Christine Ferrare, Sheila Cameron, and Hubert Holbert. 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.

**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.



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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21/SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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.



GRIEF SUPPORT

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. in Room 21 (front side of St. Anthony School facing Maroa). Dr. Sylvia Miller, Associate Profession of Nursing at Fresno State offers five grief support sections to help parishioners and family members navigate grief. These sections are offered twice a year so you don't have to walk alone.

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!

August 11, 2024	\$22,053.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$22,228.85
Difference	(\$175.85)
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.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator: Professor Craig Bernthal.

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Room 23 (Front side of school building facing Maroa)

Bishop Robert Barron’s series *David the King*. David is the paradigm of the good king in the Old Testament. His kingship recalls that of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and yet it points toward the King of kings, Jesus Christ. Open to men, women, and couples. Theme: The Law of the Gift



SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

July 14, 2024	\$1,723.73
2024-2025 YTD Total	\$10,413.74

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



**SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
ON CHURCH GROUNDS
ALL ARE INVITED!**

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

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

**LOURDES & ITALY
PILGRIMAGE**

VISITING:
LOURDES
AVIGNON
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FLORENCE
ASSISI
ROME

JULY 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**11 Days:
February 3-13, 2025**

Hosted by
FR. REGINO (REGGIE) ROSERO QUIJANO
Registration & Final Payment is due by September 26, 2024

**PILGRIMAGE PAYMENT
SCHEDULE:**

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

- An \$800.00 deposit is due with your reservation.
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 130 days prior to departure date (September 26, 2024).*

Gratuities, Mass donation and Hotel City Tourist Taxes will be collected at final payment.

Echoes of Faith 3.0
Become a Confident,
Competent, and
Creative Catechist!

Welcome CATECHIST!

Basic Catechist Training Classes
If you are a catechist or wish to become one, please join us beginning Saturday, September 21 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Room 22.
Bring a bag lunch. Must Register in Advance.
Contact Mary Briseño at 559-439-0124.

**CATECHETICAL
SUNDAY**

Sunday, September 15
Catechist Commissioning for everyone who teaches the faith (GIFT, EDGE, LIFETEEN, Adult) at the 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; and 1:00 p.m. Masses. Plan now to attend one of the above Masses. Thank you for sharing your gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

**CATHOLIC
Diocese of Fresno
CHARITIES**

Please join Catholic Charities and the Ministers of Presence Guild for the 21st Annual Harvest of Hope on September 14th as we come together to bring the gift of hope to families in the greatest of need.

For over two decades, Harvest of Hope has stood as a beacon of solidarity and support for our community, addressing fundamental needs and lighting the way to brighter futures.

This year, two honorees—Stanley and Darlene Spano and Holy Spirit Church Outreach Ministry - have been chosen to receive the Ministry of Presence Award, which recognizes their commitment to this community and embodiment of the Catholic Charities mission in their everyday lives.

Thanks to supporters like you, we've reached an astounding 515,000 men, women, and children across the San Joaquin Valley in the past year alone. These numbers represent not just statistics but real faces, real stories, and real lives touched by your compassion and generosity.

As we come together for this year's Harvest of Hope, we invite you to join us in continuing our vital mission: to serve, advocate for, and empower those in need. Your presence and support are deeply appreciated and essential in ensuring that we can continue to be there for those who need us most.

We hope you join us for another memorable Harvest of Hope. May God continue to bless you as you generously choose to bless others.

For more information, sponsorships, or individual tickets, please contact Mackenzie Villalobos at (559) 237-0851 or email mwillalobos@ccdof.org. You can also donate to the event at www.CCDOF.org. Just click DONATE in the upper right corner and designate your donation to Harvest of Hope.

May God continue to bless you as you generously choose to bless others.

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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.



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

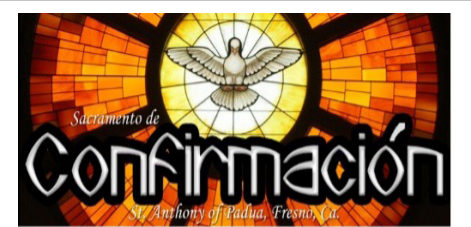
Click on *Faith Formation* or scroll down to the RCIA icon.

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.



Para Jóvenes Bilingües

CLASES COMIENZAN EL 8 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2024

SI AUN NO SE HAN REGISTRADO

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



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



Es tiempo de que te reencuentres con tu camino...

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.

BE OPENED

Reflection on Mark 7:31-37

One of my favorite prayers in our tradition is used in our baptismal ritual and comes from this gospel story of the healing of the deaf man who also has a speech impediment. It is called the prayer of Ephphatha. Making the sign of the cross over an infant's ears, the priest or deacon says, "May God soon touch your ears to hear his Word," and then making the sign of the cross on the mouth, he continues, "And your mouth to proclaim it, to the Glory of God." Ephphatha means, as the gospel says, "Be opened!"

This prayer for ears open to hear, and mouths open to proclaim, is echoed in the church's liturgy of the hours, as morning prayer begins with a passage from Psalm 95: "O, that today you would hear his voice," and with a verse from Psalm 51: "O, Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise."

The call to listen to God's voice and the call to proclaim God's praise is a good starting point for every prayer. I have noticed in my own prayer, however, that while the call to speak, to give praise and thanksgiving and intercession draws ready and easy response, most days the summons to listen requires more attention and care. I wonder if I dare, if we dare, open our lips to speak in God's name if we have not first heard his voice, first been formed and informed by listening for God's voice.

– Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 35:4-7a
 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
 Jas 2:1-5
 Mk 7:31-37

Monday, September 9, 2024

Saint Peter Claver, Priest
 1 Cor 5:1-8
 Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12
 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Weekday
 1 Cor 6:1-11
 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Weekday
 1 Cor 7:25-31
 Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17
 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday, September 12, 2024

Weekday
 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13
 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
 Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 13, 2024

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27
 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12
 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Nm 21:4b-9
 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
 Phil 2:6-11
 Jn 3:13-17

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

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Saint of the Day: September 13

Patron Saint of: Orators, Preachers and Speakers

The ambiguity and intrigue surrounding John, the great preacher (his name means "golden-mouthed") from Antioch, are characteristic of the life of any great man in a capital city. Brought to Constantinople after a dozen years of priestly service in Syria, John found himself the reluctant victim of an imperial ruse to make him bishop in the greatest city of the empire. Ascetic, unimposing but dignified, and troubled by stomach ailments from his desert days as a monk, John became a bishop under the cloud of imperial politics.

If his body was weak, his tongue was powerful. The content of his sermons, his exegesis of Scripture, were never without a point. Sometimes the point stung the high and mighty. Some sermons lasted up to two hours.

His zeal led him to decisive action. Bishops who bribed their way into office were deposed. Many of his sermons called for concrete steps to share wealth with the poor. The rich did not appreciate hearing from John that private property existed because of Adam's fall from grace any more than married men liked to hear that they were bound to marital fidelity just as much as their wives were. When it came to justice and charity, John acknowledged no double standards.

Theophilus, archbishop of Alexandria, and Empress Eudoxia were determined to discredit John. Theophilus feared the growth in importance of the Bishop of Constantinople and took occasion to charge John with fostering heresy. Theophilus and other angered bishops were supported by Eudoxia. The empress resented his sermons contrasting gospel values with the excesses of imperial court life. Whether intended or not, sermons mentioning the lurid Jezebel and impious Herodias were associated with the empress, who finally did manage to have John exiled. He died in exile in 407.

Read the full article: "Saint John Chrysostom" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-teresa-of-calcutta/ (Accessed August 19, 2024).



Inviting One Back: The Spirituality of Invitation



Do you remember the last time that you were invited somewhere? It may have been a wedding, a lunch date, or a cup of coffee. But invitations mean something. They say something: “I want to be with you”; “I enjoy your presence”; “I want you to be a part of my life.”

Invitations are uniquely powerful. An invitation is not forceful nor aggressive, yet, by nature, it expects a response. Jesus used invitations all the time! He invited people to worship and glorify God, he invited people to follow him, he invited people to dine with him, and he invited people to repent and believe in the Gospel. We should do the same today.

Though there are many reasons why Catholics stop attending Mass, it is safe to assume the majority will only come back if personally invited. No matter where individuals are or what decisions they have made, the Church remains a spiritual home and community of people in need of God’s love and mercy. An invitation reminds them that they belong within our community and that their presence is missing. If even one person is missing from our parish, their absence matters! In the words of the great Christian writer, C.S. Lewis: “There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.”

Every person we have encountered has an eternal destiny. Every person who has ever been a parishioner at our church is a person with an immortal soul and, therefore, an infinite amount of value. Whether our parish is missing just a single soul, or five souls, or five hundred souls, we are incomplete without one another.


As we strive to do our part for the Eucharistic Revival, we need to not only bring people into deeper encounters with the physical Body of Christ, veiled in the Eucharist, but we also need to bring people into deeper encounters with the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. We need to bring people back into our parishes. We need to remind people that they belong to something bigger than all of us. Our parish families, our Eucharistic communities, need each of their individual members. Every single parishioner is a vital organ to their parishes because every single person is a vital organ to the Mystical Body of Christ at large. Every single one of us has a seat at the table of our Lord. It’s difficult to have Eucharistic Revival in our parishes if some of our members are missing!

For this reason, we are asking that each parish’s invitation be covered and saturated with prayer. This campaign is not simply about inviting people back but praying people back into the arms of the Church, and the only way that we can be successful in these invitations is by allowing God to work in and through our invitations.


The Ushers will have Invitation postcards available as you exit the church. The white space is to write a personal message inviting someone back to Mass. Should you need additional Invitations they will be in the bulletin racks at all entrances through this Year of Mission.

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Invitar a uno a volver: La espiritualidad de la invitación



¿Recuerdas la última vez que te invitaron a algún lugar? Puede haber sido a una boda, a almorzar o a tomar un café. Pero las invitaciones significan algo. Dicen algo: “Quiero estar contigo”; “disfruto de tu presencia”; “quiero que seas parte de mi vida”.

Las invitaciones tienen un poder único. Una invitación no es contundente ni agresiva, sin embargo, por naturaleza, espera una respuesta. ¡Jesús usaba invitaciones todo el tiempo! Invitaba a la gente a rendir culto y glorificar a Dios, invitaba a la gente a seguirlo, invitaba a la gente a cenar con él, e invitaba a la gente a arrepentirse y creer en el Evangelio. Debemos hacer lo mismo hoy.

Aunque hay muchas razones por las que los católicos dejan de asistir a Misa, es seguro asumir que la mayoría solo regresará si es invitado personalmente. No importa dónde estén las personas o qué decisiones hayan tomado, la Iglesia sigue siendo un hogar espiritual y una comunidad de personas necesitadas del amor y la misericordia de Dios. Una invitación les recuerda que pertenecen a nuestra comunidad y que su presencia está ausente.

Si falta una sola persona en nuestra parroquia, ¡su ausencia importa! En palabras del gran escritor cristiano, C.S. Lewis: “No hay gente común. Nunca has hablado con un simple mortal.” Cada persona que hemos conocido tiene un destino eterno. Cada persona que ha sido feligrés de nuestra iglesia es una persona con un alma inmortal y, por lo tanto, con un valor infinito. Si a nuestra parroquia le falta una sola alma, o cinco almas, o quinientas almas, estamos incompletos los unos sin los otros.

Al esforzarnos por hacer nuestra parte para el Avivamiento Eucarístico, no solo necesitamos llevar a las personas a encuentros más profundos con el Cuerpo físico de Cristo, velado en la Eucaristía, sino que también necesitamos llevar a las personas a encuentros más profundos con el Cuerpo Místico de Cristo, la Iglesia. Necesitamos traer a la gente de vuelta a nuestras parroquias. Tenemos que recordar a las personas que pertenecen a algo más grande que todos nosotros. Nuestras familias parroquiales, nuestras comunidades eucarísticas, necesitan cada uno de sus miembros individuales. Cada feligrés es un órgano vital para sus parroquias porque cada persona es un órgano vital para el Cuerpo Místico de Cristo en general. Cada uno de nosotros tiene un sitio en la mesa de nuestro Señor. ¡Es difícil que haya un Avivamiento Eucarístico en nuestras parroquias si faltan algunos de sus miembros!

Por esta razón, pedimos que la invitación de cada parroquia esté cubierta y saturada de oración. Esta campaña no se trata simplemente de invitar a la gente a volver, sino en orar para que la gente vuelva a los brazos de la Iglesia, y la única manera de que tengamos éxito en estas invitaciones es permitiendo que Dios actúe en y a través de nuestras invitaciones.

Los ujieres tendrán postales de invitación disponibles al salir de la iglesia. El espacio en blanco es para escribir un mensaje personal invitando a alguien a regresar a Misa. Si necesita invitaciones adicionales, estarán en los estantes de anuncios en todas las entradas durante este Año de Misión.

Jesús te espera

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