

A mosaic depicting the Holy Family. Joseph is on the right, standing and working at a wooden workbench with a circular saw. He has a beard and is wearing a brown vest over a green tunic. Mary is on the left, seated and wearing a red robe with a blue veil. She has her hands clasped in prayer. The infant Jesus is in the foreground, looking up at Mary. All three figures have golden halos. The background is a colorful mosaic of various shades of blue, green, and brown.

Solemnity of the
Holy Family

Solemnidad de la
Sagrada Familia

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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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: #874C-876

Mass Intentions

29 SUNDAY – HOLY FAMILY
8:00 a.m. † Mike Campos by Joe & Alice Cuellar
9:30 a.m. Intentions of the Briseño Family
11:00 a.m. Intentions (B-Day) Jeremiah Garcia by Rosalinda Garcia
1:00 p.m. Intenciones de Jorge y Victoria Mora por parte de la Familia Mora
6:00 p.m. Intentions of Joe Martinez by Hilda Maroney

30 MONDAY
NO MASS

31 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. † John J. & Helen Witkowski by Syl & Margaret Bryan
8:00 a.m. † Margo Ruiz by David Choo

1 WEDNESDAY – MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
10:00 a.m. † Madeline Wenzinger by Briseño Family

2 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † All Souls by Ernesto Castolo
8:00 a.m. † Theodor Young by Valmonte Family

3 FRIDAY – FIRST FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. † Julie Ann Smith by Syl & Margaret Bryan
8:15 a.m. † Azucena Diosomito by Tessie & Max Parayno

4 SATURDAY – FIRST SATURDAY
8:15 a.m. † St. Leopold Mandic by Mike & Angelina DiNuzzo
4:00 p.m. † Carrie Dunn Penchuk by her Family
5:30 p.m. † Richard Burton by Ana Burton

5 SUNDAY – EPIPHANY
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
9:30 a.m. † Alfredo Corpus by Sarah Corpus
11:00 a.m. Intentions of Christopher Medina by Gloria & Jessica Diaz
1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Rosa Gallardo
6:00 p.m. † Elizabeth Perez

First Friday Schedule –

January 3

8:45-11:00 a.m. Morning Mass followed by Adoration, OLG Chapel
6:00 p.m. **NO** Adoration/Adoración this month

First Saturday Mass –

January 4

8:15 a.m. Morning Mass in OLG Chapel
10:00 a.m. Confession



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

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



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

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 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.

INTRODUCCIÓN A LAS SAGRADAS ESCRITURAS

Jueves:
16, 23, 30 de enero
y 6 de febrero

A las 6:30pm
en el salón #22

Traer Biblia y libreta

St. Anthony of Padua

JUEVES – ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA

A las 6:30 p.m. en el salón #22
Jueves: 16, 23, 30 de enero
y 6 de febrero



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.

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 el salón #23 de nuestra parroquia.
"Ven y llénate del Señor."

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

December 8, 2024	\$1,805.73
2024-2025 YTD Total	\$37,633.55

**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!

December 8, 2024	\$24,170.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$21,529.00
Difference	\$2,641.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024	\$483,390.01
July 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023	\$488,063.12
Difference	-\$4,673.11

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.



THANKS, YOU’VE DONE IT AGAIN

The truck arrived. Some students from school helped to load the hundreds of toys collected at the school and the church. Additionally, more than \$1,000.00 were also donated. We are so grateful for the generosity of you and your families in support of Catholic Charities.

ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

111 W. Birch Avenue, Pinedale, CA 93650
(559) 439-2100

Sunday 9:00 a.m. English – Mass Intention:

† Jose Zacarias (Birthday Memorial) by Maria H.

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

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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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



In the humble house of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph sanctified their family life by the exercise of the domestic virtues. There they practiced, as the Scriptures tells us, charity, mutual help, respect, and obedience. There also, they always found joy and peace in meditation and prayer in common.

Benedict XV, wishing to secure for souls the blessings flowing from meditations on the virtues of the Holy Family, and from their imitation, extended the feast to the whole Church.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is considered the "true model of life" from which families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort. The Feast of the Holy Family venerates the familial life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and invites the faithful to reflect on the virtues, love, and sanctity embodied within the Holy Family, serving as a model for all families. At its core, the feast emphasizes the humanity of Jesus and His upbringing within a family unit. Mary, chosen as the Mother of God, and Joseph, a righteous and devoted foster father, provided a nurturing

environment for Jesus' growth, protection, and education. Their lives were marked by obedience to God's will, humility, and unwavering faith.

The Holy Family's experiences, including their flight into Egypt and their everyday life in Nazareth, offer insights into coping with challenges, trust in God's guidance, and resilience in the face of adversity. The feast calls for contemplation on the importance of family in the Christian faith and the significance of the family unit as the foundation of society. It encourages a deepened commitment to fostering love, understanding, and support within families, thereby strengthening the broader community. Ultimately, the lessons learned from the Holy Family can guide and nurture contemporary families in their journey towards spiritual growth, unity, and holiness.

En la humilde casa de Nazaret, Jesús, María y José santificaron su vida familiar mediante el ejercicio de las virtudes domésticas. Allí practicaban, como nos dice la Escritura, la caridad, la ayuda mutua, el respeto y la obediencia. Allí también encontraron siempre alegría y paz en la meditación y la oración en común.

Benedicto XV, deseando asegurar a las almas los beneficios que brotan de la meditación sobre las virtudes de la Sagrada Familia y de su imitación, extendió la fiesta a toda la Iglesia.

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José es considerada el "verdadero modelo de vida" del que las familias pueden inspirarse y saber dónde encontrar ayuda y consuelo. La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia venera la vida familiar de Jesús, María y José e invita a los fieles a reflexionar sobre las virtudes, el amor y la santidad encarnados dentro de la Sagrada Familia, sirviendo como modelo para todas las familias. En esencia, la fiesta enfatiza la humanidad de Jesús y su educación dentro de una unidad familiar. María, elegida como Madre de Dios, y José, un padre adoptivo justo y devoto, proporcionaron un ambiente propicio para el crecimiento, la protección y la educación de Jesús. Sus vidas estuvieron marcadas por la obediencia a la voluntad de Dios, la humildad y la fe inquebrantable.

Las experiencias de la Sagrada Familia, incluida su huida a Egipto y su vida cotidiana en Nazaret, ofrecen ideas para afrontar los desafíos, confiar en la guía de Dios y resiliencia ante la adversidad. La fiesta invita a la contemplación de la importancia de la familia en la fe cristiana y del significado de la unidad familiar como fundamento de la sociedad. Fomenta un compromiso más profundo para fomentar el amor, la comprensión y el apoyo dentro de las familias, fortaleciendo así a la comunidad en general. En última instancia, las lecciones aprendidas de la Sagrada Familia pueden guiar y nutrir a las familias contemporáneas en su camino hacia el crecimiento espiritual, la unidad y la santidad.

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-6 to 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.

FAMILY LIFE

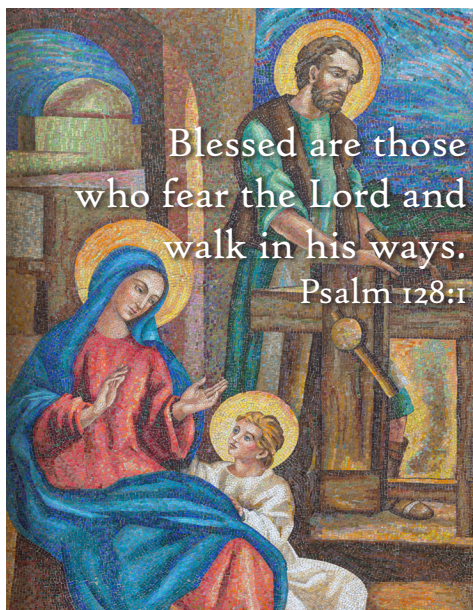
Reflection on Luke 2:41-52

The Scripture readings in this Christmas/Epiphany season offer a series of windows into the mystery of the birth of Jesus, and we see some spectacular sights through these windows! Mary, found to be pregnant before her marriage to Joseph. Joseph, struggling through his confusion to deal with the situation. A birth in an unusual place after a long journey with strange visitors attending. The Holy Family fleeing to Egypt to escape Herod's lethal jealousy. And today, a 12-year-old Jesus found in His Father's house, about His Father's business. Or, as a priest friend of mine once put it, the story of how Joe and Mary lost the second person of the Trinity.

The story offers so much insight, but two clues in particular can help us shape our family life after the pattern of the Holy Family. The first is recounted in the beginning of the story: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover..." The Holy Family, in other words, are faithful and observant Jews; their life of faith is not a matter of occasional observance. Is this true for us?

The second clue is at the end of the story, when we are told that Mary "kept all these things in her heart." Contemplation on the mysteries of God's presence and call in our lives is essential to the spiritual life, the way of holiness. Is this true for us?

– Fr. Jay



Blessed are those
who fear the Lord and
walk in his ways.
Psalm 128:1

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 29, 2024

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph*
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 30, 2024

*Sixth Day in the Octave of
Christmas*
1 Jn 2:12-17
Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

*Seventh Day in the Octave of
Christmas*
1 Jn 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

*The Blessed Virgin Mary, the
Mother of God*
Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Thursday, January 2, 2025

*Saints Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of
the Church*
1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Jn 1:19-28

Friday, January 3, 2025

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6
Jn 1:29-34

Saturday, January 4, 2025

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious*
1 Jn 3:7-10
Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9
Jn 1:35-42

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

SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

Saint of the Day: January 2

Patron Saint of Russia

Basil was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of Gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor.

He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea—now southeastern Turkey—and ultimately became archbishop himself, in spite of opposition from some of the bishops under him.

Arianism, one of the most damaging heresies in the history of the Church which denied the divinity of Christ, was at its height. Emperor Valens persecuted orthodox believers, and put great pressure on Basil to remain silent and admit the heretics to Communion. Basil remained firm, and Valens backed down. But trouble remained. When the great Saint Athanasius died, the mantle of defender of the faith against Arianism fell upon Basil. He strove mightily to unite and rally his fellow Catholics who were crushed by tyranny and torn by internal dissension.

Basil was tireless in pastoral care. He preached twice a day to huge crowds, built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world and fought the prostitution business.

Basil was best known as an orator. Though not recognized greatly in his lifetime, his writings rightly place him among the great teachers of the Church. Seventy-two years after his death, the Council of Chalcedon described him as "the great Basil, minister of grace who has expounded the truth to the whole earth."

Read the full article: "Saint Basil the Great" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-basil-the-great/ (Accessed December 16, 2024).

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Domingo, 29 de diciembre de 2024

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

Eclo 3:2-6, 12-14
Sal 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Col 3:12-21 o 3:12-17
Lc 2:41-52

Lunes, 30 de diciembre de 2024

Sexto día de la Octava de Navidad

1 Jn 2:12-17
Sal 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Lc 2:36-40

Martes, 31 de diciembre de 2024

Séptimo día de la Octava de Navidad

1 Jn 2:18-21
Sal 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
Jn 1:1-18

Miércoles, 1 de enero de 2025

Santísima Virgen María, Madre de Dios

Nm 6:22-27
Sal 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Gal 4:4-7
Lc 2:16-21

Jueves, 2 de enero de 2025

Santos Basilio Magno y Gregorio Nacianceno, obispos y doctores de la Iglesia

1 Jn 2:22-28
Sal 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Jn 1:19-28

Viernes, 3 de enero de 2025

Semana de Navidad

1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Sal 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6
Jn 1:29-34

Sábado, 4 de enero de 2025

Santa Isabel Ana Seton, religiosa

1 Jn 3:7-10
Sal 98:1, 7-8, 9
Jn 1:35-42

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SAN BASILIO MAGNO

Santo del día: 2 de enero

Patrón de Rusia

Basilio iba camino de convertirse en un famoso profesor cuando decidió iniciar una vida religiosa de pobreza evangélica. Tras estudiar diversas formas de vida religiosa, fundó el que probablemente fue el primer monasterio de Asia Menor.

Fue ordenado sacerdote, ayudó al arzobispo de Cesarea -actual sureste de Turquía- y, finalmente, se convirtió él mismo en arzobispo, a pesar de la oposición de algunos de los obispos a sus órdenes.

El arrianismo, una de las herejías más dañinas de la historia de la Iglesia, que negaba la divinidad de Cristo, estaba en su apogeo. El emperador Valente perseguía a los creyentes ortodoxos y presionó mucho a Basilio para que guardara silencio y admitiera a los herejes en la comunión. Basilio se mantuvo firme, y Valente dio marcha atrás. Pero los problemas continuaron. Cuando murió el gran San Atanasio, el manto de defensor de la fe contra el arrianismo recayó sobre Basilio. Se esforzó por unir y congregar a sus hermanos católicos, aplastados por la tiranía y desgarrados por las disensiones internas. Basilio fue incansable en la atención pastoral. Predicaba dos veces al día a grandes multitudes, construyó un hospital que fue calificado de maravilla del mundo y luchó contra el negocio de la prostitución.

Basilio era más conocido como orador. Aunque no gozó de gran reconocimiento en vida, sus escritos le sitúan con razón entre los grandes maestros de la Iglesia. Setenta y dos años después de su muerte, el Concilio de Calcedonia lo describió como "el gran Basilio, ministro de la gracia que ha expuesto la verdad a toda la tierra."

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Basil the Great" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-basil-the-great/ (Consultado el 16 de diciembre de 2024).

VIDA FAMILIAR

Reflexión sobre Lucas 2:41-52

Las lecturas bíblicas de este tiempo de Navidad/Epifanía ofrecen una serie de ventanas al misterio del nacimiento de Jesús, y a través de ellas vemos algunas cosas espectaculares. María, embarazada antes de casarse con José. José, luchando con su confusión para hacer frente a la situación. Un nacimiento en un lugar insólito, tras un largo viaje y con la presencia de extraños visitantes. La Sagrada Familia huyendo a Egipto para escapar de los celos letales de Herodes. Y hoy, un Jesús de 12 años en la casa de su Padre, ocupándose de los asuntos de su Padre. O, como dijo una vez un sacerdote amigo mío, la historia de cómo Joe y María perdieron a la segunda persona de la Trinidad.

La historia ofrece muchas pistas, pero hay dos en particular que pueden ayudarnos a modelar nuestra vida familiar según el modelo de la Sagrada Familia. La primera se relata al principio de la historia: "Cada año, los padres de Jesús iban a Jerusalén para la fiesta de la Pascua..." La Sagrada Familia, en otras palabras, son judíos fieles y observantes; su vida de fe no es una cuestión de observancia ocasional. ¿Es esto cierto para nosotros?

La segunda pista está al final del relato, cuando se nos dice que María "guardaba todas estas cosas en su corazón." La contemplación de los misterios de la presencia y la llamada de Dios en nuestras vidas es esencial para la vida espiritual, el camino de la santidad. ¿Es esto cierto para nosotros?

– P. Jay





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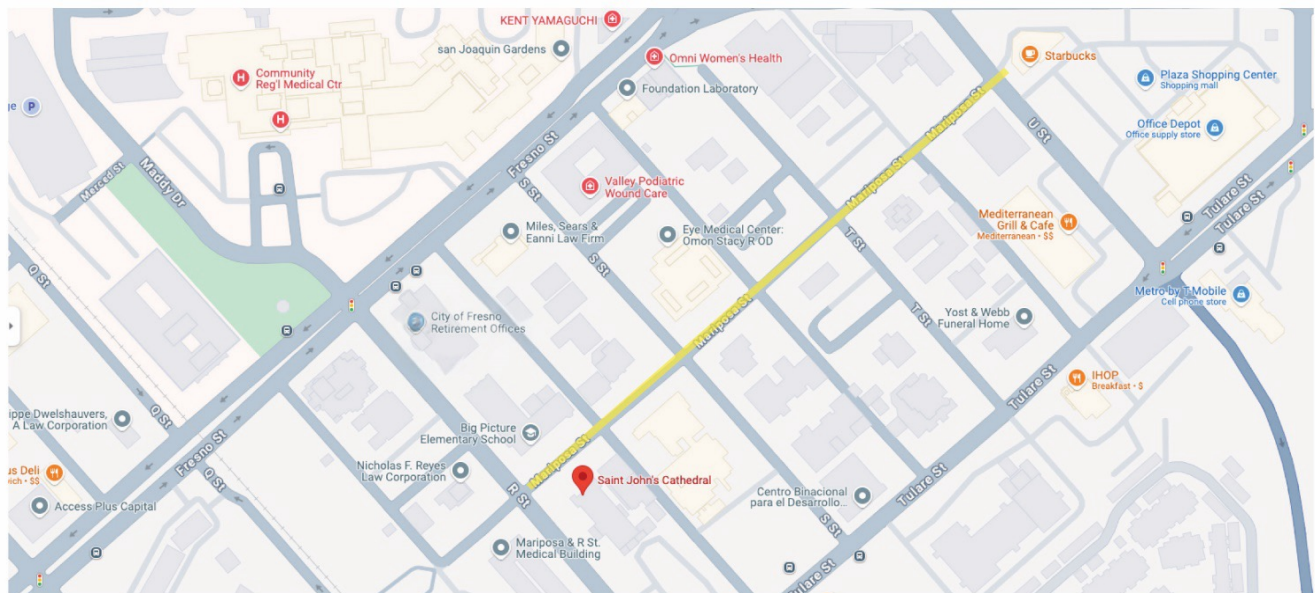
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