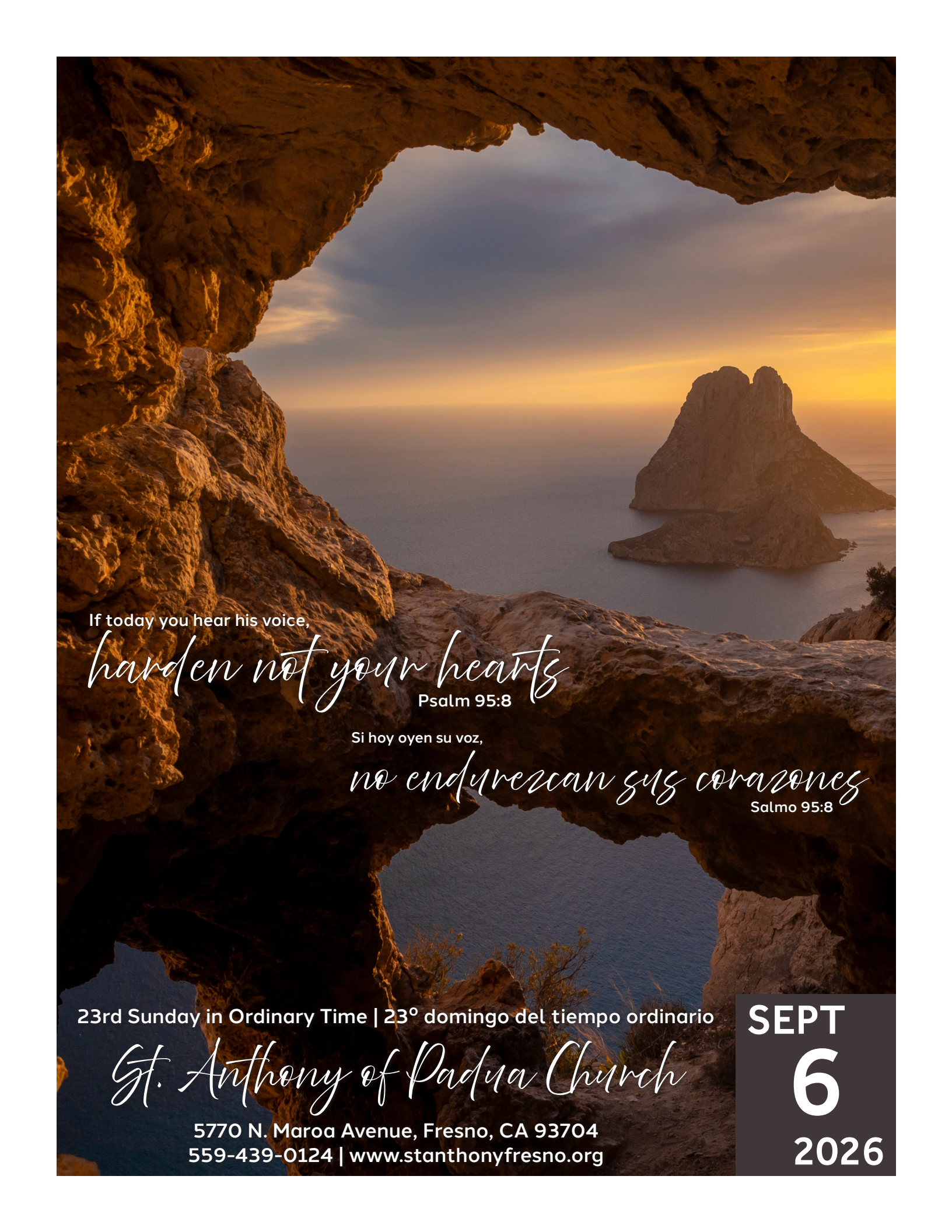




If today you hear his voice,

harden not your hearts

Psalm 95:8

Si hoy oyen su voz,

no endurezcan sus corazones

Salmo 95:8

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 23º 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: #994

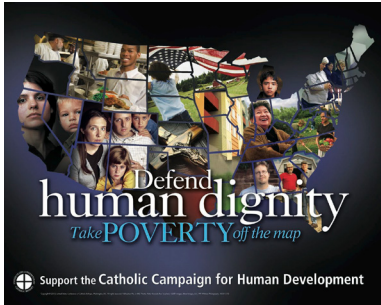
Mass Intentions

6	SUNDAY	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00 a.m.	† Angie Gonzales by Mary Lalonde
	9:30 a.m.	† Ramon Rodriguez III by Pamela Rodriguez
	11:00 a.m.	† Maria Ramirez Lozano by Ramirez Family
	1:00 p.m.	Pro Populo (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)
	6:00 p.m.	† Al Bianco by Rob & Catherine Christensen
7	MONDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Micaela Briseño by Briseño / Salinas Family
	8:00 a.m.	† Manuel Espinoza Espinoza by Filomena & Juan Juarez
8	TUESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Marianne Cameron Angelillo by Cameron Family
		† Difuntos de la Familia Del Rio-Villegas por Adolfo Del Rio
9	WEDNESDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Tony & Elvira Fagundes by Fred & Debbie Fagundes
	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Salinas Family by Salinas Family
10	THURSDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Witkowski Family by Sylvester Bryan
	8:00 a.m.	† Ague Guerriero by Fanucchi Family
11	FRIDAY	
	6:45 a.m.	† Margaret Bryan by Sylvester Bryan
	8:15 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Alvarado-Razo Family
12	SATURDAY	
	4:00 p.m.	† Lolita Aquino by Marissa Calaguas
	5:30 p.m.	Intentions (Aniv. De Bodas; 30 yrs) John & Aura Convers por Familia Convers
13	SUNDAY	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	8:00 a.m.	† Ric & Lorraine Forestiere by their children
	9:30 a.m.	† Carolyn Winter by her family
	11:00 a.m.	† David & Cathy Meadors by Reynolds Family
	1:00 p.m.	† Carlos Alberto Gallardo, Jr. por Rosa Gallardo
	6:00 p.m.	Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)

The following couple will marry in the coming weeks:

Kevin Girrola Astorga & Lesly Rosalva Garcia

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



SECOND COLLECTION / SEGUNDA COLECCIÓN

Campaign for Human Development

Saturday, September 5 / Sunday, September 6

CCHD: Working on the Margins

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

CCHD: Trabajando en los Márgenes

La Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano es el programa nacional contra la pobreza de los Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, que trabaja para llevar a cabo la misión de Jesucristo: "... dar la buena nueva a los pobres... libertad a los cautivos... vista a los ciegos y dejar libres a los oprimidos." (Lucas 4:18)



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Women's Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Conference Room



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

General Meeting & Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

St. Anthony of Padua Social Hall – All are welcome.

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.



SILVER ANGELS MINISTRY

Wednesday, September 16

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

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 9 for Registration Form.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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 September 2025. We will light a candle for Roberto Rodriguez, Priscilla Solorio, Ana Paola Orozco, Jimmy Reyes, Jess Leonard Najera, & Alice Chavez. 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 September 2025, call the Parish Office, ext. 106.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 / SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRUCK

Knights of Columbus volunteers will be available to accept your non-monetary donations of nonperishable food, clothing, household goods and more after each of the weekend Masses. Together, we make a difference.

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."



**AND YE SHALL BE MY
PEOPLE, AND I WILL
BE YOUR GOD.**

– JEREMIAH 30:22

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 16, 2026	\$23,432.00
Last year’s plate income:	\$22,762.00
Difference:	\$670.00

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 16, 2026	\$1,200.89
Total YTD Plate Collection	\$9,678.62

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CAMINOS DE FE

FORMACION SACRAMENTAL PARA ADULTOS
MAYORES DE 18 AÑOS

Nuestras INICAMOS EL:
clases son los **13 DE SEPT**
Domingos. **Salon 21 - De 10am a 12pm**



Escanea el QR code o HAZLO CLIC para registrarte o comunicarte con Hna. Edith para más información (559) 439-0124 Ext. 122 sisteredith@stanthonyfresno.org

ST. ANTHONY'S CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
9 AM – 3 PM

- FARMERS MARKET
- BOUNCE HOUSES
- BEER & WINE GARDEN
- FOOD TRUCKS
- LUCKY LOTTO & GAMES GALORE
- FACE PAINTING & BALLOON ARTISTS

Mark your calendars!
Our Annual St. Anthony's Carnival is happening on Sunday, September 27th from 9 AM – 3 PM, a shift back to our traditional Sunday celebration, encouraging our parish, school families, and community to come together for a joyful day of connection and fun.

We're also thrilled to have the *Farmers Market* again this year – a cherished tradition and a beautiful showcase of our community's generosity. From fresh produce and nuts to sweet treats, every item is donated by our amazing families. It's a perfect way to celebrate our Fresno bounty and give back to St. Anthony's School.

Scan to Learn More!



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WORLD YOUTH DAY

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA 2027



+SAYA
St. Anthony of Padua Young Adults

"Take courage! I have overcome the world." — John 16:33

ABOUT WORLD YOUTH DAY

A pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, is a transformative Catholic journey where young people from around the globe will come together for prayer, worship, catechesis, and fellowship with the universal Church.

This international gathering, set for July 27-August 8, 2027, will bring hundreds of thousands of pilgrims to Seoul to participate

in celebrations with the Pope Leo XIV and other young Catholics, deepening their faith and experiencing the unity of the Church in a vibrant cultural setting.

This pilgrimage offers more than attendance at liturgies and events – it's a time of spiritual growth, transformation, cultural encounter, and fellowship.

A WYD PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF KOREA'S MARTYRS

To be a martyr is to be a witness. That presupposes something, someone, we're witnessing to. The Korean martyrs – women and men, clergy and laypeople, young and old – give a luminous example in this regard. They held on to their Christian faith with astonishing clarity.

The birth of the Korean Church is fascinating. It was born without missionaries, through an existential thirst from within, a thirst for something more than existing structures, institutions, customs could provide. The first believers were young people concerned to understand what life is about. They gathered in secret to study Scripture and live out the Gospel. A few Christian books smuggled into Korea from China presented a staggering possibility: a God who loved all people equally, whose gift of grace is boundless.

The Catholic Church in Korea has a distinct identity shaped by the witness of lay believers, by martyrdom and by a long history of perseverance under pressure.

They strived to continue their life of faith even amid harsh persecutions that spread over one hundred years, leading to many martyrs. Pope Francis beatified 124 Korean martyrs during his apostolic journey to Seoul in 2014 and Pope John Paul II canonized 103 martyr saints.

WYD Pilgrims will feel a strong sense of piety, communal faith, and public witness, expressing hope they will leave Seoul "with a stronger faith, and with a greater desire to say 'yes' to God in their daily lives."



SAYA World Youth Day, Seoul, Korea 2027

Dear St. Anthony of Padua Parish Community,

We are excited to introduce to you the 30+ young adults from our parish and faith community who will be on this once-in-a-lifetime spiritual journey to Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day 2027.

We look forward in the coming months to share more about our pilgrims as they prepare for this life-changing encounter with Christ and the global Church. Please join us in keeping them in your prayers and supporting them on this meaningful journey.

Meet Our SAYA Pilgrims: Why do you want to go to World Youth Day?

Hello, my name is Karla, and I am blessed to be one of the pilgrims preparing to attend World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, in the summer of 2027.

As a Core Leader for St. Anthony's Young Adult Group, I hope this pilgrimage will renew my heart through the Holy Spirit, strengthen my faith, and inspire me to return with a deeper passion to serve our parish community. I am especially looking forward to experiencing the beauty of our Catholic faith alongside millions of young adults from around the world. It would also be an incredible blessing to have the opportunity to see and celebrate with our first American Pope.



There is a great need to continue serving the young adults in our parish; to accompany them, invite them back to the faith, and help them grow in their relationship with Christ. I pray that this experience will help me grow as a disciple of Christ and give me the wisdom and strength to continue serving the young adults in our parish. Please keep me and my fellow pilgrims in your prayers as we prepare for this journey, seeking a deeper encounter with our Lord. We are excited to return ready to serve Him and our parish with renewed faith and joy.

Thank you in advance for your prayers, encouragement, and support. May God bless you.



My name is Jaime, I am going to World Youth Day in South Korea in 2027. I feel that God has called me to go on this pilgrimage to help get me out of my comfort zone, to learn more about my Catholic brothers and sisters, and experience different expressions of the Catholic faith.

The only thing I know about Korea is that there is a rich history of Christian martyrdom there.

This journey is one that I hope will increase my faith and trust in Jesus Christ. No matter where I am in the world, he is there with me!

Hi! My name is Elizabeth Nevarez, I am 23 years old and I am currently a 3rd grade teacher. I would love to attend World Youth Day to experience a profound joy and fire of love for the Lord. I would love to experience him through the presence of his people and in the most holy Eucharist. I hope to bring back spiritual treasures to share with my loved ones at home and in my community. Nunc Coepi. Now, I begin.



Please keep our SAYA pilgrims in your prayers as they continue their preparations and fundraising efforts.

If you would like to support our pilgrims, please use the QR code to make a heartfelt donation. Your donation is tax deductible.

In Christ, Deacon Edgar Briseño SAYA WYD Leader

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

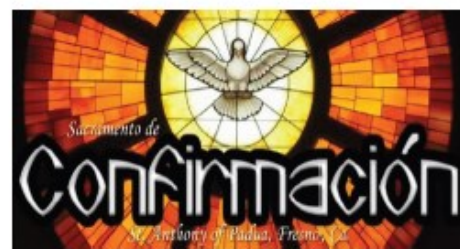
Clases son los domingos a 3:00-4:15 pm
Adicional, en el Segundo Año escolar los estudiantes y sus padres asisten a un jueves por mes a las 6:30 pm. **Las inscripciones ya están abiertas.** Por favor, regístrese en el sitio web: <https://stanthonyfresno.org/religious-education/children-gift/>

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 closed 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

Para mas información comunicases al
(559) 439-0154 con el
Diacono Edgar #111 o
Hna. Annika #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.

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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.

RECONCILIATION

Reflection on Matthew 18:15-20

Last week, Jesus instructed us to take up our cross and follow Him. Today, we see that extending forgiveness to a sister or brother, and actively working through reconciliation when we have wronged someone or been wronged ourselves, can be one of the most painful ways of taking up our cross. But forgiveness and reconciliation are central to the command of Jesus, because they are one of the most important ways of loving.

The principle of subsidiarity is a key value within the body of the Church's social justice teaching. It means that we do not do something at a higher level when it can be done at a lower level. How often, especially today, do people try to begin at the highest level possible to address a problem or issue? Today, we are given "Gospel Subsidiarity" as a pathway to follow in our work of forgiveness and reconciliation. I think of all the times when I have told everyone around me about how someone else did me dirty, instead of going directly to that person, as Jesus asks us to do, to reconcile directly. It takes great humility, patience, and vulnerability to forgive and reconcile in the way of the cross, the way of self-sacrificing love.

– Father Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, September 6, 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Monday, September 7, 2026

Weekday

1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Psalms 5:5-6, 7, 12

Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

The Nativity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30

Psalms 13:6ab, 6c

Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Psalms 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17

Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Weekday

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13

Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24

Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 11, 2026

Weekday

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27

Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12

Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Weekday

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

Psalms 116:12-13, 17-18

Luke 6:43-49

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

SAINT PETER CLAVER

Saint of the Day: September 9

Patron Saint of African Diaspora, African Missions and Interracial Justice

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Saint Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled "supreme villainy" by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God's love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

After four years of sickness, Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the black outcasts, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great pomp.

Peter Claver was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

Read the full article: "Saint Peter Claver" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-claver/> (Accessed August 24, 2026).

RECONCILIACIÓN

Reflexión sobre Mateo 18:15-20

La semana pasada, Jesús nos enseñó a tomar nuestra cruz y seguirlo. Hoy vemos que perdonar a una hermana o a un hermano, y trabajar activamente por la reconciliación cuando hemos hecho daño a alguien o hemos sido víctimas de una injusticia, puede ser una de las formas más dolorosas de tomar nuestra cruz. Pero el perdón y la reconciliación son fundamentales en el mandato de Jesús, porque son una de las formas más importantes de amar.

El principio de subsidiariedad es un valor clave dentro del cuerpo de la enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre justicia social. Significa que no hacemos algo en un nivel superior cuando se puede hacer en un nivel inferior. ¿Cuántas veces, especialmente hoy en día, la gente intenta comenzar en el nivel más alto posible para abordar un problema o una cuestión? Hoy se nos presenta la "subsidiariedad evangélica" como un camino a seguir en nuestra labor de perdón y reconciliación. Pienso en todas las veces que les he contado a todos a mi alrededor cómo alguien me hizo daño, en lugar de acudir directamente a esa persona, tal como Jesús nos pide que hagamos, para reconciliarnos directamente. Se necesita una gran humildad, paciencia y vulnerabilidad para perdonar y reconciliarse según el camino de la cruz, el camino del amor abnegado.

– Padre Jay



Si hoy oyen su voz,

no endurezcan sus corazones

Salmo 95:8

ESCRITURA SEMANAL

Domingo, 6 de septiembre de 2026

23° domingo del tiempo ordinario

Ezequiel 33:7-9

Salmo 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romanos 13:8-10

Mateo 18:15-20

Lunes, 7 de septiembre de 2026

Día de la semana

1 Corintios 5:1-8

Salmo 5:5-6, 7, 12

Lucas 6:6-11

Martes, 8 de septiembre de 2026

La Natividad de la

Santísima Virgen María

Miqueas 5:1-4a o Romanos 8:28-30

Salmo 13:6ab, 6c

Mateo 1:1-16, 18-23

Miércoles, 9 de septiembre de 2026

San Pedro Claver, sacerdote

1 Corintios 7:25-31

Salmo 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17

Lucas 6:20-26

Jueves, 10 de septiembre de 2026

Día de la semana

1 Corintios 8:1b-7, 11-13

Salmo 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24

Lucas 6:27-38

Viernes, 11 de septiembre de 2026

Día de la semana

1 Corintios 9:16-19, 22b-27

Salmo 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12

Lucas 6:39-42

Sábado, 12 de septiembre de 2026

Día de la semana

1 Corintios 10:14-22

Salmo 116:12-13, 17-18

Lucas 6:43-49

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SAN PEDRO CLAVER

Santo del día: 9 de septiembre

Patrono de la diáspora africana, las misiones africanas y la justicia interracial

Originario de España, el joven jesuita San Pedro Claver abandonó su tierra natal para siempre en 1610 para ser misionero en las colonias del Nuevo Mundo. Llegó por mar a Cartagena, una próspera ciudad portuaria bañada por el Caribe. Allí fue ordenado sacerdote en 1615.

Para entonces, el comercio de esclavos ya llevaba casi 100 años establecido en las Américas, y Cartagena era uno de sus principales centros. Cada año llegaban al puerto 10 mil esclavos tras cruzar el Atlántico desde África Occidental en condiciones tan espantosas e inhumanas que se estima que un tercio de los pasajeros moría durante el trayecto. Aunque la práctica del comercio de esclavos fue condenada por el papa Pablo III y más tarde calificada de "vilanía suprema" por el papa Pío IX, siguió prosperando. Tan pronto como un barco negrero entraba al puerto, Pedro Claver se adentraba en su bodega infestada para atender a los pasajeros maltratados y agotados. Con la ayuda de intérpretes, les daba instrucciones básicas y les aseguraba a sus hermanos y hermanas su dignidad humana y el amor de Dios. Durante los 40 años de su ministerio, Claver instruyó y bautizó a unos 300 000 esclavos.

Se convirtió en una fuerza moral, de hecho, en el apóstol de Cartagena. Predicaba en la plaza de la ciudad, realizaba misiones entre marineros y comerciantes, así como en el campo, durante las cuales evitaba, siempre que era posible, la hospitalidad de los hacendados y terratenientes, y se alojaba en cambio en los barracones de los esclavos. Tras cuatro años de enfermedad, San Pedro Claver falleció el 8 de septiembre de 1654. Los magistrados de la ciudad, que anteriormente habían visto con malos ojos su solicitud por los marginados negros, ordenaron que fuera enterrado a cargo del erario público y con gran pompa.

Pedro Claver fue canonizado en 1888, y el Papa León XIII lo declaró patrón mundial de la labor misionera entre los esclavos negros.

Lea el artículo completo en inglés: "Saint Peter Claver" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-claver/> (Consultado el 24 de agosto de 2026).



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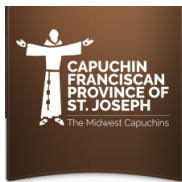
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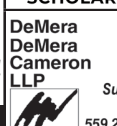
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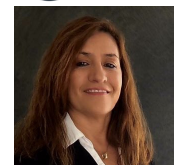
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