

# HOPE ♦ LOVE ♦ JOY ♦ PEACE

Advent 2024

*My strength and  
my courage is  
the LORD, and he has  
been my savior.*

*Isaiah 12:2*

*Mi fuerza y  
mi valor es  
Yahveh, y él ha sido  
mi salvador.*

*Isaías 12:2*



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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: #866

*Mass Intentions*

**15 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

**16 MONDAY**  
NO MASS

**17 TUESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Clifford F. Capps by Diana Lopez  
8:00 a.m. † Patricia Lometti by Belton Family

**18 WEDNESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † John A. & Katherine Witkowski by Syl & Margaret Bryan  
8:00 a.m. † Tony Rivas by Adrienne Galindo

**19 THURSDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Joseph Aaron Klinge by Chavez Family  
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Angelica Mendiola by Hilda Maroney

**20 FRIDAY**  
6:45 a.m. † Tony & Elvira Fagundes by Debbie Fagundes  
8:15 a.m. † Manuel G. Nuñez by Nuñez Family

**21 SATURDAY**  
4:00 p.m. † Carrie Dun Penchuk by her Family  
5:30 p.m. † Richard Burton por Ana Burton

**22 SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00 a.m. † Aurelio Rivas by Joe & Alice Cuellar  
9:30 a.m. † Gavin Gladding by Rita Gladding  
11:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
1:00 p.m. † Jesus Luquin por Noemi Gomez  
6:00 p.m. † Dean Ray by Patricia Ray

## 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.



## NO CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 21

Tuesday, December 24



## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

General Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Rosary 6:15 p.m.  
New Location: St. Agnes Mission Social Hall,  
111 Birch Avenue, Pinedale



## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

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



## TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

Room 23, 6:30 p.m.

Are you making New Year's Resolutions? Why not join us for the return of Tuesday Night Bible Study. Craig is adding an additional six weeks to unwrap Bishop Robert Barron's series, *David the King*. Mark your calendar.



*Welcome* CATECHIST!

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – Session 5

Theology: The Scriptures / Methodology: Methods Grades. Please sign up ahead of time with Mary Briseno by email at [mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto: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 purchase your own copy in advance.



**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
SILVER ANGELS  
MINISTRY**  
Wednesday, February 12,  
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,  
\$17.00/person

St. Anthony of Padua Silver Angels Ministry provides an opportunity for St. Anthony and St. Agnes parishioners (50+) to socialize while sharing a lunch together. If you would like to meet new people in the parish, considering joining us in February for lunch. Registration forms will be available in early January.

## 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



**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.*

## STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

### Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| November 24, 2024        | \$24,005.00 |
| Last year’s Plate Income | \$19,942.00 |
| Difference               | \$4,063.00  |

### 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.

Let us remember those in our parish community who are homebound, in the hospital or recovering from illness. May our Lord bless them with comfort and the support of a loving community.

*Let us pray.*



## 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

### SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

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

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

*“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 15**

Third Sunday of Advent

**Sunday, December 22**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

### **Simbang Gabi**

Tuesday, December 17      6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 21      7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18      6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 22      6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 19      6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 23      6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 20      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

**Wednesday, January 1 – New Year's Day Mass**

10:00 a.m.

# 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 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

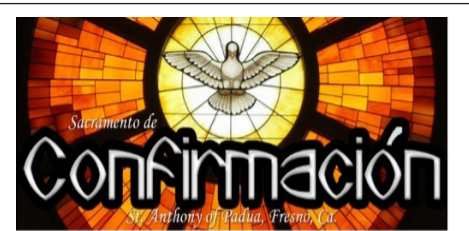
Click on *Faith Formation* or scroll down to the RCIA icon.

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](mailto:sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org).



## REFINING THE BLESSED

Reflection on Luke 3:10-18

“His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn in unquenchable fire.”

Let us read this passage, not as a contrast between the lost (burned in unquenchable fire) and the saved (wheat gathered into the barn), but rather as understanding the fire as a necessary part of the Baptism in Jesus and His Spirit that we all must pass through. For I have my chaff – my weaknesses, sin and temerity, my waste, that must be burned away in the fire of Christ’s love and mercy. *Winnow me away, O Lord; let this Baptism of Your Holy Spirit and Your fire be for me the refining of the blessed!*

Then, John’s advice to his questioners in this Gospel passage, which is his advice to us, becomes the work of our Baptism. Our actions become the refining fire of Christ in the world, as we follow through on what love demands of us, doing the difficult work of justice, creating peace, making forgiveness happen.

– Fr. Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a  
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
Phil 4:4-7  
Lk 3:10-18

### Monday, December 16, 2024

Weekday  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a  
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9  
Mt 21:23-27

### Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Weekday  
Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17  
Mt 1:1-17

### Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Weekday  
Jer 23:5-8  
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
Mt 1:18-25

### Thursday, December 19, 2024

Weekday  
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
Lk 1:5-25

### Friday, December 20, 2024

Weekday  
Is 7:10-14  
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
Lk 1:26-38

### Saturday, December 21, 2024

Weekday  
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
Lk 1:39-45

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

## SAINT PETER CANISIUS

Saint of the Day: December 21

Patron Saint of: Germany

Peter was one of the most important figures in the Catholic Reformation in Germany. He played such a key role that he has often been called the “second apostle of Germany,” in that his life parallels the earlier work of Boniface.

Although Peter once accused himself of idleness in his youth, he could not have been idle too long, for at the age of 19 he received a master’s degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterward he met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced Peter so much that he joined the recently formed Society of Jesus.

After his ordination in 1546, he became widely known for his editions of the writings of St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. Besides this reflective literary bent, Peter had a zeal for the apostolate. He could often be found visiting the sick or imprisoned, even when his assigned duties in other areas were more than enough to keep most people fully occupied.

In 1547, Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany. He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand – a great need of that age.

Renowned as a popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the Gospel. He had great diplomatic ability, often serving as a reconciler between disputing factions. At 70, Peter suffered a paralytic seizure, but he continued to preach and write with the aid of a secretary, until his death in his hometown of Nijmegen, Netherlands, on December 21, 1597.

Read the full article: “Saint Peter Canisius” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-canisius/](http://franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-canisius/) (Accessed November 13, 2024).

## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

### Domingo, 15 de diciembre de 2024

*Tercer domingo de Adviento*

Zep 3:14-18a  
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
Fil 4:4-7  
Lc 3:10-18

### Lunes, 16 de diciembre de 2024

*Día de la semana*

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a  
Sal 25:4-5ab, 6 y 7bc, 8-9  
Mt 21:23-27

### Martes, 17 de diciembre de 2024

*Día de la semana*

Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Sal 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17  
Mt 1:1-17

### Miércoles, 18 de diciembre de 2024

*Día de la semana*

Jer 23:5-8  
Sal 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
Mt 1:18-25

### Jueves, 19 diciembre 2024

*Día de la semana*

Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Sal 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
Lc 1:5-25

### Viernes, 20 diciembre 2024

*Día de la semana*

Is 7:10-14  
Sal 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
Lc 1:26-38

### Sábado, 21 diciembre 2024

*Día de la semana*

Sg 2:8-14 o Zep 3:14-18a  
Sal 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
Lc 1:39-45

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## SAN PEDRO CANISIO

*Santo del día: 21 de diciembre*

*Patrón de: Alemania*

Pedro fue una de las figuras más importantes de la Reforma católica en Alemania. Desempeñó un papel tan clave que a menudo se le ha llamado el "segundo apóstol de Alemania," en el sentido de que su vida es paralela a la obra anterior de Bonifacio.

Aunque en una ocasión Pedro se acusó a sí mismo de ocioso en su juventud, no pudo estarlo demasiado tiempo, ya que a los 19 años obtuvo el título de maestro en la universidad de Colonia. Poco después conoció a Pedro Fabro, el primer discípulo de Ignacio de Loyola, que influyó tanto en Pedro que ingresó en la recién creada Compañía de Jesús.

Tras su ordenación en 1546, se hizo muy conocido por sus ediciones de los escritos de san Cirilo de Alejandría y san León Magno. Además de esta reflexiva inclinación literaria, Pedro tenía celo por el apostolado. A menudo se le podía encontrar visitando a los enfermos o encarcelados, incluso cuando sus deberes asignados en otras áreas eran más que suficientes para mantener a la mayoría de la gente completamente ocupada.

En 1547, Pedro asistió a varias sesiones del Concilio de Trento, cuyos decretos se le encomendó aplicar más tarde. Tras un breve período como profesor en el colegio jesuita de Mesina, se le confió la misión de Alemania. Enseñó en varias universidades y contribuyó a la creación de numerosos colegios y seminarios. Escribió un catecismo que explicaba la fe católica de forma comprensible para el pueblo llano, una gran necesidad en aquella época.

Conocido como predicador popular, Pedro llenaba las iglesias de personas deseosas de escuchar su elocuente proclamación del Evangelio. Tenía grandes dotes diplomáticas, y a menudo actuaba como conciliador entre facciones enfrentadas. A los 70 años, Pedro sufrió un ataque de parálisis, pero continuó predicando y escribiendo con la ayuda de un secretario, hasta su muerte en su ciudad natal de Nimega, Países Bajos, el 21 de diciembre de 1597.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Peter Canisius" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, [franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-canisius/](http://franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-canisius/) (Consultado el 13 de noviembre de 2024).

## AFINAR A LOS BIENAVENTURADOS

*Reflexión sobre Lucas 3:10-18*

"Su aventador está en su mano para limpiar su era y recoger el trigo en su granero, pero la paja la quemará en fuego inextinguible."

Leamos este pasaje, no como un contraste entre los perdidos (quemados en fuego inextinguible) y los salvados (trigo recogido en el granero), sino entendiendo el fuego como parte necesaria del bautismo en Jesús y su Espíritu por el que todos debemos pasar. Porque yo tengo mi paja, mis debilidades, pecados y temeridades, mis desechos, que deben ser quemados en el fuego del amor y la misericordia de Cristo. *Quítame la paja, Señor; que este bautismo de tu Espíritu Santo y de tu fuego sea para mí la purificación de los bienaventurados.*

Entonces, el consejo de Juan a sus interrogadores en este pasaje del Evangelio, que es su consejo para nosotros, se convierte en la obra de nuestro bautismo. Nuestras acciones se convierten en el fuego purificador de Cristo en el mundo, cuando cumplimos lo que el amor exige de nosotros, haciendo el difícil trabajo de la justicia, creando la paz, haciendo realidad el perdón.



– P. Jay

*Mi fuerza y mi valor es  
Yahveh, y él ha sido  
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*Isaías 12:2*






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