

HOPE ♦ LOVE ♦ JOY ♦ PEACE

Advent 2024

*Guide me in your truth
and teach me, for you are
God my savior, and for you
I wait all the day.*

Psalms 25:5

*Guíame en tu verdad y
enséñame, porque tú eres
Dios mi salvador, y por ti
espero todo el día.*

Salmo 25:5



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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: #860

Mass Intentions

- 1 SUNDAY – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Tats & Maricor Cruzat by the Cruzat Family
9:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
11:00 a.m. † Rev. Joel Davadilla by Parayno Family
1:00 p.m. † Difuntos de la Familia Estrada
6:00 p.m. † Tim Cheung by Cynthia Keithley

- 2 MONDAY**
NO MASS

- 3 TUESDAY**
6:45 a.m. † John Boyle by Rose Caglia
8:00 a.m. † Dorie Realon by the Realon Family

- 4 WEDNESDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Gene Menroe by Diana Lopez
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Ron McClain by Hilda Maroney

- 5 THURSDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Patricia Lometti by Eliseo & Nivia Cuellar
8:00 a.m. † Jose Castolo by Ernesto Castolo

- 6 FRIDAY – FIRST FRIDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Don Jones, Jr. by Prudence Zaleoski
8:15 a.m. † Joan Bryan Wilcox by Syl & Margaret Bryan

- 7 SATURDAY – FIRST SATURDAY**
8:15 a.m. † St. Leopold Mandic by Mike & Angelina DiNuzzo
4:00 p.m. † Charlotte Girado by Ed Girado & Family
5:30 p.m. Intenciones de Norma Chacón por parte de la Familia Chacón

- 8 SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
8:00 a.m. Intentions (B-Day) of Michael Galvan by Lydia Galvan
9:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Belton Family by Perry & Belton Families
11:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Rosa Gallardo
6:00 p.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their children

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



First Friday, December 6 – OLG Chapel

8:15 a.m. Mass; Adoration 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; Adoration / Benediction 6:00 p.m.

First Saturday, December 7 – OLG Chapel

8:15 a.m. Mass; 10:00 a.m. Confessions

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

6:45 a.m.; 8:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 5:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. - 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



**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.

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, DECEMBER 11

6:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Bring an unwrapped toy for Catholic Charities.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 a.m. Mañanitas Mass
 7:00 p.m. Mass

Novena Schedule:

7:00 p.m. Martes 3 de Diciembre; Miércoles 4 de Diciembre;
 7:00 p.m. Jueves 5 de Diciembre; Viernes 6 de Diciembre
 5:30 p.m. Sábado 7 de Diciembre / Virgen de Juquila;
 12:30 p.m. Domingo 8 de Diciembre
 7:00 p.m. Martes 10 de Diciembre; 6:30 p.m. Miércoles 11 de Diciembre



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

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, or you may purchase your own copy in advance.

Welcome CATECHIST!

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

November 10, 2024	\$2,170.86
2024-2025 YTD Total	\$30,919.37

**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!

November 10, 2024	\$21,641.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$19,720.00
Difference	\$1,921.00
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

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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. Anthony of Padua will be collecting toys for the Catholic Charities' Toys for Kids

- Thanksgiving weekend, November 30 & December 1.
- Toys should be valued from \$5.00 to \$25.00 for 0-12 year-olds.
- Please leave them unwrapped.
- Place in the boxes in the Conference Room that weekend.
- Toys may be dropped off at the Parish Office during the week.
- Donations need to be received by Wednesday, December 4th so we get items to the distribution center.



Thank you for your generous response.

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
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



Advent/Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Simbang Gabi

Tuesday, December 17

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 19

6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20

6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22

6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 23

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.; 6:30 p.m.; 9:00 p.m.; Midnight

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Mass

8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m. – Español

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 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 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.



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

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.



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.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Reflection on Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Every season of Advent is an opportunity for us to learn more deeply how the *past* and *future* comings of Jesus should impact upon the *present*. When we encounter Jesus, we meet the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Our Scripture readings for the Advent Season reflect this reality. In the first readings, we are called to remember and make our own the *past* longings of our Hebrew ancestors. The second readings, from the letters of the early Christians, remind us of the *present* implications of our faith in Jesus. Each Advent Gospel reading summons us to welcome the *future*, not in fear and dread of the unknown, but with a sense of trust in the One who comes.

So today, the Gospel invites us to be vigilant, be attentive to God. Be watchful for His coming. Be open and malleable to the touch of God that will continually shape us into His lovers. Be especially watchful for Christ's coming to us through our most poor and vulnerable brothers and sisters. How might we welcome Him?

– Fr. Jay

*Guide me in your truth
and teach me, for you are
God my savior, and for you
I wait all the day.*

Psalm 25:5



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thes 3:12-4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, December 2, 2024

Weekday

Is 2:1-5
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Weekday

Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Weekday

Is 26:1-6
Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6, 2024

Weekday

Is 29:17-24
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7, 2024

*Saint Saint Ambrose, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church*

Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

Saint of the Day: December 3

Patron Saint of: Japan, Jewelers, Missions, Sailors

Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years, he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa.

Read the full article: "Saint Francis Xavier" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-xavier/ (Accessed November 12, 2024).

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 1 de diciembre de 2024

Primer domingo de Adviento

Jer 33:14-16

Sal 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

1 Ts 3:12-4:2

Lc 21:25-28, 34-36

Lunes, 2 de diciembre de 2024

Día de la semana

Is 2:1-5

Sal 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mt 8:5-11

Martes, 3 de diciembre de 2024

San Francisco Javier, Sacerdote

Is 11:1-10

Sal 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Lc 10:21-24

Miércoles, 4 de diciembre de 2024

Día de la semana

Is 25:6-10a

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

Mt 15:29-37

Jueves, 5 de diciembre de 2024

Día de la semana

Is 26:1-6

Sal 118:1 y 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Viernes, 6 de diciembre 2024

Día de la semana

Is 29:17-24

Sal 27:1, 4, 13-14

Mt 9:27-31

Sábado, 7 de diciembre de 2024

San Ambrosio, obispo y

doctor de la Iglesia

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PASADO, PRESENTE Y FUTURO

Reflexión sobre Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36

Cada tiempo de Adviento es una oportunidad para profundizar en el impacto que las venidas pasadas y futuras de Jesús tienen en el presente. Cuando nos encontramos con Jesús, nos encontramos con Aquel que era, que es y que ha de venir.

Nuestras lecturas bíblicas para el tiempo de Adviento reflejan esta realidad. En las primeras lecturas, se nos invita a recordar y hacer nuestros los anhelos pasados de nuestros antepasados hebreos. Las segundas lecturas, tomadas de las cartas de los primeros cristianos, nos recuerdan las implicaciones actuales de nuestra fe en Jesús. Cada lectura del Evangelio de Adviento nos invita a acoger el futuro, no con miedo y temor a lo desconocido, sino con un sentimiento de confianza en Aquel que viene.

Por eso, hoy, el Evangelio nos invita a estar vigilantes, atentos a Dios. Estar atentos a su venida. Permanezcamos abiertos y maleables al toque de Dios que nos convertirá continuamente en sus amantes. Estar especialmente atentos a la venida de Cristo a través de nuestros hermanos y hermanas más pobres y vulnerables. ¿Cómo podemos acogerle?
– P. Jay

SAN FRANCISCO JAVIER

Santo del día: 3 de diciembre

Patrón de: Japón, Joyeros, Misiones, Marineros

Jesús preguntó: "¿De qué le serviría a uno ganar el mundo entero y perder su vida?" (Mateo 16:26a). Las palabras se las repitió a un joven profesor de filosofía que tenía ante sí una carrera académica muy prometedora, con éxito y una vida de prestigio y honor.

Francisco Javier, que entonces tenía 24 años y vivía y enseñaba en París, no prestó atención a estas palabras de inmediato. Venían de un buen amigo, Ignacio de Loyola, cuya incansable persuasión acabó por ganar al joven para Cristo. Francisco hizo entonces los ejercicios espirituales bajo la dirección de Ignacio y, en 1534, se unió a su pequeña comunidad, la naciente Compañía de Jesús. Juntos, en Montmartre, hicieron voto de pobreza, castidad, obediencia y servicio apostólico según las indicaciones del Papa.

De Venecia, donde fue ordenado sacerdote en 1537, pasó a Lisboa y de allí navegó a las Indias Orientales, desembarcando en Goa, en la costa occidental de la India. Durante los diez años siguientes trabajó para llevar la fe a pueblos tan dispersos como los hindúes, los malayos y los japoneses. Pasó gran parte de ese tiempo en la India, y fue provincial de la recién creada provincia jesuita de la India.

Allá donde iba, Javier vivía con los más pobres, compartiendo su comida y su alojamiento. Pasó incontables horas atendiendo a los enfermos y a los pobres, especialmente a los leprosos. A menudo no tenía tiempo ni para dormir ni para rezar el breviario, pero, como sabemos por sus cartas, siempre estaba lleno de alegría.



Pasó por las islas de Malasia y llegó hasta Japón. Aprendió suficiente japonés para predicar a la gente sencilla, instruir y bautizar, y para establecer misiones para los que iban a seguirle. Desde Japón soñaba con ir a China, pero este plan nunca se realizó. Antes de llegar al continente, murió. Sus restos descansan en la iglesia del Buen Jesús de Goa.

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