



Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
*the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

– Matthew 5:3

Bienaventurados los pobres de espíritu,  
*porque de ellos es el reino de los cielos.*

– Mateo 5:3

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 4º domingo del tiempo ordinario

*St. Anthony of Padua Church*

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**BULLETIN/WEBPAGE**

Bulletin Editor: [bulletin@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:bulletin@stanthonyfresno.org)  
Bulletin inserts are due 4 weeks prior to publication.

*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](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org).

**Thanks for joining us!**

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL: #937

*Mass Intentions*

- 1 SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 a.m. † Anastacio Zacarias by John Zacarias  
9:30 a.m. † Robert Dennis Wood by Christy & Ryan Wood  
11:00 a.m. † Natividad & Ralph E. Beltran by Esther Beltran  
1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)  
6:00 p.m. † Charlene Carlie Schulte Esparza by Hana T. Cao & Family

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- 2 MONDAY**  
NO MASS

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- 3 TUESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
8:00 a.m. † Aurelio & Epifenia Cornejo by Ricardo Calles

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- 4 WEDNESDAY**  
6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Elaine Thompson

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- 5 THURSDAY**  
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Baby John Wm. Frye IV by Frye Family  
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Eliseo Cuellar, Sr. by Eliseo & Nivia Cuellar

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- 6 FRIDAY**  
6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)  
8:15 a.m. † Antero Mendonca by Eliseo & Nivia Cuellar

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- 7 SATURDAY**  
8:15 a.m. † St. Leopold Mandic by Mike & Angelina DiNuzzo  
4:00 p.m. † Matthew Muro by Rich & Liz DeMera  
5:30 p.m. † Josue & Martha Medina Gonzalez por Nubia Rios

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- 8 SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 a.m. † Antonia Madrigal by Rose Madrigal  
9:30 a.m. † Nilda Visiglio by Visiglio Family  
11:00 a.m. † Herman & Antonette Gambero by daughter Georgina  
1:00 p.m. † Pro Populo (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)  
6:00 p.m. Intentions for B-Day Breannah Gutierrez by Gutierrez Family

# Wednesday, February 4, 2026

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



## NO CONFESSION

Saturday, February 7th, 2026 (GIFT Reconciliation)

## GRIEF SUPPORT WINTER SERIES STARTS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Room 23 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 five-week series running every Saturday through March 7, 2026.



## 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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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



## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Valentine's Luncheon  
St. Agnes Mission Church Social Hall  
111 W. Birch Avenue, Pinedale

Store bought or homemade desserts and "White Elephant" prizes are welcome. Registrations are due by Friday, February 6, 2026. You can put your registration and payment in an envelope marked Silver Angels in the offertory. Cost is \$20.00 per person. See page 9 for the registration form.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

Monthly Memorial Mass  
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

At the Memorial Mass, we remember those who celebrated their funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua or at St. Agnes Mission Church in February 2025. We will light a candle for Jorge Alberto Torres Estrada, Charles Junior Hill, Concepcion Grandos and Socorro C. Gonzales. We invite the family to take the candle home with them at the end of Mass as a Memorial of their loved one. If you would like to add your loved one who passed in February 2025, 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."



## SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 & 22

Catholic Charities Truck

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.

The following couple will marry in the coming weeks:

## Genaro Carrasco Ramirez & Yuri Carrasco

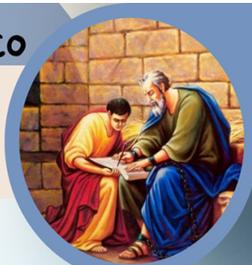
If you know of any canonical reason for them not to be married, please contact the Parish Office.



## ESTUDIO BIBLICO

### CARTAS DE SAN PABLO DE LA CAUTIVIDAD

Segunda Parte (5 sesiones)



Iniciaremos el 15 de Enero de 2026  
En el Salón 22 a las 6:30pm.

Para más información comunícate con la Hna. Edith de Jesus.  
sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org  
Tel: (559)439-0124 Ext. 122

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

**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.

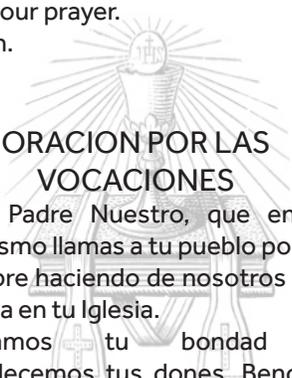
**ORACION POR LAS  
VOCACIONES**

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.

Envia 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.



**STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US**

*Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!*

January 11, 2026	\$25,347.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$24,342.00
Difference:	<b>-\$1,005.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</b>	
July 1, 2025 – August 30, 2025	\$203,312.54
July 1, 2024 – August 30, 2024	\$182,422.86
Difference:	\$20,888.68

**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

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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**

December 28, 2025	\$1,179.02
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**WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR  
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GRACIAS POR SU  
CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD**

*Santa Misa*  
 Festividad de la Presentación del Señor  
**Bendición de las VELAS y NIÑOS DIOS**  
 LUNES 2 DE FEBRERO  
 7:00PM  
 ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH



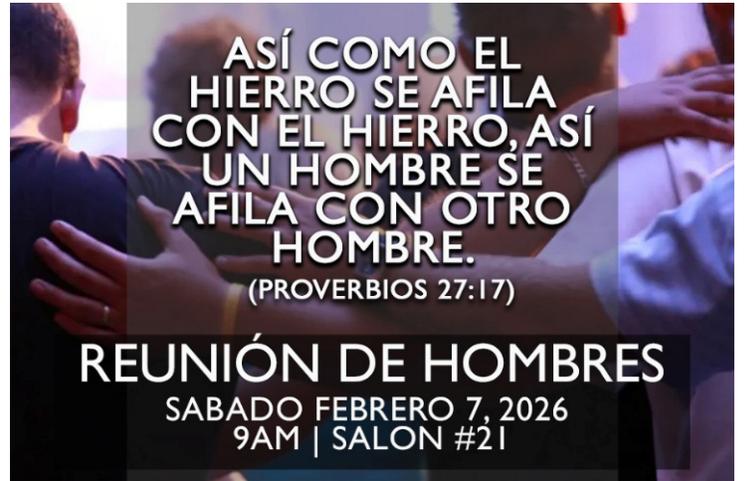
First Friday  
**Adoration**  
 Primer Viernes de Adoración  
 Adoration, Worship,  
 and Communion  
 Adoración, Albanza y Comunión  
**Friday: Feb 6, 2026**  
 Viernes: 6 de Febrero de 2026  
 @ 6:00 p.m.  
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
 ¡Todos son Bienvenidos!  
 St. Anthony of Padua



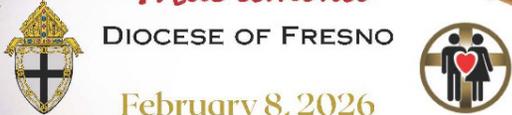
**SATURDAY,  
 FEBRUARY 7, 2026**  
 First Saturday  
 8:15 a.m. Mass  
 Followed by the Rosary and  
 meditation on the mysteries of  
 the Rosary honoring Our Lady  
 of Fatima's Request.



**ASÍ COMO EL  
 HIERRO SE AFILA  
 CON EL HIERRO, ASÍ  
 UN HOMBRE SE  
 AFILA CON OTRO  
 HOMBRE.**  
 (PROVERBIOS 27:17)  
**REUNIÓN DE HOMBRES**  
 SABADO FEBRERO 7, 2026  
 9AM | SALON #21



*World Marriage Day*  
*Día Mundial del Matrimonio*  
 DIOCESE OF FRESNO  
**February 8, 2026**  
 4:00pm  
 Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph V. Brennan  
 St. Charles Borromeo Church  
 5049 W Caldwell Ave, Visalia, CA 93277  
 Donation/Donación  
 \$10 Per Couple/Por Pareja  
 Please scan QR Code to Register  
 Favor de usar el Código de QR para Inscribirse  
 For more Information please contact the Office of Formation and Evangelization at 539-488-7474




**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
 Saturday, February 14th  
 1:00 p.m.  
 Main Church



7:00 p. m. en español  
 en la Iglesia Principal  
 A partir del viernes  
 20 de Febrero  
**ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ**  
 Vía Crucis



**STATIONS of the CROSS**  
 6:00 p.m. in English  
 in the Main Church  
 Starting Friday, February 20th



# 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/](http://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/](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/) o llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 439-0124 para obtener más detalles.

# GIFT – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | CATECISMO-EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

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

Classes are held on Sundays from 3pm-4:15pm  
 Additionally, Second Year students and parent(s)  
 attend one Thursday per month at 6:30pm.

**Registrations are in July.**



**Formación de Fe y Preparación Sacramental para niños del Kinder - 8vo grados**  
 PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN,  
 PRIMERA COMUNIÓN, Y  
 SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACIÓN

Clases son los domingos a 3pm-4:15pm  
 Adicional, en el Segundo Año escolar los  
 estudiantes y sus padres asisten a un jueves por  
 mes a las 6:30pm. **Inscripciones son en julio.**

For more information or to volunteer in this children's ministry, contact Mary Briseño at (559) 439-0124 / mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org.  
 Para más información o para ser voluntario en el ministerio de niños, comuníquese con Mary Briseño (559) 439-0124 / mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org.

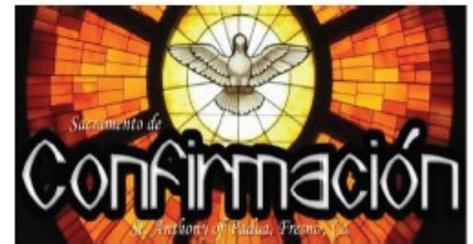
## EDGE

2025-2026 Registration for **Grades 6th through 8th** is open (available online only) through September 24th 2025. Register at [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://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.



**PARA JÓVENES BILINGÜES**

**CURSO DE FORMACIÓN PARA EL SACRAMENTO DE CONFIRMACIÓN**

CLASES YA COMENZARON  
 PRÓXIMAS INSCRIPCIONES EN EL

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



## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org).

## POOR IN SPIRIT

*Reflection on Matthew 5:1-12a*

The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew’s Gospel is a carefully constructed masterpiece, a brilliant snapshot of the meaning of discipleship. Jesus delivers today’s Beatitudes to those who have already responded favorably to His call to follow Him (Matthew tells us at the outset that the sermon is addressed to disciples...“his disciples came to him, he began to teach them.”) So this is Jesus unpacking the implications of sharing fellowship with Him.

You can pour the most water into the emptiest container. So God’s kingdom belongs to the poor in spirit, not because they have purchased God’s love with their poverty, but because the poor in spirit know deep down that nothing they have or are is really their own, so they can accept everything as a gift from God. Once this truth is embraced and lived, all the other actions these Beatitudes propose – like peacemaking, humbleness, being merciful, and so on – become possible.

The eight simple sentences that make up the Beatitudes have grown into a library of commentaries. Return to these words in prayer and reflection as often as you can, and discover the ways in which your life can be a commentary on them.

– Father Jay



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, February 1, 2026

*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
 Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
 Matthew 5:1-12a

### Monday, February 2, 2026

*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

### Tuesday, February 3, 2026

*Saint Ansgar, Bishop*  
 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3  
 Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
 Mark 5:21-43

### Wednesday, February 4, 2026

*Weekday*  
 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17  
 Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7  
 Mark 6:1-6

### Thursday, February 5, 2026

*Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*  
 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12  
 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd  
 Mark 6:7-13

### Friday, February 6, 2026

*Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*  
 Sirach 47:2-11  
 Psalm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51  
 Mark 6:14-29

### Saturday, February 7, 2026

*Weekday*  
 1 Kings 3:4-13  
 Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14  
 Mark 6:30-34

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## SAINT ANSGAR

*Saint of the Day: February 3*  
*Patron Saint of Denmark*

The “apostle of the north” (Scandinavia) had enough frustrations to become a saint – and he did. He became a Benedictine at Corbie, France, where he had been educated. Three years later, when the king of Denmark became a convert, Ansgar went to that country for three years of missionary work, without noticeable success. Sweden asked for Christian missionaries, and he went there, suffering capture by pirates and other hardships on the way.

Fewer than two years later, he was recalled, to become abbot of New Corbie (Corvey) and bishop of Hamburg. The pope made him legate for the Scandinavian missions. Funds for the northern apostolate stopped with Emperor Louis’ death. After 13 years’ work in Hamburg, Saint Ansgar saw it burned to the ground by invading Northmen; Sweden and Denmark returned to paganism.

He directed new apostolic activities in the North, traveling to Denmark and being instrumental in the conversion of another king. By the strange device of casting lots, the king of Sweden allowed the Christian missionaries to return.

Saint Ansgar’s biographers remark that he was an extraordinary preacher, a humble and ascetical priest. He was devoted to the poor and the sick, imitating the Lord in washing their feet and waiting on them at table. He died peacefully at Bremen, Germany, without achieving his wish to be a martyr.

Sweden became pagan again after his death, and remained so until the coming of missionaries two centuries later. Saint Ansgar shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with Saint Blaise on February 3.

Ansgar’s life is another reminder that God writes straight with crooked lines. Christ takes care of the effects of the apostolate in His own way; He is first concerned about the purity of the apostles themselves.

Read the full article: “Saint Ansgar” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,  
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ansgar/> (Accessed January 15, 2026).

## POBRES DE ESPÍRITU

Reflexión sobre Mateo 5:1-12a

El Sermón del Monte en el Evangelio de Mateo es una obra maestra cuidadosamente construida, una brillante instantánea del significado del discipulado. Jesús entrega las bienaventuranzas de hoy a aquellos que ya han respondido favorablemente a su llamado a seguirlo (Mateo nos dice desde el principio que el sermón está dirigido a los discípulos... "sus discípulos se le acercaron y él comenzó a enseñarles.") Así que aquí Jesús está explicando las implicaciones de compartir la comunión con Él.

Se puede verter más agua en el recipiente más vacío. Así, el reino de Dios pertenece a los pobres de espíritu, no porque hayan comprado el amor de Dios con su pobreza, sino porque los pobres de espíritu saben en lo más profundo de su ser que nada de lo que tienen o son es realmente suyo, por lo que pueden aceptar todo como un regalo de Dios. Una vez que se abraza y se vive esta verdad, todas las demás acciones que proponen estas bienaventuranzas – como hacer la paz, ser humilde, ser misericordioso, etc. – se vuelven posibles.

Las ocho sencillas frases que componen las bienaventuranzas se han convertido en una biblioteca de comentarios. Vuelve a estas palabras en oración y reflexión tan a menudo como puedas, y descubre las formas en que tu vida puede ser un comentario sobre ellas.

– Padre Jay



## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

### Domingo, 1 de febrero de 2026

4º domingo del tiempo ordinario

Sofonías 2:3; 3:12-13  
Salmo 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10  
1 Corintios 1:26-31  
Mateo 5:1-12a

### Lunes, 2 de febrero de 2026

La Presentación del Señor

Malaquías 3:1-4  
Salmo 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
Hebreos 2:14-18  
Lucas 2:22-40 o 2:22-32

### Martes, 3 de febrero de 2026

San Ansgar, obispo

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3  
Salmo 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Marcos 5:21-43

### Miércoles, 4 de febrero de 2026

Día de semana

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17  
Salmo 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7  
Marcos 6:1-6

### Jueves, 5 de febrero de 2026

Santa Ágata, virgen y mártir

1 Reyes 2:1-4, 10-12  
1 Crónicas 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd  
Marcos 6:7-13

### Viernes, 6 de febrero de 2026

San Pablo Miki y compañeros, mártires

Eclesiástico 47:2-11  
Salmo 18:31, 47 y 50, 51  
Marcos 6:14-29

### Sábado, 7 de febrero de 2026

Día de semana

1 Reyes 3:4-13  
Salmo 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14  
Marcos 6:30-34

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## SAN ANSGAR

Santo del día: 3 de febrero

Santo patrón de Dinamarca

El "apóstol del norte" (Escandinavia) tuvo suficientes frustraciones como para convertirse en santo, y así lo hizo. Se hizo benedictino en Corbie, Francia, donde había recibido su educación. Tres años más tarde, cuando el rey de Dinamarca se convirtió al cristianismo, Ansgar se trasladó a ese país para realizar una labor misionera durante tres años, sin éxito apreciable. Suecia solicitó misioneros cristianos y él se trasladó allí, sufriendo el secuestro por piratas y otras penurias durante el viaje.

Menos de dos años después, fue llamado para convertirse en abad de Nueva Corbie (Corvey) y obispo de Hamburgo. El papa lo nombró legado para las misiones escandinavas. Los fondos para el apostolado del norte se interrumpieron con la muerte del emperador Luis. Después de 13 años de trabajo en Hamburgo, San Ansgar vio cómo la ciudad era reducida a cenizas por la invasión de los normandos; Suecia y Dinamarca volvieron al paganismo.

Dirigió nuevas actividades apostólicas en el norte, viajando a Dinamarca y contribuyendo de manera decisiva a la conversión de otro rey. Mediante el extraño recurso de echar suertes, el rey de Suecia permitió el regreso de los misioneros cristianos.

Los biógrafos de San Ansgar señalan que era un predicador extraordinario, un sacerdote humilde y ascético. Se dedicaba a los pobres y a los enfermos, imitando al Señor al lavarles los pies y servirles la mesa. Murió en paz en Bremen, Alemania, sin cumplir su deseo de ser mártir.

Suecia volvió a ser pagana tras su muerte y permaneció así hasta la llegada de los misioneros dos siglos más tarde. San Ansgar comparte la celebración de su fiesta litúrgica con San Blas el 3 de febrero.

La vida de Ansgar es otro recordatorio de que Dios escribe recto con líneas torcidas. Cristo se ocupa de los efectos del apostolado a su manera; lo primero que le preocupa es la pureza de los propios apóstoles.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Ansgar" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ansgar/> (Consultado el 8 de enero de 2026).




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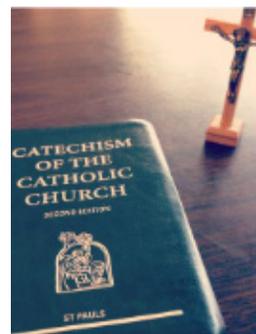
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