



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
YOU ARE MY BELOVED

Son

WITH YOU I AM WELL
PLEASED. - LUKE 3:22

EL BAUTISMO DEL SEÑOR
ERES MI AMADO

Hijo

EN TI ME
COMPLAZCO.
- LUCAS 3:22

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*Welcome to
St. Anthony of Padua*

The Catholic Christian community of St. Anthony of Padua welcomes all to our celebrations of God's love. Through prayer, education, sacraments, caring and stewardship, we strive to serve the needs of God's people and to gain a richer understanding of the Gospel message of love. We invite you to become a part of our "Parish Life." Your talents are welcome!

Rev. Msgr. Robert D. Wenzinger, Pastor

Please register at www.stanthonyfresno.org.

Thanks for joining us!

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL: #879-881

Mass Intentions

12	SUNDAY – BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8:00 a.m. † Edward Fanucchi by John & Michelle O'Rourke 9:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Razo-Quintanilla Family 11:00 a.m. † Victoria Santziale by Rita Stanziale 1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community) 6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
13	MONDAY NO MASS
14	TUESDAY 6:45 a.m. Intentions of Eli Sepulveda by Daniel Torres 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Tom & Trish Bergmann by Frye Family
15	WEDNESDAY 6:45 a.m. Intentions of Edward Munoz by Daniel Torres 8:00 a.m. † Helen Hein by her SA Family
16	THURSDAY 6:45 a.m. Intentions of William A. Moreno by Daniel Torres 8:00 a.m. † Frank Redondo, Jr. by Frank & Rosemarie Redondo
17	FRIDAY 6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community) 8:15 a.m. † Helen Hein by John & Michelle O'Rourke
18	SATURDAY 4:00 p.m. † Mercedes Bruce by Bill Bruce 5:30 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
19	SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 a.m. † Dolores & Richard Ybarra by Patricia Ybarra 9:30 a.m. † Madeline Wenzinger by John & Michelle O'Rourke 11:00 a.m. † Jeff Reynolds by his wife & children 1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community) 6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

Room 23, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Night Bible Study returns for an additional 6 weeks to unwrap Bishop Robert Barron's series, *David the King*. See you this Tuesday.



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

Monthly Memorial Mass

Saturday, January 18 – 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

At our Memorial Mass this month, we will remember those who celebrated their funeral Mass here at St. Anthony of Padua or at St. Agnes Mission Church in January 2024. We will light a candle for Hortencia, Garza Chavez, Gil Garcia, Generoso Gorecho Mante, Michael A. Cortez, Eulalia Ebuén, Maria Anaya Lozano, and Rita E. Nist. We invite the family to take it home at the end of Mass as a Memorial of their loved one. If you would like to add your love one who past in January 2024, call the parish office, ext. 106.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21-22, 2025

6:45 a.m. Communion Service

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Our priests and deacons will be away for their Annual Clergy Convocation. Please pray that their time away may be spiritually fruitful. There will be NO Confessions on Tuesday, January 21.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

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.

Welcome CATECHIST!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25/SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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.



GRIEF SUPPORT WINTER SERIES

Starts Saturday, February 1

Room 21 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Anthony of Padua Grief Support is open to everyone who is navigating the challenges of losing a loved one. No registration required. This is a 5-week series running every Saturday through March 1, 2025.



RECONCILIATION

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. – Chapel Confessionals

Saturday

10:00 a.m. – Chapel Confessionals

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday

9:00-11:00 a.m. – Guadalupe Chapel

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

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**

Welcome back St. Anthony and St. Agnes parishioners (50+) for our monthly luncheon and senior social. This month we are catering food from BJ's Brewhouse. If you would like to meet new people in the parish, considering joining us for lunch. Your registration form and payment should be placed in an envelope marked Silver Angels, before dropping it off at the parish office or in the offertory.

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

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

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
 may the faith you have given us
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of charity enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed hope
 for the coming of your Kingdom.
 May your grace transform us into tireless
 cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within both
 humanity and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.
 May the grace of the Jubilee
 reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
 May that same grace spread
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.
 To you our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise for ever.
 Amen

Oración del Jubileo

*Padre que estás en el cielo,
 la fe que nos has donado en
 tu Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro hermano,
 y la llama de caridad
 infundida en nuestros corazones por
 el Espíritu Santo, despierten en
 nosotros la bienaventurada esperanza
 en la venida de tu Reino.
 Tu gracia nos transforme
 en dedicados cultivadores de las semillas
 del Evangelio que fermenten la humanidad
 y el cosmos, en espera confiada
 de los cielos nuevos y de la tierra nueva,
 cuando vencidas las fuerzas del mal,
 se manifestará para siempre tu gloria.
 La gracia del Jubileo
 reavive en nosotros, Peregrinos de Esperanza,
 el anhelo de los bienes celestiales
 y derrame en el mundo entero
 la alegría y la paz
 de nuestro Redentor.
 A ti, Dios bendito eternamente,
 sea la alabanza y la gloria por los siglos.
 Amén.*

Franciscus

STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

December 15, 2024	\$29,085.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$19,928.00
Difference	\$9,157.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024	\$483,390.01
July 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023	\$488,063.12
Difference	-\$4,673.11

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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.



SANTO NIÑO (CHILD JESUS) MASS

Sunday, January 19
 3:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

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*



SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN	
December 15, 2024	\$1,917.46
2024-2025 YTD Total	\$39,551.01
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Holy Door

From a symbolic viewpoint, the Holy Door takes on a special significance: it is the most powerful sign of the Jubilee, since the ultimate aim of the pilgrim is to pass through it. The opening of the door by the Pope constitutes the official beginning of the Holy Year. Originally, there was only one door, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome. Later, to allow as many pilgrims as possible to take part in the Jubilee experience, the other Roman Basilicas also opened their own holy doors.



In crossing the threshold of the Holy Door, the pilgrim is reminded of the passage from chapter 10 of St John's gospel: "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." Passing through the Holy Door expresses the decision to follow and be guided by Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd. The door is a passageway that ushers the pilgrim into the interior of a church. For the Christian community, a church is not only a sacred space, to be approached with respect, with appropriate behavior and dress code, but it is a symbol of the communion that binds every believer to Christ: it is a place of encounter and dialogue, of reconciliation and peace which awaits every pilgrim, the Church is essentially the place of the community of the faithful.

In Rome, this experience takes on a special significance because of the special links between the Eternal City and Saints Peter and Paul, the apostles who founded the Christian community in Rome and whose teachings and example are models for the universal Church. The tombs of Saints Peter and Paul are located in Rome, they were martyred here; and together with the catacombs, these sacred sites are places of continuous spiritual inspiration.

Puerta Santa

Desde el punto de vista simbólico, la Puerta Santa adquiere un significado particular: es el signo más característico, porque la meta es poder atravesarla. Su apertura por parte del Papa constituye el inicio oficial del Año Santo. Originalmente, solo había una puerta, en la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán, que es la catedral del obispo de Roma. Para que los numerosos peregrinos pudieran hacer este gesto, las demás Basílicas de Roma también ofrecieron esta posibilidad.



Al cruzar este umbral, el peregrino recuerda el texto del capítulo 10 del evangelio según san Juan: "Yo soy la puerta: quien entre por mí se salvará y podrá entrar y salir, y encontrará pastos". El gesto expresa la decisión de seguir y de dejarse guiar por Jesús, que es el Buen Pastor. Por otra parte, la puerta es también un paso que conduce al interior de una iglesia. Para la comunidad cristiana, no es solo el espacio de lo sagrado, al cual uno se debe aproximar con respeto, con un comportamiento y una vestimenta adecuados, sino que es signo de la comunión que une a todo creyente con Cristo: es el lugar del encuentro y del diálogo, de la reconciliación y de la paz que espera la visita de todo peregrino, el espacio de la Iglesia como comunidad de fieles.

En Roma, esta experiencia adquiere un significado especial, por la referencia a la memoria de san Pedro y san Pablo, apóstoles que fundaron y formaron la comunidad cristiana de Roma y que, con sus enseñanzas y su ejemplo, son una referencia para la Iglesia universal. Aquí se encuentra su tumba, en el lugar donde fueron martirizados; junto con las catacumbas, es un lugar de continua inspiración.

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.

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)

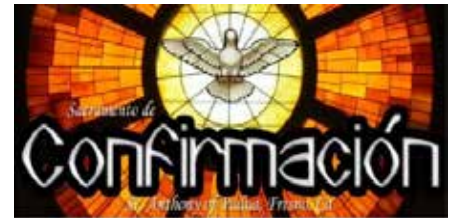
Director, Martha Danks-Ferguson
 439-0124, ext. 114; mdanksferg@stanthonyfresno.org
See our website to register: www.stanthonyfresno.org
 Click on *Faith Formation* or scroll down to the RCIA icon.
 We welcome adults seeking any of the Sacraments of Initiation:
Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist
New folks are welcome to join us any time during the year.
If you have any questions, please contact Martha by phone or email.

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.



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.

MY BELOVED SON

Reflection on Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The baptism of Jesus goes to the center of the mystery of redemption and of what Jesus' mission on earth is all about. There is also a special irony here, for in His baptism Jesus enters into a radical solidarity with all women and men, taking upon Himself even the condition of our own sinfulness, Himself having not sinned. In going into those waters of baptism, you and I leave sin behind, whereas Jesus takes on all the sin of the human race, and from those waters is sent by the Father on His mission to accomplish this redemption for us.

We too are sent on mission from the waters of baptism. The Father proclaims to each of us, as he did to Jesus, "You are my beloved son, my beloved daughter...", reminding us, now that original sin has been wiped away, of the original blessing of all creation: God looked upon it and pronounced it all good! Grace, which is present "always and everywhere," is more powerful than sin.

Our baptismal journey involves leaving behind the binary way of the world (either/or) to live in the grace of Oneness with God. This is a both/and journey where God is present in every human experience: weakness and strength, suffering and wholeness, life and death. Grace everywhere and in everything abounds!

– Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday, January 13, 2025

Weekday
Hebrews 1:1-6
Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9
Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Weekday
Hebrews 2:5-12
Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Weekday
Hebrews 2: 14-18
Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Weekday
Hebrews 3:7-14
Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11
Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 17, 2025

Saint Anthony, Abbot
Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
Psalm 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Weekday
Hebrews 4:12-16
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Mark 2:13-17

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

SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

Saint of the Day: January 12

Patron Saint of Poverty, Loss of Parents and People Rejected by Religious Orders

"God closes a door and then opens a window," people sometimes say when dealing with their own disappointment or someone else's. That was certainly true in Marguerite's case. Children from European as well as Native American backgrounds in 17th-century Canada benefited from her great zeal and unshakable trust in God's providence.

Born the sixth of 12 children in Troyes, France, Marguerite at the age of 20 believed that she was called to religious life. Her applications to the Carmelites and Poor Clares were unsuccessful. A priest friend suggested that perhaps God had other plans for her.

In 1654, the governor of the French settlement in Canada visited his sister, an Augustinian canoness in Troyes. Marguerite belonged to a sodality connected to that convent. The governor invited her to come to Canada and start a school in Ville-Marie (eventually the city of Montreal). When she arrived, the colony numbered 200 people with a hospital and a Jesuit mission chapel.

Soon after starting a school, she realized her need for coworkers. Returning to Troyes, she recruited a friend, Catherine Crolo, and two other young women. In 1667, they added classes at their school for Indian children. A second trip to France three years later resulted in six more young women and a letter from King Louis XIV, authorizing the school. The Congregation of Notre Dame was established in 1676 but its members did not make formal religious profession until 1698 when their Rule and constitutions were approved.

Marguerite established a school for Indian girls in Montreal. At the age of 69, she walked from Montreal to Quebec in response to the bishop's request to establish a community of her sisters in that city. Marguerite was canonized in 1982.

Read the full article: "Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-marguerite-bourgeoys/ (Accessed December 27, 2024).

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SANTA MARGARITA BOURGEOYS

Santa del día: 12 de enero

Patrona de la pobreza, de la pérdida de los padres y de las personas rechazadas por las órdenes religiosas

"Dios cierra una puerta y luego abre una ventana," se dice a veces ante una decepción propia o ajena. Así fue en el caso de Marguerite. En el Canadá del siglo XVII, tanto niños europeos como indígenas se beneficiaron de su gran celo y de su inquebrantable confianza en la providencia de Dios.

Sexta de doce hermanos en Troyes (Francia), Marguerite creyó a los 20 años que estaba llamada a la vida religiosa. Sus solicitudes de ingreso en las Carmelitas y las Clarisas fueron infructuosas. Un sacerdote amigo le sugirió que tal vez Dios tenía otros planes para ella.

En 1654, el gobernador del asentamiento francés en Canadá visitó a su hermana, canonesa agustina en Troyes. Marguerite pertenecía a una congregación vinculada a ese convento. El gobernador la invitó a venir a Canadá y fundar una escuela en Ville-Marie (con el tiempo, la ciudad de Montreal). Cuando llegó, la colonia contaba con 200 habitantes, un hospital y una capilla de la misión jesuita.

Poco después de abrir una escuela, se dio cuenta de que necesitaba compañeras. De regreso a Troyes, reclutó a una amiga, Catherine Crolo, y a otras dos jóvenes. En 1667, añadieron clases en su escuela para niños indios. Un segundo viaje a Francia, tres años más tarde, se saldó con seis jóvenes más y una carta del rey Luis XIV autorizando la escuela. La Congregación de Notre Dame se estableció en 1676, pero sus miembros no profesaron formalmente hasta 1698, cuando se aprobaron su Regla y constituciones.

Marguerite fundó una escuela para niñas indias en Montreal. A la edad de 69 años, caminó de Montreal a Quebec en respuesta a la petición del obispo de establecer una comunidad de sus hermanas en esa ciudad. Margarita fue canonizada en 1982.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-marguerite-bourgeoys/ (Consultado el 27 de diciembre de 2024).

MI HIJO AMADO

Reflexión sobre Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22

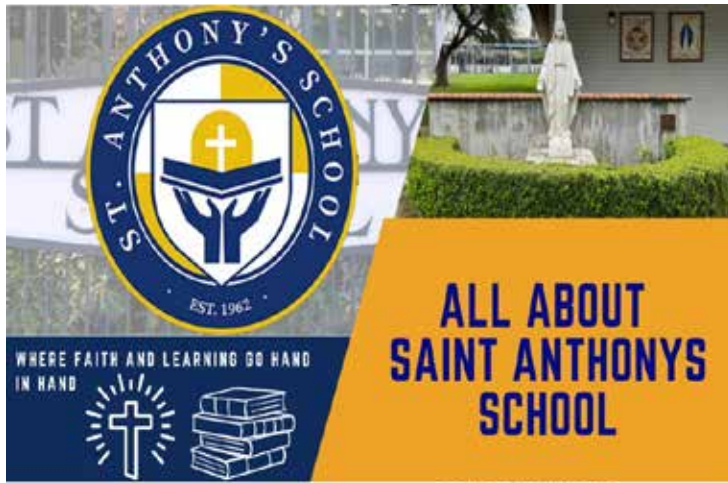
El bautismo de Jesús va al centro del misterio de la redención y de lo que es la misión de Jesús en la tierra. Hay también aquí una ironía especial, pues en su bautismo Jesús entra en una solidaridad radical con todas las mujeres y todos los hombres, asumiendo incluso la condición de nuestra propia pecaminosidad, sin haber pecado Él mismo. Al entrar en las aguas del bautismo, tú y yo dejamos atrás el pecado, mientras que Jesús asume todo el pecado del género humano, y desde esas aguas es enviado por el Padre en su misión de realizar esta redención por nosotros.

También nosotros somos enviados en misión desde las aguas del bautismo. El Padre proclama a cada uno de nosotros, como a Jesús: "Tú eres mi hijo amado, mi hija amada..." recordándonos, ahora que el pecado original ha sido borrado, la bendición original de toda la creación: Dios la contempló y declaró que todo era bueno. La gracia, que está presente «siempre y en todas partes», es más poderosa que el pecado.

Nuestro viaje bautismal implica dejar atrás el camino binario del mundo (o lo uno o lo otro) para vivir en la gracia de la Unidad con Dios. Se trata de un viaje en el que Dios está presente en cada experiencia humana: debilidad y fortaleza, sufrimiento y plenitud, vida y muerte. La gracia abunda en todas partes y en todo.

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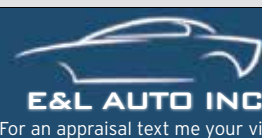


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