

THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME
STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40

EL NIÑO CRECIÓ Y SE HIZO
FUERTE, LLENO DE SABIDURÍA;
Y EL FAVOR DE
DIOS DE DIOS.

LUCAS 2:40

THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD
LA PRESENTACIÓN
DEL SEÑOR

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: #1031

Mass Intentions

2	SUNDAY – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 8:00 a.m. † Pete G. Murillo, Sr. by the Murillo Family 9:30 a.m. † Catalina Nava by Marc & Lucy Vasquez 11:00 a.m. † Robert Dennis Wood by Christy & Ryan Wood 1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Rosa Gallardo 6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
3	MONDAY NO MASS
4	TUESDAY 6:45 a.m. † Tony & Elvira Fagundes by Fagundes Family 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mark de Castro by Valmonte Family
5	WEDNESDAY 6:45 a.m. Intentions of the O'Looney Family by the Frye Family 8:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Andrew Duarte Family by AnneMarie Kausin
6	THURSDAY 6:45 a.m. Intentions of Fred Starks by Jeanne Hermann Starks 8:00 a.m. † Irene Herrera by Ramona Facio
7	FRIDAY – FIRST FRIDAY 6:45 a.m. Intentions of Tom & Arthea Hermann by Jeanne Hermann Starks 8:15 a.m. † Edward Fanucchi by The Candlelight Guild
8	SATURDAY 4:00 p.m. † Charlotte Girado by Ed Girado & Family 5:30 p.m. † Josue & Martha Medina-Gonzalez por Nubia Rios
9	SUNDAY – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community) 9:30 a.m. † Richard & Marilyn Small by Joy O'Connor 11:00 a.m. † Herman & Antoinette Gambero by Georgina & Family 1:00 p.m. † Josefina Obregon por Isabel Despres 6:00 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Marie Paderes Family by AnneMarie Kausin

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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



GRIEF SUPPORT WINTER SERIES

Saturday, February 8 (Session 2)
 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.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Room 23, 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday Night Bible Study continues Bishop Robert Barron's series, *David the King*. Open to men, women, and couples. See you Tuesday.

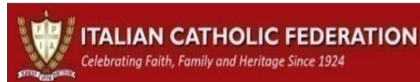


**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
 SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY**
 Wednesday, February 12,
 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,
 \$17.00/person

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, consider 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.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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



**MAÑANA DE REFLEXION
 "PEREGRINOS DE LA ESPERANZA"**

15 de Febrero del 2025
 8:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m.
 En el Salón Social de San Antonio de Padua
 La Iglesia está viviendo el Año Santo de la Misericordia, un tiempo de gracia, de paz, de conversión y de alegría que concierne a todos, te esperamos para reflexionar juntos sobre este año de Gracia. "TE ESPERAMOS"



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

**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: 23, 30 de enero
 y 6 de febrero

Monthly Memorial Mass

Saturday, February 15 – 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 February 2024. We will light a candle for Norberto Ruiz, Ken Nicholson, Milagros Yulionsion, Robert Dennis Wood, and Ofelia Paez de Harrison. 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 passed in February 2024, call the Parish Office, ext. 106.

Grupo de Oración

**MIÉRCOLES – GRUPO DE ORACIÓN
 ENCUENTRO CON DIOS.**

Te invitamos al grupo de oración todos los miercoles 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!

January 12, 2025	\$24,342.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$22,430.00
Difference	\$1,912.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024	\$617,412.10
July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023	\$610,709.15
Difference	\$6,702.95

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.



Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday, February 15
 1:00 p.m.
 Main Church

ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

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

Sunday 9:00 a.m. – English

Sunday 10:30 a.m. – Español

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

January 12, 2025	\$1,414.43
2024-2025 YTD Total	\$49,030.69

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 GRACIAS POR SU
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WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE
CAMINANDO JUNTOS EN ESPERANZA

2024 - 2025




Bishop's Annual Appeal
WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

50% VOCATIONS/VOCACIONES
25% FORMATION/FORMACIÓN
25% RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Compañía Anual
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CAMINANDO JUNTOS EN ESPERANZA

SECOND COLLECTION / SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN
February 1 & 2 / 1 y 2 de febrero



LA WILDFIRE SUPPORT

SECOND COLLECTION / SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN
February 8 & 9 / 8 y 9 de febrero

Why Does the Church Baptize Babies?

Babies are born with original sin and need Baptism to cleanse them, so that they may become adopted sons and daughters of God and receive the grace of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that the kingdom of God also belongs to children (see Mt 18:4; Mk 10:14).

We are pleased to announce the names of those who have received the Sacrament of Baptism in the last six months here at St. Anthony of Padua.

For more information on the Sacrament of Baptism, please visit the parish website at www.stanthonyfresno.org/sacraments/baptism.

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| Matias Alba | Dailyn Gonzales Calderon |
| Lillian Everly Alvarado | Keo Nestor Hortizuela |
| Angelina Aitana Arreola | Addison Marie Johnson |
| Ariana Avalos Delgado | Olivia Camille Justice |
| Athena Violet Avendano | Mila Jane Kupina |
| Tatiana Mia Avila | Matthew Linares |
| Berlyn Kay Banda | Roman Antonio Medina-Rios |
| Skyler Marie Briggs-Contreras | Evianna Luna Mendoza |
| Eloise Meadow Cabrera | Matthias Elon Mendoza |
| Natalia Carrasco | Adriana Isabella Mojarro |
| Ismael Alejo DeArcos | Alina Montoya |
| William Kelly DePew | Juan Antonio Navarrete Pineda |
| Emma Estrada Hernandez | Theodore Frederick Orozco |
| Vincent Christopher Felipe | Allyson Rose Ortiz |
| Sebastian Flores | Tatiana Cora-Luna Ortiz |
| Yaneli Anita Franco | Kolt Davis Perez |
| Katherine Marie Giffen | Joseph Andrew Phillips |
| Ledgend David Gonzales | MayaRose Plascencia |
| Sophia Reese Gonzales | Henry Jaradiah Prieto |



- Diego Amador Quintero
Ezra Hideki Rico
Emily Grace Rios
Kailany Rosy Romero-Flores
Sebastian Saldana
Gabriel Gael Samano
Messiah Daniel Sanchez
Victoria Lucero Sanchez
Nolan Richard Schneider
Julian Velez
Olivia Kay Velo

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...

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.

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.

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.

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

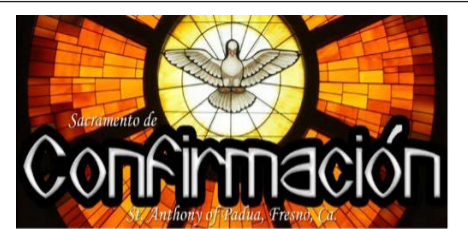
Click on *Faith Formation* or scroll down to the RCIA icon.

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



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.

JESUS IS THE LIGHT

Reflection on Luke 2:22-40

Today, the Church gives us the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which falls 40 days after the birth of Christ, and commemorates His presentation by His parents at the Temple, in fulfillment of the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. We are introduced to Simeon and Anna, who encounter Jesus after their very long journeys of faith. They embody God’s chosen people, Israel, living out their covenant relationship with the Lord and trusting in the Lord’s promises.

Simeon, devout and righteous, awaits “the consolation of Israel,” that moment of the promised Messiah. Anna, always in prayer, gives witness to Jesus, becoming one of the first evangelists.

It is interesting to consider Simeon’s words: “...for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” This is a further manifestation of one of Luke’s great themes that we saw in the Epiphany story: the universal nature of salvation in Christ. This prophecy by Simeon will become clear following the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

– Fr. Jay



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LUKE 2:40

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord
 Malachi 3:1-4
 Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
 Hebrews 2:14-18
 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
 Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
 Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11
 Mark 6:7-13

Monday, February 3, 2025

Saint Blaise
 Hebrews 11:32-40
 Psalm 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24
 Mark 5:1-20

Friday, February 7, 2025

Weekday
 Hebrews 13:1-8
 Psalm 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc
 Mark 6:14-29

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Weekday
 Hebrews 12:1-4
 Psalm 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32
 Mark 5:21-43

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Weekday
 Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
 Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
 Mark 6:30-34

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
 Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
 Psalm 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a
 Mark 6:1-6

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

SAINT BLAISE

Saint of the Day: February 3

Patron Saint of Relief from Throat Ailments

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise’s feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day, a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise’s cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fishbone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time, he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

Blaise is seen as one more example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus. With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise’s protection.

Read the full article: “Saint Blaise” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscan1stg.wpengine.com/saint-of-the-day/saint-blaise/ (Accessed January 21, 2025).

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SAN BLAS

Santo del día: 3 de febrero

Patrón del alivio de las afecciones de garganta

Sabemos más de la devoción de los cristianos de todo el mundo a san Blas que del propio santo. En 1222, el Concilio de Oxford prohibió el trabajo servil en Inglaterra el día de la festividad de Blas. Los alemanes y los eslavos le rinden un homenaje especial, y durante décadas muchos católicos de Estados Unidos han solicitado la bendición anual de San Blas para sus gargantas.

Sabemos que el obispo Blaise fue martirizado en su ciudad episcopal de Sebastea, Armenia, en 316. Las legendarias Actas de San Blas se escribieron 400 años después. Según ellas, Blaise fue un buen obispo, que trabajó duro para fomentar la salud espiritual y física de su pueblo. Aunque el Edicto de Tolerancia (311), que concedía la libertad de culto en el Imperio Romano, tenía ya cinco años, la persecución seguía haciendo estragos en Armenia. Al parecer, Blaise se vio obligado a huir al interior del país. Allí vivió como un ermitaño en soledad y oración, pero se hizo amigo de los animales salvajes. Un día, un grupo de cazadores que buscaba animales salvajes para el anfiteatro tropezó con la cueva de Blaise. Primero se sorprendieron y luego se asustaron. El obispo estaba arrodillado en oración rodeado de lobos, leones y osos que esperaban pacientemente.

Cuenta la leyenda que, mientras los cazadores se llevaban a Blaise a la cárcel, llegó una madre con su hijo pequeño, que tenía una espina de pescado clavada en la garganta. A la orden de Blaise, el niño pudo expulsar la espina.

Agrícola, gobernador de Capadocia, intentó persuadir a Blaise para que sacrificara a ídolos paganos. La primera vez que Blaise se negó, fue golpeado. La siguiente vez lo colgaron de un árbol y le desgarraron la carne con peines o rastrillos de hierro. Finalmente, fue decapitado.

Blaise es visto como un ejemplo más del poder que tienen aquellos que se entregan enteramente a Jesús. Con fe, podemos seguir el ejemplo de la Iglesia y pedir la protección de Blas.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Blaise" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscan1stg.wpengine.com/saint-of-the-day/saint-blaise/ (consultado el 21 de enero de 2025).

JESÚS ES LA LUZ

Reflexión sobre Lucas 2:22-40

La Iglesia nos regala hoy la fiesta de la Presentación del Señor, que cae 40 días después del nacimiento de Cristo, y conmemora su presentación por sus padres en el Templo, en cumplimiento de las prescripciones de la Ley de Moisés. Se nos presenta a Simeón y Ana, que se encuentran con Jesús tras un largo camino de fe. Ellos encarnan al pueblo elegido de Dios, Israel, que vive su relación de alianza con el Señor y confía en las promesas del Señor.

Simeón, devoto y justo, espera "la consolación de Israel," ese momento del Mesías prometido. Ana, siempre en oración, da testimonio de Jesús, convirtiéndose en una de las primeras evangelistas.

Es interesante considerar las palabras de Simeón: "...porque han visto mis ojos tu salvación, que has preparado a la vista de todos los pueblos: luz para revelación de los gentiles y gloria de tu pueblo Israel." Esta es una manifestación más de uno de los grandes temas de Lucas que vimos en el relato de la Epifanía: el carácter universal de la salvación en Cristo. Esta profecía de Simeón quedará clara tras la muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

– P. Jay



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