



*For he has freed my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.  
I shall walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.*

Psalm 116:8-9

*Porque ha librado mi alma de la  
muerte, mis ojos de las lágrimas, mis pies  
de los tropiezos. Caminaré delante del  
Señor en la tierra de los vivos.*

Salmo 116:8-9

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 24° domingo del tiempo ordinario

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

**Thanks for joining us!**

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL: #998

*Mass Intentions*

**15 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

**16 MONDAY**  
NO MASS

**17 TUESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. Intentions (B-Day) of Michael O'Rourke  
by Ron & Kathi O'Rourke  
8:00 a.m. † Joan Ciccarella by John & DeAnna Driscoll

**18 WEDNESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Tony & Elvira Fagundes by Debbie Fagundes  
8:00 a.m. † Jim Snell by Allan & Mary Wilson


**19 THURSDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Sandra Bryan Smith by Syl & Margaret Bryan  
8:00 a.m. † Helen Mastro by Linda Mastro

**20 FRIDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Cortes Family  
by Evelyn Cortes  
8:15 a.m. † Hannah Beggs by the Fanucchi Family

**21 SATURDAY**  
4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
5:30 p.m. † Santas Almas del Purgatorio por Familia Diaz

**22 SUNDAY – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Gloria Diaz by Jessica Hamm  
9:30 a.m. † Beatrice Franz by Robert & Maggie Brecht  
11:00 a.m. † Paul Realon by the Realon Family  
1:00 p.m. † Berenica Bastos por Mary Bastos  
6:00 p.m. † Michael Campos by Dennis & Chris Monahan





## Monthly Memorial Mass

Saturday, September 21 – 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.

### 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

### 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.



**Saturday, September 21, 2024, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**  
 Session 1 – Theology: I Believe / The Catechist: *Welcome CATECHIST!*  
 Getting Started. Please sign up ahead of time with Mary Briseno by email at [mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org). Bring a sack lunch, pencil/pen, and notebook. Let us know if you need to borrow a book, or purchase your own copy in advance.

### 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 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.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2**  
 General Meeting 7pm; Rosary 6:15 p.m.  
 New Location: St. Agnes Mission Social Hall 111 Birch Street, Pinedale



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

### 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



**ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA**  
 "Tu palabra es una lámpara a mis pies; es una luz en mi sendero". SALMO 119  
 Jueves, en salón #22 de la escuela 7:00pm  
 Reflexionaremos las Lecturas y Evangelio Dominicales  
 INFORMES: HERMANA EDITH (559)439-0124 Ext. 122

**JUEVES – ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA**  
 7:00 p.m. en el salón #22  
 Acompáñenos para reflexionar en las lecturas de la biblia y el Evangelio Dominical. "Tu Palabra es una lampara a mis pies, es una luz en mi sendero." Salmo 119

### Grupo de Oración

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**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 25, 2024	\$22,923.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$19,779.57
Difference	\$3,143.43
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
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.

*The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:*

- Jorden Prieto & Kristen Casey
- Juan Hipolito & Rosalia Rodriguez Santo
- Justin Donner & Leah Karthof

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

### SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

August 25, 2024	\$1,530.60
2024-2025 YTD Total	\$11,944.34

**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*





# 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.

# LOURDES & ITALY PILGRIMAGE

VISITING:  
**LOURDES**  
**AVIGNON**  
**NICE**  
**FLORENCE**  
**ASSISI**  
**ROME**

**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.



# 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 Brisenó at 559-439-0124, ext. 113 or by email mbrisenó@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: mbrisenó@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

**LAS CLASES YA COMENZARON**

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

## THINK AS GOD DOES

*Reflection on Mark 8:27-35*

At this near half point of Mark's Gospel, we encounter Jesus' first reference to His Passion, in response to Peter's affirmation that He is the Christ. That the Christ must be rejected and suffer, be put to death, and be raised after three days, had to be a hard pill to swallow for His disciples. Apparently, Peter rejected this destiny in his rebuke of Jesus, which seems only natural, for who would want his/her friend and teacher to face all this ugliness and pain. Yet Jesus says that Peter was "thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

I also think not as God does but as human beings do whenever I take my faith for granted by treating my religion as a comfort zone and my relationship with God as a private experience, a place where I can retreat to and ignore the world's struggles. Faith, if it is real, leads us into the world's pain and struggle. Faith calls us into this pattern of death and resurrection, of "taking up our cross" and following in the footsteps of Jesus. Living the Gospel life is indeed challenging, but the reward is that God's grace permeates all of it, every moment of suffering and bliss, of pain and renewal, of death and resurrection. God is in all of it. We are saved in the process, the Paschal Mystery; we are not saved from it.

Remember, it was not Daniel's faith that saved him from the jaws of the lion – God did that. It was Daniel's faith that got him into the lion's den to begin with.  
– Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, September 15, 2024

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 50:5-9a  
Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
Jas 2:14-18  
Mk 8:27-35

### Monday, September 16, 2024

*Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33  
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17  
Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday, September 17, 2024

*Weekday*

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a  
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday, September 18, 2024

*Weekday*

1 Cor 12:31-13:13  
Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22  
Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday, September 19, 2024

*Weekday*

1 Cor 15:1-11  
Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28  
Lk 7:36-50

### Friday, September 20, 2024

*Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

1 Cor 15:12-20  
Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15  
Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday, September 21, 2024

*Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5  
Mt 9:9-13

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## SAINT CORNELIUS

*Saint of the Day: September 16*

*Patron Saint of: Earache Sufferers*

There was no pope for 14 months after the martyrdom of Saint Fabian because of the intensity of the persecution of the Church. During the interval, the Church was governed by a college of priests. Saint Cyprian, a friend of Cornelius, writes that Cornelius was elected pope "by the judgment of God and of Christ, by the testimony of most of the clergy, by the vote of the people, with the consent of aged priests and of good men."

The greatest problem of Cornelius' two-year term as pope had to do with the Sacrament of Penance and centered on the readmission of Christians who had denied their faith during the time of persecution. Two extremes were finally both condemned. Cyprian, primate of North Africa, appealed to the pope to confirm his stand that the relapsed could be reconciled only by the decision of the bishop. In Rome, however, Cornelius met with the opposite view. After his election, a priest named Novatian (one of those who had governed the Church) had himself consecrated a rival bishop of Rome—one of the first antipopes. He denied that the Church had any power to reconcile.

The friendship of Cornelius and Cyprian was strained for a time when one of Cyprian's rivals made accusations about him. But the problem was cleared up.

A document from Cornelius shows the extent of organization in the Church of Rome in the mid-third century: 46 priests, seven deacons, seven subdeacons. It is estimated that the number of Christians totaled about 50,000. He died as a result of the hardships of his exile in what is now Civitavecchia.

Men like Cornelius and Cyprian were God's instruments in helping the Church find a prudent path between extremes of rigorism and laxity.

Read the full article: "Saint Cornelius" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-cornelius/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-cornelius/) (Accessed September 3, 2024).



## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

### Domingo, 15 de septiembre de 2024

24° domingo del tiempo ordinario  
Is 50:5-9a  
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Sant 2:14-18  
Mc 8:27-35

### Lunes, 16 de septiembre de 2024

Santos Cornelio, Papa, y Cipriano,  
Obispo, mártires  
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33  
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Lc 7:1-10

### Martes, 17 de septiembre de 2024

Día de la semana  
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a  
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Lc 7:11-17

### Miércoles, 18 de septiembre 2024

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1 Cor 12:31-13, 13  
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1 Cor 15:1-11  
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Santos Andrés Kim Tae-gõn,  
presbítero, y Pablo Chõng Ha-sang,  
y compañeros, mártires  
1 Cor 15:12-20  
Sal 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b y 15  
Lc 8:1-3

### Sábado, 21 de septiembre de 2024

Santos: Mateo, Apóstol y Evangelis  
Ef 4:1-7, 11-13  
Sal 19:2-3, 4-5  
Mt 9:9-13

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## SAN CORNELIO

Santo del día: 16 de septiembre

Patrón de: los que sufren dolor de oídos

No hubo Papa durante 14 meses después del martirio de San Fabián debido a la intensidad de la persecución de la Iglesia. Durante ese intervalo, la Iglesia fue gobernada por un colegio de sacerdotes. San Cipriano, amigo de Cornelio, escribe que Cornelio fue elegido papa "por el juicio de Dios y de Cristo, por el testimonio de la mayoría del clero, por el voto del pueblo, con el consentimiento de ancianos sacerdotes y de hombres de bien."

El mayor problema del bienio de Cornelio como papa tuvo que ver con el sacramento de la Penitencia y se centró en la readmisión de los cristianos que habían renegado de su fe durante el tiempo de la persecución. Dos extremos fueron finalmente ambos condenados. Cipriano, primado del norte de África, apeló al papa para que confirmara su postura de que los recaídos sólo podían ser reconciliados por decisión del obispo. En Roma, sin embargo, Cornelio se encontró con la opinión contraria. Tras su elección, un sacerdote llamado Novaciano (uno de los que habían gobernado la Iglesia) se hizo consagrar obispo rival de Roma, uno de los primeros antipapas. Negó que la Iglesia tuviera poder alguno para reconciliarse.

La amistad entre Cornelio y Cipriano fue tensa durante un tiempo, cuando uno de los rivales de Cipriano hizo acusaciones contra él. Pero el problema se aclaró.

Un documento de Cornelio muestra el grado de organización de la Iglesia de Roma a mediados del siglo III: 46 sacerdotes, siete diáconos, siete subdiáconos. Se calcula que el número de cristianos ascendía a unos 50.000. Murió a consecuencia de las penurias de su exilio en la actual Civitavecchia.

Hombres como Cornelio y Cipriano fueron instrumentos de Dios para ayudar a la Iglesia a encontrar un camino prudente entre los extremos del rigorismo y la laxitud.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Cornelius" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-cornelius/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-cornelius/) (Consultado el 3 de septiembre de 2024).

## PIENSA COMO DIOS

Reflexión sobre Marcos 8:27-35

En este punto intermedio del Evangelio de Marcos, encontramos la primera referencia de Jesús a su Pasión, en respuesta a la afirmación de Pedro de que Él es el Cristo. Que el Cristo tuviera que ser rechazado y sufrir, ser condenado a muerte y resucitar al cabo de tres días, tuvo que ser una píldora difícil de tragar para sus discípulos. Aparentemente, Pedro rechazó este destino en su reprimenda a Jesús, lo que parece natural, pues quién querría que su amigo y maestro se enfrentara a toda esta fealdad y dolor. Sin embargo, Jesús dice que Pedro "no pensaba como Dios, sino como los seres humanos."

Yo también pienso no como Dios, sino como los seres humanos, cada vez que doy por sentada mi fe al tratar mi religión como una zona de confort y mi relación con Dios como una experiencia privada, un lugar al que puedo retirarme e ignorar las luchas del mundo. La fe, si es real, nos lleva al dolor y a la lucha del mundo. La fe nos llama a este modelo de muerte y resurrección, de "tomar nuestra cruz" y seguir los pasos de Jesús. Vivir la vida evangélica es un verdadero reto, pero la recompensa es que la gracia de Dios lo impregna todo, cada momento de sufrimiento y dicha, de dolor y renovación, de muerte y resurrección. Dios está en todo ello. Nos salvamos en el proceso, el Misterio Pascual; no nos salvamos de él.

Recuerda, no fue la fe de Daniel lo que le salvó de las fauces del león - Dios lo hizo. Fue la fe de Daniel la que lo metió en el foso de los leones.

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