

*You, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
– Psalm 86:5*

*Tú, Señor, eres bueno y misericordioso, y rebosas
de bondad para con todos los que te invocan.
– Salmo 86:5*



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time / 16º domingo del tiempo ordinario

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: #973

Mass Intentions

19	SUNDAY	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of the James Guerra Family
	9:30 a.m.	† Beatriz Ibanez by Rizza Pedrigal
	11:00 a.m.	† Jeff Reynolds by Reynolds Family
	1:00 p.m.	Pro Populo (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)
	6:00 p.m.	† Armando Martinez by Gabriela Martinez
20	MONDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Janis DeBenedetto by James & Rosemary Vallis
	8:00 a.m.	† Eleanor Jameson by John & Michelle O'Rourke
21	TUESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† William & Lillian Klausen by Young Ladies Institute
	8:00 a.m.	† Paula Guzman by Lisa Guzman
22	WEDNESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	Intentions of David Choo by R. Chavez
	8:00 a.m.	† Donna Geis by Ernestine Hopson
23	THURSDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Catherine Lynch by Charlene M. McCormick
	8:00 a.m.	† Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their children
24	FRIDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† All Souls by Ernesto Castolo
	8:15 a.m.	† Jeff Wilbur by Candice Holtman
25	SATURDAY	
	4:00 p.m.	Mariano Aquino by Marissa Calaguas
	5:30 p.m.	Miguel Guerra por Rita Pavon
26	SUNDAY	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Ramos Family by Ramos Family
	9:30 a.m.	† Celrino Martinez, Jr. by Susan Perez
	11:00 a.m.	† Peter L. Mendez by Sandra S. Mendez
	1:00 p.m.	† Sergio Delgadillo por Noemi Gomez
	6:00 p.m.	Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

Knights of
Columbus

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOSPITALITY: NO DONUTS SUNDAY, JULY 5-SUNDAY, JULY 26

There will be no donut hospitality after morning Mass during the month of July.
Capital Donuts will be closed. Donuts will return in August!



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

General Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Rosary 6:15 p.m.

St. Agnes Social Hall – 111 W. Birch Avenue, Pineda

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



SATURDAY, JULY 25 & SUNDAY, JULY 26

Catholic Charities Truck

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be in the Pavilion to accept your nonperishable food, clothing, household goods and more after each of the weekend Masses. Together, we make a difference.

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First Friday Eucharistic Adoration Primer Viernes de Adoración Eucarística

Adoration, Worship, and
Communion
Adoración, Alabanza y Comunión

Friday: August 7, 2026
Viernes: 7 de Agosto de 2026

@ 6:30 p.m.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
¡Todos son Bienvenidos!

St. Anthony of Padua

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Eucharistic Adoration

9:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

OLG Chapel

Adoration, Worship, and Communion

6:30 p.m.

Main Church



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

First Saturday

8:15 a.m. Mass

Followed by the Rosary and meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary honoring Our Lady of Fatima's Request

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

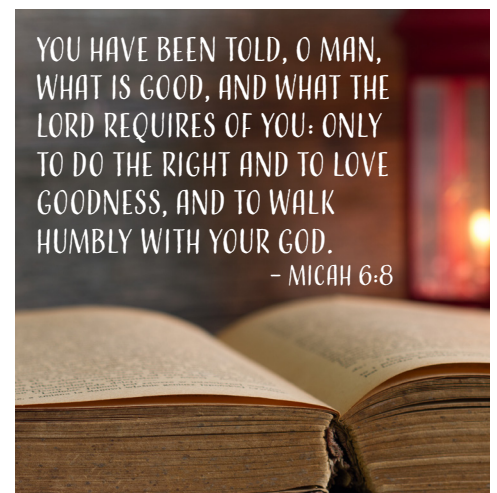


MIÉRCOLES – GRUPO DE ORACIÓN ENCUENTRO CON DIOS.

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

YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD, O MAN,
WHAT IS GOOD, AND WHAT THE
LORD REQUIRES OF YOU: ONLY
TO DO THE RIGHT AND TO LOVE
GOODNESS, AND TO WALK
HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD.

– MICAH 6:8



ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Celebrating Faith, Family and Heritage Since 1924

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.



The following couple will marry in the coming weeks:

LUIS DELGADO NEGRETE & ELSI GUTIERREZ

If you know of any canonical reason for them not to be married, please contact the Parish Office.

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!

June 28, 2026	\$ 22,985.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$ 23,128.00
Difference:	- \$ 143.00

Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	\$ 1,324,444.79
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	\$ 1,253,528.39
Difference:	\$ 70,916.40

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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: June 21, 2026	\$1,207.26
Total YTD Plate Collection	\$79,809.17

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SUMMER TEEN BIBLE STUDY

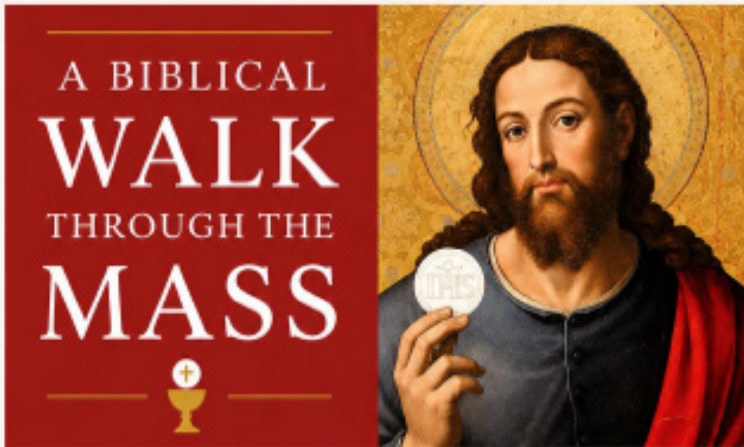
Teens, join us for a four-week Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew.

Beginning Thursday, July 23 through August 13, we will meet every Thursday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in Room 22 of St. Anthony's School.

In this short study, teens will be introduced to the main theme of the Gospel of Matthew: "The kingdom of heaven." Don't forget to bring a Bible, a pen, and a notebook!

**For teens
ages 13-17**

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA + YOUNG ADULTS



Discover the biblical roots of the Mass
and grow in your faith.



THURSDAYS

**JULY 16, 23, 30
& AUGUST 6, 13**



7:00 PM



**ROOM #21
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**



Come deepen your understanding
of the Mass through Scripture,
discussion, and fellowship.

All are welcome. Invite a friend!

LIFE TEEN
AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
LEADING TEENS TO CHRIST



REGISTRATION FOR GIFT, LIFETEEN,

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

**1ST & 2ND YEAR
CONFIRMATION & EDGE**

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7-8)

IS NOW OPEN

See page 6 for more details.

The Diocese of Fresno is

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HIRING**



We are looking for a

Payroll Specialist



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HIRING**



Apply Now!

We are looking for a

• IT Support Specialist

Pastoral Center

• Chief Financial Officer

Fresno Catholic Schools



If you or a loved one is unable to attend weekend Mass due to mobility issues or limitations, illness, or medical reason and wish to receive Holy Communion at home, call the Parish Office.

Si usted o un ser querido no puede asistir a la Misa de fin de semana debido a problemas de movilidad o limitaciones, enfermedad o razones médicas y desea recibir la Sagrada Comunión en casa, llame a la oficina parroquial.

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 3:00-4:15 p.m.
Additionally, Second Year students and parent(s)
attend one Thursday per month at 6:30 p.m.

Registrations are now open.

Please register on the website at <https://stanthonyfresno.org/religious-education/children-gift/>

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 / mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org



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 3:00-4:15 pm
Adicional, en el Segundo Año escolar los estudiantes y sus padres asisten a un jueves por mes a las 6:30 pm. **Las inscripciones ya están abiertas.** Por favor, regístrese en el sitio web: <https://stanthonyfresno.org/religious-education/children-gift/>

EDGE Middle School Formation

EDGE is a Catholic youth group for middle schoolers (grades 7th through 8th) and their families that welcomes all in the name of Jesus, inviting youth and their families into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. **The EDGE Program provides faith formation and preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion.** Preparation for any Sacrament is always a 2-year process.

Registration for the 2026-2027 year will open August 4th and end August 28th.

Registration is only available online via the St. Anthony website (www.stanthonyfresno.org). Click the Faith Formation tab, in the drop-down menu select "Edge Youth Ministry." Classes are held on Tuesday Evenings in the Social Hall at St. Anthony's School, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., beginning September 8th, 2026. Schedule available online. Director, Jaime Torkelson, ext. 117, jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org.

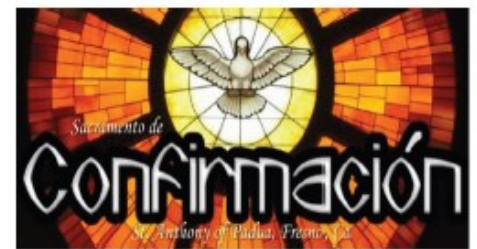


LIFETEEN High School Formation

Life Teen is a Catholic youth group for high schoolers (grades 9th through 12th) that is designed to bring teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Life Teen prepares teens for Confirmation, First Communion, or Baptism. Preparation for any Sacrament is always a 2-year process. Candidates for Confirmation must be at least 16 years of age to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Registration is only available online via the St. Anthony website (www.stanthonyfresno.org). Click the Faith Formation tab, in the drop-down menu select "Life Teen." Please refer to our website for upcoming dates and schedules. 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



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.

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.

WHEAT AND WEEDS

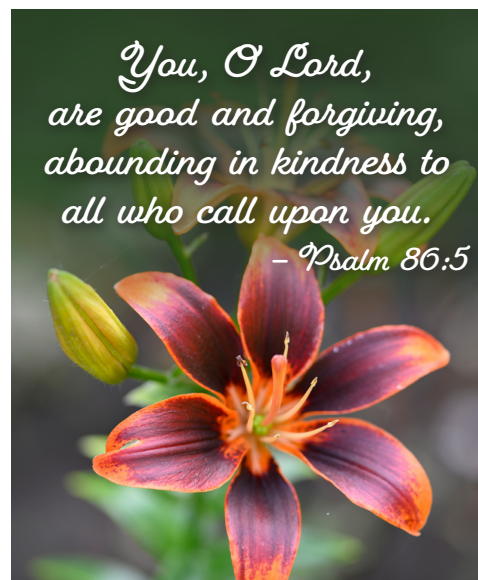
Reflection on Matthew 13:24-43

Last week, Jesus spoke of the frustrations of the sower. What with poor soil conditions, pests, weeds, and plant blight, it seems foolhardy to expect a crop. Today's parable focuses more sharply on the crop itself; the field is dotted with weeds that are crowding out the wheat, stealing its nourishment, blocking its access to the sunlight. Today's farmer would spray a herbicide, but the farmer of Jesus' day could rely only on the back-breaking method of tearing out the weeds by hand. And that, Jesus says, would do more harm than good. Better to let both grow until the harvest, when they can be sorted out more carefully.

Jesus, of course, is not giving agricultural advice, but using this image to remind us that only God can read hearts. The parable cautions us to be patient. We are not infallible in our judgments about what is wheat and what is weed.

God is the final harvester. God is the final judge, and God has not invited any of us to sit on that judgment seat with Him. The truth is, most if not all of us are a mixture of weeds and wheat. But God is faithful. God is not finished with any of us yet. God has been present throughout our growth and our struggles, journeying with each one of us to make of us a gleaming, golden field of wheat, of goodness, justice, and kindness; a rich harvest of love for the world.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

Monday, July 20, 2026

Weekday

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

Psalms 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Weekday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Psalms 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8

Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Saint Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3:1-4b

or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Weekday

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13

Psalms 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11

Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 24, 2026

Weekday

Jeremiah 3:14-17

Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13

Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Saint James, Apostle

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Psalms 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

Matthew 20:20-28

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

SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

Saint of the Day: July 21

Patron Saint of Brewers and Cooks

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi was born on July 22, 1559, and died exactly 60 years later on his birthday in 1619. After the early death of his parents, he was educated by his uncle at the College of St. Mark in Venice.

When he was just 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Venice and received the name of Lawrence of Brindisi. He completed his studies of philosophy and theology at the University of Padua and was ordained a priest at 23.

With his facility for languages, Lawrence of Brindisi was able to study the Bible in its original texts. At the request of Pope Clement VIII, he spent much time preaching to the Jews in Italy. So excellent was his knowledge of Hebrew, the rabbis felt sure he was a Jew who had become a Christian.

Lawrence's sensitivity to the needs of people began to surface. He was elected major superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany at the age of 31. He had the combination of brilliance, human compassion, and administrative skill. In rapid succession he was promoted by his fellow Capuchins and was elected minister general of the Capuchins in 1602. In this position he was responsible for great growth and geographical expansion of the Order.

Lawrence of Brindisi was appointed papal emissary and peacemaker, a job which took him to a number of foreign countries. An effort to achieve peace in his native kingdom of Naples took him on a journey to Lisbon to visit the king of Spain. Serious illness in Lisbon took his life in 1619.

In 1956, the Capuchins completed a 15-volume edition of Lawrence's writings. Eleven of these 15 contain his sermons, each of which relies chiefly on scriptural quotations to illustrate his teaching.

Read the full article: "Saint Lawrence of Brindisi" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-lawrence-of-brindisi/> (Accessed June 19, 2026).

TRIGO Y MALEZA

Reflexión sobre Mateo 13:24-43

La semana pasada, Jesús habló de las frustraciones del sembrador. Entre las malas condiciones del suelo, las plagas, la maleza y las enfermedades de las plantas, parece una locura esperar una cosecha. La parábola de hoy se centra más específicamente en la cosecha misma; el campo está salpicado de maleza que está ahogando al trigo, robándole los nutrientes y bloqueándole el acceso a la luz del sol. Un agricultor de hoy rociaría un herbicida, pero el agricultor de la época de Jesús solo podía recurrir al agotador método de arrancar las malezas a mano. Y eso, dice Jesús, haría más daño que bien. Es mejor dejar que ambas crezcan hasta la cosecha, cuando se puedan separar con mayor cuidado.

Jesús, por supuesto, no está dando consejos agrícolas, sino que utiliza esta imagen para recordarnos que solo Dios puede leer los corazones. La parábola nos advierte que seamos pacientes. No somos infalibles en nuestros juicios sobre qué es trigo y qué es maleza.

Dios es quien finalmente cosecha. Dios es el juez definitivo, y Dios no ha invitado a ninguno de nosotros a sentarnos en ese tribunal con él. La verdad es que la mayoría de nosotros, si no todos, somos una mezcla de maleza y trigo. Pero Dios es fiel. Dios aún no ha terminado con ninguno de nosotros. Dios ha estado presente a lo largo de nuestro crecimiento, nuestras luchas, nuestro camino con cada uno de nosotros para convertirnos en un resplandeciente y dorado campo de trigo, de bondad, justicia y amabilidad, una rica cosecha de amor para el mundo.

– Padre Jay



Tú, Señor, eres bueno y misericordioso, y rebosas de bondad para con todos los que te invocan.
– Salmo 86:5

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Domingo, 19 de julio de 2026

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Santa María Magdalena
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SAN LORENZO DE BRINDISI

Santo del día: 21 de julio

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San Lorenzo de Brindisi nació el 22 de julio de 1559 y falleció exactamente 60 años después, el día de su cumpleaños, en 1619. Tras la muerte prematura de sus padres, su tío se encargó de su educación en el Colegio de San Marcos, en Venecia.

Cuando tenía apenas 16 años, ingresó en la Orden Franciscana de los Capuchinos en Venecia y recibió el nombre de Lorenzo de Brindisi. Completó sus estudios de filosofía y teología en la Universidad de Padua y fue ordenado sacerdote a los 23 años.

Gracias a su facilidad para los idiomas, Lorenzo de Brindisi pudo estudiar la Biblia en sus textos originales. A petición del papa Clemente VIII, dedicó mucho tiempo a predicar a los judíos de Italia. Su dominio del hebreo era tan excelente que los rabinos estaban convencidos de que era un judío que se había convertido al cristianismo.

La sensibilidad de Lorenzo hacia las necesidades de las personas comenzó a manifestarse. Fue elegido superior mayor de la provincia franciscana capuchina de la Toscana a los 31 años. Poseía una combinación de brillantez, compasión humana y habilidad administrativa. En rápida sucesión, fue ascendido por sus compañeros capuchinos y elegido ministro general de los capuchinos en 1602. En este cargo fue responsable del gran crecimiento y la expansión geográfica de la Orden.

Luis de Brindisi fue nombrado emisario papal y mediador de paz, un cargo que lo llevó a visitar varios países extranjeros. Un esfuerzo por lograr la paz en su reino natal de Nápoles lo llevó a viajar a Lisboa para visitar al rey de España. Una grave enfermedad en Lisboa le quitó la vida en 1619.

En 1956, los capuchinos completaron una edición de 15 volúmenes de los escritos de Lorenzo. Once de estos 15 volúmenes contienen sus sermones, cada uno de los cuales se basa principalmente en citas de las Escrituras para ilustrar su enseñanza.

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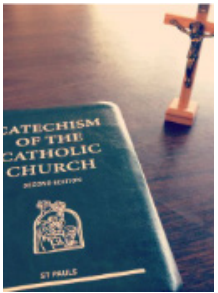
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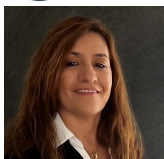


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