



*Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.*

Psalms 85:11-12



*La bondad y la verdad se encontrarán;
la justicia y la paz se besarán.
La verdad brotará de la tierra,
y la justicia se asomará desde los cielos.*

Salmo 85:11-12



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 19º 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: #982

Mass Intentions

9	SUNDAY	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	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)
10	MONDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Richard Belardinelli by James & Rosemary Vallis
	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Mironda Munoz Rojas by Toby & Corrine Rien
11	TUESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Frank & Aquinas McCormick by Charlene McCormick
	8:00 a.m.	† Thomas & Arthea Hermann by Jeanne Hermann Starks
12	WEDNESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Hernan Sanchez Sanchez por Familia Leon Sanchez
	8:00 a.m.	Richard & Irene Danks by their family
13	THURSDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Debbie Rodarte by Rodarte Family
	8:00 a.m.	† Gus Guzman by Lisa Guzman
14	FRIDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Marianne Cameron Angelillo by Cameron Family
	8:15 a.m.	Intentions of Martin & Daniela Bustos (Wedding Anniversary)
15	SATURDAY	
	4:00 p.m.	† Marcus Shiveley by Shiveley Family
	5:30 p.m.	Intención de (Cumpleaños) Kaitlynn Gutiérrez por la Familia Gutiérrez
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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 & 9**SECOND COLLECTION / LA SEGUNDA COLECTA**

Bishop Brennan has approved a second collection to assist those affected by the earthquake in Venezuela.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**

General Meeting & Dinner
6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

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**

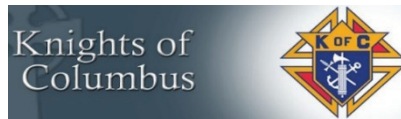
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

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

**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.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND**

General Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Rosary 6:15 p.m.
St. Agnes Social Hall – 111 W. Birch Avenue,
Pinedale

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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:

Rodrigo Arzate Paramo & Victoria Magana Morales

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.

**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**

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

**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."

*Praise the Lord.
Blessed are those
who fear the Lord,
who find
great delight
in his commands.*

– Psalm 112:1

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 19, 2026	\$25,707.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$20,475.00
Difference:	\$5,232.00

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

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: July 19, 2026	\$1,219.55
Total YTD Plate Collection	\$3,940.67

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD

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!




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**New
Student
Admission
Applications**

**St. Anthony's School
2026-2027 School Year**

**CREATE YOUR
BRIGHT FUTURE WITH US**

At St. Anthony's School, our Catholic faith is at the heart of everything we do — guiding our students to grow in faith, knowledge, and service. We are excited to announce that applications for new students are now open! We invite prospective students to join our vibrant community, where you'll find dedicated faculty, diverse programs, safe environment, opportunities for personal and academic growth.

To apply, please visit our website or scan the QR code for detailed instructions on the application process, required documents, and important deadlines. We look forward to welcoming you and helping you achieve your educational goals!

Contact: mchambers@sasfresno.com

REGISTRATION FOR

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

LIFETEEN
High School (Grades 9-12)


EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

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

CRECIENDO JUNTOS EN NUESTRA FE - GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!
INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS



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

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

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/](https://stanthonyfresno.org/religious-education/children-gift/)

For more information or to volunteer in this children's ministry contact | Para más información o para ser voluntario
en el ministerio de niños, comuníquese con Mary Briseño (559)439-0124 / mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org



**Formación de Fe y Preparación Sacramental
para niños del Kinder – 8vo grados**
PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN,
PRIMERA COMUNIÓN, Y
SACRAMENTOS DE INICIACIÓN

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

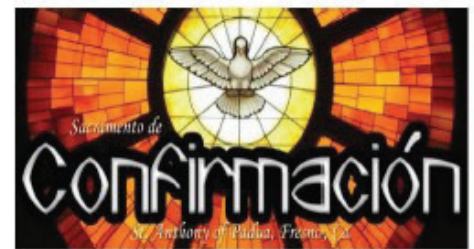


LIFETEEN High School Formation

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.

WALK ON WATER

Reflection on Matthew 14:22-33

Peter, the "rock" upon whom Jesus will build his Church, sinks like a rock in today's Gospel. Jesus' outstretched hand saves Peter, in his doubt born of the strong wind, from sinking.

There seems to be a universal disenchantment today with leaders and authorities in all our institutions – government, church, business, education – because they come wrapped in faith that sometimes falters, character that sometimes stumbles, vision that sometimes goes murky. Not only can they not walk on water, but they cannot even swim either. Of course, the same is true of all of us.

The Swiss psychiatrist, Carl Jung, had these words inscribed above the door of his office: "Called or not, God is present." The transcendent, almighty God, chooses to be with humankind: to commune with us, to love and move among us, to be always near, to abide with us, to be present whether called or not, in peace as well as in panic. The same grace and compassion that rescued Peter will rescue us, whether our lives are moving along swimmingly or sinking in some mire.

– Father Jay



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justice and peace shall kiss.

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and justice shall look down from heaven.*

Psalm 85:11-12

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

Monday, August 10, 2026

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9

John 12:24-26

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Saint Clare, Virgin

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4

Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Weekday

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22

Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 13, 2026

Weekday

Ezekiel 12:1-12

Psalm 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62

Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 14, 2026

Saint Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest and Martyr

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday, August 15, 2026

The Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2

1 Corinthians 15:54b-57

Luke 11:27-28

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

SAINT LAWRENCE

Saint of the Day: August 10

Patron Saint of Cooks, Deacons and the Poor

Lawrence was a Roman deacon under Pope Saint Sixtus II. Four days after this pope was put to death, Lawrence and four clerics suffered martyrdom, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian.

As deacon in Rome, Saint Lawrence was charged with the responsibility for the material goods of the Church, and the distribution of alms to the poor. When Lawrence knew he would be arrested like the pope, he sought out the poor, widows, and orphans of Rome and gave them all the money he had on hand, selling even the sacred vessels of the altar to increase the sum. When the prefect of Rome heard of this, he imagined that the Christians must have considerable treasure.

He sent for Saint Lawrence and said, "You Christians say we are cruel to you, but that is not what I have in mind. I am told that your priests offer in gold, that the sacred blood is received in silver cups, that you have golden candlesticks at your evening services. Now, your doctrine says you must render to Caesar what is his. Bring these treasures—the emperor needs them to maintain his forces."

Saint Lawrence replied that the Church was indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part. But give me time to set everything in order and make an inventory." After three days he gathered a great number of blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned, and widowed persons and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasure of the Church."

The prefect was so angry he told Lawrence that he would indeed have his wish to die—but it would be by inches. He had a great gridiron prepared with coals beneath it, and had Lawrence's body placed on it. After the martyr had suffered the pain for a long time, the legend concludes, he made his famous cheerful remark, "It is well done. Turn me over!"

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

CAMINAR SOBRE AGUA

Reflexión sobre Mateo 14:22-33

Pedro, la "roca" sobre la que Jesús edificará su Iglesia, se hunde como una piedra en el Evangelio de hoy. La mano extendida de Jesús salva a Pedro, cuya duda surgió a causa del fuerte viento, de hundirse.

Hoy en día parece haber un desencanto generalizado con los líderes y las autoridades de todas nuestras instituciones – el gobierno, la Iglesia, los negocios, la educación – porque se presentan envueltos en una fe que a veces vacila, un carácter que a veces tropieza y una visión que a veces se vuelve turbia. No solo no pueden caminar sobre el agua, sino que ni siquiera saben nadar. Por supuesto, lo mismo nos pasa a todos nosotros.

El psiquiatra suizo Carl Jung tenía estas palabras inscritas sobre la puerta de su consultorio: "Se le llame o no, Dios está presente." El Dios trascendente y todopoderoso elige estar con la humanidad: para estar en comunión con nosotros, para amarnos y moverse entre nosotros, para estar siempre cerca, para permanecer con nosotros, para estar presente tanto si se le llama como si no, tanto en la paz como en el pánico. La misma gracia y compasión que rescató a Pedro nos rescatará a nosotros, ya sea que nuestras vidas vayan viento en popa o se hundan en algún lodazal.

– Padre Jay



*La bondad y la verdad se encontrarán:
la justicia y la paz se besarán.*

*La verdad brotará de la tierra,
y la justicia se asomará desde los cielos.*

Salmo 85:11-12

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 9 de agosto de 2026

19º domingo del tiempo ordinario

1 Reyes 19:9a, 11-13a

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

Romanos 9:1-5

Mateo 14:22-33

Lunes, 10 de agosto de 2026

San Lorenzo, diácono y mártir

2 Corintios 9:6-10

Salmo 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9

Juan 12:24-26

Martes, 11 de agosto de 2026

Santa Clara, virgen

Ezequiel 2:8-3:4

Salmo 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

Mateo 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Miércoles, 12 de agosto de 2026

Día de la semana

Ezequiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22

Salmo 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mateo 18:15-20

Jueves, 13 de agosto de 2026

Día de la semana

Ezequiel 12:1-12

Salmo 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62

Mateo 18:21-19:1

Viernes, 14 de agosto de 2026

San Maximiliano Kolbe,
sacerdote y mártir

Ezequiel 16:1-15, 60, 63

Isaías 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Mateo 19:3-12

Sábado, 15 de agosto de 2026

La Asunción de la
Santísima Virgen María

1 Crónicas 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-21

Corintios 15:54b-57

Lucas 11:27-28

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SAN LORENZO

Santo del día: 10 de agosto

Patrono de los cocineros, los diáconos y los pobres

Lorenzo fue un diácono romano bajo el pontificado del papa San Sixto II. Cuatro días después de que este papa fuera ejecutado, Lorenzo y cuatro clérigos sufrieron el martirio, probablemente durante la persecución del emperador Valeriano.

Como diácono en Roma, San Lorenzo tenía a su cargo los bienes materiales de la Iglesia y la distribución de limosnas a los pobres. Cuando Lorenzo supo que sería arrestado como el papa, buscó a los pobres, las viudas y los huérfanos de Roma y les entregó todo el dinero que tenía a la mano, llegando incluso a vender los vasos sagrados del altar para aumentar la suma. Cuando el prefecto de Roma se enteró de esto, imaginó que los cristianos debían de poseer un tesoro considerable.

Mandó llamar a San Lorenzo y le dijo: "Ustedes, los cristianos, dicen que somos crueles con ustedes, pero eso no es lo que tengo en mente. Me han dicho que sus sacerdotes ofrecen ofrendas de oro, que la sangre sagrada se recibe en copas de plata y que tienen candelabros de oro en sus servicios vespertinos. Ahora bien, su doctrina dice que deben dar al César lo que es del César. Traigan estos tesoros; el emperador los necesita para mantener a sus fuerzas."

San Lorenzo respondió que la Iglesia era, en efecto, rica. "Te mostraré una parte valiosa. Pero dame tiempo para poner todo en orden y hacer un inventario." Al cabo de tres días, reunió a un gran número de ciegos, cojos, lisiados, leprosos, huérfanos y viudas, y los colocó en filas. Cuando llegó el prefecto, Lorenzo simplemente dijo: "Estos son los tesoros de la Iglesia."

El prefecto se enojó tanto que le dijo a Lorenzo que, en efecto, cumpliría su deseo de morir, pero que sería poco a poco. Hizo preparar una gran parrilla con brasas debajo y mandó que colocaran el cuerpo de Lorenzo sobre ella. Según concluye la leyenda, después de que el mártir hubiera sufrido el dolor durante mucho tiempo, pronunció su famosa frase alegre: "Ya está bien. ¡Déjenme dar la vuelta!"

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Lawrence" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
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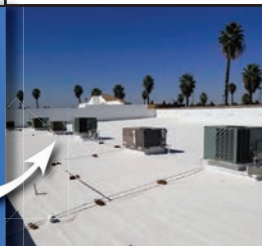
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