

# HOPE ♦ LOVE ♦ JOY ♦ PEACE

Advent 2024

*The Lord has done  
great things for us;  
we are filled  
with joy.*

*Psalm 126:3*

*El Señor ha hecho  
grandes cosas por  
nosotros; estamos  
llenos de alegría.*

*Salmo 126:3*



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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: #863;  
Immaculate Conception #1045

## Mass Intentions

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#### 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

### 9

#### MONDAY – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
10:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
7:00 p.m. † Connie DesChamps

### 10

#### TUESDAY

6:45 a.m. † Bennie & Lucy Leal by Debbie Fagundes  
8:00 a.m. † Jana Limova by Janet & Byron Schnetz

### 11

#### WEDNESDAY

6:45 a.m. † Nancy & Bethan McDonald by Syl & Margaret Bryan  
8:00 a.m. † Elizabeth & Gilbert Perez by Danks & Ferguson Family

### 12

#### THURSDAY – Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30 a.m. Pro Populo (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)  
6:45 a.m. † Beatriz Atienza by Valmonte Family  
8:00 a.m. † Kevin Anthony Harley by Belton Family  
7:00 p.m. † Cefy Rodriguez por Patricia

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#### FRIDAY

6:45 a.m. † Guadalupe Castolo by Ernesto Castolo  
8:15 a.m. † Elizabeth Perez by Belton Family

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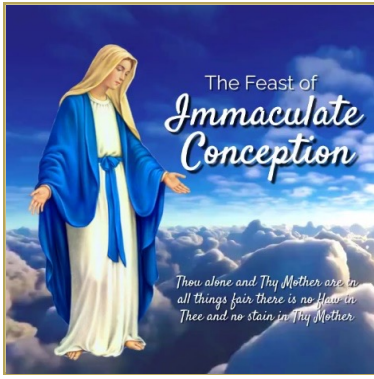
#### SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. Intentions of Alexander Domingos by Sandy Martinez  
5:30 p.m. Intenciones de Norma y Raúl Chacón  
por parte de la Familia Lima

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#### SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
9:30 a.m. † Darrell Satragni by Marilyn Cotta  
11:00 a.m. † Peter Mendez by Sandra Mendez  
1:00 p.m. † Abel Aparicio por Familia Rubio  
6:00 p.m. † Elizabeth Perez by Shiveley Family



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

**Holy Day of Obligation**

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

**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



**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.

**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, 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

**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!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be in the Pavilion to accept your nonperishable donations before and after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.



**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

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| November 17, 2024   | \$1,143.15  |
| 2024-2025 YTD Total | \$32,062.52 |

**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!

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| November 17, 2024        | \$22,995.00 |
| Last year’s Plate Income | \$22,088.00 |
| Difference               | \$907.00    |

### Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha

|                                 |              |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 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.

## SECOND COLLECTION/ SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN



## 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 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 Masses**

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

**Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Masses**

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/](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 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.

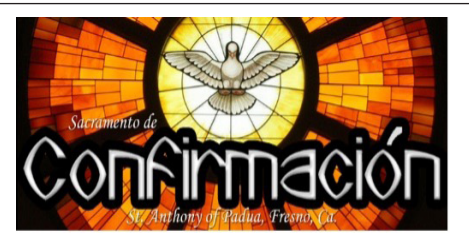


**Confirmation 1 and 2 – High School Teens**  
 2024-2025 Registration is open (only available online)

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



*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).



**TIME AND PLACE**

*Reflection on Luke 3:1-6*

John the Baptist makes his appearance on the scene on this 2nd Sunday of Advent. The Gospel of Luke presents John in a most unique manner. Luke first lines up all of the most powerful and important people of the moment: Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas and Caiaphas. Once these exalted men and their spheres of influence are noted, Luke asserts that the most important event of the day – the coming of the Word of God – happened elsewhere, away from their influence and authority.

“...the Word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert.” This very same Word of God comes today to us, inviting us to participate in the most important event of this moment, this time: preparing, in our hearts, lives and world, the way of the Lord!

– Fr. Jay

*The Lord has done  
great things for us;  
we are filled  
with joy.*

*Psalm 126:3*



**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

*Second Sunday of Advent*  
Bar 5:1-9  
Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
Lk 3:1-6

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Gn 3:9-15, 20  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

*Weekday*  
Is 40:1-11  
Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13  
Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

*Weekday*  
Is 40:25-31  
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10  
Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
Zec 2:14-17  
Judith 13:18bcde, 19  
Lk 1:26-38

**Friday, December 13, 2024**

*Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr*  
Is 48:17-19  
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

*Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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Revised Edition (NABRE) online at  
<https://bible.usccb.org>

**SAINT JUAN DIEGO**

*Saint of the Day: December 9*

*Patron Saint of: Japan, Jewelers, Missions, Sailors*

Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church’s first saint indigenous to the Americas.

“In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through,” John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico’s 64 indigenous groups. Juan Diego’s name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego. He lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example.

During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint.

God counted on Juan Diego to play a humble, yet huge role in bringing the Good News to the peoples of Mexico. Overcoming his own fear and the doubts of Bishop Juan de Zumarraga, Juan Diego cooperated with God’s grace in showing his people that the Good News of Jesus is for everyone.

*Read the full article: “Saint Juan Diego” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-juan-diego/ (Accessed November 12, 2024).*

**ESCRITURA SEMANAL****Domingo, 8 de diciembre de 2024***Segundo domingo de Adviento*

Bar 5:1-9

Sal 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Flp 1:4-6, 8-11

Lc 3:1-6

**Lunes, 9 de diciembre de 2024***Inmaculada Concepción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María*

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Sal 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Ef 1:3-6, 11-12

Lc 1:26-38

**Martes, 10 de diciembre de 2024***Día de la semana*

Is 40:1-11

Sal 96:1-2, 3 y 10ac, 11-12, 13

Mt 18:12-14

**Miércoles, 11 de diciembre de 2024***Día de la semana*

Is 40:25-31

Sal 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 y 10

Mt 11:28-30

**Jueves, 12 diciembre 2024***Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*

Zac 2:14-17

Judit 13:18bcde, 19

Lc 1:26-38

**Viernes, 13 de diciembre de 2024***Santa Lucía, virgen y mártir*

Is 48:17-19

Sal 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6

Mt 11:16-19

**Sábado, 14 de diciembre de 2024***San Juan de la Cruz, Sacerdote y**Doctor de la Iglesia*

Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11

Sal 80:2ac y 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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**HORA Y LUGAR***Reflexión sobre Lucas 3:1-6*

Juan el Bautista hace su aparición en escena en este segundo domingo de Adviento. El Evangelio de Lucas presenta a Juan de una manera única. En primer lugar, Lucas presenta a los personajes más poderosos e importantes del momento: Tiberio César, Poncio Pilato, Herodes, Felipe, Lisaniás, Anás y Caifás. Una vez señalados estos hombres exaltados y sus esferas de influencia, Lucas afirma que el acontecimiento más importante del día – la venida de la Palabra de Dios- ocurrió en otro lugar, lejos de su influencia y autoridad.

“...la Palabra de Dios vino a Juan, hijo de Zacarías, en el desierto.” Esta misma Palabra de Dios viene hoy a nosotros, invitándonos a participar en el acontecimiento más importante de este momento, de este tiempo: ¡preparar, en nuestros corazones, vidas y mundo, el camino del Señor!

– P. Jay

**SAN JUAN DIEGO***Santo del día: 9 de diciembre**Patrón de: Japón, Joyeros, Misiones, Marineros*

Miles de personas se reunieron en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 31 de julio de 2002 para la canonización de Juan Diego, a quien se le apareció la Virgen en el siglo XVI. El Papa Juan Pablo II celebró la ceremonia en la que el pobre campesino indio se convirtió en el primer santo de la Iglesia indígena de América.

“Al alabar al indio Juan Diego, quiero expresaros a todos la cercanía de la Iglesia y del Papa, abrazándoos con amor y animándoos a superar con esperanza los momentos difíciles que estáis atravesando,” dijo Juan Pablo II. Entre los miles de asistentes al acto se encontraban miembros de los 64 grupos indígenas de México.

El nombre de Juan Diego está ligado para siempre al de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe porque fue a él a quien se le apareció por primera vez en el cerro del Tepeyac el 9 de diciembre de 1531. La parte más famosa de su historia se cuenta en relación con la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el 12 de diciembre. Sin embargo, después de que las rosas recogidas en su tilma se transformaran en la imagen milagrosa de Nuestra Señora, poco más se sabe de Juan Diego. Vivió cerca del santuario construido en el Tepeyac, venerado como catequista santo, desinteresado y compasivo, que enseñaba con la palabra y sobre todo con el ejemplo.

Durante su visita pastoral a México en 1990, el Papa Juan Pablo II confirmó el antiguo culto litúrgico en honor de Juan Diego, beatificándolo. Doce años después, el mismo Papa lo proclamó santo.



Dios contó con Juan Diego para que desempeñara un humilde, pero enorme papel en llevar la Buena Nueva a los pueblos de México. Superando su propio miedo y las dudas del obispo Juan de Zumárraga, Juan Diego cooperó con la gracia de Dios para mostrar a su pueblo que la Buena Nueva de Jesús es para todos.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: “Saint Juan Diego” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-juan-diego/](http://franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-juan-diego/) (Consultado el 12 de noviembre de 2024).

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*Salmo 126:3*



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