

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,  
sing praise to the glory of his name;  
proclaim his glorious praise.

- Psalm 66:1-2

¡Aclamad a Dios con alegría, toda la tierra!  
Cantad alabanzas a la gloria de su nombre;  
proclamad su gloriosa alabanza.

- Salmo 66:1-2



6th Sunday of Easter | 6º domingo de Pascua

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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Bulletin inserts are due 4 weeks  
prior to publication.

## Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua

The Catholic Christian community of St. Anthony of Padua welcomes all to our celebrations of God's love. Through prayer, education, sacraments, caring and stewardship, we strive to serve the needs of God's people and to gain a richer understanding of the Gospel message of love. We invite you to become a part of our "Parish Life." Your talents are welcome!

Rev. Msgr. Robert D. Wenzinger, Pastor

Please register at [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org).

**Thanks for joining us!**

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL: #913

## Mass Intentions

<b>10</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
	8:00 a.m.	All Mothers, Living & Deceased
	9:30 a.m.	All Mothers, Living & Deceased
	11:00 a.m.	All Mothers, Living & Deceased
	1:00 p.m.	Todas Las Madres, Vivas y Difuntas
	6:00 p.m.	All Mothers, Living & Deceased
<b>11</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	
	6:45 a.m.	† Ben Melendrez by Rizza Pedrigal
	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Frye Family by Bernie Araiza
<b>12</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	
	6:45 a.m.	Intentions of Myah Garcia (B-Day) by Garcia Family
	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Mateo Bustos (B-Day) by Martin & Daniela Bustos
<b>13</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
	6:45 a.m.	† Dennis Rudge
	8:00 a.m.	
<b>14</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
	6:45 a.m.	† John Day
	8:00 a.m.	† Thomas & Arthea Hermann by Jeanne Hermann Starks
<b>15</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	
	6:45 a.m.	† Nathan James
	8:15 a.m.	Intentions of Samantha Ramirez by Felise Montes Family
<b>16</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	
	4:00 p.m.	† Carol Peterson by Tim & Michaela Larson
	5:30 p.m.	† Pro Populo (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)
<b>17</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
	8:00 a.m.	† Rose Pardini by Linda Mastro
	9:30 a.m.	† Robert Dennis Wood by Christy & Ryan Wood
	11:00 a.m.	† Frank DePasquale by Reynolds Family
	1:00 p.m.	† Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Rosa Gallardo
6:00 p.m.	† Charlene Carlie Schulte Esparza by Hana T. Cao Family	

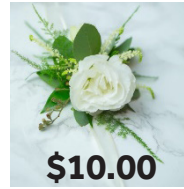


Defending the Dignity of Human Life

### Knights of Columbus SUNDAY, MAY 10

The Knights of Columbus Council 6092 will be in the St. Anthony Pavilion after morning Masses selling Mother's Day corsages. They will only have 200 corsages available. Please support life; mothers, babies and the vulnerable through the efforts of Right to Life of Central California.

Right to Life and 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



\$10.00

### 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



### NO CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, May 12  
Saturday May 23



### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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



### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

#### Our Lady of Fatima Remembrance Mass

5:30 p.m. Mass  
Procession will follow.  
All are welcome.



### SATURDAY, MAY 16

#### 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 May 2025. We will light a candle for Theresa Trudo, Lewis DiCecco, Nellie Montez Anaya, Helen Cabral. 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 May 2025, call the Parish Office, ext. 106.



### SATURDAY, MAY 23 & SUNDAY, MAY 24

#### 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.

### 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."



*Praise the Lord  
Sing to the Lord a new song  
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people*

*Psalm 149:1*

**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.

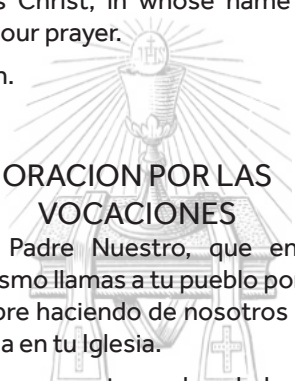
**ORACION POR LAS  
VOCACIONES**

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!*

April 19, 2026	\$29,667.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$49,779.00
Difference:	- \$20,112.00
<b>Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha</b>	
July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026	\$1,013,443.04
July 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025	\$949,767.89
Difference:	\$63,675.15

**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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cshiveley@stanthonyfresno.org

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: April 19, 2026	\$1,458.95
Total YTD Plate Collection	\$66,580.94

**WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR  
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GRACIAS POR SU  
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**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP**  
**GOD'S WORD | FELLOWSHIP | ADORATION**  
 JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT GROUP MEETING  
 MAY 7 & 21 | JUNE 4 & 18 | RM#21 | 7PM

**ADORATION**  
 MAY 1, JUNE 5 & JULY 3 | 6:30PM | MAIN CHURCH

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES 8TH ANNUAL**

**GOLF CLASSIC**

Eight Years of Driving Hope Down the Fairway for Catholic Charities

**MAY 18, 2026**

SUNNYSIDE COUNTRY CLUB  
 FRESNO, CA 93727

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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Questions? Email Jeff Director, executive director, at [jnegrete@ccdof.org](mailto:jnegrete@ccdof.org).



**Priestly Ordination of**  
 Rev. José Francisco Orozco Cárdenas  
*by*  
 The Most Reverend Joseph V. Brennan

On May 23, 2026 at 10:30 AM  
 St. Charles Borromeo  
 5049 W Caldwell Ave,  
 Visalia, CA 93277

**First Mass**

On May 24, 2026 at 3:00 PM  
 St. Anthony of Padua  
 5770 N Maroa Ave,  
 Fresno, CA 93704

*"For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water"*  
 Rev. 7:17



**Ordenación Sacerdotal del**  
 Rev. José Francisco Orozco Cárdenas  
*por su Excelentísimo y Reverendísimo*  
 Señor Obispo Joseph V. Brennan

el 23 de mayo del 2026 a las 10:30 AM  
 St. Charles Borromeo  
 5049 W Caldwell Ave,  
 Visalia, CA 93277

**Canta Misa**

el 24 de mayo del 2026 a las 3:00 PM  
 St. Anthony of Padua  
 5770 N Maroa Ave,  
 Fresno, CA 93704

*"Porque el Cordero que está en medio del trono los apacentará y los guiará a los manantiales de las aguas de la vida"*  
 Rev. 7:17



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**SONSHINE SUMMER BIBLE CAMP 2026**

June 22-26  
Grades K-6

# Parish Ministry Guide –

*Christ said, "I have come to serve, not to be served."*

*The prayers during the Mass invite us to offer our prayers and gifts to the Lord. Liturgical Ministry calls the faithful to be part of the Mass. We all feel unworthy to serve, just as Christ's disciples, who were fishermen before Christ called them. Is Christ calling you?*

## ALTAR SERVER

We invite parents of youth (3rd grade and up, who have received their First Holy Communion) to prayerfully consider the unique opportunity for your child to grow closer to Our Lord and His Church as an Altar Server.



## SERVIDOR DE ALTAR

*Invitamos a los padres de los jóvenes (de 3º grado en adelante, que hayan recibido su Primera Comunión) a considerar en oración la oportunidad única de que su hijo crezca más cerca de Nuestro Señor y de Su Iglesia como Monaguillo.*

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Considered the unique honor to offer the "Body of Christ" to the faith community. Ministers are commissioned by our pastor to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Candidates should be 18 years of age and be in full communion with the church (all sacraments).



## MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA

*Se considera el honor único de ofrecer el "Cuerpo de Cristo" a la comunidad de fe. Los ministros son comisionados por nuestro párroco para asistir en la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión en la Misa. Los candidatos deben tener 18 años de edad y estar en plena comunión con la iglesia (todos los sacramentos).*

## LECTORS

Do you remember the joy of reading to your children before bed? If so, chances are you're a Lector candidate. Persons, 5th grade and older, who have made their First Holy Communion with good reading skills can serve as a Lector at Mass.



## LECTORES

*¿Recuerda la alegría de leer a sus hijos antes de dormir? Si es así, lo más probable es que usted sea un candidato a Lector. Las personas, de 5º grado en adelante, que han hecho su Primera Comunión con buenas habilidades de lectura pueden servir como Lector en la Misa.*

## USHER & GREETER MINISTRY

Are you the type to get to church early? Why not join the Usher Ministry and greet your fellow parishioners as they enter the church? Ushers assist with the collection and act as Eucharistic Guards during Communion. Join the team and serve when you can.



## MINISTERIO DE UJIERES Y SALUDADORES

*¿Eres de los que llegan temprano a la iglesia? ¿Por qué no te unes al Ministerio de Ujieres y saludas a tus feligreses cuando entran en la iglesia? Los ujieres ayudan con la colecta y actúan como guardias eucarísticos durante la comunión. Únase al equipo y sirva cuando pueda.*

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Are you a Eucharistic Minister who is being called to serve the members of our parish who are unable to come to Mass on Sunday due to illness or other limitation? We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers who are willing to take Holy Communion after Mass to the members of the parish who are Homebound.



## MINISTERIO DE LOS CONFINADOS EN CASA

*¿Es usted un Ministro Eucarístico que está siendo llamado a servir a los miembros de nuestra parroquia que no pueden asistir a Misa el domingo debido a una enfermedad u otra limitación? Estamos buscando un Ministro Eucarístico que esté dispuesto a llevar la Sagrada Comunión después de la Misa a los miembros de la parroquia que están en sus hogares.*

To sign up to help with parish ministries, go to [www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/), or call the Parish Office at 439-0124 for more details.

Para inscribirse para ayudar con los ministerios parroquiales, visite [www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/) o llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 439-0124 para obtener más detalles.

# GIFT– RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | CATECISMO-EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

## Faith Formation & Sacrament Preparation for Children in Kindergarten-6th Grades

FIRST RECONCILIATION,  
FIRST COMMUNION &  
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

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

**Registrations are in July**



## Formación de Fe y Preparación Sacramental para niños del Kinder - 8vo grados

PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN,  
PRIMERA COMUNIÓN, Y  
SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACIÓN

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

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

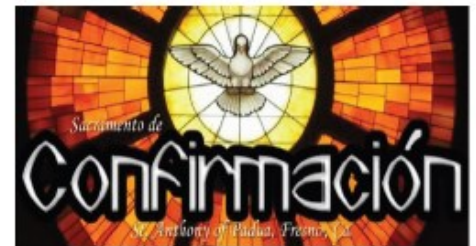
## EDGE

2025-2026 Registration for **Grades 6th through 8th** is open (available online only) through September 24th 2025. Register at [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org). Click the Faith Formation tab, in the drop-down menu select Edge Youth Ministry.

**Tuesday Evenings in the Social Hall at St. Anthony's School, 6:30-8:00 p.m., beginning September 30th.**

EDGE is a Catholic youth group that is designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents. As young adolescents, they are trying to figure out who they are and what they believe. **Youth will prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion while attending EDGE.**

Director, Jaime Torkelson, ext. 117, [jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org).



**PARA JÓVENES BILINGÜES**

## CURSO DE FORMACIÓN PARA EL SACRAMENTO DE CONFIRMACIÓN

CLASES YA COMENZARON  
PRÓXIMAS INSCRIPCIONES EN EL

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



## LIFETEEN

Confirmation 1 and 2 – High School Teens

2025-2026 Registration for **Grades 9 through 12** is now open (available online only) through September 24th 2025. Register at [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org). Click the Faith Formation tab, in the drop-down menu select Confirmation/LifeTeen.

**Sundays in the Social Hall at St. Anthony's School directly after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, 12:00-1:30 p.m., beginning October 5th.**

LifeTeen leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We created a dynamic space where teens can develop friendships with their peers, learn more about their faith, and encounter Jesus in the Sacraments!

Confirmation is a two-year program for students who are Freshmen or older. Candidates for Confirmation must be at least 16 years of age to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation candidates meet Sundays with our LifeTeen Youth Group which begins after the 11:00 a.m. Mass until 1:30 p.m.

**1st Year session will begin Sunday, October 5th**

**2nd Year session will begin Sunday, October 19th**

Director, Jaime Torkelson, ext. 117, [jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org)

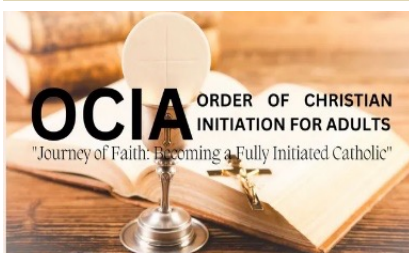


## EDGE/LIFETEEN Volunteers Needed

We're looking for volunteers interested in helping with Edge (6th - 8th grade youth group) and/or LifeTeen (9th-12th grade teens). If you feel called to help our youth connect with Christ and His Church, please contact the Parish Office. You are more than needed, you are wanted!

## OCIA: ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays: 6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Anthony Conference Room (aka Donut Room)



## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Tuesdays: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

St. Anthony of Padua Conference Room  
(aka Donut Room)

To register go to [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org)

Click on Faith Formation and scroll to Sacraments of Initiation for Adults.

We welcome adults seeking any of the Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist**

New folks are welcome to join us at any time during the year.

If you have questions, please contact Martha by phone or email.



*Es tiempo de que te reencuentres con tu camino...*

## SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS

Adultos mayores de 18 años interesados en los Sacramentos de Primera Comunión, Confirmación o Bautismo hablar con Hermana Edith, ext. 122 o [sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org).

**ADVOCATE**

Reflection on John 14:15-21

Today's Gospel gives us a foreshadowing of the coming feast of Pentecost; we are promised to be given "another Advocate," "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept."

Who among us would ever reject an advocate, someone on our side, someone who looks out for us and pleads our cause? I think of navigating the health care system as an advocate for my mother in her frail nineties, when she could no longer plead on her own behalf. Or navigating our immigration system as an advocate for a young man from Togo seeking asylum in the US.

We have God Himself, in the power of His Holy Spirit, as our eternal Advocate!

God, indeed, assisting each of us in navigating our way through this life to eternal glory. To those in the world who cannot accept this Advocate, "because it neither see or knows him," let us be witnesses, as a compelling response to the urging in the second reading to "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for the reason for your hope."

- Father Jay



**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

6th Sunday of Easter  
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
 Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20  
 1 Peter 3:15-18  
 John 14:15-21

**Monday, May 11, 2026**

Easter Weekday  
 Acts 16:11-15  
 Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b  
 John 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

Easter Weekday  
 Acts 16:22-34  
 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8  
 John 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

Easter Weekday  
 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1  
 Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14  
 John 16:12-15

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

Saint Matthias, Apostle  
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
 Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
 John 15:9-17

**Friday, May 15, 2026**

Easter Weekday  
 Acts 18:9-18  
 Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
 John 16:20-23

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

Easter Weekday  
 Acts 18:23-28  
 Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10  
 John 16:23b-28

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**SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I**

Saint of the Day: May 10

Patron Saint of People with Leprosy, HIV/AIDS, and Outcasts

When Joseph de Veuster was born in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840, few people in Europe had any firsthand knowledge of leprosy, Hansen's disease. By the time he died at the age of 49, people all over the world knew about this disease because of him. They knew that human compassion could soften the ravages of this disease.

Forced to quit school at age 13 to work on the family farm, Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, taking the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. When his brother Pamphile, a priest in the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered in his place.

In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical, and spiritual needs.

Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerably. A few years later, he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa.

Saint Damien contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in having his body moved to Belgium. Part of Damien's body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995.

When Hawaii became a state in 1959, it selected Damien of Moloka'i as one of its two representatives in the Statuary Hall at the US Capitol. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

Read the full article: "Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-damien-de-veuster-of-molokai/> (Accessed April 17, 2026).

## DEFENSOR

Reflexión sobre Juan 14, 15-21

El Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece un anticipo de la próxima fiesta de Pentecostés; se nos promete que se nos dará "otro Defensor," "el Espíritu de la verdad, a quien el mundo no puede recibir."

¿Quién de nosotros rechazaría jamás a un defensor, a alguien que está de nuestro lado, alguien que vela por nosotros y aboga por nuestra causa? Pienso en cómo me moví por el sistema de salud como defensora de mi madre en sus frágiles 90 años, cuando ya no podía defenderse por sí misma. O en cómo me moví por nuestro sistema de inmigración como defensora de un joven de Togo que buscaba asilo en los Estados Unidos.

¡Tenemos a Dios mismo, en el poder de su Espíritu Santo, como nuestro Defensor eterno!

Dios, en efecto, nos ayuda a cada uno de nosotros a recorrer nuestro camino a través de esta vida hacia la gloria eterna. Para aquellos en el mundo que no pueden aceptar a este Defensor, "porque ni lo ven ni lo conocen," seamos testigos, como una respuesta convincente a la exhortación de la segunda lectura de "estar siempre listos para dar una explicación a cualquiera que les pida razón de su esperanza."

– Padre Jay

*¡Aclamad a Dios con alegría, toda la tierra!*

– Salmo 66:1



## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

### Domingo, 10 de mayo de 2026

6° domingo de Pascua

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### Lunes, 11 de mayo de 2026

Día de semana de Pascua

Hechos 16:11-15

Salmo 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a y 9b

Juan 15:26–16:4a

### Martes, 12 de mayo de 2026

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Juan 16:5-11

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Hechos 17:15, 22–18:1

Salmo 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14

Juan 16:12-15

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Salmo 47:2-3, 8-9, 10

Juan 16:23b-28

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## SAN DAMIÁN DE VEUSTER DE MOLOKAI

Santo del día: 10 de mayo

Patrono de las personas con lepra, VIH/SIDA y marginados

Cuando José de Veuster nació en Tremelo, Bélgica, en 1840, pocas personas en Europa tenían conocimiento de primera mano sobre la lepra, la enfermedad de Hansen. Para cuando falleció a los 49 años, la gente de todo el mundo conocía esta enfermedad gracias a él. Sabían que la compasión humana podía mitigar los estragos de esta enfermedad.

Obligado a dejar la escuela a los 13 años para trabajar en la granja familiar, José ingresó en la Congregación de los Sagrados Corazones de Jesús y María seis años más tarde, tomando el nombre de un médico y mártir del siglo IV. Cuando su hermano Pamphile, sacerdote de la misma congregación, enfermó y no pudo ir a las islas hawaianas como se le había asignado, Damián rápidamente se ofreció como voluntario para sustituirlo.

En 1873, se dirigió a la colonia de leproso del gobierno hawaiano en la isla de Moloka'i, establecida siete años antes. Como parte de un equipo de cuatro capellanes que asumían esa misión durante tres meses al año, Damián pronto se ofreció voluntario para quedarse de forma permanente, atendiendo las necesidades físicas, médicas y espirituales de la gente.

En poco tiempo, el asentamiento contó con nuevas casas, una nueva iglesia, una escuela y un orfanato. La moral mejoró considerablemente. Unos años más tarde, logró que las Hermanas Franciscanas de Siracusa, dirigidas por la Madre Marianne Cope, se encargaran de atender esta colonia en Kalaupapa.

San Damián contrajo la enfermedad de Hansen y murió por sus complicaciones. Tal como lo había pedido, fue enterrado en Kalaupapa, pero en 1936 el gobierno belga logró que su cuerpo fuera trasladado a Bélgica. Parte del cuerpo de Damián fue devuelta a sus queridos hermanos y hermanas hawaianos después de su beatificación en 1995.

Cuando Hawái se convirtió en estado en 1959, eligió a Damián de Molokai como uno de sus dos representantes en el Salón de las Estatuas del Capitolio de los Estados Unidos. Damián fue canonizado por el papa Benedicto XVI el 11 de octubre de 2009.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-damien-de-veuster-of-molokai/> (Consultado el 17 de abril de 2026).



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