

*The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.*

- Psalm 119:72

*La ley de tu boca me es más preciosa
que miles de piezas de oro y plata.*

- Salmo 119:72



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 17º 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: #976

Mass Intentions

26	SUNDAY	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Ramos Family by Ramos Family
	9:30 a.m.	† Celerino 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)
27	MONDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Phyllis Shaw by Irvin Coutu Family
	8:00 a.m.	† Marge Bryan by The Belton Family
28	TUESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Bryan Family by Sylvester Bryan
	8:00 a.m.	† Eulenia Irasusta by Celerino & Catherine Irasusta
29	WEDNESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† All Souls by Monique Le
	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of St. Anthony Rosary Group by Bernie Araiza
30	THURSDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Toni Fedele by Sal Fedele
	8:00 a.m.	† Daniel & Patricia Tovar by Maria Perez
31	FRIDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Janis DeBenedetto by Jane & Jim Dilling
	8:15 a.m.	† Dolores Paarras by Joe & Alice Cuellar
1	SATURDAY	FIRST SATURDAY
	8:15 a.m.	St. Leopold Mandic by Mike & Angelina DiNuzzo
	4:00 p.m.	Mathew Murro by Julie & Chuck Willis
	5:30 p.m.	Intenciones (Cumpleanos) Daniella Guerra por Martha
2	SUNDAY	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Brandi & Luke Mendiola by their family
	9:30 a.m.	† Rob O'Rourke by Ron & Kathi O'Rourke
	11:00 a.m.	† Jose De Jesus Gomez by Alma Proximire
	1:00 p.m.	Pro Populo (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)
	6:00 p.m.	† Deceased Members of the Wood Family by Christy Wood

**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.

Knights of
Columbus

**No Donuts****SUNDAYS, JULY 5-26**

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, Pinedale

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, AUGUST 1****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



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



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.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15****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 August, 2025. We will light a candle for Mark De Castro, Maria M. Ramirez, Amalia Gonzalez, Mary Lou Solorio, & Melvin Silva. 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 August 2025, call the Parish Office, ext. 106.

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

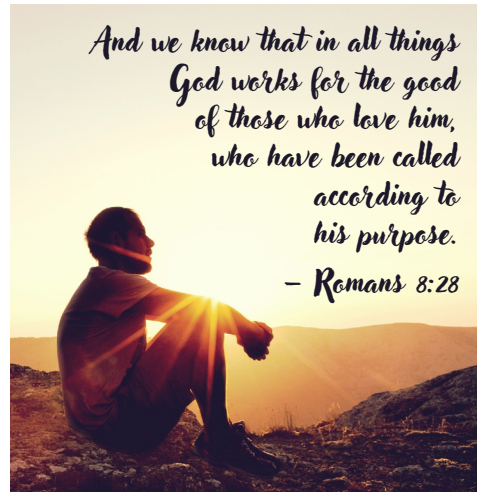
Saturday

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."

*And we know that in all things
God works for the good
of those who love him,
who have been called
according to
his purpose.
– Romans 8:28*



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!

July 5, 2026	\$ 23,316.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$ 22,619.00
Difference:	\$ 697.00

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

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: June 28, 2026	\$1,394.35
Total YTD Plate Collection	\$81,203.52

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD



The following couple will marry in the coming weeks:

RODRIGO ARZATE PARAMO & VICTORIA MAGANA MORALES

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



SUMMER TEEN BIBLE STUDY

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

From 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

A BIBLICAL
WALK
THROUGH THE
MASS



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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA DEL KINDER AL 6TO GRADO

K through 6th Grade



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CHILDREN
GET CLOSER TO CHRIST!**

CONTACT MARY BRISEÑO
(559) 439-0124 or mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org



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 A-o 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.

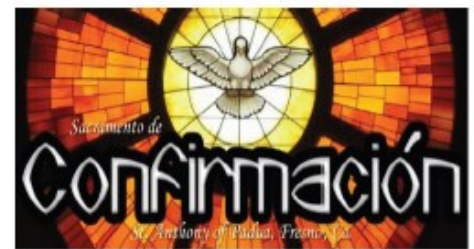


LIFETEEN High School Formation

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.

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

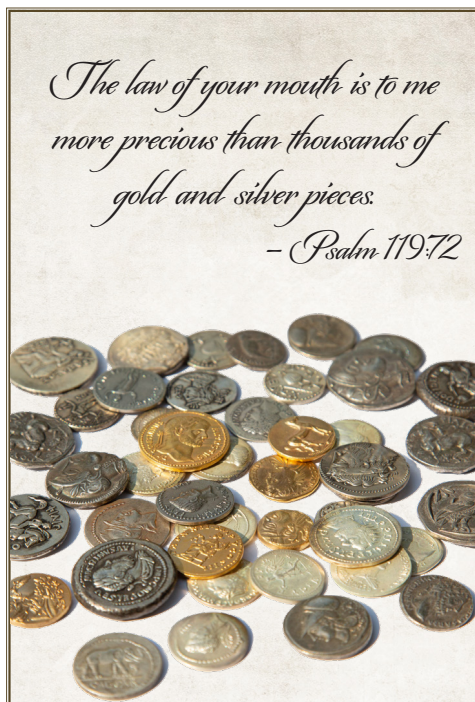
Reflection on Matthew 13:44-52

"The kingdom of heaven is like....a treasure buried in a field...a merchant searching for fine pearls...a net thrown into the sea..." With these compelling metaphors, Jesus teaches us about the kingdom – the presence and power of God's transforming love in human life.

How does God's love break into human life? How does God choose to come to us, to reveal Himself, to gift us with the kingdom? The answer is: However God wants to! This is what strikes me about these parables. A search for a pearl, a hidden treasure in a field, a fishing net in the sea – all of these seem rather unlikely places to find God. But I think that is the point. Since the Incarnation, God is likely to be found in all the most unlikely, surprising places. In fact, there is really no place in our human experience where, when we gaze closely, we will not find God present.

Thankfully, our Church gives us the privileged places and moments where we encounter God, especially in His Word (Scripture) and in the Sacraments. And gratefully, God surprises us with popping up in other places and moments – in creation, in smiles, in a book read, in a friendship, in everyday events, and in pearls, treasures, and nets.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 26, 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Monday, July 27, 2026

Weekday
Jeremiah 13:1-11
Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Weekday
Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21
Psalm 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18
John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Weekday
Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6ab
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, July 31, 2026

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
Matthew 14:1-12

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

SAINT TITUS BRANDSMA

Saint of the Day: July 27

Patron Saint of Catholic journalists and Catholic Esperantists

Given the birth name Anno, Brandsma and his siblings grew up on their parents' dairy farm in rural Frisia. As devout Catholics, the family was in the minority among their Calvinist neighbors. From age 11 Anno was educated at a preparatory school for boys who were studying for the priesthood. He joined the Carmelite novitiate in 1898, taking the name Titus Brandsma in honor of his father.

In the years following his 1905 ordination, Brandsma received a doctorate in philosophy and initiated a project to translate the works of Saint Teresa of Avila into Dutch. One of the founders of the Catholic University of Nijmegen, he served as a professor of philosophy and the history of mysticism at the school. While there Brandsma was known more for his availability to faculty and students than for his academic achievements.

Working as a journalist, Brandsma served as ecclesiastical advisor to Catholic journalists. His long-standing opposition to Nazi ideology came to the attention of the Nazis when they invaded the Netherlands in 1940. In direct opposition to the Third Reich, the Conference of Dutch Bishops sent a letter ordering Catholic newspaper editors not to print Nazi propaganda. Fr. Brandsma was arrested while hand delivering the letter in January 1942. After being imprisoned in several other facilities, in June he was taken to the Dachau camp in Germany.

During his brief time at Dachau, Fr. Brandsma was well-known for his kindness and spiritual support of other prisoners. His death on July 26, 1942 was a result of the Reich's program of medical experimentation on prisoners. He gave a wooden rosary to the nurse who administered the fatal injection; she later became Catholic and testified to his holiness. In recent years Brandsma has been honored by both the cities of Nijmegen and Dachau. Titus Brandsma was beatified in 1985, and canonized in 2022.

Read the full article: "Saint Titus Brandsma" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-titus-brandsma/> (Accessed June 19, 2026).

EL REINO DE LOS CIELOS

Reflexión sobre Mateo 13:44-52

"El reino de los cielos es como... un tesoro escondido en un campo... un comerciante que busca perlas finas... una red echada al mar..." Con estas metáforas cautivadoras, Jesús nos enseña sobre el reino: la presencia y el poder del amor transformador de Dios en la vida humana.

¿Cómo irrumpe el amor de Dios en la vida humana? ¿De qué manera elige Dios venir a nosotros, revelarse y regalarnos el reino? La respuesta es: ¡Como Dios quiera! Esto es lo que me llama la atención de estas parábolas. La búsqueda de una perla, un tesoro escondido en un campo, una red de pesca en el mar: todos estos parecen lugares bastante improbables para encontrar a Dios. Pero creo que ese es precisamente el punto. Desde la encarnación, es probable que encontremos a Dios en todos los lugares más inverosímiles y sorprendentes. De hecho, no hay realmente ningún lugar en nuestra experiencia humana donde, al mirar de cerca, no encontremos a Dios presente.

Afortunadamente, nuestra Iglesia nos ofrece los lugares y momentos privilegiados donde nos encontramos con Dios, especialmente en su Palabra (las Escrituras) y en los sacramentos. Y, afortunadamente, Dios nos sorprende apareciendo en otros lugares y momentos: en la creación, en las sonrisas, en un libro que leemos, en una amistad, en los acontecimientos cotidianos, y en perlas, tesoros y redes.

– Padre Jay



ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 26 de julio de 2026

17º domingo del tiempo ordinario

1 Reyes 3:5, 7-12

Salmo 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Romanos 8:28-30

Mateo 13:44-52

Lunes, 27 de julio de 2026

Día de la semana

Jeremías 13:1-11

Deuteronomio 32:18-19, 20, 21

Mateo 13:31-35

Martes, 28 de julio de 2026

Día de la semana

Jeremías 14:17-22

Salmo 79:8, 9, 11 y 13

Mateo 13:36-43

Miércoles, 29 de julio de 2026

Santos Marta, María y Lázaro

Jeremías 15:10, 16-21

Salmo 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18

Juan 11:19-27 o Lucas 10:38-42

Jueves, 30 de julio de 2026

Día de la semana

Jeremías 18:1-6

Salmo 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

Mateo 13:47-53

Viernes, 31 de julio de 2026

San Ignacio de Loyola, sacerdote

Jeremías 26:1-9

Salmo 69:5, 8-10, 14

Mateo 13:54-58

Sábado, 1 de agosto de 2026

San Alfonso María de Ligorio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Jeremías 26:11-16, 24

Salmo 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34

Mateo 14:1-12

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SAN TITO BRANDSMA

Santo del día: 27 de julio

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Brandsma, cuyo nombre de nacimiento era Anno, creció junto a sus hermanos en la granja lechera de sus padres, ubicada en la zona rural de Frisia. Como católicos devotos, la familia formaba parte de una minoría entre sus vecinos calvinistas. Desde los 11 años, Anno estudió en una escuela preparatoria para jóvenes que se formaban para el sacerdocio. Ingresó al noviciado carmelita en 1898, adoptando el nombre de Titus Brandsma en honor a su padre.

En los años posteriores a su ordenación en 1905, Brandsma obtuvo un doctorado en filosofía e inició un proyecto para traducir al holandés las obras de Santa Teresa de Ávila. Fue uno de los fundadores de la Universidad Católica de Nimega, donde se desempeñó como profesor de filosofía e historia del misticismo. Durante su estancia allí, Brandsma se destacó más por su disponibilidad para el cuerpo docente y los estudiantes que por sus logros académicos.

En su labor como periodista, Brandsma se desempeñó como asesor eclesiástico de los periodistas católicos. Su oposición de larga data a la ideología nazi llamó la atención de los nazis cuando estos invadieron los Países Bajos en 1940. En oposición directa al Tercer Reich, la Conferencia Episcopal Neerlandesa envió una carta en la que ordenaba a los editores de los periódicos católicos que no publicaran propaganda nazi. El P. Brandsma fue arrestado mientras entregaba personalmente la carta en enero de 1942. Tras ser encarcelado en varios otros centros, en junio fue trasladado al campo de Dachau, en Alemania.

Durante su breve estancia en Dachau, el P. Brandsma se destacó por su amabilidad y el apoyo espiritual que brindaba a otros prisioneros. Su muerte, el 26 de julio de 1942, fue consecuencia del programa del Reich de experimentos médicos con prisioneros. Le entregó un rosario de madera a la enfermera que le administró la inyección letal; ella más tarde se convirtió al catolicismo y dio testimonio de su santidad. En los últimos años, Brandsma ha sido homenajeado tanto por la ciudad de Nimega como por la de Dachau. Titus Brandsma fue beatificado en 1985 y canonizado en 2022.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Titus Brandsma" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-titus-brandsma/> (Consultado el 19 de junio de 2026).




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