

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT | 2º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

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BULLETIN/WEBPAGE

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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

1 SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m. † Bud Stambaugh by Jim & Jane Dilling
9:30 a.m. † Helen Mastro by Linda Mastro
11:00 a.m. † Juventina Zuniga Rocha by Alma Proxmine
1:00 p.m. Pro Populo (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)
6:00 p.m. † Charlene Carlie Schultz Esperanza by Hana T. Cao & Family

2 MONDAY
NO MASS

3 TUESDAY
6:45 a.m. Intentions for Albert Coderniz by Randy & Karen Spain
8:00 a.m. † Donna Barsotti by Barsotti Family

4 WEDNESDAY
6:45 a.m. † James Barsotti by Fanucchi Family
8:00 a.m. † Bruce Paul by Adam Paul

5 THURSDAY
6:45 a.m. † Marianne Cameron Angelillo by Cameron Family
8:00 a.m. † Mike Jareque by Ron & MJ McClain

6 FRIDAY
6:45 a.m. Steven Coutu by Coutu Family
8:15 a.m. † Karen Escobar by Phil & Dorothy Christensen

7 SATURDAY
8:15 a.m. † St. Leopold Mandic by Mike & Angelina DiNuzzo
4:00 p.m. † Joann Haglund by Tim & Michaela Larson
5:30 p.m. † Edgar Rios Duque por Nubia Rios

8 SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00 a.m. Intentions (B-Day) Rebecca Lima by Lima Family
9:30 a.m. † Pat Mastro by Linda Mastro
11:00 a.m. † Ralph & Natividad Beltran by Esther Beltran
1:00 p.m. † Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Rosa Gallardo
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

SECOND COLLECTION is for Parish Improvement. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. LA SEGUNDA COLECTA es para el Mejoramiento Parroquial. Su generosidad es muy apreciada.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Conference Room



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

General Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Rosary 6:15 p.m.

St. Agnes Social Hall
111 W. Birch Avenue, Pinedale

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 (SESSION 5)

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 five-week series concludes Saturday, 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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 7 & 8

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) will be selling Italian Sausage Sandwiches after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and after morning Masses on Sunday while supplies last. \$8.00 for one or two for \$15.00.



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



SATURDAY, MARCH 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 March, 2025. We will light a candle for Danilo G. Santos, Vincent J. Solorio, Eileen Clifford, Richard Guzman, Mario Alfaro Palacios, and Sonia Rosie Sarkisan. 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 March, 2025, call the Parish Office, ext. 106.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MARCH 21 & 22

Catholic Charities Truck

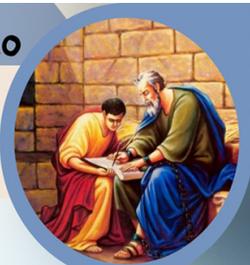
Members of the Knights of Columbus will be in the Pavilion to accept your nonperishable donations before and after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

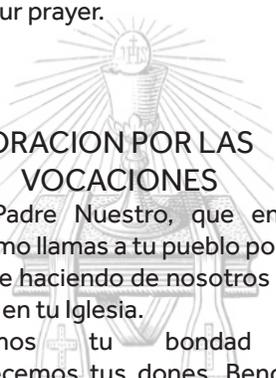
ORACION POR LAS VOCACIONES

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!

February 1, 2026	\$36,731.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$28,219.00
Difference:	\$8,512.00
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

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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

January 25, 2026	\$1,278.00
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CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28,
SUNDAY, MARCH 1**
Get your tickets for the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Auction after all Masses in the Pavilion.

**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day:
SATURDAY, MARCH 14**
Corned Beef & Cabbage!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

VÍA CRUCIS | ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

7:00 p.m. Viernes durante la Cuaresma /
En la Iglesia OLG Chapel



**First Friday
Adoration**
Primer Viernes de Adoración

**Adoration, Worship,
and Communion**
Adoración, Alabanza y Comunión

**Friday: March 6, 2026
Viernes 6 de marzo de 2026**
@ 6:00 p.m.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
¡Todos son Bienvenidos!

St. Anthony of Padua



**SATURDAY,
MARCH 7**
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.



**SATURDAY,
MARCH 7**
Anointing of the Sick
1:00 p.m. Main Church Mass
All are welcome!



MONDAY, MARCH 30
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.
Center Aisle Ushers will direct parishioners to the next open priest for Confession. Let the Ushers know when it is your turn if you would like your Confession heard in English or Spanish. Those wishing to pray afterward, please do so in the Guadalupe Chapel.
El Servicio Anual de Penitencia comenzará a las 19:00 h con lecturas y oraciones. Pedimos a todos los feligreses que se sienten en la primera banca disponible, más cercana al altar y hacia el pasillo central, formando una fila continua. Los acomodadores del pasillo central dirigirán a los feligreses al siguiente sacerdote disponible para la confesión. Avise a los acomodadores cuándo es su turno si desea confesarse en inglés o español. Si desea rezar después, por favor, hágalo en la Capilla de Guadalupe.

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

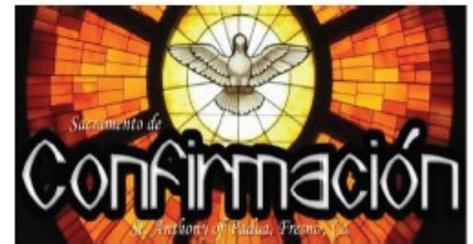
EDGE

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

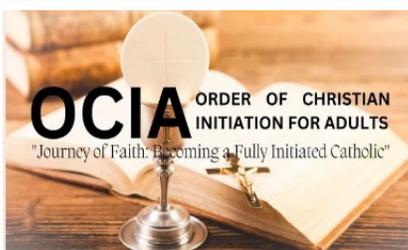


EDGE/LIFETEEN Volunteers Needed

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.

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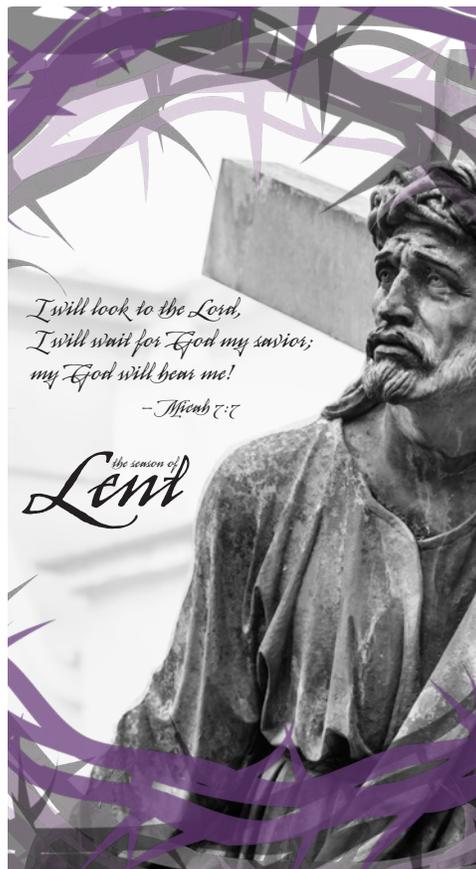
Reflection on Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration scene is packed with symbolism, majesty and mystery. There is so much to fill us, like the Disciples, with awe. I invite you to focus on a single word in the story, the word, "listen." When the Father speaks to Peter, James and John from the cloud, He says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased, **listen** to him."

How do we listen to Jesus? Vatican II says, "Christ is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church." This really is "The Word of the Lord" that is proclaimed at Mass. Is our listening, our hearing of Jesus, as earnestly and breathlessly open as it is to other voices that speak to us in this world? Do our hearts burn within us, as with the Disciples on the road to Emmaus, when Jesus talks to us? Can we listen to Jesus speaking to our hearts as powerfully and as truly as someone we profoundly love speaks to us?

A wonderful way to prayerfully prepare for every Mass is to say, with Samuel, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Matthew 17:1-9

Monday, March 2, 2026

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Lenten Weekday
 Jeremiah 18:18-20
 Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
 Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 5, 2026

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

Friday, March 6, 2026

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 7, 2026

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

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

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

Saint of the Day: March 3

Patron Saint of racial justice and philanthropists

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, Katharine Drexel had an excellent education and traveled widely. Saint Katharine Drexel had always been interested in the plight of the Indians. While on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend Bishop James O'Connor. The pope replied, "Why don't you become a missionary?" Back home, Katharine visited the Dakotas, met the Sioux leader Red Cloud and began her systematic aid to Indian missions.

Saint Katharine Drexel could easily have married. But after much discussion with Bishop O'Connor, she wrote in 1889, "The feast of Saint Joseph brought me the grace to give the remainder of my life to the Indians and the Colored."

After three and a half years of training, Mother Drexel and her first band of nuns—Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored—opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. A string of foundations followed. By 1942, she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, plus 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools. Segregationists harassed her work, even burning a school in Pennsylvania. In all, she established 50 missions for Indians in 16 states.

Two saints met when Saint Katharine Drexel was advised by Mother Cabrini about the "politics" of getting her order's Rule approved in Rome. Her crowning achievement was the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic university in the United States for African Americans.

At 77, Mother Drexel suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire. Apparently her life was over. But now came almost 20 years of quiet, intense prayer from a small room overlooking the sanctuary. Small notebooks and slips of paper record her various prayers, ceaseless aspirations, and meditations. She died at 96 and was canonized in 2000.

Read the full article: "Saint Katharine Drexel" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-katharine-drexel/> (Accessed February 11, 2026).

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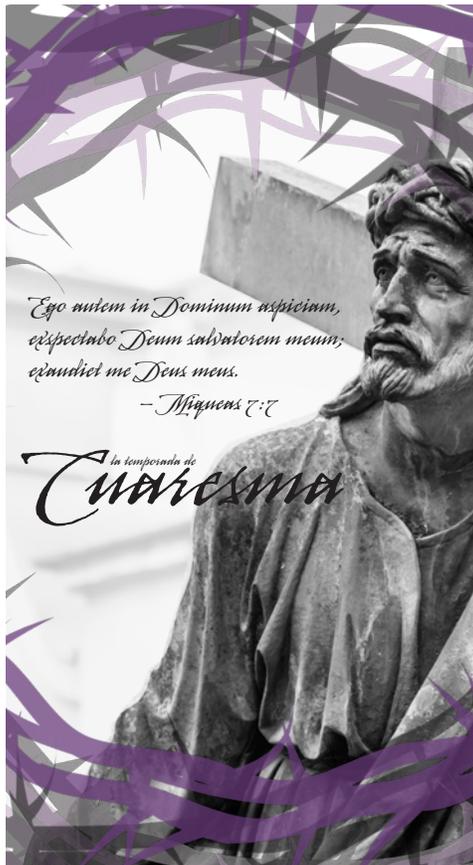
Reflexión sobre Mateo 17:1-9

La escena de la Transfiguración está llena de simbolismo, majestuosidad y misterio. Hay tanto que nos llena, como a los discípulos, de asombro. Les invito a centrarse en una sola palabra de la historia, la palabra "escuchar." Cuando el Padre habla a Pedro, Santiago y Juan desde la nube, dice: "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo complacencia, escúchenlo."

¿Cómo escuchamos a Jesús? El Concilio Vaticano II dice: "Cristo está presente en su palabra, ya que es él mismo quien habla cuando se leen las Sagradas Escrituras en la iglesia." Esta es realmente "la Palabra del Señor" que se proclama en la misa. ¿Es nuestra escucha, nuestro oír a Jesús, tan sincera y abierta como lo es a otras voces que nos hablan en este mundo? ¿Arde nuestro corazón, como el de los discípulos en el camino a Emaús, cuando Jesús nos habla? ¿Podemos escuchar a Jesús hablando a nuestro corazón con la misma fuerza y sinceridad con que nos habla alguien a quien amamos profundamente?

Una forma maravillosa de prepararse para cada misa con espíritu de oración es decir, con Samuel: "Habla, Señor, que tu siervo escucha."

– Padre Jay



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Domingo, 1 de marzo de 2026

2º domingo de Cuaresma

Génesis 12:1-4a
Salmo 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
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Día de Cuaresma
Jeremías 18:18-20
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Mateo 20:17-28

Jueves, 5 de marzo de 2026

Día de Cuaresma
Jeremías 17:5-10
Salmo 1:1-2, 3, 4 y 6
Lucas 16:19-31

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Santa del día: 3 de marzo

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Nacida en Filadelfia en 1858, Katharine Drexel recibió una excelente educación y viajó mucho. Santa Katharine Drexel siempre se había interesado por la difícil situación de los indígenas. Durante un viaje por Europa, conoció al papa León XIII y le pidió que enviara más misioneros a Wyoming para su amigo, el obispo James O'Connor. El papa le respondió: "¿Por qué no te conviertes en misionera?" De regreso a casa, Katharine visitó las Dakotas, conoció al líder sioux Nube Roja y comenzó su ayuda sistemática a las misiones indígenas.

Santa Katharine Drexel podría haberse casado fácilmente. Pero después de muchas conversaciones con el obispo O'Connor, escribió en 1889: "La fiesta de San José me trajo la gracia de dedicar el resto de mi vida a los indígenas y a las personas de color."

Después de tres años y medio de formación, la Madre Drexel y su primer grupo de monjas – las Hermanas del Santísimo Sacramento para Indígenas y Personas de Color – abrieron un internado en Santa Fe. A este le siguieron una serie de fundaciones. En 1942, ya contaba con un sistema de escuelas católicas para personas de color en 13 estados, además de 40 centros misioneros y 23 escuelas rurales. Los segregacionistas acosaron su trabajo, llegando incluso a incendiar una escuela en Pensilvania. En total, estableció 50 misiones para indígenas en 16 estados.

Dos santas se conocieron cuando Santa Katharine Drexel recibió el consejo de la Madre Cabrini sobre la "política" de conseguir que la Regla de su orden fuera aprobada en Roma. Su mayor logro fue la fundación de la Universidad Xavier en Nueva Orleans, la primera universidad católica de Estados Unidos para afroamericanos.

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Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Katharine Drexel" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-katharine-drexel/> (Consultado el 11 de febrero de 2026).



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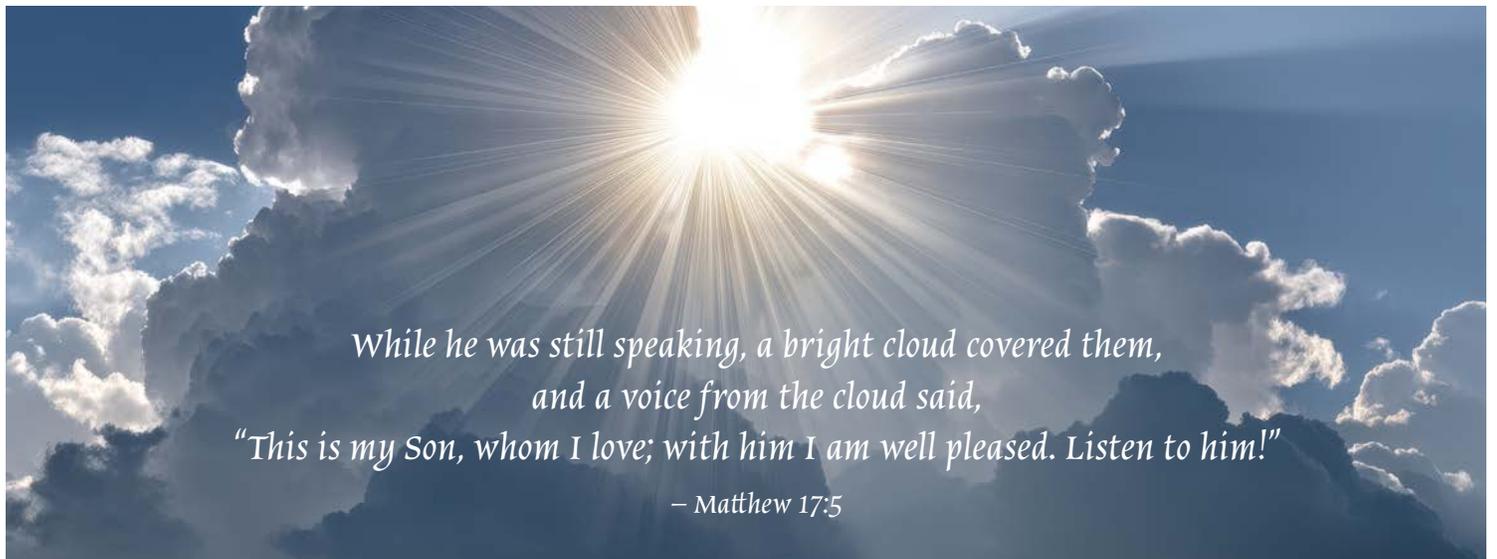
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