

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 33º domingo del tiempo ordinario

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

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For in him our hearts rejoice; in his
holy name we trust.
May your mercy, LORD, be upon
us; as we put our hope in you.

Psalm 33:21,22

Porque en él se alegra nuestro corazón;
en su santo nombre confiamos.
Que tu misericordia, YAHVEH, sea con nosotros;
pues en ti ponemos nuestra esperanza.

Salmo 33:21,22

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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: #1025

17 Mass Intentions

SUNDAY – 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
9:30 a.m. † Steve Rontell by Linda Mastro
11:00 a.m. † Peter Mendez by Sandra Mendez
1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Rosa Gallardo
6:00 p.m. † Michael Campos by Dennis & Chris Monahan

18 MONDAY

NO MASS

19 TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. † Susan Paul by Eliseo & Nivia Cuellar
8:00 a.m. † Nancy & Sylvester Bryan, Sr. by Syl & Margaret Bryan

20 WEDNESDAY

6:45 a.m. † Flora Bayaca by Libertie Tacata
8:00 a.m. † Maria Esperanza Flores by Ernesto Castolo

21 THURSDAY

6:45 a.m. † Elizabeth Jean Perez by John & Deanna Driscoll
8:00 a.m. † Hannah Beggs by the Fanucchi Family

22 FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. † Frank Foran by Brian Cameron
8:15 a.m. Intentions of Elizabeth Zano by Nerish Garcia

23 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. † Erma Silipini by Danny & Dolores Leon
5:30 p.m. † Richard Burton by Ana Burton

24 SUNDAY – CHRIST THE KING

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Hermen Cabrera by the Chavez Family
9:30 a.m. † David Frietas by Marilyn Cotta
11:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
1:00 p.m. † Jesus Sanchez & Maria Cervantes por Daniel Sanchez
6:00 p.m. Intentions (B-Day) of Enrique Galvan by Lydia Galvan

The following couple will marry in the coming weeks:

Antonio Villavazo & Emilia Munoz

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16/SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The Knights of Columbus volunteers will be available before and after Mass to receive your nonperishable donations in the Pavilion. Please do not leave items in the church or Conference Room (aka Donut Room). Thank you.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

Catholic Charities Annual Turkey Drive

Catholic Charities will be accepting Turkeys in the KSEE24 parking lot at 5035 E. McKinley Drive, Fresno from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024

Blessing to the Bread Mass – 6:00 p.m. Main Church

Parishioners are invited to bring items (bread, wine, etc.) you will be serving at Thanksgiving to be blessed. Please put your name on your items as many items look alike. Place items in the baskets along the Communion rail.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024

Thanksgiving Day Mass – 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Main Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

General Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Rosary 6:15 p.m.

New Location: St. Agnes Mission Social Hall, 111 Birch Avenue, Pinedale



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. – Session 4

Theology: Prayer and Spirituality / Methodology:

The Learner. Please sign up ahead of time with Mary Briseno by email at mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org or call 439-0124. Bring a sack lunch, pencil/pen, and notebook. Let us know if you need to borrow a book.

Welcome CATECHIST!



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

Wednesday, December 11, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

\$20.00/person

Please join us for Pardini's Holiday feast (Turkey, Ham, stuffing, and all the trimmings) at St. Agnes Social Hall at 111 Birch Avenue, Pinedale. Open to everyone 50+. Come join us for fellowship, lunch, and a little fun. Make your registration today using the form on Page 9.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

General Meeting & Dinner

6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall



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



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." el salón #23

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

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.



SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

October 27, 2024	\$1,361.65
2024-2025 YTD Total	\$27,102.33

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

STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

October 27, 2024	\$21,883.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$19,531.00
Difference	\$2,352.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024	\$387,507.36
July 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023	\$395,994.97
Difference	-\$8,487.61

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.

NO CONFESSIONS Saturday, November 16



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Fresno

St. Anthony of Padua parish will take part in Catholic Charities Christmas Toy Drive for youth 0 to 12 years old. Watch next week bulletin for more details on when to bring your new, unwrapped toys in early December. Thank you.

ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

111 W. Birch Avenue, 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
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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



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA / ST. AGNES

Annual Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m.



JANUARY 2023

Lida Marie Helman
Teresa Louise Piacentini
Jacob Lucero
Raymond "Dean" Cameron
Alonzo Hernandez

FEBRUARY 2023

Hermilo Parmatz-Morales
Catherine Manuela Zarate
Laura Andrea Martinez
Nathaniel Gonzales
Eileen Jean Nicolet
Marie Papulias-Cook
Agnes "Anne" Wrzalinski
Margaret Archuleta
Albert Herrera Galindo
Maria Enriqueta Gonzales
Rosemary Anne Bosch
Ruben Ornelas Becerra
Timothy S. Nolan

MARCH 2023

Michael Wesley Dong
Agatha Marie Jayne
Lynne Loyd
Vincent Bernard McNamara
Charlotte Rose Lewis

APRIL 2023

Alfredo Sanchez
Anne Frances Nist
Manuel Joseph Manzula
Paul Gerald Messner

MAY 2023

Elvira Razo-Alvarado
Mariano Armendarez Ramirez
Vivian Avants
Peter Cottrell Morris
Daniel Libres Sarabosing
Estrellita Graciosa Sarabosing
Elba Edwards
Valentina Padua Tacata
Teresa Mary Darby

JUNE 2023

Anita Rose Marciochi
Orlando Flores Jacidone
Adrian Alvarado
Charles Stephens, Jr.
Gary Arthur Kearney
Rudy Aguilar
Rev. Monsignor John Anthony
Coelho-Harguindeguy

JULY 2023

Victoria Patlan
Steven C. Liscano
Emily Vasquez Ruiz
Marilou Estrada Cazares

AUGUST 2023

Nancy P. Wilson
Joan Anderson
Pedro Robles Avila, Sr.
Ingeburg Maria Goolkasian
Mary Beza Salvio
Lyn Anne Acitelli
William Richard Oaxaca
Rogelio Molinero Pahua

SEPTEMBER 2023

Juan J. Rodriguez
George Jebian
Shirley C. Martinez
Christine Ferrare
Sheila Cameron
Hubert Holbert

OCTOBER 2023

Asuncion Manaysay Garcia
Gayle Lynn Smith
Lenore Samson

NOVEMBER 2023

Phillip Arendt
Carol Cote-Eakes
Donald Lee Winslow
Teresa Vazquez
Leonard Raymond Garber
John Joseph Lewis
Salvador Rivera
Robert Duran
William Klein

DECEMBER 2023

Filomena Cerbo

Join us as we remember our friends & family members who went home to the Lord in 2023. A member of the family will be invited to say the name of their loved one before receiving a flower to present to the Blessed Mother or to take home as a memorial. This is our final farewell. Friends and family are invited.

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 is open (only available online).
Tuesday Evenings in Room 22 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. began 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

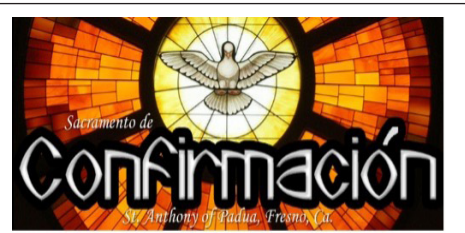
2024-2025 for Grades 9 through 12
 Director, Sharon Christison, ext. 117, schristison@stanthonyfresno.org
 LifeTeen is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church. LifeTeen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We create a dynamic space where 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 is open (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 began Sunday, September 8th.
 2nd year, sessions began 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



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

SMALL GESTURES

Reflection on Mark 13:24-32

Sometimes it may seem that what we are doing with our lives is not all that important. We may look at others who appear to be, well, important people – well-dressed, intelligent folk who are making great contributions to the world – and then look at our own lives and be tempted to think of them as rather insignificant.

The widow in this Gospel passage did not give very much, but Jesus praised her. Her small gesture of generosity came, not from her surplus, but from her substance. Small gestures, when done from the core of who we are, can make a decided difference in the larger scheme of things.

In Mark's Gospel, this passage is sandwiched between Jesus giving the Great Commandment (love God/love neighbor) and Jesus speaking about the end of times, when each of us will have to give an accounting of our lives. Perhaps the account we should strive for is embodied best in this widow's gesture: making concrete the command of love by giving of all we are, all we have – our very substance, our very selves.

– Fr. Jay



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Psalm 33:21,22

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, November 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dn 12:1-3
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mk 13:24-32

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 5:1-10
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
Lk 19:41-44

Monday, November 18, 2024

Weekday
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Lk 18:35-43

Friday, November 22, 2024

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 10:8-11
Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Lk 19:45-48

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Weekday
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22
Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Lk 19:1-10

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Weekday
Rv 11:4-12
Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10
Lk 20:27-40

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Weekday
Rv 4:1-11
Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Lk 19:11-28

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

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Saint of the Day: November 17

Patron Saint of: Bakers, Catholic Charities

The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe.

At the age of 14, Elizabeth was married to Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. She bore three children. Under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family looked upon her as squandering the royal purse, and mistreated her, finally throwing her out of the palace. The return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later.

Elizabeth understood well the lesson Jesus taught when He washed His disciples' feet at the Last Supper: The Christian must be one who serves the humblest needs of others, even if one serves from an exalted position. Of royal blood, Elizabeth could have lorded it over her subjects. Yet she served them with such a loving heart that her brief life won for her a special place in the hearts of many. Elizabeth is also an example to us in her following the guidance of a spiritual director. Growth in the spiritual life is a difficult process.

Read the full article: "Saint Elizabeth of Hungary" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-elizabeth-of-hungary/ (Accessed November 4, 2024).

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Domingo, 17 de noviembre de 2024

33° domingo del tiempo ordinario

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Sal 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mc 13:24-32

Lunes, 18 de noviembre de 2024

Día de la semana

Ap 1:1-4; 2:1-5
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Lc 18:35-43

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Ap 3:1-6, 14-22
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Ap 4:1-11
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Lc 19:11-28

Jueves, 21 noviembre 2024

Presentación de la
Bienaventurada Virgen María

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Lc 19:41-44

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Ap 11:4-12
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Reflexión sobre Marcos 13:24-32

A veces puede parecer que lo que hacemos con nuestras vidas no es tan importante. Podemos mirar a otros que parecen ser, bueno, personas importantes—bien vestidos, inteligentes, que hacen grandes contribuciones al mundo – y luego mirar nuestras propias vidas y sentirnos tentados a pensar que son más bien insignificantes.

La viuda de este pasaje del Evangelio no dio mucho, pero Jesús la alabó. Su pequeño gesto de generosidad no procedía de lo que le sobraba, sino de lo que le sobraba. Los pequeños gestos, cuando se hacen desde el centro de lo que somos, pueden marcar una diferencia decisiva en el esquema más amplio de las cosas.

En el Evangelio de Marcos, este pasaje se encuentra entre el Gran Mandamiento de Jesús (amar a Dios/ amar al prójimo) y el discurso de Jesús sobre el final de los tiempos, cuando cada uno de nosotros tendrá que dar cuenta de su vida. Quizá el gesto de esta viuda sea el que mejor encarna la rendición de cuentas a la que debemos aspirar: concretar el mandamiento del amor dando todo lo que somos, todo lo que tenemos: nuestra propia sustancia, nuestro propio ser.

– P. Jay

SANTA ISABEL DE HUNGRÍA

Santa del día: 17 de noviembre

Patrona de: Panaderos, Caridades Católicas

Hija del rey de Hungría, Isabel eligió una vida de penitencia y ascetismo cuando fácilmente podría haber llevado una vida de ocio y lujo. Esta elección le granjeó el cariño del pueblo llano de toda Europa.

A los 14 años se casó con Luis de Turingia, a quien amaba profundamente. Tuvo tres hijos. Bajo la dirección espiritual de un fraile franciscano, llevó una vida de oración, sacrificio y servicio a los pobres y enfermos. Buscando ser una con los pobres, vestía ropas sencillas. Todos los días llevaba pan a cientos de los más pobres del país que acudían a su puerta.

Tras seis años de matrimonio, su marido murió en las Cruzadas, e Isabel quedó desconsolada. La familia de su marido la consideraba una despilfarradora del erario real, la maltrataba y finalmente la echó de palacio. El regreso de los aliados de su marido de las Cruzadas supuso su reincorporación, ya que su hijo era el heredero legal al trono.

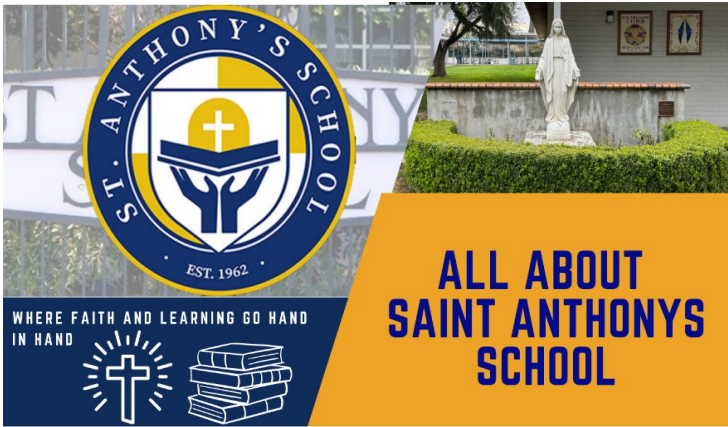
En 1228, Isabel ingresó en la Orden Franciscana Seglar y pasó los años que le quedaban de vida cuidando de los pobres en un hospital que fundó en honor de San Francisco de Asís. Su salud empeoró y murió antes de cumplir 24 años, en 1231. Su gran popularidad hizo que fuera canonizada cuatro años más tarde.

Isabel comprendió bien la lección que Jesús enseñó cuando lavó los pies a sus discípulos en la Última Cena: El cristiano debe servir a las necesidades más humildes de los demás, aunque lo haga desde una posición elevada. Isabel, de sangre real, podría haberse enseñoreado de sus súbditos. Sin embargo, les sirvió con un corazón tan amoroso que su breve vida le ganó un lugar especial en el corazón de muchos. Isabel es también un ejemplo para nosotros en su seguimiento de la guía de un director espiritual. El crecimiento en la vida espiritual es un proceso difícil.

Lee el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Elizabeth of Hungary" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-elizabeth-of-hungary/ (Consultado el 4 de noviembre de 2024).

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