

Light shines through the *darkness*
for the upright.

– Psalm 112:4

La luz brilla en la *oscuridad*
para los justos.

– Salmo 112:4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5º domingo del tiempo ordinario

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: #940

Mass Intentions

- 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

- 9 MONDAY**
NO MASS

- 10 TUESDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Maria D. Garcia by Garcia Family
8:00 a.m. † Karen Escobar by Phil & Dorothy Christensen

- 11 WEDNESDAY**
6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Alverda Ferguson

- 12 THURSDAY**
6:45 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
8:00 a.m. † Jamie Martinez by Eliseo & Nivia Cuellar

- 13 FRIDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Marianne Cameron Angelillio by Janet & Mark Cameron
8:15 a.m. † Tom Ferdinandi, Sr. by Ferdinandi Family

- 14 SATURDAY**
4:00 p.m. † Marcus Shiveley by Shiveley Family
5:30 p.m. † Francisco Serrato por Lourdes Serrato

- 15 SUNDAY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00 a.m. † Bud Stambaugh by Jim & Jane Dilling
9:30 a.m. † Ignacia Hernandez by Hernandez Family
11:00 a.m. † Peter L. Mendez by Sandra S. Mendez
1:00 p.m. † Armando Martinez por Gabriela Martinez
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 & 8

SECOND COLLECTION – Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Our Annual Parish pledge is split into six payments and paid every other month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LA SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN es para la Campaña Anual del Obispo.

Nuestro compromiso parroquial anual se divide en 6 pagos y se paga cada dos meses. Su generosidad es muy apreciada.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Women’s Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Conference Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 (SESSION 2)

Grief Support Winter Series
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.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Anointing of the Sick
1:00 p.m.
Main Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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.



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.



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$20.00/person. Well, might it be time for an Irish (St. Patrick) celebration? The Silver Angels Ministry provides an opportunity for St. Anthony and St. Agnes

parishioners (50+) to come together for lunch and a little fun. 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. See page 9 for the registration form.

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.



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

Grupo de Oración



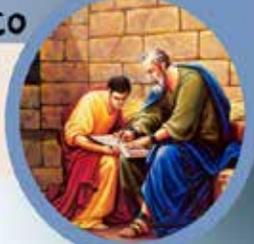
MIÉRCOLES – GRUPO DE ORACIÓN ENCUENTRO CON DIOS.

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."

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 comunícale con la Hna. Edith de Jesús.
sacredith@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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP – MANAGING GOD’S GIFTS TO US

Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given!

January 18, 2026	\$21,505.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$25,073.00
Difference:	-\$3,568.00
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

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*“Christ has made my soul beautiful
with jewels of grace and virtue.
I belong to Him Whom the Angels serve.”*

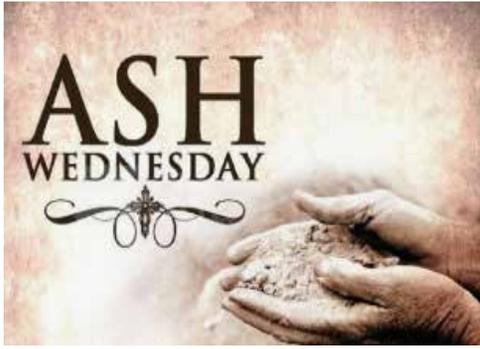
– St. Agnes



**SHARING THE GIFTS
WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN**

January 18, 2026	\$1,412.02
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ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18TH SCHEDULE

6:45 a.m. Mass & Ashes

8:00 a.m. Mass & Ashes

12:15 p.m. Ash Service

4:00 p.m. Ash Service

5:30 p.m. Mass & Ashes

7:00 p.m. Misa y Cenizas

There will be a collection at each service with proceeds benefiting the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of Baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholic.

¿QUÉ ES LA CUARESMA?

La Cuaresma es una temporada de 40 días de oración, ayuno y limosna que comienza el Miércoles de Ceniza y termina al atardecer del Jueves Santo. Es un período de preparación para celebrar la Resurrección del Señor en Pascua. Durante la Cuaresma buscamos al Señor en oración mediante la lectura de la Sagrada Escritura; servimos dando limosna; y practicamos el autocontrol mediante el ayuno. Estamos llamados no sólo a abstenernos de lujos durante la Cuaresma, sino a una verdadera conversión interior del corazón mientras buscamos seguir más fielmente la voluntad de Cristo. Recordamos las aguas del bautismo en las que también fuimos bautizados en la muerte de Cristo, morimos al pecado y al mal y comenzamos una nueva vida en Cristo.

Muchos conocen la tradición de abstenerse de comer carne los viernes durante la Cuaresma, pero también estamos llamados a practicar la autodisciplina y ayunar de otras maneras durante la temporada. Contempla el significado y los orígenes de la tradición del ayuno de Cuaresma en esta reflexión. Además, dar limosna es una forma de compartir los dones de Dios, no sólo mediante la distribución de dinero, sino también compartiendo nuestro tiempo y talentos. Como nos recuerda San Juan Crisóstomo: "No permitir que los pobres compartan nuestros bienes es robarles y privarlos de la vida. Los bienes que poseemos no son nuestros, sino de ellos". (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, n. 2446).

En Cuaresma, los bautizados son llamados a renovar su compromiso bautismal mientras otros se preparan para ser bautizados a través del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, un período de aprendizaje y discernimiento para personas que han declarado su deseo de convertirse en católicos.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent

6:00 p.m. in English

OLG Chapel

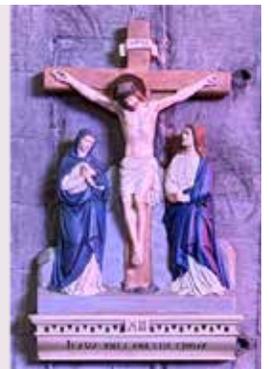
Begins Friday, February 20th

VÍA CRUCIS | ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ:

7:00 p.m.

Viernes durante la Cuaresma |

En la Iglesia OLG Chapel



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.

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 | Para más información o para ser voluntario en el ministerio de niños, comuníquese con Mary Briseño (559)439-0124 / mbrisen@stanthonyfresno.org

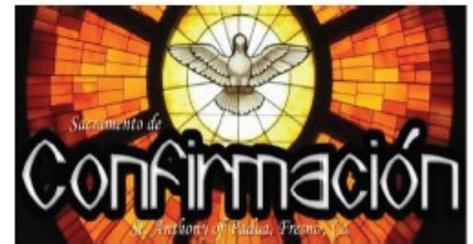
EDGE

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.



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. 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

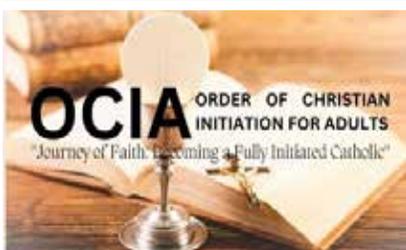


EDGE/LIFETEEN Volunteers Needed

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.



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.

SALT AND LIGHT

Reflection on Matthew 5:13-16

Salt has many virtues: it is an effective preservative, it perks up the taste of everything from tomatoes to margaritas, and warm salt water promotes healing. Few of us would like to live in a saltless world. A lightless world would be incomparably worse. Without light, nothing grows, we trip over our own two feet, and we don't feel safe.

When Jesus says we are salt and light, he gives us high praise indeed. We are not – at least god does not intend us to be – useless. But we know that a light can sputter and go out, and Jesus contemplated that salt might lose its tang and be no better than sand. So if we are to live up to Jesus' implicit praises, we need to do something, perhaps a lot of somethings. And all of these good works that flavor the world with justice and enlighten our brothers and sisters with mercy and love, are not accomplished to be a source of personal pride, but to glorify God's name.

– Father Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 8, 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16

Monday, February 9, 2026

Weekday
1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13
Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Saint Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30
Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Weekday
1 Kings 10:1-10
Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Weekday
1 Kings 11:4-13
Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40
Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 13, 2026

Weekday
1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19
Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22
Mark 8:1-10

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

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

Saint of the Day: February 10

Patron Saint of Cloistered Nuns

Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict, established religious communities within a few miles from each other.

Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Saint Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery. The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey.

Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Saint Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

Read the full article: "Saint Scholastica" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-scholastica/> (Accessed January 23, 2026).

Light shines
through the
darkness for
the upright.

– Psalm 112:4

SAL Y LUZ

Reflexión sobre Mateo 5:13-16

La sal tiene muchas virtudes: es un conservante eficaz, realza el sabor de todo, desde los tomates hasta las margaritas, y el agua salada caliente favorece la curación. A pocos de nosotros nos gustaría vivir en un mundo sin sal. Un mundo sin luz sería incomparablemente peor. Sin luz, nada crece, tropezamos con nuestros propios pies y no nos sentimos seguros.

Cuando Jesús dice que somos sal y luz, nos elogia mucho. No somos inútiles, al menos Dios no quiere que lo seamos. Pero sabemos que una luz puede parpadear y apagarse, y Jesús contempló que la sal podría perder su sabor y no ser mejor que la arena. Así que, si queremos estar a la altura de los elogios implícitos de Jesús, tenemos que hacer algo, quizá muchas cosas. Y todas estas buenas obras que dan sabor al mundo con justicia e iluminan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas con misericordia y amor, no se realizan para ser motivo de orgullo personal, sino para glorificar el nombre de Dios.

– Padre Jay

*La luz
brilla en la
oscuridad
para los justos.*

– Salmo 112:4

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 8 de febrero de 2026

5° domingo del tiempo ordinario
Isaías 58:7-10
Salmo 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corintios 2:1-5
Mateo 5:13-16

Lunes, 9 de febrero de 2026

Día de semana
1 Reyes 8:1-7, 9-13
Salmo 132:6-7, 8-10
Marcos 6:53-56

Martes, 10 de febrero de 2026

Santa Escolástica, virgen
1 Reyes 8:22-23, 27-30
Salmo 84:3, 4, 5 y 10, 11
Marcos 7:1-13

Miércoles, 11 de febrero de 2026

Día de semana
1 Reyes 10:1-10
Salmo 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40
Marcos 7:14-23

Jueves, 12 de febrero de 2026

Día de semana
1 Reyes 11:4-13
Salmo 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 y 40
Marcos 7:24-30

Viernes, 13 de febrero de 2026

Día de semana
1 Reyes 11:29-32; 12:19
Salmo 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15
Marcos 7:31-37

Sábado, 14 de febrero de 2026

*Santos Cirilo, monje, y
Metodio, obispo*
1 Reyes 12:26-32; 13:33-34
Salmo 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22
Marcos 8:1-10

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SANTA ESCOLÁSTICA

Santa del día: 10 de febrero

Patrona de las monjas de clausura

Los gemelos suelen compartir los mismos intereses e ideas con la misma intensidad. Por lo tanto, no es de extrañar que Escolástica y su hermano gemelo, Benito, fundaran comunidades religiosas a pocos kilómetros de distancia el uno del otro.

Nacidos en el año 480 de padres acaudalados, Santa Escolástica y Benito se criaron juntos hasta que él se marchó del centro de Italia a Roma para continuar sus estudios.

Se sabe poco sobre la juventud de Escolástica. Fundó una comunidad religiosa para mujeres cerca de Monte Cassino, en Plombariola, a ocho kilómetros del lugar donde su hermano dirigía un monasterio. Los gemelos se visitaban una vez al año en una granja, ya que a Escolástica no se le permitía entrar en el monasterio. Pasaban ese tiempo hablando de asuntos espirituales.

Según los Diálogos de San Gregorio Magno, el hermano y la hermana pasaron su último día juntos en oración y conversación. Escolástica sintió que su muerte estaba cerca y le rogó a Benito que se quedara con ella hasta el día siguiente.

Él rechazó su petición porque no quería pasar una noche fuera del monasterio, rompiendo así su propia regla. Escolástica le pidió a Dios que dejara quedarse a su hermano y se desató una fuerte tormenta que impidió que Benito y sus monjes regresaran a la abadía.

Benito exclamó: "Que Dios te perdone, hermana. ¿Qué has hecho?" Santa Escolástica respondió: "Te pedí un favor y tú me lo negaste. Se lo pedí a Dios y él me lo concedió."

El hermano y la hermana se separaron a la mañana siguiente, tras una larga discusión. Tres días después, Benito estaba rezando en su monasterio y vio el alma de su hermana elevándose hacia el cielo en forma de paloma blanca. Benito anunció entonces la muerte de su hermana a los monjes y más tarde la enterró en la tumba que había preparado para sí mismo.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Scholastica" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-scholastica/> (Consultado el 23 de enero de 2026).

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