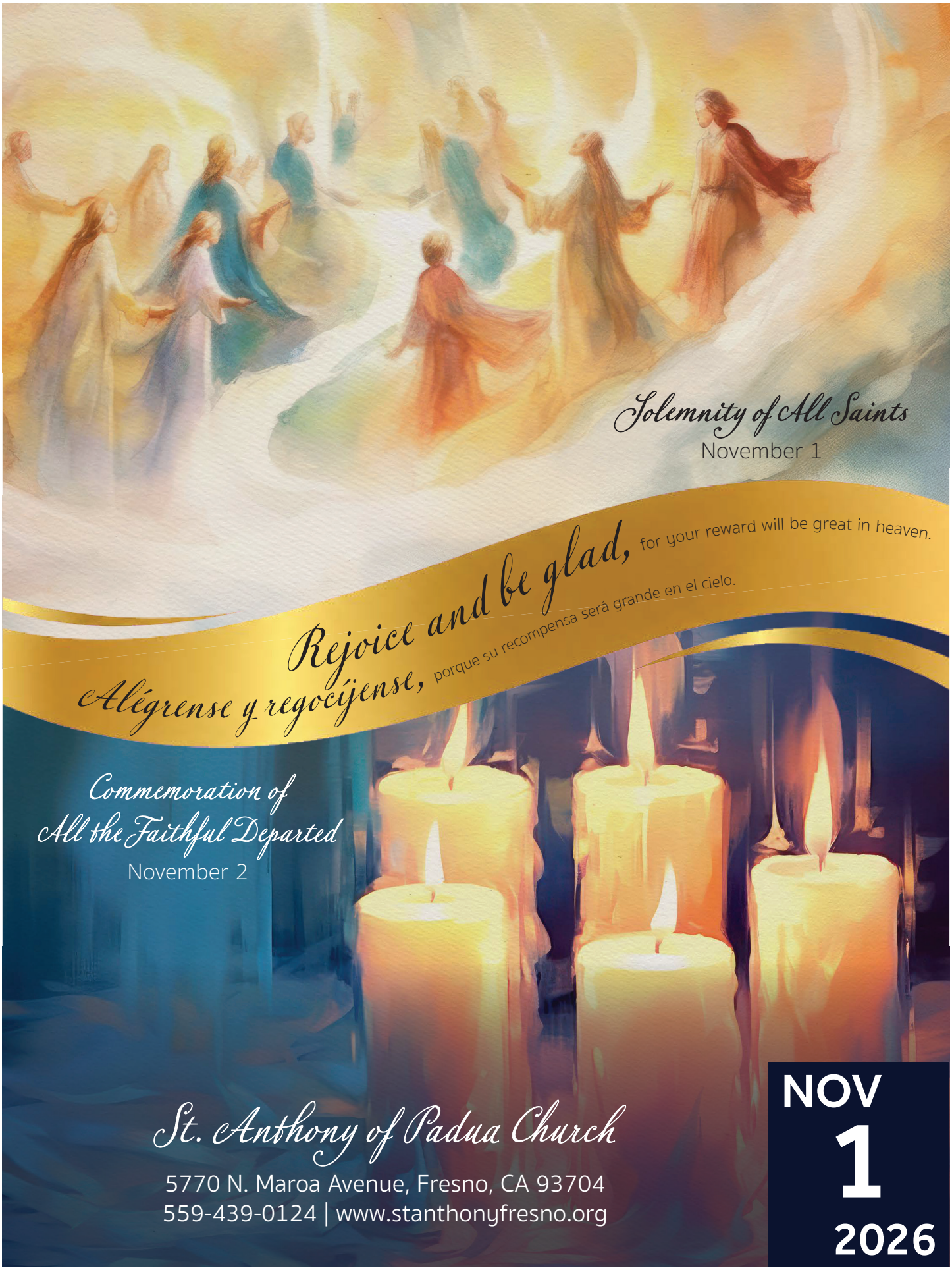

Solemnity of All Saints
November 1
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.
Alégrense y regocíjense, porque su recompensa será grande en el cielo.
Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed
November 2
St. Anthony of Padua Church
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Welcome 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: #1042

Mass Intentions

1	**SUNDAY**	**ALL SAINTS**
	8:00 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Aquino Family by Marissa Calaguas
	9:30 a.m.	† Braden McKeighan by Leah & Steve Orlando
	11:00 a.m.	† Bill Schuh by John & Michelle O'Rourke
	1:00 p.m.	† Tanya Rocio Aguirre por Noemi Gomez
	6:00 p.m.	Pro Populo (For the intentions of the parish community)
2	**MONDAY**	**ALL SOULS**
	6:45 a.m.	† Keith V. Crossman by Charlene M. McCormick
	8:00 a.m.	† Margaret Bryan by Sylvester Bryan
3	**TUESDAY**	
	6:45 a.m.	† Marianne Cameron Angelillo by Cameron Family
	8:00 a.m.	† Damir Golik by Imelda Golik
4	**WEDNESDAY**	
	6:45 a.m.	† Deceased Members of the Witkowski Family by Sylvester Bryan
	8:00 a.m.	† Irene Danks by her family
5	**THURSDAY**	
	6:45 a.m.	† Toni Fedele by Sal Fedele
	8:00 a.m.	† Richard Hermann by Jeanne Starks Hermann
6	**FRIDAY**	
	6:45 a.m.	† Jesse Garcia by Garcia Family
	8:15 a.m.	Intentions of Marilyn Ostdiek by Jon & Karen Underdown
7	**SATURDAY**	
	8:15 a.m.	St. Leopold Mandic by Mike & Angelina DiNuzzo
	4:00 p.m.	Intentions of (Wedding Anniversary) Bernhard & Quinn Shiveley by Chris Shiveley
	5:30 p.m.	Pro Populo (Por las intenciones de la comunidad parroquial)
8	**SUNDAY**	**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of (B-Day) of Peter Nuñez by Nuñez Family
	9:30 a.m.	† Clemencia Belmontes by Sally & Lorenzo
	11:00 a.m.	† Deceased Members of Fatima's Faithful Ministry by Geri Coderniz
	1:00 p.m.	† Difuntos de la Familia Ruiz-Esparza por Maria Ruiz
	6:00 p.m.	† Emely Tolentino by Nadores Family



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 / SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
SECOND COLLECTION is for Parish Improvement.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LA SEGUNDA COLECTA es para el Mejoramiento Parroquial.
Su generosidad es muy apreciada.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Tuesday Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles (Session 4, Final Session)
6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Room 22
Facilitator: Michael Danks-Ferguson, M.Div
Join us for the final session of this study of the *Acts of the Apostles*, exploring the early Church and the guidance of the Holy Spirit led by Michael Danks-Ferguson, M.Div. We will study Chapters 1–14 this fall, with the remaining chapters covered in four spring sessions. Stephen J. Binz's Threshold Bible Study books (may be purchased via Amazon.com) are strongly encouraged but not required. All are welcome!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
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, NOVEMBER 11
Parish Office Closed
In observance of Veterans Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th. We will reopen and resume normal business hours on Thursday, November 12th.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Silver Angels Ministry Luncheon
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. St. Agnes Mission Church Social Hall
111 W. Birch Avenue, Pinedale, CA
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 a registration form.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Annual Memorial Mass
10:00 a.m. Main
Join us as we gather together to remember those who passed in 2025. A family member is invited to come forward, say the name of their loved one and place a flower in a vase for Mary. Family members are welcome to take any extra flowers home with them as a memorial of their loved one.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Thanksgiving Day Mass
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. in the Main Church

OLF CHAPEL – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Mass: 6:45 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
No Adoration – Chapel closes after 8:15 a.m. Mass.



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.
Except on Mondays
Friday (OLG Chapel)
6:45 a.m. – Daily Mass
8:15 a.m. – Followed by Adoration

EUCHARISTIC 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

MIERCOLES – GRUPO DE ORACIÓN ENCUENTRO CON DIOS.
Te invitamos al grupo de oración todos los miercoles desde las 6:30 p.m. empezando con El Rosario, en el salon #23 de nuestra parroquia.
"Ven y llénate del Señor."



For more information on parish groups, call the Ministry Office at 439-0124, ext. 106.

DIOCESE OF FRESNO OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

WRITTEN BY MONSIGNOR PATRICK MCCORMICK

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, in Baptism, You call Your people by name and make us one family in Your Church. We praise Your goodness. We thank You for Your gifts.

Father, bless our Church with Your love. Raise up in the Diocese of Fresno good and holy families: loving husbands and wives, devoted parents, and children. Raise up from our families dedicated and generous men and women who will serve Your people.

Send Your Holy Spirit to call, guide, and strengthen our future priests, deacons, nuns, sisters, and brothers in religious vocations, so that they may serve Your people by following the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayer.

Amen.

ORACION POR LAS VOCACIONES

Dios Padre Nuestro, que en el bautismo llamas a tu pueblo por su nombre haciendo de nosotros usa familia en tu Iglesia.

Alabamos tu bondad y agradecemos tus dones. Bendice a nuestra Iglesia con tu amor, suscitando en la Dióceis 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.

Envia 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!

October 11, 2026	$26,096.00
Last year's plate income:	$25,343.00
Difference:	$ 753.00
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: October 11, 2026	$1,186.71
Total YTD Plate Collection	$ 21,524.56

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GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD









Blessing of the Bread & Wine

Wednesday, November 25
6:00 p.m. Mass
Main Church

Parishioners are invited to bring bread and wine, labeled with their names, that they plan to serve at their Thanksgiving dinner to be blessed. Baskets should be placed at the Communion rail before the start of Mass.

SILVER ANGELS GIVING THANKS LUNCHEON: OVIDIOS ITALIANO



Thursday, November 12 • 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

Store bought or homemade desserts and "White Elephant" prizes are welcome. Registrations are due by Friday, Nov 6, 2026. You can put your registration and payment in an envelope marked "Silver Angels" in the offertory.

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.



Formación de Fe y Preparación Sacramental para niños del Kínder – 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.

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

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.

LIFETEEN High School Formation

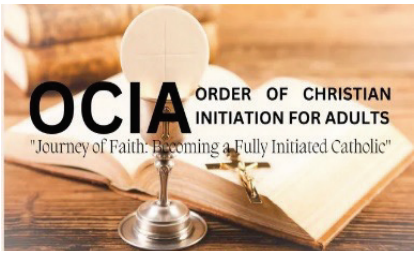
Life Teen is a Catholic youth group for high schoolers (grades 9th through 12th) that is designed to bring teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Life Teen prepares teens for Confirmation, First Communion, or Baptism.
Preparation for any Sacrament is 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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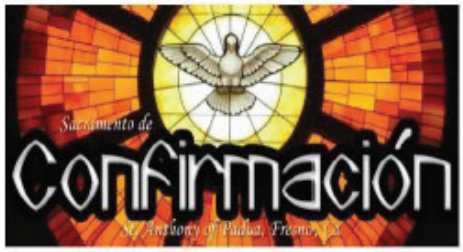
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Please refer to our website for upcoming dates and schedules.
Director, Jaime Torkelson, ext. 117, jtorkelson@stanthonyfresno.org

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.



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



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.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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).

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.

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.

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.

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.











SERVIDOR DE ALTAR
Invitamos a los padres de los jóvenes (de 3° grad 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.

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).

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 5° grado en adelante, que han hecho su Primera Comunión con buenas habilidades de lectura pueden servir como Lector en la Misa.

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.

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.

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.

DIOCESE OF FRESNO
CHANCERY OFFICE
1550 NORTH FRESNO STREET
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93703-3711
TELEPHONE (559) 488-7400

October 14, 2026

My Dear Ones,

Once again, the presence of ICE in our neighborhoods has caused considerable unrest, anxiety and even fear throughout the Central Valley. Even if you have not been personally affected by the increased immigration enforcement in our region, many of those who sit alongside you in the pews have been affected, with some already having been detained.

In recent days I have been in close contact with my brother priests along with our local inter-faith and advocacy partners, to search out ways to help, comfort and accompany our people. It breaks my heart to hear from some of my pastors that members of their congregations have been taken away abruptly and with little or no information coming from federal agents. Clearly then, many of those caught up in this recent immigration enforcement in our Valley are not strangers to us – they are family, neighbors and parishioners who are being uprooted from the lives they have built over many years among us. Last November the Catholic Bishops of the United States forcefully pronounced that, "We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people…and we are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones." (Source: USCCB's Special Statement on Immigration). These people are valued and beloved, they are part of the fabric of our community. It is frightening to them and disturbing to us that these current operations seem to have taken on an indiscriminate nature with little regard for the dignity of the human person.

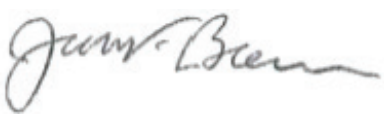
Our Church teaches that every human person possesses an inherent dignity. This dignity is not granted by governments, economic status, citizenship, or legal documentation. It is given by God. As Pope Leo XIV reminded us in a very recent statement, "Human dignity has no passport and does not lose its value when crossing a border."

We will not be silent and the Church – that's us – will accompany our vulnerable neighbors in concrete, sustained ways. We will strive to be a loving presence in our society for our brothers and sisters. Our parishes will be present to them for healing and comfort. Accompaniment might take the shape of walking with families through long and complicated legal proceedings, showing up at immigration court, organizing transportation and childcare, and refusing to let anyone face this situation alone. We will speak up for them and will encourage one another to see this work of justice as a part of our baptismal call.

Brothers and sisters, we will advocate for real change and real reform. Our country and our elected officials must do better. We need tangible results that reflect meaningful and just immigration reform. Until such reform is achieved, the dignity of our immigrant brothers and sisters must remain in the forefront of whatever shape our efforts might take. In the midst of those efforts, to be sure, we are navigating in a chaotic and emotionally charged time. I encourage the faithful to pray for one another and to act out of a spirit of communion in all things, bridging divisions and treating one another peacefully and with compassion.

We are in this together. God bless you and those you love, always and in every way.

In Christ,



Most Rev. Joseph V. Brennan, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno

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18 de octubre de 2026

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Una vez más, la presencia de ICE en nuestros vecindarios ha provocado una considerable inquietud, ansiedad e incluso temor en todo el Valle Central. Aunque ustedes no se hayan visto afectados personalmente por el aumento de las medidas de control migratorio en nuestra región, muchos de quienes se sientan a su lado en las bancas de la iglesia sí se han visto afectados y algunos ya han sido detenidos.

En los últimos dias, he estado en contacto estrecho con mis hermanos sacerdotes, así coma con nuestros colaboradores locales interreligiosos y organizaciones defensoras de los derechos de los inmigrantes, para buscar maneras de ayudar, consolar y acompañar a nuestra gente. Me parte el corazón escuchar de algunos de nuestros párrocos que miembros de sus comunidades parroquiales han sido llevados repentinamente, con poca o ninguna información por parte de los agentes federales. Queda claro, entonces, que muchas de las personas afectadas por estas recientes medidas de control migratorio en nuestro Valle no son desconocidas para nosotros: son familiares, vecinos y feligreses que están siendo arrancados de las vidas que han construido durante muchos años entre nosotros.

El pasado mes de noviembre, los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos declararon enérgicamente que: “Nos oponemos a la deportación masiva e indiscriminada de personas... y nos aflige encontrarnos con padres que temen ser detenidos cuando llevan a sus hijos a la escuela, así como tratar de consolar a familiares que ya han sido separados de sus seres queridos”. (Fuente: Declaracion especial de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos [USCCB] sobre inmigración).

Estas personas son valiosas y amadas; forman parte del tejido de nuestra comunidad. Para ellas, resulta aterrador, y para nosotros, profundamente preocupante, que estas operaciones actuales parezcan haber adquirido un carácter indiscriminado, con poca consideración por la dignidad de la persona humana.

Nuestra Iglesia enseña que todo ser humano posee una dignidad inherente. Esta dignidad no es otorgada por los gobiernos, la situación económica, la ciudadanía ni la documentación legal. Es un don de Dios. Como nos recordó el papa León XIV en una declaración muy reciente: “La dignidad humana no tiene pasaporte ni pierde su valor al cruzar una frontera”.

No guardaremos silencio, y la Iglesia – es decir, todos nosotros – acompañará a nuestros vecinos vulnerables de maneras concretas y constantes. Nos esforzaremos por ser una presencia amorosa en nuestra sociedad para nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Nuestras parroquias estarán presentes para brindarles consuelo y contribuir a su sanación.

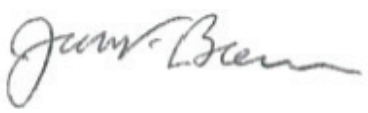
Este acompañamiento puede adoptar diversas formas: caminar junto a las familias durante procesos legales largos y complicados; estar presentes en los tribunales de inmigración; organizar transporte y cuidado de niños; y negarnos a permitir que alguien enfrente esta situación en soledad. Alzaremos la voz en su defensa y nos animaremos unos a otros a reconocer esta labor de justicia como parte de nuestro llamado bautismal.

Hermanos y hermanas, abogaremos por cambios reales y reformas auténticas. Nuestro país y nuestros funcionarios electos deben hacerlo mejor. Necesitamos resultados concretos que reflejen una reforma migratoria significativa y justa. Hasta que se logre dicha reforma, la dignidad de nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes debe permanecer en primer plano, cualquiera que sea la forma que adopten nuestros esfuerzos.

Sin duda, en medio de estos esfuerzos, estamos atravesando un tiempo caótico y cargado de emociones. Animo a los fieles a orar unos por otros y a actuar siempre con espiritu de comunión, tendiendo puentes ante las divisiones y tratándonos mutuamente con paz y compasión.

Estamos juntos en esto. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus seres queridos, siempre y en todo sentido.

En Cristo,



Reverendisimo Joseph V. Brennan, D.D.
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November 1–7, 2026

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We invite all clergy, religious communities, and the faithful to join us in prayer for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Following the Holy Hour, there will be a reception and a vocational fair at the parish hall.

For more information please contact
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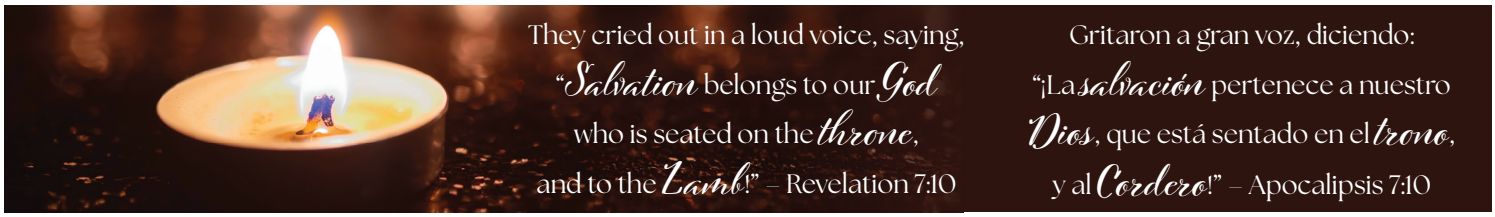
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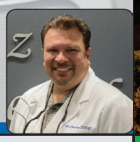
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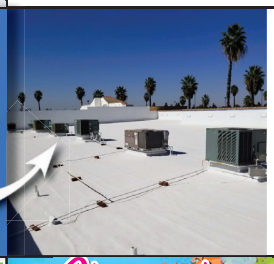
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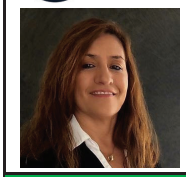
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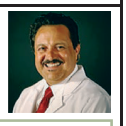
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