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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: #858

Mass Intentions

30	SUNDAY – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 a.m. † Catlin Hailey Nino by Will & Delia Nino 9:30 a.m. † Mrs. Darrel Satragni by Barbara Boldt 11:00 a.m. † Mark T. Crawford by Martha Crawford 1:00 p.m. † Salvador E. Reyes por Adriana Reyes 6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
1	MONDAY NO MASS
2	TUESDAY 6:45 a.m. † Frances Marie Grant by Carmen Eanni Eanni 8:00 a.m. † Bert Belton by His Family
3	WEDNESDAY 6:45 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Girardi & Comes Families by Cindy Ferdinandi 8:00 a.m. † Fred Starks by Jeanne Hermann Statkes
4	THURSDAY 6:45 a.m. † Mary Mascarenaz by Carmen Eanni Eanni 8:00 a.m. † Edwin Falqueza by Babette Falqueza
5	FRIDAY 6:45 a.m. † Intentions for Thomas Herman by Jeanne Herman Starks 8:15 a.m. † Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by Their Children
6	SATURDAY 8:15 a.m. † St. Leopold Mandic by Mike & Angelina DiNizzo 4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community) 5:30 p.m. † Richard Burton por Ana Burton
7	SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 a.m. † Deceased Member of the Facio Family by Ramona Facio 9:30 a.m. † Leonora Martinez Miller by Christy M. Wood 11:00 a.m. † Jeff Reynolds by His Wife & Children 1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Rosa Gallardo 6:00 p.m. † Caitlin Hailey Nino by Will & Delia Nino



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m., Conference Room
Martha invites all parish ladies to join her on a journey of faith.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

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



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

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



First Friday
Adoration
Primer Viernes de Adoración

Adoration, Worship,
and Communion
Adoración, Alabanza y Comunión

Friday: Dec 5, 2025
Viernes: 5 de Diciembre de 2025

@ 6:00 p.m.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
¡Todos son Bienvenidos!

St. Anthony of Padua

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



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

First Saturday
8:15 a.m. Mass
Followed by the Rosary and meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary honoring Our Lady of Fatima's Request.

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."



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY
Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
111 W. Birch Avenue, Pinedale

Join your fellow St. Anthony or St. Agnes parishioners (50 and beyond) for an Advent/Christmas Luncheon with the Holiday meal provided by Pardini's. Guests and members are invited to bring an unwrapped toy for the Catholic Charities Toy Drive. The registration form (see page 9) and payment can be placed in an envelope (marked Silver Angels) and placed in the Offertory basket, or in the Parish Office mail slot on the south side of the office. Cost is \$20.00 per person.

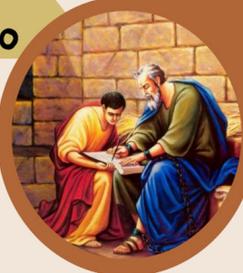
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
General Meeting & Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony of Padua Social Hall.
All are welcome.



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

ESTUDIO BIBLICO

CARTAS DE SAN PABLO DE LA CAUTIVIDAD



Primera Parte
(5 sesiones)

Iniciaremos el 16 de Octubre de 2025
En el Salón 22 a las 6:30pm.

Registrate y pide tu material con la Hna. Edith antes del 12 de Octubre de 2025.
sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org
Tel: (559)439-0124 Ext. 122

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!

November 9, 2025	\$20,848.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$21,659.00
Difference:	- \$811.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2025 – August 30, 2025	\$203,312.54
July 1, 2024 – August 30, 2024	\$182,422.86
Difference:	\$20,889.68

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.

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
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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



SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

November 2, 2025	\$1,760.00
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**WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR
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 GRACIAS POR SU
 CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD**

DIOCESE OF FRESNO OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

WRITTEN BY MONSIGNOR PATRICK MCCORMICK

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, in Baptism, You call Your people by name and make us one family in Your Church. We praise Your goodness. We thank You for Your gifts.

Father, bless our Church with Your love. Raise up in the Diocese of Fresno good and holy families: loving husbands and wives, devoted parents, and children. Raise up from our families dedicated and generous men and women who will serve Your people.

Send Your Holy Spirit to call, guide, and strengthen our future priests, deacons, nuns, sisters, and brothers in religious vocations, so that they may serve Your people by following the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayer.

Amen.

ORACION POR LAS VOCACIONES

Dios Padre Nuestro, que en el bautismo llamas a tu pueblo por su nombre haciendo de nosotros una familia en tu Iglesia.

Alabamos tu bondad y agradecemos tus dones. Bendice a nuestra Iglesia con tu amor, suscitando en la Diócesis de Fresno buenas y santas familias: matrimonios amorosos, padres e hijos con gran devoción. Que de nuestros hogares nazcan personas dedicadas y generosas que sirva a tu pueblo.

Envía tu Espíritu Santo para guiar, dirigir y fortalecer a nuestros futuros sacerdotes, diáconos, monjas y personas consagradas a la vida religiosa. Que ellos puedan servir a tu pueblo siguiendo el ejemplo de tu Hijo Jesucristo, en cuyo nombre ofrecemos nuestra oración.

Amen.



The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

Jose Ochoa & Alma Cervantes

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

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**
Mass in English – 6:45 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Misa en Español – 7:00 p.m.

The Feast of
*Immaculate
Conception*

Thou alone and Thy Mother are in all things fair there is no flaw in Thee and no stain in Thy Mother



MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 ADVENT Penance SERVICE

7:00 p.m. Main Church

The Annual Penance Service will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. with readings and prayers. We ask all parishioners to sit in the first open pew closest to the altar area and toward the center aisle as to create one continuous line. El Servicio Anual de Penitencia comenzará a las 19:00 h con lecturas y oraciones.



TOYS FOR KIDS

PROVIDING HELP · CREATING HOPE

St. Anthony of Padua School and Parish are taking part in the Catholic Charities Toys For Kids drive. Please place your new, unwrapped toy in one of the collection boxes found in the Conference Room (aka Donut Room) before Wednesday, December 17. Thank you for making Christmas a more joyful day for needy children in our Valley.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TOYS FOR KIDS

St. Anthony of Padua School and Parish are taking part in the Catholic Charities Toys For Kids drive. Please

VILLANCICOS NAVIDEÑOS

Acompáñanos en familia a darle la bienvenida a nuestras tradiciones de la gran temporada de la Navidad. Donde celebramos el nacimiento de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Diciembre 13

Hora: 6:30 p.m. | Iglesia

¡NO TE LO PIERDAS, TE ESPERAMOS!



NOVENA

GUADALUPANA

Comenzando el 3 de diciembre
(habrá convivios después de cada Rosario)

MIÉRCOLES 3 de DIC. | Capilla Rosario 7:00 p.m.

JUEVES 4 de DIC.
Rosario en sus casas

VIERNES 5 de DIC. | Capilla Rosario 7:00 p.m.

SÁBADO 6 de DIC. | Capilla Rosario 6:30 p.m.
(después de la misa)

DOMINGO 7 de DIC. | Capilla Rosario 12:00 p.m.
(antes de la misa)

LUNES 8 de DIC. | Iglesia Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción Virgen de Juquila

MARTES 9 de DIC. | Capilla *San Juan Diego* Rosario 7:00 p.m.

MIÉRCOLES 10 de DIC. | Capilla Rosario 7:00 p.m.

JUEVES 11 de DIC. | Capilla Rosario 6:30 p.m.
Apariciones 7:00 p.m.

VIERNES 12 de DICIEMBRE MAÑANITAS CON MARIACHI

4:30 a.m. y Misa 5:00 a.m.
Misa de la Tarde 7:00 p.m.

(Apariciones de la Virgen a las 6:30 p.m.)

Se invita traer a todos los niños vestidos de San Juan Dieguitos y niñas de la Virgen

Si gustas ser padrino o madrina o hacer una donación para la celebración de la Virgen ponte en contacto con Hna. Lupita al 439-0124, ext. 122



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 (3rd 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.



SERVIDOR DE ALTAR

Invitamos a los padres de los jóvenes (de 3º 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.

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.

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.



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.

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.



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.

To sign up to help with parish ministries, go to www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/, or call the Parish Office at 439-0124 for more details.

Para inscribirse para ayudar con los ministerios parroquiales, visite www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/ o llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 439-0124 para obtener más detalles.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – GIFT
“Growing In Faith Together”**



Faith Formation & Sacrament Preparation for Children in Kindergarten-6th Grade
FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION & SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

GIFT Registration is now open at www.stanthonyfresno.org. Sunday Classes (3:00-4:15 p.m.) and Second Year students and parent(s) one Thursday per month class (at 6:30 p.m.) will begin in October, 2025.

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

2025-2026 Registration for **Grades 6th through 8th** is open (available online only) through September 24th 2025. Register at www.stanthonyfresno.org. Click the Faith Formation tab, in the drop-down menu select Edge Youth Ministry.



Tuesday Evenings in the Social Hall at St. Anthony’s School, 6:30-8:00 p.m., beginning September 30th.

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 will prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion while attending EDGE.**

Director, Jaime Torkelson, ext. 117, jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org.

LIFETEEN

Confirmation 1 and 2 – High School Teens



2025-2026 Registration for **Grades 9 through 12** is now open (available online only) through September 24th 2025. Register at www.stanthonyfresno.org. Click the Faith Formation tab, in the drop-down menu select Confirmation/LifeTeen.

Sundays in the Social Hall at St. Anthony’s School directly after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, 12:00-1:30 p.m., beginning October 5th.

LifeTeen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We created a dynamic space where teens can develop friendships with their peers, learn more about their faith, and encounter Jesus in the Sacraments!

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 Sundays with our LifeTeen Youth Group which begins after the 11:00 a.m. Mass until 1:30 p.m.

1st Year session will begin Sunday, October 5th

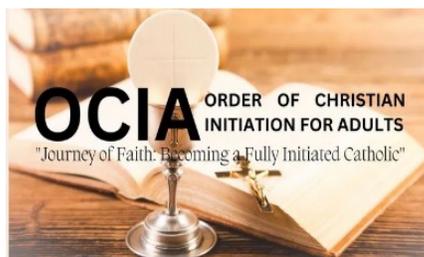
2nd Year session will begin Sunday, October 19th

Director, Jaime Torkelson, ext. 117, jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org

EDGE/LIFETEEN Volunteers Needed

We’re looking for volunteers interested in helping with Edge (6th - 8th grade youth group) and/or LifeTeen (9th-12th grade teens). If you feel called to help our youth connect with Christ and His Church, please contact the Parish Office. You are more than needed, you are wanted!

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.

**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

La inscripción para el programa GIFT ya está abierta en www.stanthonyfresno.org.

Las clases dominicales (de 15:00-16:15 h) y la clase un jueves al mes (a las 18:30 h) para estudiantes de segundo año y sus padres comenzarán en octubre de 2025.

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
INSCRIPCIONES YA
ESTÁN ABIERTAS**

Para inscribirse
ESCANEE EL CODIGO QR



Para mas información comuníquese al (559) 439-0154 con el Diacono Edgar #111 o Hna. Lupita #107



**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.

NEW YEAR

Reflection on Matthew 24:37-44

The beginning of a new year, on this first Sunday of Advent, always feels to me like God has blessed us with another chance for realizing God's presence and purpose in our lives and in our world. It all can begin again! There are new possibilities, another chance to change, and right the wrongs of this past year.

And here is Matthew, who will be our tour guide through this new year, starting us out with a warning and an admonition. We are warned that it all could end at any minute, that we cannot know the day or the hour, that the Son of Man will come at a time we least expect. So we really only have now – this moment – to get it right. This hints at the great wisdom in the 12-step recovery process: live one day at a time.

The admonition, the encouragement for how to live vitally and fully in the day, in the moment, is simple: Pay attention! Jesus wants our attention for a very specific reason and message. He wants us to pay attention so that we do not miss the most important event of our lives: the coming of God into our lives, which happens daily, moment by moment. The call to alertness, with our whole being poised and focused, listening and alert, waiting actively for God's coming, is our Advent.

– Father Jay

THE *Lord, your God*, IS IN
YOUR MIDST, A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL *rejoice* OVER YOU
WITH GLADNESS,
AND **RENEW** YOU IN HIS LOVE.

– ZEPHANIAH 3:17



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Monday, December 1, 2025

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 4:2-6
Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 26:1-6
Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5, 2025

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 29:17-24
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

Saint of the Day: December 3

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Jesus asked, "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years, he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.

Read the full article: "Saint Francis Xavier" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-xavier/> (Accessed November 14, 2025).

AÑO NUEVO

Reflexión sobre Mateo 24:37-44

El comienzo de un nuevo año, en este primer domingo de Adviento, siempre me hace sentir que Dios nos ha bendecido con otra oportunidad para darnos cuenta de su presencia y su propósito en nuestras vidas y en nuestro mundo. ¡Todo puede comenzar de nuevo! Hay nuevas posibilidades, otra oportunidad para cambiar y corregir los errores del año pasado.

Y aquí está Mateo, que será nuestro guía a lo largo de este nuevo año, comenzando con una advertencia y una amonestación. Se nos advierte que todo podría terminar en cualquier momento, que no podemos saber el día ni la hora, que el Hijo del Hombre vendrá cuando menos lo esperemos. Así que realmente solo tenemos el ahora, este momento, para hacerlo bien. Esto insinúa la gran sabiduría del proceso de recuperación de 12 pasos: vivir un día a la vez.

La advertencia, el estímulo para vivir de manera vital y plena el día, el momento, es simple: ¡Presten atención! Jesús quiere nuestra atención por una razón y un mensaje muy específicos. Quiere que prestemos atención para no perdernos el acontecimiento más importante de nuestras vidas: la llegada de Dios a nuestras vidas, que ocurre a diario, momento a momento. La llamada a la vigilancia, con todo nuestro ser en equilibrio y concentrado, escuchando y alerta, esperando activamente la llegada de Dios, es nuestro Adviento.

– Padre Jay

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– SOFONÍAS 3:17



ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 30 de noviembre de 2025

Primer domingo de Adviento

Isaías 2:1-5

Salmo 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Romanos 13:11-14

Mateo 24:37-44

Lunes, 1 de diciembre de 2025

Semana de Adviento

Isaías 4:2-6

Salmo 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mateo 8:5-11

Martes, 2 de diciembre de 2025

Semana de Adviento

Isaías 11:1-10

Salmo 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Lucas 10:21-24

Miércoles, 3 de diciembre de 2025

San Francisco Javier, sacerdote

Isaías 25:6-10a

Salmo 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Mateo 15:29-37

Jueves, 4 de diciembre de 2025

Semana de Adviento

Isaías 26:1-6

Salmo 118:1 y 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a

Mateo 7:21, 24-27

Viernes, 5 de diciembre de 2025

Semana de Adviento

Isaías 29:17-24

Salmo 27:1, 4, 13-14

Mateo 9:27-31

Sábado, 6 de diciembre de 2025

Semana de Adviento

Isaías 30:19-21, 23-26

Salmo 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mateo 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

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SAN FRANCISCO JAVIER

Santo del día: 3 de diciembre

Santo patrón de Japón y de los joyeros

Jesús preguntó: "¿De qué le sirve al hombre ganar el mundo entero si pierde su vida?" (Mateo 16:26a). Estas palabras se las repitió a un joven profesor de filosofía que tenía una carrera académica muy prometedora, con éxito y una vida de prestigio y honor por delante.

Francisco Javier, que entonces tenía 24 años y vivía y enseñaba en París, no prestó atención a estas palabras de inmediato. Provenían de un buen amigo, Ignacio de Loyola, cuya incansable persuasión finalmente ganó al joven para Cristo. Francisco realizó entonces los ejercicios espirituales bajo la dirección de Ignacio y, en 1534, se unió a su pequeña comunidad, la incipiente Compañía de Jesús. Juntos, en Montmartre, hicieron votos de pobreza, castidad, obediencia y servicio apostólico según las instrucciones del papa.

Desde Venecia, donde fue ordenado sacerdote en 1537, Javier se trasladó a Lisboa y desde allí zarpó hacia las Indias Orientales, desembarcando en Goa, en la costa occidental de la India. Durante los siguientes diez años trabajó para llevar la fe a pueblos tan dispersos como los hindúes, los malayos y los japoneses. Pasó gran parte de ese tiempo en la India y fue provincial de la recién creada provincia jesuita de la India.

Dondequiera que iba, Javier vivía con los más pobres, compartiendo su comida y sus rudimentarias viviendas. Pasaba innumerables horas atendiendo a los enfermos y a los pobres, en particular a los leprosos. Muy a menudo no tenía tiempo para dormir ni siquiera para rezar su breviario, pero, como sabemos por sus cartas, siempre estaba lleno de alegría.

Xavier recorrió las islas de Malasia y luego subió a Japón. Aprendió suficiente japonés para predicar a la gente sencilla, instruir, bautizar y establecer misiones para quienes le seguirían. Desde Japón soñaba con ir a China, pero este plan nunca se realizó. Antes de llegar al continente, murió. Sus restos están consagrados en la Iglesia del Buen Jesús en Goa. Él y Santa Teresa de Lisieux fueron declarados copatronos de las misiones en 1925.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Francis Xavier" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-xavier/> (consultado el 14 de noviembre de 2025).




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