

THE SEASON OF

Lent 2025

PRAY ♦ FAST ♦ GIVE

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT
AND MY SALVATION;
WHOM SHOULD I FEAR?
THE LORD IS MY LIFE'S REFUGE;
OF WHOM SHOULD I BE AFRAID?
— PSALM 27:1

YAHVEH ES MI LUZ
Y MI SALVACIÓN;
¿A QUIÉN HE DE TEMER?
YAHVEH ES EL REFUGIO DE MI VIDA;
¿DE QUIÉN HE DE TENER MIEDO?
— SALMO 27:1

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT | 2º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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: #888

Mass Intentions

16 SUNDAY – 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m. † Maria Dolores Garcia by Juan Garcia
9:30 a.m. † Peter L. Mendez by Sandra Mendez
11:00 a.m. † Ignacia Hernandez by the Hernandez Family
1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
6:00 p.m. † Juventina Zuniga by Alma Proxmire

17 MONDAY
NO MASS

18 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Bernie Pallsback by Byron & Janet Schnetz
8:00 a.m. † Jim Benitez by Leona Garzelli

19 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. † Wanda Mattes by Lisa Garcia
8:00 a.m. † Tom & Angie Medina by the Medina Family

20 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Bennie & Lucy Leal by Debbie Fagundes
8:00 a.m. † Stella Chavez by Rebecca Mestas

21 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions (B-Day) of Mario & Linda Beltramo by Frye Family
8:15 a.m. † Henry & Ida Jefferson by Syl & Marge Bryan

22 SATURDAY
4:00 p.m. † Edward Fanucchi by the Armas Family
5:30 p.m. † Norma Cerda Galindo por su familia

23 SUNDAY – 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m. † Alfredo Corpus by Sarah Corpus & Family
9:30 a.m. † Catalina Nava by Marc & Lucy Vasquez
11:00 a.m. † Mark T. Crawford by Martha Crawford
1:00 p.m. † Victoria Castellanos Mendoza por Noemi Gomez
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

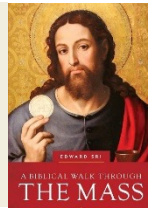
SATURDAY, MARCH 15
 Knights of Columbus 6092
 St. Patrick's Dinner & Auction
 No Host Bar, Door, & Auction Tables
 open at 6:30 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus are not part of and not acting on behalf of the St. Anthony of Padua parish or the Diocese of Fresno

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

Conference Room, 9:00 a.m.
 Part 2: The Mass
 Discover the Beauty and Riches of the Mass in this five-part series.
 Open to everyone. Come join us.



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



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent
 6:00 p.m. in English, OLG Chapel

Vía Crucis | Estaciones de la Cruz

Viernes durante la Cuaresma |
 7:00 p.m. en la Iglesia OLG 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday
 9:00-11:00 a.m. – Guadalupe Chapel

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

SATURDAY, MARCH 29/SUNDAY, MARCH 30
 Members of the Knights of Columbus will be in the Pavilion to accept your nonperishable donations before and after Mass.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

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



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RECONCILIATION

Tuesday
 6:00 p.m. – Chapel Confessionals

Saturday
 10:00 a.m. – Chapel Confessionals

¿Te has preguntado de donde viene todo lo que decimos y hacemos en la Liturgia de la Misa?

UN CURSO BIBLICO A TRAVES DE LA MISA



Acompáñanos a este fascinante curso y recorrido a través de la Misa que renovará tu fe y profundizará tu amor y devoción a la Sagrada Eucaristía.

¡TE ESPERAMOS!

Se recomienda tomar el curso completo.

Jueves: Feb 27, Mar 6, 20, 27 y Abr 3

A las 6:30PM.

En el Salon Social de la Iglesia.

Traer Biblia y Libreta



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

Wednesday, April 9,
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,
\$17.00/person

The Silver Angels Ministry provides an opportunity for St. Anthony and St. Agnes parishioners (50+) to come together for lunch and little fun. This month, we are catering food from EMW China Bistro. 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, APRIL 9, 2025

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



The Italian Catholic Federation is not part of and not acting on behalf of the St. Anthony of Padua parish or the Diocese of Fresno

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!

February 23, 2025	\$21,983.00
Last year’s Plate Income	\$30,766.00
Difference	- \$ 8,783.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • <i>Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</i>	
July 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025	\$829,575.39
July 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024	\$810,746.86
Difference	\$18,828.53

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.

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

- Daniel Weimer & Laura Lopez Gallegos
- Spencer Christensen & Samantha Wallace
- Nicholas Romero & Amber Varela
- Louis Cerbo & Grace Brooks

If you know of any canonical reason for them not to be married, please contact the Parish Office.

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

February 23, 2025	\$1,422.95
2024-2025 YTD Total	\$58,083.10

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

Feast of St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 19

Saint Joseph's Day, also called the Feast of Saint Joseph or the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, is in Western Christianity the principal feast day of Saint Joseph, husband of the Virgin Mary and legal father of Jesus Christ, celebrated on 19 March. It has the rank of a solemnity in the Catholic Church.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.



Pope Francis urged Christians to examine their consciences in Lent by comparing their daily lives to the hardships faced by migrants, calling it a way to grow in empathy and discover God's call to compassion.

St. Joseph is often referred to as the foster father of Jesus. St. Joseph provides an excellent example to foster parents on how to love, guide, and protect those in their care. St. Joseph taught Jesus how to work with his hands and other skills. It is the goal of all parents to help a child find their unique gifts and abilities, while providing a safe and loving environment to develop and grow.

El Día de San José, también llamado Fiesta de San José o Solemnidad de San José, es en el cristianismo occidental la fiesta principal de San José, esposo de la Virgen María y padre legal de Jesucristo, que se celebra el 19 de marzo. Tiene rango de solemnidad en la Iglesia Católica.

José es el santo patrón de los moribundos porque, asumiendo que murió antes de la vida pública de Jesús, murió con Jesús y María cerca de él, de la manera en que a todos nos gustaría dejar esta tierra.

José es también santo patrón de la Iglesia Universal, de las familias, de los padres, de las mujeres embarazadas, de los viajeros, de los inmigrantes, de los vendedores y compradores de casas, de los artesanos, de los ingenieros y del pueblo trabajador en general.

El Papa Francisco instó a los cristianos a examinar sus conciencias en Cuaresma comparando su vida diaria con las dificultades que enfrentan los migrantes, y lo calificó como una forma de crecer en empatía y descubrir el llamado de Dios a la compasión.

A menudo se hace referencia a San José como el padre adoptivo de Jesús. San José proporciona un excelente ejemplo a los padres de crianza sobre cómo amar, guiar y proteger a quienes están bajo su cuidado. San José enseñó a Jesús a trabajar con las manos y otras habilidades. El objetivo de todos los padres es ayudar a un niño a encontrar sus dones y habilidades únicos, y al mismo tiempo brindarle un ambiente seguro y amoroso para desarrollarse y crecer.

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 Briseno at 559-439-0124, ext. 113 or by email mbriseno@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: 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.

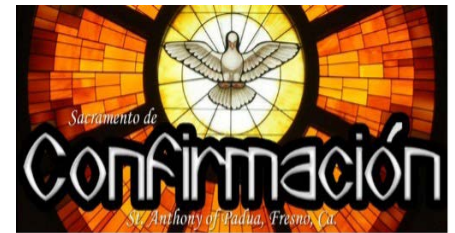
Youth can prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion while attending EDGE.

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.



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

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

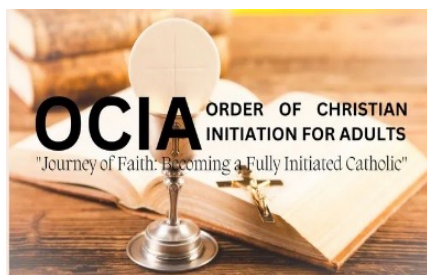
2024-2025 Registration is open (only available online)

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.

OCIA: ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Anthony Conference Room (aka Donut Room)



SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Anthony of Padua Conference Room (aka Donut Room)

To register go to www.stanthonyfresno.org

Click on Faith Formation and scroll to Sacraments of Initiation for Adults.

We welcome adults seeking any of the Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist**

New folks are welcome to join us at any time during the year. If you have questions, please contact Martha by phone or email.



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.

FAITH AND LOVE

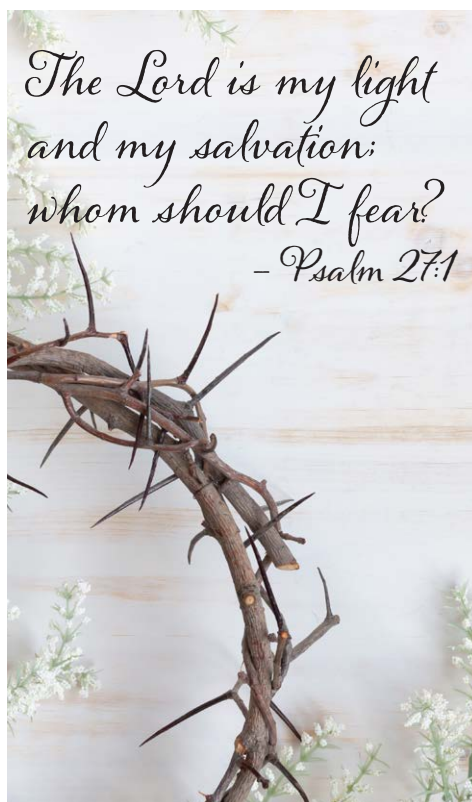
Reflection on Luke 9:28b-36

The Transfiguration of Jesus in this weekend's Gospel is closely linked to the Baptism of Jesus, for on both occasions the sky speaks those words of generative love – "This is my Beloved Son..." Each of us hears these same words spoken to us at Baptism, when we begin the lifelong journey of faith, the journey of embracing and living the gift of faith.

The word, faith, is sometimes understood as accepting something you cannot prove or understand. People often say, "such and such cannot be explained, you simply have to believe it, you must have faith." However, it seems clear that when Jesus speaks of faith, He means first of all and last of all to trust unreservedly that you are loved.

One of my most powerful memories of my grandmother is the words that she spoke repeatedly to each of us, her grandchildren, whenever we took leave after visiting her. As we walked out the door, she would say, "Remember, God loves you, and there isn't a d---- thing you can do about it!" (She was rather feisty in character and language!) I recall these words whenever doubt enters and faith falters, and I am transfigured.

– Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
 Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
 Luke 9:28b-36

Monday, March 17, 2025

Saint Patrick
 Daniel 9:4b-10
 Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
 Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Lenten Weekday
 Isaiah 1:10, 16-20
 Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
 Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
 Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
 Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
 Luke 2:41-51a

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Lenten Weekday
 Jeremiah 17:5-10
 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
 Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 21, 2025

Lenten Weekday
 Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
 Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21
 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Lenten Weekday
 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
 Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

SAINT PATRICK

Saint of the Day: March 17

Patron Saint of Engineers, Ireland, Nigeria

Current research places Patrick's dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland.

His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish.

Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission. In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination toward learning. One of the few certainly authentic writings is his *Confessio*, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate.

There is hope in the fact that his burial place is said to be in County Down in Northern Ireland, long the scene of strife and violence.

Read the full article: "Saint Patrick'" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-patrick/ (Accessed February 21, 2025).

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FE Y AMOR

Reflexión sobre Lucas 9,28b-36

La transfiguración de Jesús en el Evangelio de este fin de semana está estrechamente vinculada al bautismo de Jesús, porque en ambas ocasiones el cielo pronuncia esas palabras de amor generador: "Este es mi Hijo amado..." Cada uno de nosotros escucha esas mismas palabras pronunciadas en el bautismo, cuando iniciamos el camino de la fe, el camino de abrazar y vivir el don de la fe.

La palabra fe se entiende a veces como aceptar algo que no se puede probar o comprender. La gente suele decir: "tal cosa no se puede explicar, simplemente hay que creerla, hay que tener fe." Sin embargo, parece claro que cuando Jesús habla de fe, se refiere en primer y último lugar a confiar sin reservas en que eres amado.

Uno de los recuerdos más poderosos que tengo de mi abuela son las palabras que nos dirigía repetidamente a cada uno de nosotros, sus nietos, cada vez que nos despedíamos después de visitarla. Cuando salíamos por la puerta, nos decía: "¡Recordad que Dios os ama, y no hay nada que podáis hacer al respecto!" (¡Era bastante luchadora en su carácter y en su lenguaje!) Recuerdo estas palabras cada vez que entra la duda y flaquea la fe, y me transfiguro.

– P. Jay

SAN PATRICIO

Santo del día: 17 de marzo

Patrón de los ingenieros, Irlanda, Nigeria

Las investigaciones actuales sitúan las fechas de nacimiento y muerte de Patricio un poco más tarde que los relatos anteriores. Patrick pudo haber nacido en Dunbarton, Escocia, Cumberland, Inglaterra, o en el norte de Gales. A los 16 años, él y un gran número de esclavos y vasallos de su padre fueron capturados por asaltantes irlandeses y vendidos como esclavos en Irlanda.

Su cautiverio le supuso una conversión espiritual. Es posible que estudiara en Lerins, frente a la costa francesa; pasó años en Auxerre, Francia, y fue consagrado obispo a los 43. Su gran deseo era proclamar la buena nueva a los irlandeses.

Debido a los antecedentes paganos de la isla, Patricio insistió en animar a las viudas a permanecer castas y a las jóvenes a consagrar su virginidad a Cristo. Ordenó a muchos sacerdotes, dividió el país en diócesis, celebró concilios eclesiásticos, fundó varios monasterios e instó continuamente a su pueblo a una mayor santidad en Cristo.

Sufrió mucha oposición por parte de los druidas paganos y fue criticado tanto en Inglaterra como en Irlanda por la forma en que dirigía su misión. En relativamente poco tiempo, la isla había experimentado profundamente el espíritu cristiano y estaba preparada para enviar misioneros cuyos esfuerzos fueron en gran medida responsables de la cristianización de Europa.

Patricio era un hombre de acción, con poca inclinación hacia el aprendizaje. Uno de los pocos escritos ciertamente auténticos es su Confessio, sobre todo un acto de homenaje a Dios por haber llamado a Patricio, indigno pecador, al apostolado. Hay esperanza en el hecho de que se dice que su sepultura está en el condado de Down, en Irlanda del Norte, durante mucho tiempo escenario de luchas y violencia.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Patrick" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-patrick/ (consultado el 21 de febrero de 2025).






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