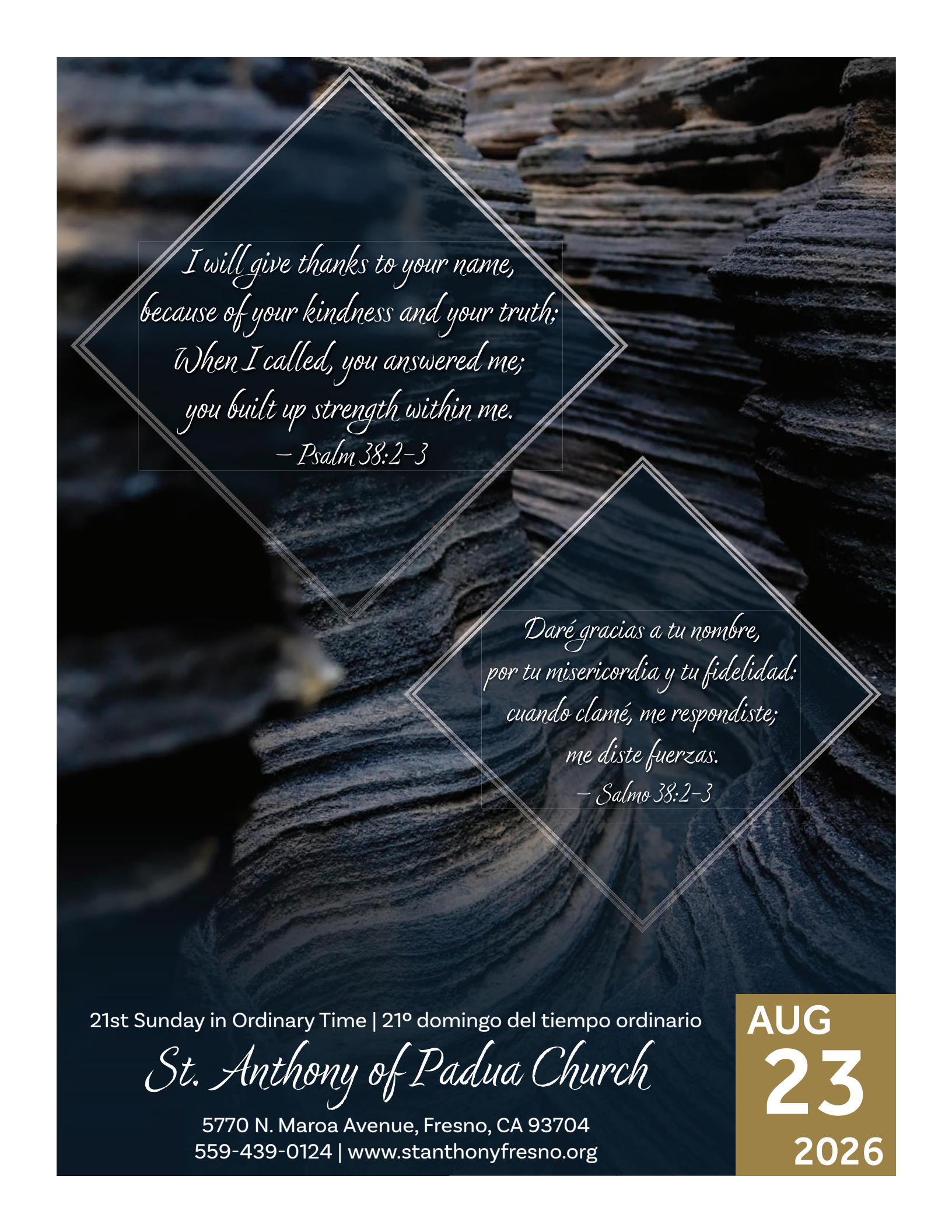




*I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth;
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.
— Psalm 38:2-3*

*Daré gracias a tu nombre,
por tu misericordia y tu fidelidad:
cuando clamé, me respondiste;
me diste fuerzas.
— Salmo 38:2-3*

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 21º domingo del tiempo ordinario

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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: #988

Mass Intentions

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
24	MONDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Bryan Family by Sylvester Bryan
	8:00 a.m.	† Alice Saviez by Jon & Karen Underdown
25	TUESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† James A. McCormick by Charlene M. McCormick
	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Rebecca Sherrill by Jenny Sherrill
26	WEDNESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Phyllis Shaw by Irvin Contu Family
	8:00 a.m.	† Debbie Rodarte by the Rodarte Family
27	THURSDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	Intentions of (B-Day) Paul Nunez by Nunez Family
	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Mariana Bustos by Martin & Daniela Bustos
28	FRIDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Anastacia Sibal by Catherine Irasusta
	8:15 a.m.	† Bobby Kelly by Kelly & Barsotti Family
29	SATURDAY	
	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Girado Family by Ed Girado & Family
	5:30 p.m.	Jose Luis Hernandez por Macaela Tena
30	SUNDAY	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00 a.m.	† George Jebian by Stella Jebian
	9:30 a.m.	† Orlando Aquino by Marissa Calaguas
	11:00 a.m.	† Mark Crawford by Martha Crawford
	1:00 p.m.	Pro Populo (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)
	6:00 p.m.	† Braden McKeighan by Rich & Liz DeMera

**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

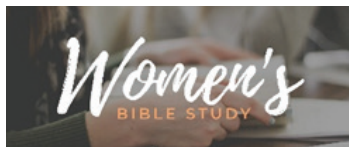
**Adoration, Worship,
and Communion**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9****Women's Bible Study**

9:00 a.m. Conference Room

**SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY**

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16

St. Agnes Mission Church Social Hall
111 W. Birch Avenue, Pinedale

Are you looking for a way to meet other St. Anthony or St. Agnes parishioners (50 and beyond)? St. Anthony's

Silver Angels Ministry caters food from local restaurants providing an opportunity for lunch, fellowship, and a little fun. Registration form and payment can be placed in an envelope (marked Silver Angels) and placed in the Offertory basket, or in the Parish Office mail slot on the south side of the office. Cost is \$20.00 per person. See page 4 for Registration Form.

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

JESSE MORALES & MARINA FIGUEROA RAYES

JOHN DENIS & MADALINE DELUCA

ADRIAN LOPEZ & CYNTHIA GUTIÉRREZ

AMBROCIO SALAZAR & HOPE RODRIGUEZ

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 all who fear the Lord,
who walk in obedience to him.*

– Psalm 128:1

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!

August 2, 2026	\$31,054.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$23,184.00
Difference:	\$7,870.00

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

July 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025	\$745,760.54
July 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024	\$718,110.39
Difference:	\$27,650.15

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD

GIVE ONLINE – Easy, Safe, and Convenient: When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you. You can also drop your envelope in the mail slot located in the door on the south side of the Parish Office.

ST. AGNES MISSION CHURCH

111 W. Birch Avenue, Pinedale, CA 93650

(559) 439-2100

Sunday 9:00 a.m. – English

Sunday 10:30 a.m. – Español

For the following Sacraments, please contact St. Anthony of Padua:

Anointing of the Sick • Baptisms • Confession • Funerals • Weddings

Please mail any correspondence, contributions, Mass intentions to:

St. Anthony of Padua – 5770 N. Maroa Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704

Sacraments & Pastoral Support.... Chris Shiveley (559) 439-0124, ext. 103

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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: August 2, 2026	\$1,434.49
Total YTD Plate Collection	\$6,752.43

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GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD



WELCOME SISTER ANNIKA!

We extend our warmest and most joyful welcome to Carmelite Sister Annika as she joins our parish community. We are deeply blessed by her presence, her devotion, and her prayers among us. Please join us after Mass, today, to greet her warmly and welcome her to our church family!

My name is Annika of the Eucharist Saenz, a Carmelite Missionary of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus. I was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. My parents are from Guanajuato, Mexico, and I am the first of 4 siblings. I began my vocational discernment in high school, and I met our congregation of Carmelite Missionary of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus in 2022. On July 1, 2023, I entered the Aspirant stage. On August 20, 2023, I passed to the Postulancy stage in Scottsdale, AZ. On July 31, 2024, I passed to the Novitiate stage, in which I took habit and was sent to our Novitiate house in Puebla, Mexico. Upon professing my first temporary vows on July 7, 2026, I was sent to Saint Anthony of Padua Parish. I'm really excited to begin this new chapter of my life with you all! God bless and have an excellent day!

¡BIENVENIDA HERMANA ANNIKA!

Damos nuestra más cálida y alegre bienvenida a la Hermana Carmelita Annika al unirse a nuestra comunidad parroquial. Estamos profundamente bendecidos por su presencia, su devoción y sus oraciones entre nosotros. Por favor, acompáñenos hoy después de la misa para saludarla calurosamente y darle la bienvenida a nuestra familia parroquial.

Mi nombre es Annika de la Eucaristía Saenz, Misionera Carmelitas de Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús. Nací y crecí en Phoenix, Arizona, y mis papás son de Guanajuato, México. Soy la primera de 4 hermanos. Comencé mi discernimiento vocacional en el Bachillerato y conocí a la congregación de Misioneras Carmelitas de Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús en el 2022. El 1 de julio de 2023 ingresé a la etapa de Aspirantado y el 20 de agosto de 2023 pasé a la etapa de Postulando en Scottsdale, AZ. El 31 de julio de 2024 pasé a la etapa de Noviciado en donde recibí mi hábito y fui enviada a la casa de Noviciado por dos años en Puebla, México. Al profesar mis primeros votos temporales el 7 de julio de 2026, fui enviada a esta parroquia de San Antonio de Padua. ¡Estoy emocionada por comenzar un nuevo capítulo en mi vida con ustedes, que Dios los bendiga y tengan un excelente día!

*We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.*

— Psalm 33:20-22

ST. ANTHONY'S SILVER ANGELS LUNCHEON



Wednesday, September 16 • 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Held at St. Agnes Church Social Hall, 111 W. Birch Avenue, Pinedale

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Amount: \$ _____

☐ Cash

☐ Check

Includes: _____

\$20.00 per person – Checks payable
to St. Anthony of Padua

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

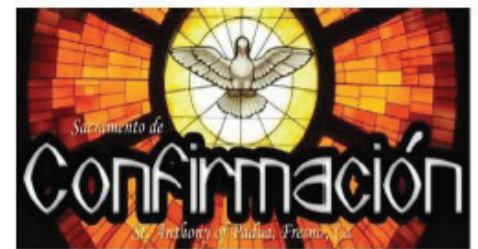
Clases son los domingos a 3:00-4:15 pm
Adicional, en el Segundo A-o escolar los
estudiantes y sus padres asisten a un jueves por
mes a las 6:30 pm. **Las inscripciones ya están
abiertas.** Por favor, regístrese en el sitio web: <https://stanthonyfresno.org/religious-education/children-gift/>

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 opened August 4th and will 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.



PARA JÓVENES BILINGÜES

**CURSO DE FORMACIÓN PARA
EL SACRAMENTO DE
CONFIRMACIÓN**

CLASES YA COMENZARON
PRÓXIMAS INSCRIPCIONES EN EL

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



LIFETEEN 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.

Registration for the 2026-2027 year opened August 4th and will 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 "Life Teen." Please refer to our website for upcoming dates and schedules. Director, Jaime Torkelson, ext. 117, jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org



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.

WHO AM I?

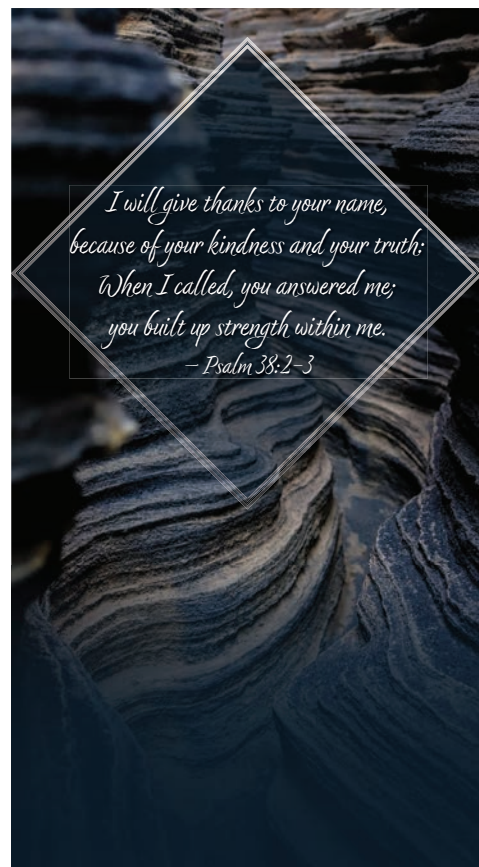
Reflection on Matthew 16:13-20

Today's Gospel presents us with one of the central questions of our lives as Jesus asks: "Who do you say that I am?" There are so many answers that one can give: Lord, Savior, friend, teacher, Redeemer, confidant, brother, healer, Son of the Living God, Light of the World, the Christ. At one time or another in our lives, even in the course of any given day, one of these might surface as central in our relationship with Jesus.

Let us also consider that when addressing this question of Jesus' identity, we are also answering the question, "Who am I?" What do I believe? What do I stand for? Where is the North on my compass? What do I place at the center of my life?

When Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ in answer to the question, Jesus then renames Peter, giving him a new identity and a new purpose. The same can happen to us, if we allow it. Jesus can re-name us, re-direct our passions, give us new understanding, renew in us clean hearts and the desire to follow Him wherever He might lead.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday, August 24, 2026

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Revelation 21:9b-14
Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
John 1:45-51

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

Weekday

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17
Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Weekday

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18
Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 27, 2026

Saint Monica

1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, August 28, 2026

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, August 29, 2026

The Passion of

Saint John the Baptist

1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21
Mark 6:17-29

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

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA

Saint of the Day: August 23

Patron Saint of Americas, Florists and Latin America

Rose of Lima was born to parents of Spanish descent in Lima, Peru, at a time when South America was in its first century of evangelization. She seems to have taken Catherine of Siena as a model, in spite of the objections and ridicule of parents and friends.

The saints have so great a love of God that what seems bizarre to us, and is indeed sometimes imprudent, is simply a logical carrying out of a conviction that anything that might endanger a loving relationship with God must be rooted out. So, because her beauty was so often admired, Rose used to rub her face with pepper to produce disfiguring blotches. Later, she wore a thick circlet of silver on her head, studded on the inside, like a crown of thorns.

When Rose of Lima's parents fell into financial trouble, she worked in the garden all day and sewed at night. They refused to let her enter a convent, and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic. So deep was her desire to live the life of Christ that she spent most of her time at home in solitude.

During the last few years of her life, Rose of Lima set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick. This was a beginning of social services in Peru. Though secluded in life and activity, she was brought to the attention of Inquisition interrogators, who could only say that she was influenced by grace.

What might have been a merely eccentric life was transfigured from the inside. If we remember some unusual penances, we should also remember the greatest thing about Rose of Lima: a love of God so ardent that it withstood ridicule from without, violent temptation, and lengthy periods of sickness. When she died at 31, the city turned out for her funeral. Prominent men took turns carrying her coffin.

Read the full article: "Saint Rose of Lima" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-rose-of-lima/> (Accessed July 24, 2026).

¿QUIÉN SOY YO?

Reflexión sobre Mateo 16:13-20

El Evangelio de hoy nos plantea una de las preguntas centrales de nuestras vidas cuando Jesús nos pregunta: "¿Quién dicen que soy yo?" Hay tantas respuestas que uno puede dar: Señor, Salvador, amigo, maestro, Redentor, confidente, hermano, sanador, Hijo del Dios vivo, Luz del mundo, el Cristo. En algún momento de nuestras vidas, incluso en el transcurso de un día cualquiera, alguna de estas respuestas podría surgir como central en nuestra relación con Jesús.

Consideremos también que, al abordar esta pregunta sobre la identidad de Jesús, también estamos respondiendo a la pregunta: "¿Quién soy yo?" ¿En qué creo? ¿Qué defiendo? ¿Dónde está el norte en mi brújula? ¿Qué pongo en el centro de mi vida?

Cuando Pedro confiesa que Jesús es el Cristo en respuesta a la pregunta, Jesús le cambia el nombre a Pedro, dándole una nueva identidad y un nuevo propósito. Lo mismo puede sucedernos a nosotros, si lo permitimos. Jesús puede cambiarnos el nombre, reorientar nuestras pasiones, darnos una nueva comprensión, renovar en nosotros corazones puros y el deseo de seguirlo dondequiera que Él nos lleve.

– Padre Jay



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SANTA ROSA DE LIMA

Santo del día: 23 de agosto

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Rosa de Lima nació de padres de ascendencia española en Lima, Perú, en una época en que Sudamérica se encontraba en su primer siglo de evangelización. Al parecer, tomó a Catalina de Siena como modelo, a pesar de las objeciones y las burlas de sus padres y amigos.

Los santos tienen un amor tan grande por Dios que lo que a nosotros nos parece extraño, y que de hecho a veces es imprudente, no es más que la aplicación lógica de la convicción de que todo lo que pueda poner en peligro una relación de amor con Dios debe ser erradicado. Así, debido a que su belleza era admirada con tanta frecuencia, Rosa solía frotarse el rostro con pimienta para producirse manchas que la desfiguraran. Más tarde, usaba en la cabeza una gruesa diadema de plata, tachonada por dentro, como una corona de espinas.

Cuando los padres de Rosa de Lima cayeron en dificultades económicas, ella trabajaba en el jardín todo el día y cosía por las noches. Sus padres se negaron a dejarla ingresar a un convento, y por obediencia continuó su vida de penitencia y soledad en casa como miembro de la Tercera Orden de Santo Domingo. Tan profundo era su deseo de vivir la vida de Cristo que pasaba la mayor parte de su tiempo en casa, en soledad. Durante los últimos años de su vida, Rosa de Lima habitó una habitación en su casa donde atendía a niños sin hogar, a personas mayores y a enfermos. Este fue el inicio de los servicios sociales en Perú. Aunque llevaba una vida y unas actividades apartadas, llamó la atención de los inquisidores, quienes solo pudieron afirmar que estaba influenciada por la gracia.

Lo que podría haber sido una vida meramente excéntrica se transfiguró desde dentro. Si recordamos algunas penitencias inusuales, también debemos recordar lo más importante de Rosa de Lima: un amor a Dios tan ardiente que resistió el ridículo del exterior, las tentaciones violentas y largos períodos de enfermedad. Cuando murió a los 31 años, toda la ciudad acudió a su funeral. Hombres prominentes se turnaron para llevar su ataúd.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Rose of Lima" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-rose-of-lima/> (Consultado el 24 de julio de 2026).

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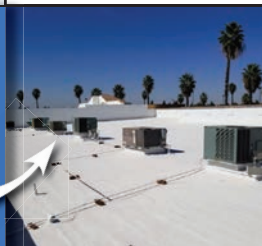
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