

So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.

– Psalm 67:3-4

Que se conozca tu camino en la tierra;
entre todas las naciones, tu salvación.

– Salmo 67:3-4

*O God, let all the nations praise you
Oh Dios, que todas las naciones te alaben*



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 20º 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: #985

Mass Intentions

16	SUNDAY	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
	9:30 a.m.	† Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their children
	11:00 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Gamber Family by Reynolds Family
	1:00 p.m.	† Maria Rosario & Jose Rios por Ofelia Rios
	6:00 p.m.	† Charlene Carlie Schulte Esparza by Hana T. Cao & Family
17	MONDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† All Souls by Monique Le
	8:00 a.m.	† Daniel & Patricia Tovar by Maria Perez
18	TUESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	Intentions of (B-Day) Aaliyah Garcia by Garcia Family
	8:00 a.m.	† Ronald Realon by Realon Family
19	WEDNESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† William & Lillian Klausen by Young Ladies Institute
	8:00 a.m.	Sharon Carrasco by Candice Holtmann
20	THURSDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Marilyn Russell by Russel Renna & Family
	8:00 a.m.	† Dolores Parras by Joe & Alice Cuellar
21	FRIDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Janis DeBenedetto by Jane & Jim Dilling
	8:15 a.m.	† Celin Ramos by Gabriela Martinez
22	SATURDAY	
	4:00 p.m.	† Bill Bruce by his St. Anthony's Family
	5:30 p.m.	† Alfonso Rios, Jr. por Nubia Rios
23	SUNDAY	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00 a.m.	† Orlando Rodriguez by Garcia Family
	9:30 a.m.	Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
	11:00 a.m.	† Ralph & Natividad Beltran by Esther Beltran
	1:00 p.m.	Intentions (Cumpleano) Maria del Carmen Medina – Mariscal
	6:00 p.m.	† Chris Monge by Monge Family



SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 AND 16
SECOND COLLECTION
 Cathedral Maintenance
SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN
 Mantenimiento de la Catedral

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

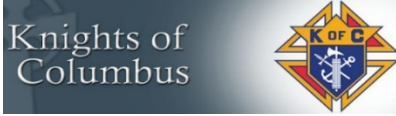


SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 & 23

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.

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.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

St. Agnes Social Hall

111 W. Birch Avenue, Pinedale

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First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Primer Viernes de Adoración Eucarística

Adoration, Worship, and
Communion
Adoración, Alabanza y Comunión

Friday: September 4, 2026
Viernes: 4 de Septiembre de 2026

@ 6:30 p.m.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
¡Todos son Bienvenidos!

St. Anthony of Padua

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Eucharistic Adoration
9:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
OLG Chapel

**Adoration, Worship,
and Communion**
6:30 p.m.
Main Church



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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



The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

JESSE MORALES & MARINA FIGUEROA RAYES

JOHN DENIS & MADALINE DELUCA

ADRIAN LOPEZ & CYNTHIA GUTIÉRREZ

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

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

Monday-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."

Blessed are
those who are
persecuted because
of righteousness,
for theirs is
the kingdom
of heaven.
– Matthew 5:10

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 26, 2026	\$25,547.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$20,475.00
Difference:	\$5,068.00
Year-to-Date Plate Collection • Colectas Del Año Hasta La Fecha	
July 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026	\$58,921.70
July 1, 2025 – July 31, 2025	\$50,767.50
Difference:	\$8,154.20

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 26, 2026	\$1,399.27
Total YTD Plate Collection	\$5,317.94

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD

**SAINT OF THE DAY – AUGUST 16****ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY (C. 975–1038)**

St. Stephen of Hungary was the first Christian King of Hungary and is remembered for bringing the Gospel to his people through faithful leadership and deep trust in God. Crowned around the year 1000, he established dioceses, built churches and monasteries, promoted justice, and encouraged the spread of the Catholic faith throughout his kingdom. Before his death, he entrusted Hungary to the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, leaving a lasting legacy of Christian discipleship.

Reflection:

St. Stephen reminds us that true leadership begins with holiness. Whether we serve our families, parish, workplace, or community, we are all called to lead by faith, charity, and humble service.

"Lord, help us to build our homes and communities upon the foundation of Your Gospel, just as St. Stephen did."

(Sources: Vatican News – Saint of the Day; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).)

SANTO DEL DÍA – 16 DE AGOSTO**SAN ESTEBAN DE HUNGRÍA (C. 975–1038)**

San Esteban fue el primer rey cristiano de Hungría y es recordado por llevar el Evangelio a su pueblo mediante un liderazgo lleno de fe y confianza en Dios. Coronado alrededor del año 1000, organizó la Iglesia en su reino, fundó diócesis, construyó iglesias y monasterios, promovió la justicia y favoreció la evangelización de su nación. Antes de morir, encomendó Hungría a la protección de la Santísima Virgen María, dejando un ejemplo duradero de fidelidad cristiana.

Reflexión:

San Esteban nos recuerda que el verdadero liderazgo nace de la santidad. Ya sea en nuestra familia, parroquia, trabajo o comunidad, todos estamos llamados a guiar con fe, caridad y servicio humilde.

"Señor, ayúdanos a construir nuestros hogares y comunidades sobre el fundamento de tu Evangelio, como lo hizo San Esteban."

(Fuentes: Vatican News – Santo del Día; Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB).)

"Be humble in this life, that God may raise you up in the next. Be truly moderate and do not punish or condemn anyone immoderately. Be gentle so that you may never oppose justice. Be honorable so that you may never voluntarily bring disgrace upon anyone. Be chaste so that you may avoid all the foulness of lust like the pangs of death."

– St. Stephen of Hungary

"Sé humilde en esta vida, para que Dios te ensalce en la venidera. Sé verdaderamente moderado y no castigues ni condenes a nadie con exceso. Sé manso, para que nunca te opongas a la justicia. Sé honorable, para que nunca causes voluntariamente deshonra a nadie. Sé casto, para que evites toda la vileza de la lujuria como si fueran los dolores de la muerte."

– San Esteban de Hungría

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.

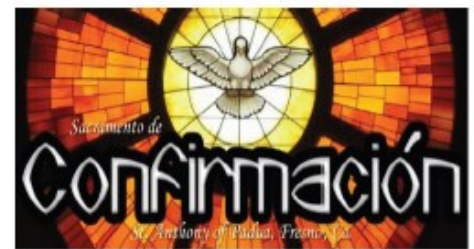


LIFETEEN High School Formation

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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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.

PRAYER WITH PASSION

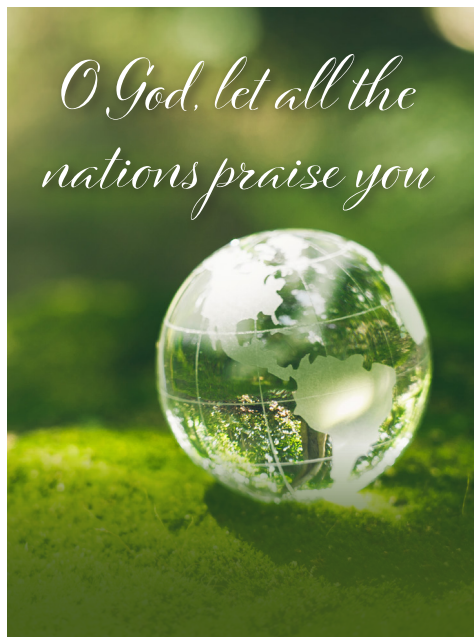
Reflection on Matthew 15:21-28

Early in life our parents begin to teach us our manners, how to be polite – our “please” and “thank-you” – all the words and actions we will need to be respectful of others and not embarrass ourselves (or our parents!) in public. All of this socialization serves us well as we move through life, even in how we relate to God.

Today’s Gospel compels us to consider a different dimension of relating to God: with boldness, persistence, even a bit of an argumentative spirit. There is precedence for how this Canaanite woman converses with Jesus. Think of Abraham arguing with God as to whether the city of Sodom might be spared destruction. Think of the Psalmist demanding of God better treatment than his people are getting at the moment (Psalm 44). These are the prayers that end with exclamation points!

Some would argue that this is how Jesus Himself taught us to pray: “Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive our sins. Deliver us from evil.” These are straightforward and confident requests. However, whatever our prayer request might be, and however boldly we bring it to the altar, we always must submit to God’s veto, precisely because He is our Lord. “Your will be done” is always a good ending to every prayer.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday, August 17, 2026

Weekday

Ezekiel 24:15-23
Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Weekday

Ezekiel 28:1-10
Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Weekday

Ezekiel 34:1-11
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ezekiel 36:23-28
Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 21, 2026

Saint Pius X, Pope

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 22, 2026

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ezekiel 43:1-7ab
Psalm 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Matthew 23:1-12

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

SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Saint of the Day: August 16

Patron Saint of Bricklayers and Hungary

Born a pagan, Saint Stephen of Hungary was baptized around the age of 10, together with his father, chief of the Magyars, a group who migrated to the Danube area in the ninth century. At 20, he married Gisela, sister to the future emperor, Saint Henry. When he succeeded his father, Stephen of Hungary adopted a policy of Christianization of the country for both political and religious reasons.

He suppressed a series of revolts by pagan nobles and welded the Magyars into a strong national group. He asked the pope to provide for the Church's organization in Hungary—and also requested that the pope confer the title of king upon him. He was crowned on Christmas Day in 1001.

Stephen of Hungary established a system of tithes to support churches and pastors and to relieve the poor. Out of every 10 towns, one had to build a church and support a priest. He abolished pagan customs with a certain amount of violence, and commanded all to marry, except clergy and religious. He was easily accessible to all, especially the poor.

In 1031, his son Emeric died, and the rest of Stephen of Hungary's days were embittered by controversy over his successor. His nephews attempted to kill him. He died in 1038 and was canonized, along with his son, in 1083.

God's gift of holiness is a Christlike love of God and humanity. Love must sometimes bear a stern countenance for the sake of ultimate good. Christ attacked hypocrites among the Pharisees, but died forgiving them. Paul excommunicated the incestuous man at Corinth “that his spirit may be saved.” Some Christians fought the Crusades with noble zeal, in spite of the unworthy motives of others.

Today we shrink from any use of violence—physical or “silent.” This wholesome development continues as people debate whether it is possible for a Christian to be an absolute pacifist or whether evil must sometimes be repelled by force.

Read the full article: “Saint Stephen of Hungary” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
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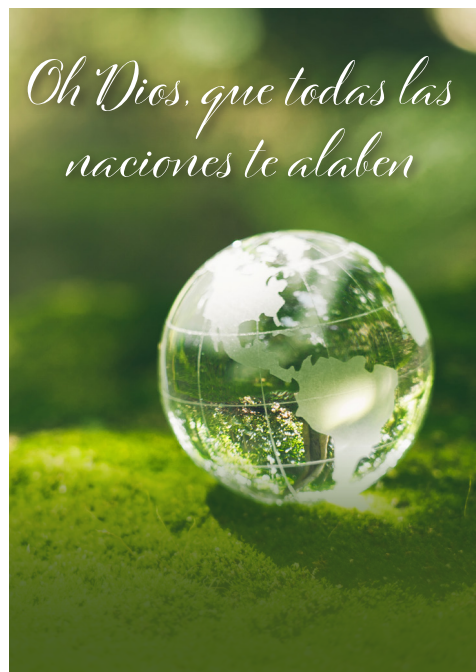
Reflexión sobre Mateo 15:21-28

Desde muy temprana edad, nuestros padres comienzan a enseñarnos buenos modales, cómo ser educados – el “por favor” y el “gracias” – todas las palabras y acciones que necesitaremos para ser respetuosos con los demás y no avergonzarnos (¡ni a nosotros mismos ni a nuestros padres!) en público. Toda esta socialización nos sirve de mucho a lo largo de la vida, incluso en nuestra relación con Dios.

El Evangelio de hoy nos invita a considerar una dimensión diferente de nuestra relación con Dios: con audacia, persistencia e incluso un poco de espíritu argumentativo. Hay precedentes de cómo esta mujer cananea conversa con Jesús. Pensemos en Abraham discutiendo con Dios sobre si la ciudad de Sodoma podría salvarse de la destrucción. Pensemos en el salmista exigiéndole a Dios un trato mejor que el que su pueblo está recibiendo en ese momento (Salmo 44). ¡Estas son las oraciones que terminan con signos de exclamación!

Algunos dirían que así es como el mismo Jesús nos enseñó a orar: “Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestros pecados. Libranos del mal.” Estas son peticiones directas y seguras. Sin embargo, sea cual sea nuestra petición en la oración, y por más audazmente que la llevemos al altar, siempre debemos someternos al veto de Dios, precisamente porque Él es nuestro Señor. “Hágase tu voluntad” es siempre un buen final para toda oración.

– Padre Jay



ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 16 de agosto de 2026

20º domingo del tiempo ordinario

Isaías 56:1, 6-7

Salmo 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Romanos 11:13-15, 29-32

Mateo 15:21-28

Lunes, 17 de agosto de 2026

Día de la semana

Ezequiel 24:15-23

Deuteronomio 32:18-19, 20, 21

Mateo 19:16-22

Martes, 18 de agosto de 2026

Día de la semana

Ezequiel 28:1-10

Deuteronomio 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab

Mateo 19:23-30

Miércoles, 19 de agosto de 2026

Día de la semana

Ezequiel 34:1-11

Salmo 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Mateo 20:1-16

Jueves, 20 de agosto de 2026

San Bernardo, abad y

doctor de la Iglesia

Ezequiel 36:23-28

Salmo 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19

Mateo 22:1-14

Viernes, 21 de agosto de 2026

San Pío X, Papa

Ezequiel 37:1-14

Salmo 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mateo 22:34-40

Sábado, 22 de agosto de 2026

La Realeza de la

Santísima Virgen María

Ezequiel 43:1-7ab

Salmo 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Mateo 23:1-12

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SAN ESTEBAN DE HUNGRÍA

Santo del día: 16 de agosto

Patrono de los albañiles y de Hungría

Nacido como pagano, San Esteban de Hungría fue bautizado alrededor de los 10 años, junto con su padre, jefe de los magiares, un grupo que emigró a la región del Danubio en el siglo IX. A los 20 años, se casó con Gisela, hermana del futuro emperador, San Enrique. Cuando sucedió a su padre, Esteban de Hungría adoptó una política de cristianización del país por razones tanto políticas como religiosas. Reprimió una serie de revueltas de nobles paganos y unificó a los magiares en un grupo nacional fuerte. Le pidió al papa que se encargara de la organización de la Iglesia en Hungría, y también solicitó que el papa le otorgara el título de rey. Fue coronado el día de Navidad de 1001.

Esteban de Hungría estableció un sistema de diezmos para mantener a las iglesias y a los pastores, y para socorrer a los pobres. De cada diez pueblos, uno debía construir una iglesia y mantener a un sacerdote. Abolió las costumbres paganas con cierta violencia y ordenó a todos que se casaran, excepto al clero y a los religiosos. Era accesible para todos, especialmente para los pobres.

En 1031, su hijo Emerico falleció, y el resto de los días de Esteban de Hungría se vieron amargados por la controversia sobre su sucesor. Sus sobrinos intentaron matarlo. Murió en 1038 y fue canonizado, junto con su hijo, en 1083.

El don divino de la santidad es un amor a Dios y a la humanidad a imagen de Cristo. El amor a veces debe adoptar un semblante severo en aras del bien supremo. Cristo atacó a los hipócritas entre los fariseos, pero murió perdonándolos. Pablo excomulgó al hombre incestuoso de Corinto “para que se salve su espíritu.” Algunos cristianos lucharon en las Cruzadas con noble celo, a pesar de los motivos indignos de otros.

Hoy en día rehuimos cualquier uso de la violencia, ya sea física o “silenciosa.” Esta evolución positiva continúa mientras la gente debate si es posible que un cristiano sea un pacifista absoluto o si, en ocasiones, el mal debe ser repelido por la fuerza.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: “Saint Stephen of Hungary” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-stephen-of-hungary/> (Consultado el 24 de julio de 2026).

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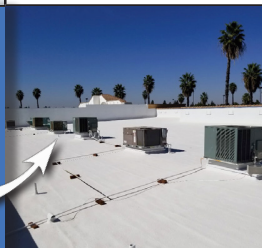


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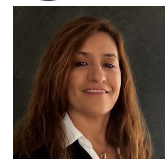

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