



The hand of the Lord feeds us;

*He answers all our needs.*

– Psalm 145:16

La mano del Señor nos alimenta;

*Él satisface todas  
nuestras necesidades.*

– Salmo 145:16

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 18º domingo del tiempo ordinario

*Gt. Anthony of Padua Church*

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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](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org).

**Thanks for joining us!**

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN HYMNAL: #979

## Mass Intentions

|          |                  |                                                             |
|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2</b> | <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                   |
|          | 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       |
| <b>3</b> | <b>MONDAY</b>    |                                                             |
|          | 6:45 a.m.        | † Deceased Members of Witkowski Family by Sylvester Bryan   |
|          | 8:00 a.m.        | † Sheryl Mae Ovalles by Nora Gamueda                        |
| <b>4</b> | <b>TUESDAY</b>   |                                                             |
|          | 6:45 a.m.        | † Tony & Elvira Fagundes by Fred & Debbie Fagundes          |
|          | 8:00 a.m.        | Intentions of Alexander Domingos by Sandy Martinez          |
| <b>5</b> | <b>WEDNESDAY</b> |                                                             |
|          | 6:45 a.m.        | † Salvador Torres by his children                           |
|          | 8:00 a.m.        | † Deceased Members of the Alvarado-Razo Family              |
| <b>6</b> | <b>THURSDAY</b>  |                                                             |
|          | 6:45 a.m.        | † Emilio & Jenny Miranda by Robert & Olivia Miranda         |
|          | 8:00 a.m.        | † Bill Schuh by Fanucchi Family                             |
| <b>7</b> | <b>FRIDAY</b>    |                                                             |
|          | 6:45 a.m.        | † Margaret Bryan by Sylvester Bryan                         |
|          | 8:15 a.m.        | Intentions of Charles Sherrill by Jenny Sherrill            |
| <b>8</b> | <b>SATURDAY</b>  |                                                             |
|          | 4:00 p.m.        | † Pat Mastro by Linda Mastro                                |
|          | 5:30 p.m.        | † Eduardo Jose Orozco-Porras por Familia Convers            |
| <b>9</b> | <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                   |
|          | 8:00 a.m.        | † Manuel Chavira by Visciglio Family                        |
|          | 9:30 a.m.        | † Ramon Rodriguez III by Pamela Rodriguez                   |
|          | 11:00 a.m.       | † Peter L. Mendez by Sandra S. Mendez                       |
|          | 1:00 p.m.        | † Maria de Jesus Sandoval por Maria Prado                   |
|          | 6:00 p.m.        | Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)     |



**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 & 2**

SECOND COLLECTION - Bishop's Annual Appeal

Our Annual Parish pledge is split into six payments and paid every other month.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LA SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN es para la Campaña Anual del Obispo Nuestro compromiso parroquial anual.

**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

**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.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7****Eucharistic Adoration**9:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
OLG Chapel**Adoration, Worship,  
and Communion**6:00 p.m.  
Main Church

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

@ 6:00 p.m.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
¡Todos son Bienvenidos!

St. Anthony of Padua

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



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.



The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

**RODRIGO ARZATE PARAMO & VICTORIA MAGANA MORALES**  
**JESSE MORALES & MARINA FIGUEROA RAYES**

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

*Memorial  
Service*

**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."



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.

Envía 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 12, 2026             | \$25,939.00 |
| Last year’s plate income: | \$21,652.00 |
| Difference:               | \$4,287.00  |

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

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026 | \$745,760.54 |
| July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025 | \$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

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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: July 12, 2026 | \$1,343.37 |
| Total YTD Plate Collection      | \$2,721.12 |

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD



**SUMMER TEEN BIBLE STUDY**

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

From Thursday, July 23rd, 2026 through August 13th, 2026, we will meet one Thursday a week 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

**English K through 6th Grade**

EDUCACION RELIGIOSA – ESPAÑOL – DEL 1RO AL 8VO GRADO



**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/](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org/ministries/), or call the Parish Office at 439-0124 for more details.

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



## GIFT- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | CATECISMO-EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION,  
FIRST COMMUNION &  
SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Classes are held on Sundays from 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org).

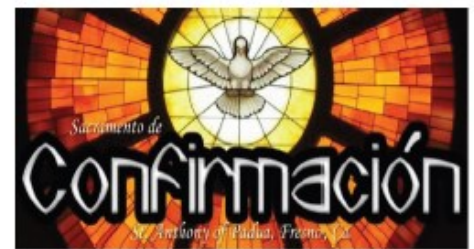


## LIFETEEN High School Formation

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](http://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](mailto:jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org)



### PARA JÓVENES BILINGÜES CURSO DE FORMACIÓN PARA EL SACRAMENTO DE CONFIRMACIÓN

CLASES YA COMENZARON  
PRÓXIMAS INSCRIPCIONES EN EL

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



### SACRAMENTOS PARA ADULTOS

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

## OCIA: ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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



### SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

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

To register go to [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org)  
Click on Faith Formation and scroll to Sacraments of Initiation for Adults.

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

New folks are welcome to join us at any time during the year.  
If you have questions, please contact Martha by phone or email.



## 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

Psalms 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

Psalms 79:8, 9, 11 and 13

Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21

Psalms 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 18

John 11:19-27, 38-42

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Weekday

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Psalms 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6ab

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## SAINT TITUS BRANDSMA

Saint of the Day: July 26

Patron Saint of Catholic Journalists and Catholic Esperantists

Given the birth name Titus Brandsma and his siblings grew up on their parents' dairy farm in rural Holland. As devout Catholics, the family was in the minority among their Protestant neighbors. From age 11 Titus was educated at a preparatory school for boys who were studying for the priesthood. He joined the Carmelite novitiate in 1908, 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 News, <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 apareciéndose en otros lugares y momentos: en la vida diaria, en la sonrisa, en un libro que leemos, en una amistad, en los acontecimientos cotidianos, y en perlas, tesoros y redes.

—Priscilla Jay



## ESCRITURA SEMANAL

**Domingo, 26 de julio de 2026**  
17º domingo del tiempo ordinario  
1 Reyes 3:5, 7-12  
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**Lunes, 27 de julio de 2026**  
Día de la semana  
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Deuteronomio 32:18-19, 20, 21  
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Día de la semana  
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Salmo 79:8, 9, 11 y 13  
Mateo 13:36-43

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Jeremías 26:1-9  
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Mateo 13:54-58

**Sábado, 1 de agosto de 2026**  
San Alfonso María de Ligorio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia  
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## SANTO BRANDSMA

27 de julio, día 27 de julio

Trono de los periodistas católicos y de los esperantistas católicos

Brandsma, cuyo nombre de nacimiento era Anno, creció junto a sus hermanos en la granja familiar de su padre, ubicada en la zona rural de Frisia. Como católicos, el catolicismo formaba parte de una minoría entre sus vecinos calvinistas. Desde los 12 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 eclesial 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.

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






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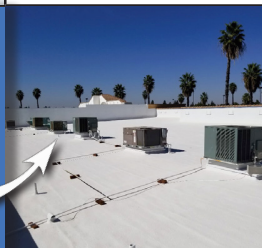
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