

The
ASCENSION
of the Lord

La
ASCENSIÓN
del Señor

*He was lifted up,
and a cloud took
Him from their sight.*

- Acts 1:9

*Fue elevado,
y una nube
lo ocultó de su vista.*

- Hechos 1:9

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

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MAY

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2026

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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.

Thanks for joining us!

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL: #916A

Mass Intentions

17	SUNDAY	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
	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	
18	MONDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	Intentions of Marie Gairaud by her family
8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Mironda Munoz Rojas by Toby & Corinne Rien	
19	TUESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	Intentions of Members of St. Anthony's Jacob's Ladder by Frye Family
8:00 a.m.	† Louraine Hayes by John & Deanna Driscoll	
20	WEDNESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	Intentions of Maria Lindin by Ron & M.J. McClain
8:00 a.m.	† Bill Schuh by Fanucchi Family	
21	THURSDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	Intentions of Tom & Vallorie Bochart by Mary Briseno
8:00 a.m.	† Adrian Alvarado	
22	FRIDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Mrs. Aggrawal
8:15 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Beltramo-Carullo Family by Frye Family	
23	SATURDAY	
	4:00 p.m.	† Deceased Members of the Girado by Ed Girado & Family
5:30 p.m.	† Norma Cerda Galindo	
24	SUNDAY	PENTECOST SUNDAY
	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. Mendez
1:00 p.m.	† Elivier Vasquez por Familia Vasquez	
6:00 p.m.	† Celia Flores by Gabriela Martinez	



SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 16 & 17
SECOND COLLECTION – Catholic Charities
SEGUNDA COLECTA – Caridades Católicas



WEDNESDAY, MAY 20
Women's Bible Study
9:00 a.m.



NO CONFESSIONS
Saturday, May 23, 2026



SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 23 & 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.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3
General Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Rosary 6:15 p.m.
St. Agnes Social Hall
111 W. Birch Avenue, Pinedale

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First Friday
Eucharistic Adoration
Primer Viernes de Adoración Eucarística

Adoration, Worship, and Communion
Adoración, Alabanza y Comunión

Friday, June 5th
Viernes, Junio 5
St. Anthony
@ 6:00 pm

COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME!
¡Ven a pasar una hora con migo!

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Vigil Mass)

4:00 p.m. – English
5:30 p.m. – Español

Sunday

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

Livestream Mass Schedule

9:30 a.m. – English Mass
1:00 p.m. – Misa Español

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday-Thursday (OLG Chapel)

6:45 a.m. – Daily Mass
8:00 a.m. – Chapel open until 11:00 a.m.

Friday (OLG Chapel)

6:45 a.m. – Daily Mass
8:15 a.m. – Followed by Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday

9:00-11:00 a.m. – Guadalupe Chapel

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. – Chapel Confessionals

Saturday

10:00 a.m. – Chapel Confessionals

Grupo de Oración

MIÉRCOLES – GRUPO DE ORACIÓN ENCUENTRO CON DIOS.

Te invitamos al grupo de oración todos los miercoles desde las 6:30 p.m. empezando con El Rosario, en el salon #23 de nuestra parroquia.
"Ven y llénate del Señor."



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY
Wednesday, June 10
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. Your registration form and payment should be placed in an envelope marked Silver Angels, before dropping it off at the Parish Office or in the offertory.

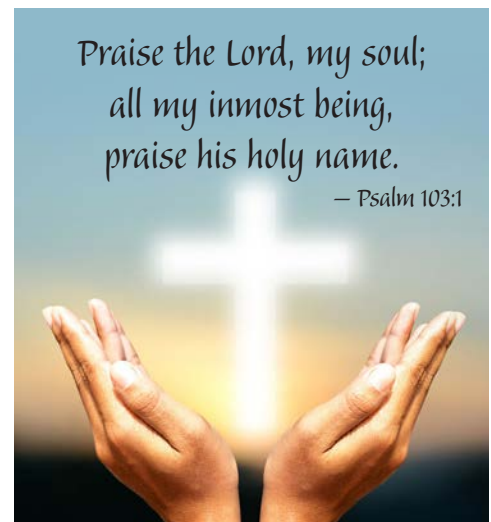


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
General Meeting & Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony of Padua Social Hall
All are welcome.

The Italian Catholic Federation are not part of and not acting on behalf of the St. Anthony of Padua parish or the Diocese of Fresno

*Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being,
praise his holy name.*

– Psalm 103:1



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.

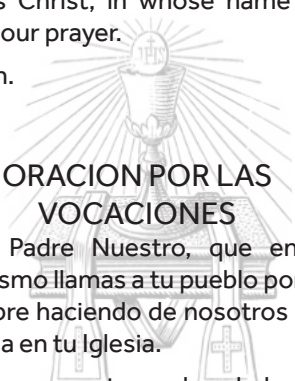
**ORACION POR LAS
VOCACIONES**

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!

April 26, 2026	\$24,829.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$23,965.00
Difference:	+ \$864.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2025 – August 30, 2025	\$745,760.54
July 1, 2024 – August 30, 2024	\$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

Sacraments & Pastoral Support.... Chris Shiveley (559) 439-0124, ext. 103
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 26, 2026	\$1,480.14
Total YTD Plate Collection	\$68,061.08

**WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR
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GRACIAS POR SU
CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD**

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



Register using QR code or by texting CCDOFGOLF to 50155!

Questions? Email Jeff Director, executive director, at jnegrate@ccdo.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

Catholic Night at the Park

June 4, 2026
 6:50 PM
 Chukchansi Park,
 Fresno

Baseball. Fellowship. Family Fun.

Get tickets!
dioceseoffresno.org/catholic-night



FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Friday: June 12, 2026
Mass: 6:00 p.m.
Procession to Event Center
Reception: 7:00 p.m.

The faithful are invited to bring homemade or store-bought cookies or brownies.

Se invita a los fieles a traer galletas o brownies hechos en casa o comprados.

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

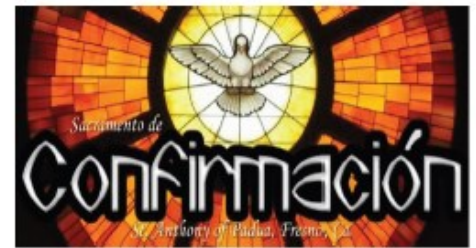
EDGE

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

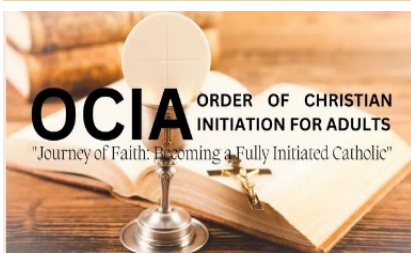


EDGE/LIFETEEN Volunteers Needed

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

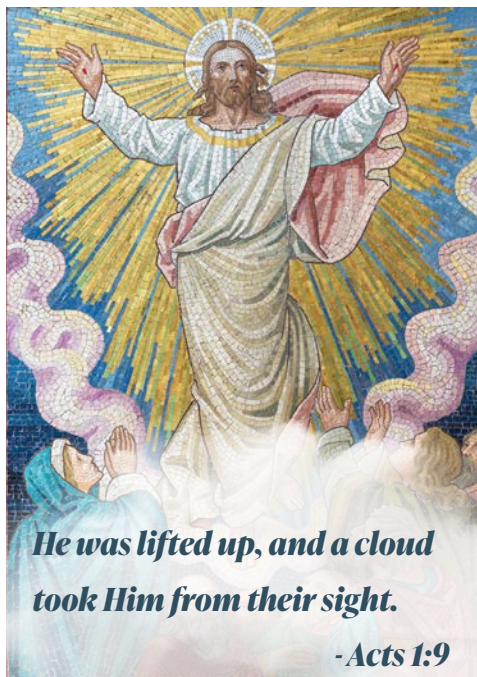
Adultos mayores de 18 años interesados en los Sacramentos de Primera Comunión, Confirmación o Bautismo hablar con Hermana Edith, ext. 122 o sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org.

MISSION*Reflection on Matthew 28:16-20*

On this Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, we hear the account of the ascension in the first reading from Acts, while in the Gospel reading we hear the conclusion of Matthew's Gospel – the great sending forth of the disciples. This is not only a pivotal moment in the beginning of the Church; it is also, in a real sense, a continuous moment, as we hear in these words Jesus sending forth every follower at every place and in every age of human history, until he comes again.

This is the mission of every disciple: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." This is the core of the "New Evangelization" that is our focus in this present age of Church. We can only "go," "make," "baptize," and "teach" when we first encounter Jesus in a personal and intimate manner, and know and live the promise that "I am with you always, until the end of the age." One can only give away what one has first received. Our reception of Jesus is not a one-time event, but a continual grace poured into our hearts and lives. The economics of grace is spectacular: the more of it you give away, the more will be poured into your open arms and hearts!

– Father Jay



He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight.

- Acts 1:9

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

The Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

Monday, May 18, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
John 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21
John 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
John 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
John 17:20-26

Friday, May 22, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b-21
Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
John 21:15-19

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7
John 21:20-25

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

SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA

Saint of the Day: May 20

Patron Saint of Advertising, Gambling, Italy and Public Relations

Saint Bernardine of Siena was the greatest preacher of his time, journeying across Italy, calming strife-torn cities, attacking the paganism he found rampant, attracting crowds of 30,000, following Saint Francis of Assisi's admonition to preach about "vice and virtue, punishment and glory."

When he was 20, the plague was at its height in his hometown of Siena. Sometimes as many as 20 people died in one day at the hospital. Bernardine offered to run the hospital and nursed patients there for four months.

At 22, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained two years later. For almost a dozen years he lived in solitude and prayer, but his gifts ultimately caused him to be sent to preach. He always traveled on foot, sometimes speaking for hours in one place, then doing the same in another town.

Especially known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, Saint Bernardine of Siena devised a symbol – IHS, the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek – in Gothic letters on a blazing sun. This was to displace the superstitious symbols of the day, as well as the insignia of factions: for example, Guelphs and Ghibellines. The devotion spread, and the symbol began to appear in churches, homes and public buildings.

Opposition arose from those who thought it a dangerous innovation. Three attempts were made to have the pope take action against him, but Bernardine's holiness, orthodoxy, and intelligence were evidence of his faithfulness.

General of the Friars of the Strict Observance, a branch of the Franciscan Order, Saint Bernardine of Siena strongly emphasized scholarship and further study of theology and canon law. When he started there were 300 friars in the community; when he died there were 4,000. He returned to preaching the last two years of his life, dying while traveling.

Read the full article: "Saint Bernardine of Siena Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernardine-of-siena/> (Accessed April 23, 2026).

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Reflexión sobre Mateo 28, 16-20

En esta solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor, escuchamos el relato de la ascensión en la primera lectura, tomada de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, mientras que en la lectura del Evangelio escuchamos la conclusión del Evangelio de Mateo: el gran envío de los discípulos. Este no es solo un momento crucial en los inicios de la Iglesia; es también, en un sentido real, un momento continuo, ya que escuchamos en estas palabras a Jesús enviando a cada seguidor a cada lugar y en cada época de la historia humana, hasta que él vuelva.

Esta es la misión de cada discípulo: "Id, pues, y haced discípulos a todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo, enseñándolos a guardar todo lo que os he mandado." Este es el núcleo de la "Nueva Evangelización" que es nuestro enfoque en esta era actual de la Iglesia. Solo podemos "ir," "hacer," "bautizar" y "enseñar" cuando primero nos encontramos con Jesús de manera personal e íntima, y conocemos y vivimos la promesa de que "yo estoy con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo." Solo se puede dar lo que primero se ha recibido. Nuestra acogida de Jesús no es un acontecimiento puntual, sino una gracia continua derramada en nuestros corazones y en nuestras vidas. La economía de la gracia es espectacular: ¡cuanto más de ella des, más se derramará en tus brazos y corazones abiertos!

– Padre Jay



Fue elevado, y una nube lo ocultó de su vista.

- Hechos 1:9

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 17 de mayo de 2026

Ascensión del Señor

Hechos 1:1-11
Salmo 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
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Mateo 28:16-20

Lunes, 18 de mayo de 2026

Día de semana de Pascua
Hechos 19:1-8
Salmo 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab
Juan 16:29-33

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Juan 17:1-11a

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Día de semana de Pascua
Hechos 20:28-38
Salmo 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
Juan 17:11b-19

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Día de semana de Pascua
Hechos 22:30; 23:6-11
Salmo 16:1-2a y 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Juan 17:20-26

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Día de semana de Pascua
Hechos 25:13b-21
Salmo 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab
Juan 21:15-19

Sábado, 23 de mayo de 2026

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Hechos 28:16-20, 30-31
Salmo 11:4, 5 y 7
Juan 21:20-25

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SAN BERNARDINO DE SIENA

Santo del día: 20 de mayo

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San Bernardino de Siena fue el predicador más destacado de su época; recorrió Italia, pacificó ciudades devastadas por los conflictos, combatió el paganismo que encontraba generalizado y atrajo a multitudes de hasta 30,000 personas, siguiendo la exhortación de San Francisco de Asís de predicar sobre "el vicio y la virtud, el castigo y la gloria."

Cuando tenía 20 años, la peste estaba en su apogeo en su ciudad natal, Siena. A veces morían hasta 20 personas en un solo día en el hospital. Bernardino se ofreció a dirigir el hospital y cuidó a los pacientes allí durante cuatro meses.

A los 22 años, ingresó en la Orden Franciscana y fue ordenado dos años más tarde. Durante casi doce años vivió en soledad y oración, pero sus dones finalmente hicieron que lo enviaran a predicar. Siempre viajaba a pie, a veces hablando durante horas en un lugar, y luego haciendo lo mismo en otra ciudad.

Conocido especialmente por su devoción al Santo Nombre de Jesús, San Bernardino de Siena ideó un símbolo – IHS, las tres primeras letras del nombre de Jesús en griego – escrito en letras góticas sobre un sol resplandeciente. Su objetivo era sustituir los símbolos supersticiosos de la época, así como las insignias de las facciones: por ejemplo, los güelfos y los gibelinos. La devoción se extendió y el símbolo comenzó a aparecer en iglesias, hogares y edificios públicos.

Surgió la oposición de quienes consideraban que se trataba de una innovación peligrosa. Se hicieron tres intentos para que el papa tomara medidas en su contra, pero la santidad, la ortodoxia y la inteligencia de Bernardino eran prueba de su fidelidad.

Como general de los Frailes de la Estricta Observancia, una rama de la Orden Franciscana, San Bernardino de Siena hizo gran hincapié en la erudición y el estudio más profundo de la teología y el derecho canónico. Cuando comenzó, había 300 frailes en la comunidad; cuando murió, había 4,000. Volvió a la predicación en los dos últimos años de su vida, y murió mientras viajaba.

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




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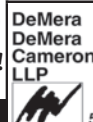


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