

Upright is the word of the Lord, and all his works are

trustworthy.

– Psalm 33:4

La palabra del Señor es recta, y todas sus obras son dignas

de confianza.

– Salmo 33:4



5th Sunday of Easter | 5º domingo de Pascua

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: #910

Mass Intentions

	SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
3	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Intentions of Mario & Teri Loera by Loera Family † Ramon Rodriguez III by Pamela Rodriguez Intentions of Jon Anaya by Esther Beltran † Gamaliel Mena por Ofelia Rios Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
4	MONDAY 6:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	† Sheryl Mae Ovalles by Nora Gamueda † Samuel Acevedo by Martinez Family
5	TUESDAY 6:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	† Bennie & Lucy Leal by Fred & Debbie Fagundes † Laura Guzman – Magill by Lisa Guzman
6	WEDNESDAY 6:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	† Marianne Cameron Angelillo by Cameron Family † Thomas C. Sayeg by Sayeg Family
7	THURSDAY 6:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	† Manuel Nunez by Nunez Family † Bernard & Theresa Hermann by Jeanne Hermann Starks
8	FRIDAY 6:45 a.m. 8:15 a.m.	† Frances Domingos by Sandy Martinez † Matthew Muro by Julie & Chuck Wills
9	SATURDAY 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community) Nancy Madrigal por Maria Ruiz
10	SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER All Mothers, Living & Deceased All Mothers, Living & Deceased All Mothers, Living & Deceased Todas Las Madres, Vivas y Difuntas All Mothers, Living & Deceased



SATURDAY, MAY 2/ SUNDAY, MAY 3

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



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Knights of Columbus

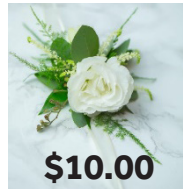


Defending the Dignity of Human Life

The Knights of Columbus Council 6092 will be in the St. Anthony Pavilion after morning Mass 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



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



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

Wednesday, May 13

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, MAY 13

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



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.



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.

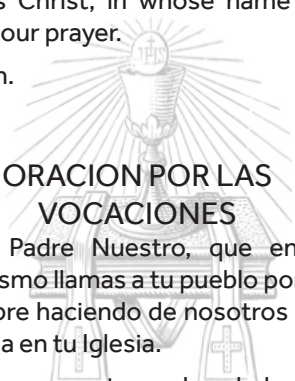
**ORACION POR LAS
VOCACIONES**

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 12, 2026	\$28,524.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$30,597.00
Difference:	- \$2,073.00
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 12, 2026	\$1,204.10
Total YTD Plate Collection	\$65,121.99

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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 | 7PM
ADORATION
 MAY 1, JUNE 5 & JULY 3 | 6:30PM | MAIN CHURCH



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
REMEMBRANCE MASS

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 8TH ANNUAL




Eight Years of Driving Hope Down the Fairway for Catholic Charities
MAY 18, 2026
 SUNNYSIDE COUNTRY CLUB
 FRESNO, CA 93277
 MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Register using QR code or by texting
CCDOFGOLF to 50155!

Questions? Email Jeff Director, executive director, at jnegrete@cc dof.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.**

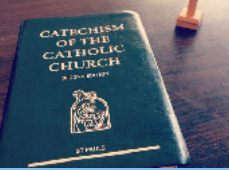



Get tickets!
dioceseoffresno.org/catholic-night

SAVE THE DATE:
SONSHINE
SUMMER
BIBLE CAMP
2026
JUNE 22-26
GRADES K-6



CATECHISM OF THE DAY
PARAGRAPH 108:
 The Christian faith is not "religion of the Book." Christianity is the religion of the "Word"; of God, "not a written and mute word, but incarnate and living." If the Scriptures are not to remain a dead letter, Christ, the eternal Word of the living God, must, through the Holy Spirit, "open (our) minds to understand the Scriptures."



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

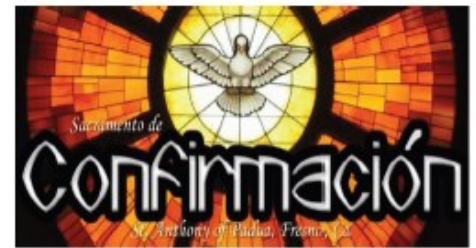
EDGE

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

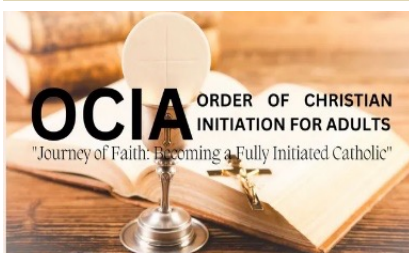


EDGE/LIFETEEN Volunteers Needed

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.

COME TO THE FATHER

Reflection on John 14:1-12

Faith gives us the enduring imagination to see life in a different way. We may indeed have troubled hearts, heartaches, even heart breaks, as all-too-human responses to the darkness and tragedies of life. However, the promise of Jesus “to be with us always,” and to come back again and “take us to himself,” calls into that deeper place within each of us where the divine lives. Indeed, through grace and the power of faith, we can heed the words of Jesus to “not let our hearts be troubled.”

When Jesus offers himself as “the way, the truth, and the life,” he is not so much giving us a map to follow, but a person to encounter and embrace. By following in the same journey that Jesus made – through death to new life; by grounding ourselves in His truth – through constant attentiveness to His Word; by receiving the daily graces of His care – through all the ordinary events and relationships of our lives, and most especially through His ultimate gift of self in the Eucharist, we “come to the Father” through the person of Jesus.

– Father Jay

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Lord, and all his works are

trustworthy.

– Psalm 33:4



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

Monday, May 4, 2026

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18

Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16

John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21

John 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21

Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10

John 15:9-11

Friday, May 8, 2026

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Psalms 57:8-9, 10 and 12

John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 5

John 15:18-21

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

SAINT JOHN OF AVILA

Saint of the Day: May 9

Patron Saint of Andalusia, Spain

Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest.

After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor.

Because John of Avila was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people.

John of Avila was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages.

He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012. St. John of Avila's liturgical feast is celebrated on May 10.

Saint John of Avila knew that the lives of Christians can contradict the Good News of Jesus Christ. In 16th-century Spain, those who advocated reforming the Church were often suspected of heresy. Saint John of Avila held his ground and was eventually recognized as a very reliable teacher of the Christian faith.

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

VENID AL PADRE

Reflexión sobre Juan 14:1-12

La fe nos da la imaginación perdurable para ver la vida de una manera diferente. Es posible que tengamos corazones atribulados, penas e incluso corazones rotos, como respuestas muy humanas a la oscuridad y las tragedias de la vida. Sin embargo, la promesa de Jesús de "estar siempre con nosotros," y de volver y "llevarnos consigo," nos llama a ese lugar más profundo dentro de cada uno de nosotros donde habita lo divino. De hecho, a través de la gracia y el poder de la fe, podemos hacer caso a las palabras de Jesús de "no dejar que nuestros corazones se turben."

Cuando Jesús se ofrece a sí mismo como "el camino, la verdad y la vida," no nos está dando tanto un mapa a seguir, sino una persona a quien encontrar y abrazar. Al seguir el mismo camino que recorrió Jesús – a través de la muerte hacia una nueva vida – al afianzarnos en su verdad; a través de la atención constante a su Palabra – al recibir las gracias diarias de su cuidado, a través de todos los acontecimientos y relaciones ordinarios de nuestras vidas, y muy especialmente a través de su don supremo de sí mismo en la Eucaristía, "llegamos al Padre" a través de la persona de Jesús.

– Padre Jay

La palabra del Señor es recta,
y todas sus obras son dignas
de confianza.

– Salmo 33:4



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Domingo, 3 de mayo de 2026

5° domingo de Pascua

Hechos 6, 1-7

Salmo 33, 1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Pedro 2:4-9

Juan 14:1-12

Lunes, 4 de mayo de 2026

Día de semana de Pascua

Hechos 14:5-18

Salmo 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16

Juan 14:21-26

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Hechos 15:1-6

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Salmo 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10

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Salmo 57:8-9, 10 y 12

Juan 15:12-17

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Salmo 100:1b-2, 3, 5

Juan 15:18-21

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SAN JUAN DE ÁVILA

Santo del día: 9 de mayo

Patrono de Andalucía, España

Nacido en la región de Castilla, en España, Juan fue enviado a los 14 años a la Universidad de Salamanca para estudiar Derecho. Más tarde se trasladó a Alcalá, donde estudió Filosofía y Teología antes de su ordenación como sacerdote diocesano.

Tras la muerte de sus padres, que le dejaron como único heredero de una considerable fortuna, Juan distribuyó su dinero entre los pobres. En 1527 viajó a Sevilla con la esperanza de convertirse en misionero en México. El arzobispo de esa ciudad lo convenció de que se quedara y difundiera la fe en Andalucía. Durante los nueve años que trabajó allí, se ganó la reputación de ser un predicador cautivador, un director espiritual perspicaz y un confesor sabio.

Como Juan de Ávila no temía denunciar los vicios en las altas esferas, fue investigado por la Inquisición, pero fue absuelto en 1533. Más tarde trabajó en Córdoba y luego en Granada, donde organizó la Universidad de Baeza, la primera de varias escuelas dirigidas por sacerdotes diocesanos que se dedicaban a la enseñanza y a la dirección espiritual de los jóvenes.

Juan de Ávila fue amigo de los santos Francisco de Borja, Ignacio de Loyola, Juan de Dios, Juan de la Cruz, Pedro de Alcántara y Teresa de Ávila. Juan colaboró estrechamente con los miembros de la Compañía de Jesús y contribuyó a su expansión en España y sus colonias. Los escritos místicos de Juan han sido traducidos a varios idiomas.

Fue beatificado en 1894, canonizado en 1970 y declarado doctor de la Iglesia el 7 de octubre de 2012. La fiesta litúrgica de San Juan de Ávila se celebra el 10 de mayo.

San Juan de Ávila sabía que la vida de los cristianos puede contradecir la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo. En la España del siglo XVI, quienes abogaban por la reforma de la Iglesia solían ser sospechosos de herejía. San Juan de Ávila se mantuvo firme y, finalmente, fue reconocido como un maestro muy fiable de la fe cristiana.

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