

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT | 5º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

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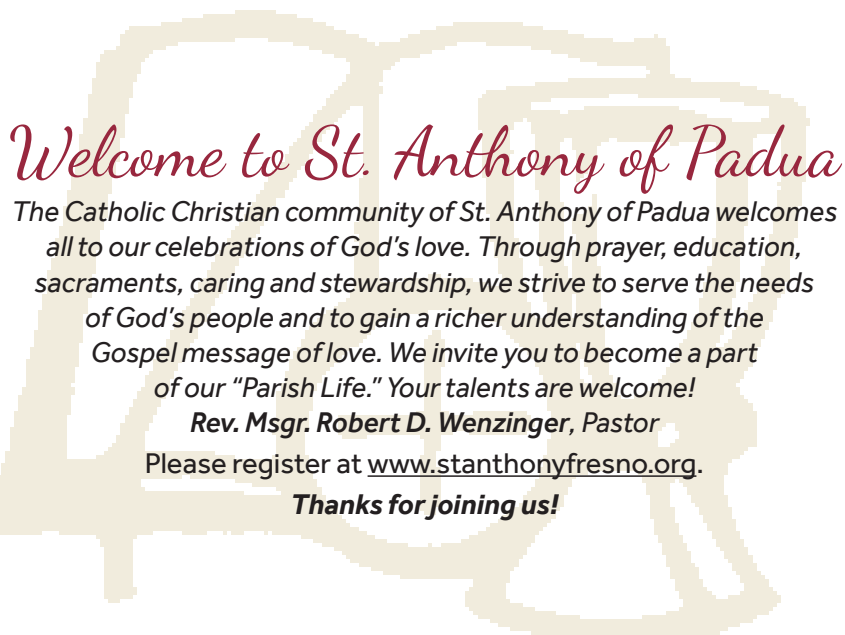
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Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua

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: #895

Mass Intentions

- 22 SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00 a.m. † Jesse & Stella Chavez by Mark & Rachel Rivera
9:30 a.m. † Felipe Chavez by Beatrice Hernandez
11:00 a.m. † Alfred Corpus by Sarah Corpus Family
1:00 p.m. † Bernabe & Salvador Fernandez por Graciela Fernandez
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

- 23 MONDAY**
NO MASS

- 24 TUESDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Ric & Loraine Forestiere by their children
8:00 a.m. † Bertiz Ibanez by Rizza Pedrigal

- 25 WEDNESDAY – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**
6:45 a.m. † Laura Michels
8:00 a.m. † Leonora Martinez Miller by Martinez Miller family

- 26 THURSDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Orlando Aquino by Marissa Calaguas
8:00 a.m. Communion Service

- 27 FRIDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Thomas C. Sayeg by Sayeg Family
8:15 a.m. † Braden McKeighan by Candlelight Guild

- 28 SATURDAY**
4:00 p.m. † Braden McKeighan by Kristen & Michael Fitzgerald
5:30 p.m. † Fallecidos de la familia López-Nájera por la familia Lima

- 29 SUNDAY – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**
8:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
9:30 a.m. † Orlando Rodriguez by Garcia Family
11:00 a.m. † Peter L. Mendez by Sandra S. Mendoza
1:00 p.m. † Raul Agredano por Maria Ponce
6:00 p.m. Intentions of Rodolfo Ricon by Rizza Pedrigal



SATURDAY, MARCH 21 & SUNDAY, MARCH 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.

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



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

EUCHARISTIC 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, MARCH 25

Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m.
Conference Room

*Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.
Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles,
and the judgments he pronounced*
Psalm 105:4-5

NO CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 31



SATURDAY, APRIL 18

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 April, 2025. We will light a candle for Nora Leon-Flores, Maria DeLourdes Romo, Jean Marie Bianco, Dianne Lewis, & Luz Maria Gonzalez Alshikhaiti. 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 April, 2025, call the Parish Office, ext. 106.

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



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

Wednesday, April 8

from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. \$20.00/person

The Silver Angels Ministry provides an opportunity for St. Anthony and St. Agnes parishioners (50+) to come together for lunch and a little fun. Store bought or homemade desserts and "White Elephant" prizes are welcome. Your registration form (below) and payment are due by **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**, and should be placed in an envelope marked Silver Angels, before dropping it off at the Parish Office or in the offertory.

SILVER ANGELS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, April 9, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. Agnes Church Social Hall – 111 Birch Avenue, Pinedale

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Amount: \$ _____ Cash Check

\$20.00 per person – Checks payable to St. Anthony of Padua

Includes: _____

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

**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!

March 1, 2026	\$30,620.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$25,956.00
Difference:	\$4,664.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026	\$863,886.54
July 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025	\$819,448.39
Difference:	\$44,438.15

**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**

Plate Collection: March 1, 2026	\$1,527.51
Total YTD Plate Collection	\$55,894.59

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GRACIAS POR SU
CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD**

MONDAY, MARCH 30

LENTEN 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.



As we journey through Lent, we are called to walk with Christ on His path to the cross—a journey marked by suffering, sacrifice, and sorrow, but also by renewal, love, and the triumph of hope.

At Catholic Charities, we witness the struggles of those carrying heavy burdens—families facing hunger, individuals on the brink of homelessness, and those struggling to keep the lights on. Yet, through your compassion, we also see glimpses of the hope Christ promises. In the darkest moments, your generosity shines as His light, bringing comfort and care to those who often feel forgotten.

Lent is a time of reflection, sacrifice, and almsgiving. As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we invite you to join us in carrying the cross for those in need. Your Lenten offering can transform hardship into hope, ensuring our brothers and sisters feel the love and dignity Christ calls us to share.

Make a meaningful sacrifice this Lent.
Visit [ccdof.org/donate](https://www.ccdof.org/donate) to offer hope today.

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.

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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

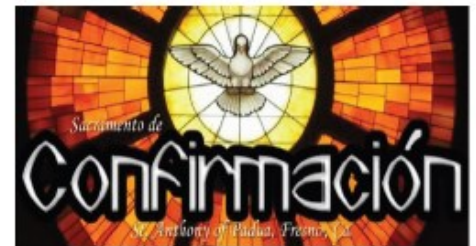
EDGE

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

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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

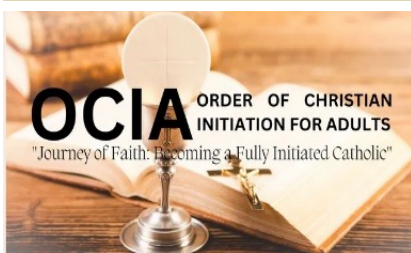


EDGE/LIFETEEN Volunteers Needed

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.

BARRIERS

Reflection on John 11:1-45

Few scenes give a more startling revelation of God's infinitely lavish power than the image of Lazarus at the entrance of his own grave, still swaddled in death's tight linens, but alive! And I imagine that the Lord's prophecy, put on the lips of Ezekiel, echoed in the ears of those who witnessed this marvel: "Then you will know that I am the Lord," he said, "when I open your graves and have you rise from them." Nothing is beyond God's power. It is never too late. With God's own Spirit within us, all things are possible. Easter will come.

While the story of the raising of Lazarus foreshadows Jesus' own Resurrection, there is more going on in the story, as is usual with John's Gospel. I think one of the most significant is the fact that Jesus involves the assistance of others in this raising-from-the-dead miracle. He tells them to "take away the stone," to "unbind him," and to "let him go free." These are not simple requests, they are imperatives, commands that call for immediate action.

What are the stones that have become a barrier between living fully in Christ and what I keep to myself? What are the stones that are barriers between me and others, in preventing loving relationships to grow? There are many ways we can unbind others and let them go free – by forgiving them, through letting go of grudges and resentments and grievances. A helping hand, a loving word, a compassionate deed, can all begin a process of taking away the stone from the life of one who needs to be set free.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 22, 2026

5th Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Monday, March 23, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21
John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

The Annunciation of the Lord
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 8:51-59

Friday, March 27, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
John 10:31-42

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
John 11:45-56

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

SAINT OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO

Saint of the Day: March 24

Patron Saint of El Salvador, the Americas, and persecuted Christians

The night before he was murdered while celebrating Mass, Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador said on the radio: "No soldier is obliged to obey an order counter to the law of God. No one has to comply with an immoral law. It is the time now that you recover your conscience and obey its dictates rather than the command of sin... Therefore, in the name of God, and in the name of this long-suffering people, whose laments rise to heaven every day more tumultuous, I beseech you, I beg you, I command you! In the name of God: 'Cease the repression!'"

Simultaneously, Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero had eloquently upheld the Gospel and effectively signed his own death warrant.

When he was appointed archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, Bishop Romero was considered a very "safe" choice. He had served as auxiliary bishop there for four years before his three years as bishop of Santiago de Maria.

Three weeks after his appointment as archbishop, Romero was shaken by the murder of his good friend Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande, a vigorous defender of the rights of the poor.

When a military junta seized control of the national government in 1979, Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero publicly criticized the US government for backing the junta. His weekly radio sermons, broadcast throughout the country, were regarded by many as the most trustworthy source of news available.

Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero's funeral was celebrated in the plaza outside the cathedral and drew an estimated 250,000 mourners. On February 3, 2015, Pope Francis authorized a decree recognizing Oscar Romero as a martyr for the faith. His beatification took place in San Salvador on May 23, 2015, and he was canonized on October 14, 2018.

Read the full article: "Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-oscar-arnulfo-romero/> (Accessed March 6, 2026).

BARRERAS

Reflexión sobre Juan 11:1-45

Pocas escenas revelan de manera más sorprendente el poder infinitamente generoso de Dios que la imagen de Lázaro a la entrada de su propia tumba, todavía envuelto en los sudarios de la muerte, ¡pero vivo! E imagino que la profecía del Señor, puesta en boca de Ezequiel, resonó en los oídos de quienes presenciaron esta maravilla: "Entonces sabrán que yo soy el Señor," dijo, "cuando abra sus tumbas y los haga salir de ellas." Nada está más allá del poder de Dios. Nunca es demasiado tarde. Con el Espíritu de Dios dentro de nosotros, todo es posible. La Pascua llegará.

Si bien la historia de la resurrección de Lázaro presagia la propia resurrección de Jesús, hay más cosas en la historia, como es habitual en el Evangelio de Juan. Creo que uno de los aspectos más significativos es el hecho de que Jesús recurre a la ayuda de otros en este milagro de resurrección de entre los muertos. Les dice que "quiten la piedra," que "le desaten" y que "le dejen ir libre." No se trata de simples peticiones, sino de imperativos, órdenes que exigen una acción inmediata. ¿Cuáles son las piedras que se han convertido en una barrera entre vivir plenamente en Cristo y lo que guardo para mí mismo?

¿Cuáles son las piedras que se interponen entre mí y los demás, impidiendo que crezcan las relaciones amorosas? Hay muchas maneras de desatar a los demás y dejarlos ir libres: perdonándolos, dejando ir los rencores, los resentimientos y las quejas. Una mano amiga, una palabra amorosa, un acto de compasión, todo ello puede iniciar un proceso para quitar la piedra de la vida de alguien que necesita ser liberado.

– Padre Jay



ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 22 de marzo de 2026

5° domingo de Cuaresma
Ezequiel 37:12-14
Salmo 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romanos 8:8-11
Juan 11:1-45

Lunes, 23 de marzo de 2026

Día de Cuaresma
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Salmo 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Juan 8:1-11

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Día de Cuaresma
Números 21:4-9
Salmo 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21
Juan 8:21-30

Miércoles, 25 de marzo de 2026

Anunciación del Señor
Isaías 7:10-14; 8:10
Salmo 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Hebreos 10:4-10
Lucas 1:26-38

Jueves, 26 de marzo de 2026

Día de Cuaresma
Génesis 17:3-9
Salmo 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Juan 8:51-59

Viernes, 27 de marzo de 2026

Día de Cuaresma
Jeremías 20:10-13
Salmo 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
Juan 10:31-42

Sábado, 28 de marzo de 2026

Día de Cuaresma
Ezequiel 37:21-28
Jeremías 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
Juan 11:45-56

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SAN ÓSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO

Santo del día: 24 de marzo

Santo patrón de El Salvador, América y los cristianos perseguidos

La noche antes de ser asesinado mientras celebraba misa, el arzobispo Óscar Romero de San Salvador dijo en la radio: "Ningún soldado está obligado a obedecer una orden contraria a la ley de Dios. Nadie tiene que cumplir una ley inmoral. Es hora de que recuperen su conciencia y obedezcan sus dictados en lugar de las órdenes del pecado... Por lo tanto, en nombre de Dios y en nombre de este pueblo tan sufrido, cuyos lamentos se elevan cada día más tumultuosos al cielo, ¡os lo suplico, os lo ruego, os lo ordeno! En nombre de Dios: ¡Detened la represión!" Al mismo tiempo, San Óscar Arnulfo Romero había defendido elocuentemente el Evangelio y, de hecho, había firmado su propia sentencia de muerte.

Cuando fue nombrado arzobispo de San Salvador en 1977, el obispo Romero era considerado una opción muy "segura". Había sido obispo auxiliar allí durante cuatro años antes de sus tres años como obispo de Santiago de María.

Tres semanas después de su nombramiento como arzobispo, Romero quedó conmocionado por el asesinato de su buen amigo, el padre jesuita Rutilio Grande, un enérgico defensor de los derechos de los pobres.

Cuando una junta militar tomó el control del gobierno nacional en 1979, San Óscar Arnulfo Romero criticó públicamente al gobierno de Estados Unidos por respaldar a la junta. Sus sermones semanales por radio, transmitidos en todo el país, eran considerados por muchos como la fuente de noticias más confiable disponible.

El funeral de San Óscar Arnulfo Romero se celebró en la plaza situada frente a la catedral y atrajo a unos 250 000 dolientes. El 3 de febrero de 2015, el papa Francisco autorizó un decreto que reconocía a Óscar Romero como mártir de la fe. Su beatificación tuvo lugar en San Salvador el 23 de mayo de 2015 y fue canonizado el 14 de octubre de 2018.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-oscar-arnulfo-romero/> (Consultado el 6 de marzo de 2026).

Holy Week 2026



March

29

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 6:00 p.m. – English
1:00 p.m. – Español

*Commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem
(Blessing of the Palms)*

March

30

MONDAY

7:00 p.m. *Lenten Penance Service – Main Church
Servicio de penitencia cuaresmal*

April

2

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. *Mass
Adoration in OLG Chapel until Midnight*

April

3

GOOD FRIDAY

12:15 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*
1:00 p.m. *Passion of the Lord*
5:30 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*
6:30 p.m. *Via Crucis*
7:00 p.m. *Pasión*

April

4

HOLY SATURDAY

7:30 p.m. *Easter Vigil Mass*

April

5

EASTER SUNDAY

4:30 a.m. *Salubong*
8:00 a.m.; 9:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. – English
1:00 p.m. *Español*;
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