

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT | 3º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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: #889

Mass Intentions

- 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)

- 9 MONDAY**
NO MASS

- 10 TUESDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Cecilia Paik by Phil & Dorothy Christensen
8:00 a.m. † William McTavish by Cynthia McTavish

- 11 WEDNESDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Mariano Aquino by Marissa Calaguas
8:00 a.m. † Laura Michels by her St. Anthony's Family

- 12 THURSDAY**
6:45 a.m. Intentions of Barbra Orlando by Orlando Family
8:00 a.m. † Zachary Navo by Phil & Dorothy Christensen

- 13 FRIDAY**
6:45 a.m. † Bennie & Lucy Leal by Fred & Debbie Fagundes
8:15 a.m. † Angelina Cortez by Rizza Pedrigal

- 14 SATURDAY**
4:00 p.m. Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
5:30 p.m. Intentiones (Cumpleaños) Kyler Gutierrez por Familia Gutierrez

- 15 SUNDAY – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
8:00 a.m. † Demetrio Gomez by Gomez Family
9:30 a.m. † Father Joe Davadilla by Tessie Parayno Family
11:00 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Gambero Family by Reynolds Family
1:00 p.m. † Maria del Rosario & Jose Rios por Ofelia Rios
6:00 p.m. † Armando Martinez by Gabriela Martinez

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 1 or 2 for \$15.00.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

ICF General Meeting & Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

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

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



SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Anointing of the Sick

1:00 p.m. Main Church Mass
All are welcome!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Fridays during Lent
6:00 p.m. in English
7:00 p.m. in Spanish
OLG Chapel

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



SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Knights of Columbus 6092 St. Patrick's Dinner & Auction

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with



the Knights of Columbus! Enjoy an evening of great food and fun on Saturday, March 14, 2026. No-host bar, and auction tables open at 6:30 p.m.

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

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



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

Wednesday, March 18

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

The Silver Angels Ministry invites St. Anthony and St. Agnes parishioners ages 50+ to come together

for lunch and some lighthearted fun. Please place your registration form and payment in an envelope marked "Silver Angels" and drop it off at the Parish Office or in the offertory by **Tuesday, March 10, 2026**. Registration form is on page 4.

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, 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.



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

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!

February 8, 2026	\$29,246.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$23,033.00
Difference:	\$6,213.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026	\$745,760.54
July 1, 2024 – January 1, 2025	\$718,110.39
Difference:	\$27,650.15

**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**

February 8, 2026	\$1,549.00
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SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY

Feast Day: March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity were young Christian martyrs who died for their faith around the year 203 in Carthage, North Africa. Perpetua was a well-educated noblewoman, and Felicity was a slave, yet they stood together as sisters in Christ. Despite intense persecution under Emperor Septimius Severus, both refused to renounce their faith.

According to the diary of Perpetua, she had a vision of a golden ladder reaching to heaven, symbolizing the trials of faith they would face. Even while facing wild animals in the amphitheater and eventual beheading, they demonstrated immense courage, comforting one another and going to their deaths with joy.

- **Patronage:** Mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers, and butchers.
- **Reflection:** Their lives remind us that holiness is possible for all of us, right here and right now. Let us ask for the grace to witness to Christ with the same courage they showed.
- **Prayer:** *O God, at the urging of whose love the Martyrs Saints Perpetua and Felicity defied their persecutors and overcame the torment of earth, grant, we ask, by their prayers, that we may ever grow in Your love.*

SANTAS PERPETUA Y FELICIDAD

Día de Fiesta: 7 de marzo

Las Santas Perpetua y Felicidad son mártires cristianas que murieron por su fe alrededor del año 203 en Cartago, África del Norte. Perpetua era una noble educada y Felicidad era una esclava; a pesar de sus diferentes orígenes, se mantuvieron unidas como hermanas en Cristo. Ante la intensa persecución del emperador Septimio Severo, ambas se negaron a renunciar a su fe.

Felicidad dio a luz a una niña tres días antes de sufrir el martirio. Ambas demostraron un inmenso coraje, consolándose mutuamente y yendo a la muerte con alegría, habiendo superado el miedo a la tortura de la tierra.

- **Patronazgo:** Madres, mujeres embarazadas, ganaderos y carniceros.
- **Reflexión:** Sus vidas nos recuerdan que la santidad es posible para todos nosotros, aquí y ahora. Pidamos la gracia de ser testigos de Cristo con el mismo coraje que ellas demostraron.
- **Oración:** *Oh Dios, a cuyo amor impulsados, las mártires Santas Perpetua y Felicidad desafiaron a sus perseguidores y superaron el tormento de la tierra, concédenos, te pedimos, por sus oraciones, que crezcamos siempre en tu amor*



SILVER ANGELS – ST. PATRICK’S LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 18, 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: _____

Store bought or homemade desserts and “White Elephant” prizes are welcome. Registrations are due by **Tuesday, March 10, 2026**. You can put your registration and payment in an envelope marked Silver Angels in the offertory, Parish Office or mail slot, or return by U.S. Mail.

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

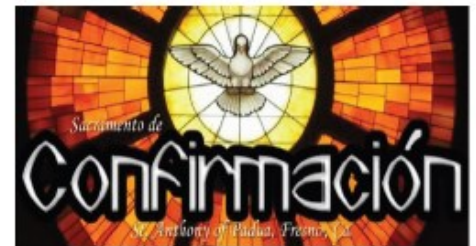
EDGE

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

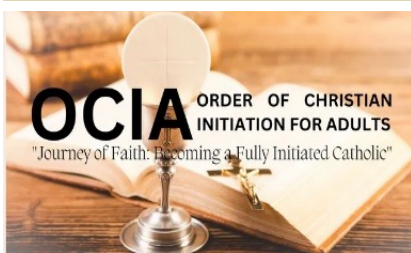


EDGE/LIFETEEN Volunteers Needed

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.

THE WELL

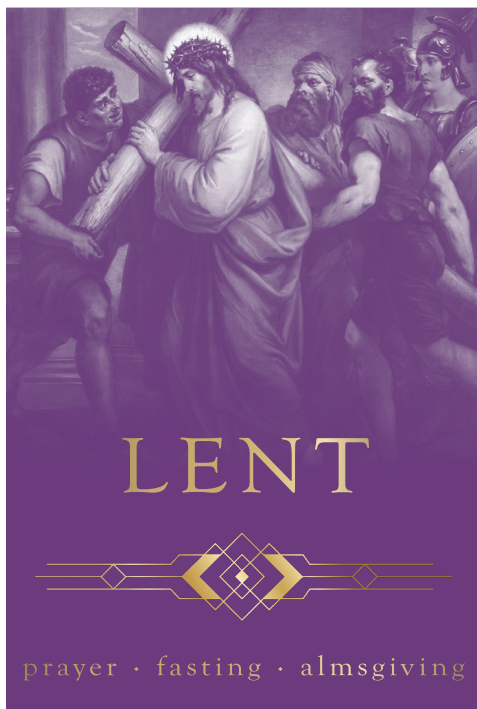
Reflection on John 4:5-42

Throughout John's Gospel there are so many scenes, like the one today describing Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well, where there is so much going on behind the surface dialogue. John will often leave nameless the character whom Jesus encounters, inviting us to imagine ourselves in the role, receiving some certain gift, some truth, from the exchange.

This woman takes her bucket to the well, as no doubt she has done countless times, there to encounter Jesus who offers Himself as living water, welling up to eternal life. Here is where we might place ourselves in the story. To what "well" do I return to over and over again to attain those things I think I need? Career? Wealth? Human affection? Sexual fulfillment? Pornography? Alcohol? Food? Social Media? Where do I go to get what I believe I need to be satisfied, to feel alive or whole?

Of course, Jesus proposes Himself as the true fulfillment of all that is needed or desired by us to be made whole, alive, and complete. Put even more, in His encounter with the woman – and us – at the well of our obsession, idolatry and sin, Jesus reveals the depths of God's divine thirst for each of us. Jesus longs to share His life – welling up to eternal life – with us.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent
Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

Monday, March 9, 2026

Lenten Weekday
2 Kings 5:1-15ab
Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Daniel 3:25, 34-43
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Jeremiah 7:23-28
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 13, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Hosea 14:2-10
Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Hosea 6:1-6
Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
Luke 18:9-14

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

SAINT JOHN OGILVIE

Saint of the Day: March 10

Patron Saint of persecuted Catholics in Scotland

Saint John Ogilvie's noble Scottish family was partly Catholic and partly Presbyterian. His father raised him as a Calvinist, sending him to the continent to be educated. Confused by the arguments of Catholic scholars whom he sought out, he turned to Scripture. Two texts particularly struck him: "God wills all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth," and "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you."

He decided to become Catholic and was received into the Church at Louvain, Belgium, in 1596 at the age of 17.

Saint John Ogilvie continued his studies, first with the Benedictines, then as a student at the Jesuit College at Olmutz. He joined the Jesuits and for the next 10 years underwent their rigorous intellectual and spiritual training. At his ordination to the priesthood in France in 1610, Saint John Ogilvie met two Jesuits who had just returned from Scotland after suffering arrest and imprisonment. They saw little hope for any successful work there in view of the tightening of the penal laws. But a fire had been lit within John.

Sent by his superiors, he secretly entered Scotland posing as a horse trader or a soldier returning from the wars in Europe. He had some success in making converts and in secretly serving Scottish Catholics. But he was soon betrayed, arrested, and brought before the court.

Condemned to death as a traitor, he was faithful to the end, even when on the scaffold he was offered his freedom and a fine living if he would deny his faith. His courage in prison and in his martyrdom was reported throughout Scotland.

Saint John Ogilvie was canonized in 1976, becoming the first Scottish saint since 1250. His liturgical feast is celebrated on March 10.

Read the full article: "Saint John Ogilvie" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-ogilvie/> (Accessed February 17, 2026).

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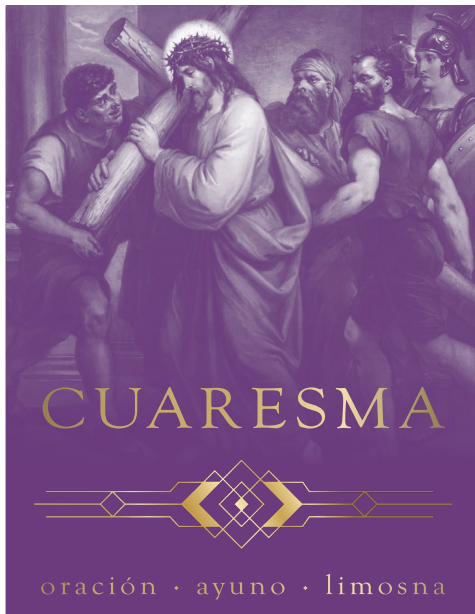
Reflexión sobre Juan 4:5-42

A lo largo del Evangelio de Juan hay muchas escenas, como la de hoy, que describe el encuentro de Jesús con la mujer en el pozo, en las que hay mucho más detrás del diálogo superficial. Juan suele dejar sin nombre al personaje con el que se encuentra Jesús, invitándonos a imaginarnos a nosotros mismos en ese papel, recibiendo algún don, alguna verdad, de ese intercambio.

Esta mujer lleva su cántaro al pozo, como sin duda ha hecho innumerables veces, y allí se encuentra con Jesús, que se ofrece a sí mismo como agua viva, que brota para la vida eterna. Aquí es donde podríamos situarnos en la historia. ¿A qué "pozo" vuelvo una y otra vez para obtener aquellas cosas que creo que necesito? ¿La carrera profesional? ¿La riqueza? ¿El afecto humano? ¿La satisfacción sexual? ¿La pornografía? ¿El alcohol? ¿La comida? ¿Las redes sociales? ¿A dónde voy para obtener lo que creo que necesito para sentirme satisfecho, vivo o completo?

Por supuesto, Jesús se propone a sí mismo como la verdadera satisfacción de todo lo que necesitamos o deseamos para sentirnos completos, vivos y plenos. Es más, en su encuentro con la mujer – y con nosotros – en el pozo de nuestra obsesión, idolatría y pecado, Jesús revela la profundidad de la sed divina de Dios por cada uno de nosotros. Jesús anhela compartir su vida, que brota hacia la vida eterna, con nosotros.

– Padre Jay



ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 8 de marzo de 2026

3° domingo de Cuaresma

Éxodo 17:3-7

Salmo 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8

Juan 4:5-42

Lunes, 9 de marzo de 2026

Día de Cuaresma

2 Reyes 5:1-15ab

Salmo 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4

Lucas 4:24-30

Martes, 10 de marzo de 2026

Día de Cuaresma

Daniel 3:25, 34-43

Salmo 25:4-5ab, 6 y 7bc, 8-9

Mateo 18:21-35

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Día de Cuaresma

Deuteronomio 4:1, 5-9

Salmo 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Mateo 5:17-19

Jueves, 12 de marzo de 2026

Día de Cuaresma

Jeremías 7:23-28

Salmo 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Lucas 11:14-23

Viernes, 13 de marzo de 2026

Día de Cuaresma

Oseas 14:2-10

Salmo 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17

Marcos 12:28-34

Sábado, 14 de marzo de 2026

Día de Cuaresma

Oseas 6:1-6

Salmo 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab

Lucas 18:9-14

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SAN JUAN OGILVIE

Santo del día: 10 de marzo

Santo patrón de los católicos perseguidos en Escocia

La noble familia escocesa de San Juan Ogilvie era en parte católica y en parte presbiteriana. Su padre lo crió como calvinista y lo envió al continente para que recibiera educación. Confundido por los argumentos de los eruditos católicos a quienes buscó, recurrió a las Escrituras. Dos textos le impactaron especialmente: "Dios quiere que todos los hombres se salven y lleguen al conocimiento de la verdad" y "Venid a mí todos los que estáis cansados y agobiados, y yo os daré descanso."

Decidió convertirse al catolicismo y fue recibido en la Iglesia en Lovaina, Bélgica, en 1596, a la edad de 17 años.

San Juan Ogilvie continuó sus estudios, primero con los benedictinos y luego como estudiante en el Colegio Jesuita de Olmutz. Se unió a los jesuitas y durante los siguientes 10 años se sometió a su rigurosa formación intelectual y espiritual. En su ordenación sacerdotal en Francia en 1610, San Juan Ogilvie conoció a dos jesuitas que acababan de regresar de Escocia tras sufrir el arresto y el encarcelamiento. Veían pocas esperanzas de que su labor tuviera éxito allí, dado el endurecimiento de las leyes penales. Pero se había encendido una llama en el interior de Juan.

Enviado por sus superiores, entró en secreto en Escocia haciéndose pasar por un comerciante de caballos o un soldado que regresaba de las guerras en Europa. Tuvo cierto éxito en convertir a personas y en servir en secreto a los católicos escoceses. Pero pronto fue traicionado, arrestado y llevado ante los tribunales.

Condenado a muerte como traidor, se mantuvo fiel hasta el final, incluso cuando en el cadalso le ofrecieron la libertad y una buena vida si renegaba de su fe. Su valentía en la cárcel y en su martirio se difundió por toda Escocia.

San Juan Ogilvie fue canonizado en 1976, convirtiéndose en el primer santo escocés desde 1250. Su fiesta litúrgica se celebra el 10 de marzo.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint John Ogilvie" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-ogilvie/> (Consultado el 17 de febrero de 2026).




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This past Monday, Bishop Brennan visited the California City ICE facility, where he celebrated Mass and met with individuals in detention. This visit is part of a broader initiative by the California Bishops to accompany migrants and to provide pastoral presence where it is most needed. <https://dioceseoffresno.org/news/editorial>.

THE SCRUTINIES

During the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, the Scrutinies will be celebrated with the Elect who are anticipating their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. How are we to understand this Rite? The official text says: The purpose of the scrutinies is twofold: to reveal what is weak, sick and sinful in the hearts of the Elect so that it can be healed and to reveal what is honorable, strong and holy, so that it can be strengthened (OCIA, 141). The Scrutiny is about seeing, not judging. It is a means of seeing sin in its full reality so that we can see who Christ is for us – our liberator.



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