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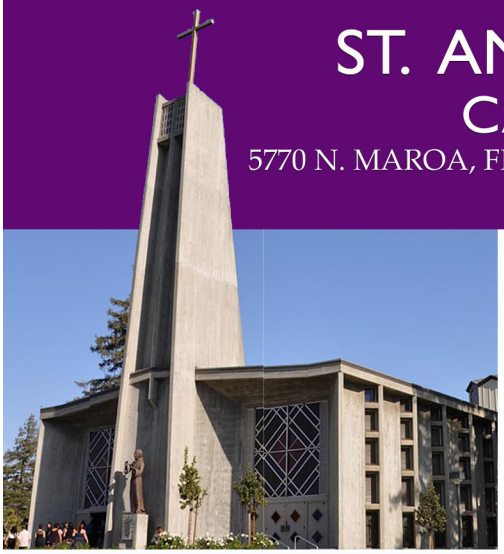

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

December 20, 2015

WELCOME!

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!

PASTOR:
REV. MSGR. ROBERT D. WENZINGER
PAROCHIAL VICARS:
REV. BERT MELLO
REV. REGINO ROSERO QUIJANO

OFFICE HOURS
HORARIO DE OFICINA
Monday - Friday: 8:00am - 4:30pm

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS
Saturday: 5:15pm & 7:00pm-Español
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 6:00pm
1:00pm-Español - 3:30pm-Latin

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday - Thursday: 6:45am & 8:00am
Friday: 6:45am & 8:45am (Sept-May)

FIRST FRIDAY MASS:
Padre Pio Mass 5:30pm (OLG Chapel)
Misa del Primer Viernes: 7:00pm
(Capilla de Guadalupe)

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 8:00am

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES
Saturday / Sabados: 10:00am - 12:00pm

PERPETUAL ADORATION 24/7
(Adoración Perpetua - 24 horas / 7 dias)

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
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(Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30pm)

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am-Español
No Daily Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday: 7:00 - 8:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Confessions are held at St. Anthony of Padua
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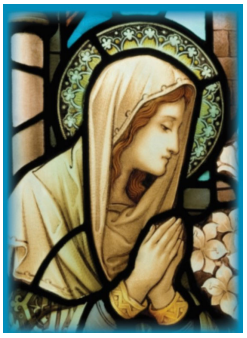

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." With those words from St. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, to our Blessed Mother Mary our Gospel on this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent closes. It is appropriate that we are reminded of Mary's stewardship just a few days before she gives birth to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter on stewardship,*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, The Bishops remind us that Mary is the epitome of stewardship: "After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense...she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively, and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role in terms of service and fidelity." As we complete our preparations for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we need to consider Mary's total trust in God and her willingness to place her entire life at His service, and ours. If we can even be a fraction of the steward she was, we will be ready for Christ's coming and better prepared to be disciples and good stewards. In the midst of our joy and celebration at this holy time, we, too, must bear in mind that we are called and chosen.

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MASS INTENTIONS - PRAYERS - PETITIONS - SACRAMENTS - STEWARDSHIP

READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS (DEC 20 - DEC 27, 2015) SUNDAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND AT #869C	
SUNDAY 12/20	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MI 5:1-4A; PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; HEB 10:5-10; LK 1:39-45
8:00 am	† Paolo & Angelina Pecora by Antoinette & Angelo Pecora
9:30 am	† Ed Rontell
11:00 am	† Leslie Wagenleitner-Roberts by her mother & family
1:00 pm (Español)	† Jose Montoya por su familia
3:30 pm (Latin)	Pro Populo
6:00 pm	Special Intentions by Angelina & Mike DiNuzzo
MONDAY 12/21	NM 24:2-7, 15-17A; PS 25:4-5AB, 6, 7BC-9; MT 21:23-27
6:45 am	† Johnny Hopkins by Kit Hopkins
8:00 am	† Margaret S. & Donald Dougherty by Elizabeth Stittich
7:00 pm	ADVENT PENACE SERVICE
TUESDAY 12/22	ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13; PS 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; MT 21:28-32
6:45 am	† Eloise Golden by Bob & Georgette Milla
8:00 am	† Charlotte Girado by Ed Girado & family
WEDNESDAY 12/23	IS 45:6B-8, 18, 21B-25; PS 85:9-14; LK 7:18B-23
6:45 am	† Bruno Ferioli by Marjorie & family
8:00 am	† Pietro & Davidina Mastrocinque by Rosanna Lampman
THURSDAY 12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE GN 49:2, 8-10; PS 72:1-4AB, 7-8, 17; MT 1:1-17
4:00 pm	† David Danks by his family
6:30 am	† Orlando Rodriguez by Bernie & David Araiza
9:00 pm	Intentions of Reagan Slatic by Mark, Chris, & Beron Shiveley
12:00 am Midnight	† Deceased Members of the Ochinero & Ferdinandi Families
FRIDAY 12/25	CHRISTMAS DAY / DÍA DE NAVIDAD JER 23:5-8; PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; MT 1:18-25
8:00 am	† Deceased Members of the Pecora & Fazio Families
9:30 am	† Natale Pardini by Pat & Linda Mastro
11:00 am	† Orlando Rodriguez by Marilyn Cotta
1:00 pm (Español)	† Deceased Members of the Razo Family by the Briseño Family
3:30 pm (Latin)	Pro Populo
SATURDAY 12/26	JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17; LK 1:5-25
5:15 pm	† Steven Bradman by Vangie Bragman
7:00 pm (Español)	† Pro Populo
SUNDAY 12/27	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS / LA SAGRADA FAMILIA MI 5:1-4A; PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; HEB 10:5-10; LK 1:39-45
8:00 am	† Henrietta Lund by Pat & Linda Mastro
9:30 am	† Ines de Quijano by Martha de Bueno
11:00 am	† Henrie Lund by Giuliano,Nikki,Evangelea& EveniaDiCicco
1:00 pm (Español)	† Gilberto Barbo por Petra Barbo
3:30 pm (Latin)	† Joan Pavlovich by Martha Slaven
6:00 pm	† Jose Esclares by Kristina Socias

RECENTLY REQUESTED:

Nina Thomas by The Frye Family
Jenny Gomes by Eliseo & Nivia Cuellar
Alameda Norton by Eliseo & Nivia Cuellar
Thomas Mascareñaz by Bill & Laura Michels
Mary Louise Girardi by Doug & Theresa Swinehart
Jordan Rutledge by Royce & Deanna Crough
Thomas Mascareñaz by Royce & Deanna Crough

INTENTIONS:

Maritn Finn
by The Frye Family
Marcus Shiveley
by Marketa Limova

Christmas Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th
NO MORNING MASSES

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24
Children's Mass @ 4:00pm
Evening Masses 6:30pm & 9:00pm,
[12:00am Midnight Mass]

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25
8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,
1:00pm (Spanish) Misa en español
3:30pm (Latin), NO 6:00pm Mass

New Years Eve
Thursday, December 31
6:45am & 8:00am
Vigil Mass: 6:30pm (Bi-lingual)

New Years Day
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Friday, January 1
8:00am, 10:00am,
5:30pm & (7:00pm Español)

We are a people waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ

Stewardship
CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Due to our bulleting printing early schedule: our stewardship contribution will not be reported in following bulletins.

YEAR TO DATE PLATE COLLECTION
COLECTAS DEL AÑO HASTA LA FECHA

7/1/2014-11/30/2014	$529,972.30
7/1/2015-11/30/2015	$519,134.33
Difference:	- $10,837.90

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!
GRACIAS POR SU CONTINUA GENEROSIDAD!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - YOUTH MINISTRY - RCIA

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Anyone interested in completing their sacraments of initiation ~ Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation is welcome to join us. For more information please contact Martha at ext.114

All teens are invited to join us for our LIFE TEEN Mass every Sunday at 6:00pm. Life Night is from

If you are interested in being a part of our LifeTeen Ministry please call Sharon Christison at 439-0124x111 or schristison@stanthonyfresno.org

EDGE

All 6th thru 8th grade Welcome. We meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm -7:45pm in Room 22. **Dec. 3rd**

If your youth is preparing for sacraments they will attend on Saturday afternoons. Please contact Jenise Coates at Jcoates@stanthonyfresno.org.

Awaiting the Light of the World:

"There Is a Light in This World,"

Catholic Relief Services

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION G.I.F.T.

Growing In Faith Together

K - 6 grades

We are currently on Christmas Vacation.

Blessed and Merry Christmas!

CLASSES RESUME:

Sunday, January 10, 2016 & Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Complete calendar at www.stanthonyfresno/EDUCATION/GIFT

For more information contact:

Mary Briseño at 439-0124 ext. 119 or **mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org**

There is a light in this world

Loving Jesus,

In your name, we mark this season:
As we bring forth light to defy the claims of darkness,
As we bring forth joy and song to defy the claims of sadness,
As we bring forth a spirit of generosity to defy the claims of want,
As we bring forth peace to defy the claims of war.

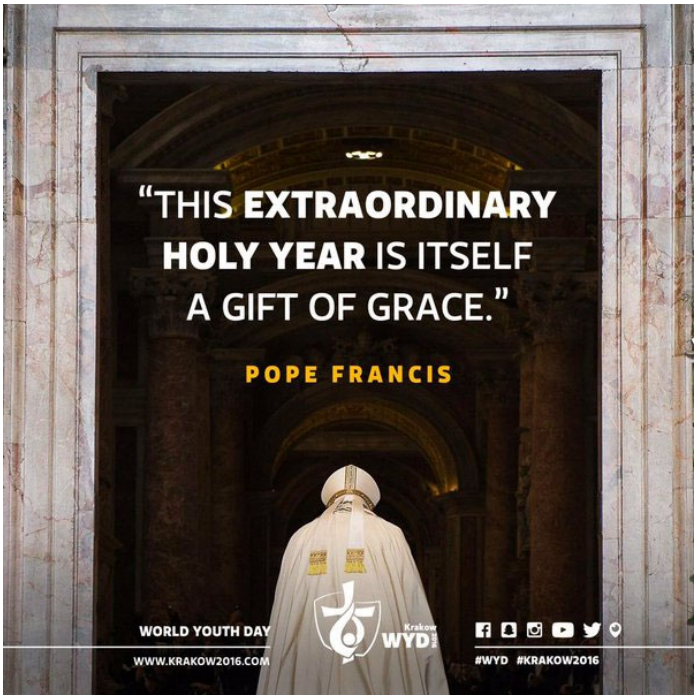
That in the darkest, saddest, most wanting, warring corner of the world,
All may look to Bethlehem Where, in the humblest of circumstances,
In a time of repression From the person of a poor refugee woman
In the filth of a manger
In the form of a most vulnerable child
You came among us to say, "No, there is a light in this world."

Let us be this light to others.
Let us be the fruit of the branch of Jesse's tree.
Let us be the bearers of the indescribable gift that is your grace.
And so defy all false claims on your people and their dignity.
And so, may you be born a new, in to every season In to every age
In to every land and every human heart.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Amen

YOUNG ADULTS & POPE FRANCIS



"In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of **casting open the doors of his heart** and of repeating that he loves us and wants to share his love with us." *(Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus)* God casts open the doors of his heart to share his love, but is the door of your heart open to welcome him? Are there any doors in your heart that might be closed off to receiving that love right now? Spend some time today asking God to surprise you and open your heart fully to his redeeming love.

What is the Year of Mercy?

Pope Francis called for a Jubilee Year of Mercy "dedicated to living out in our daily lives the mercy which the Father constantly extends to all of us" Misericordiae Vultus, 25

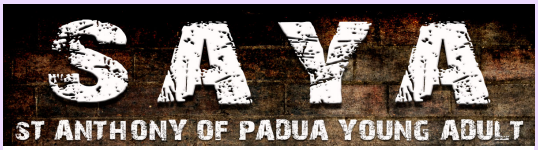
The Year of Mercy...

- Begins on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and closes on November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King.
- Is about getting back to the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus — receiving God's love and sharing it with others.
- "Is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched!" (Pope Francis)
- Is the time to reflect on our need for God's mercy, to be confident that we can receive God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to share mercy with those most in need.
- Imparts special indulgences and graces to help us live a holy life. One of these special opportunities includes making a pilgrimage to a Holy Door.

The Diocese of Fresno is blessed with nine Holy Doors! One is at St. John's Cathedral here in Fresno.

Next week… What is a Holy Door?

@Pontifex December 14
One goal for each day: to convey the tenderness of Christ to those who are most in need .



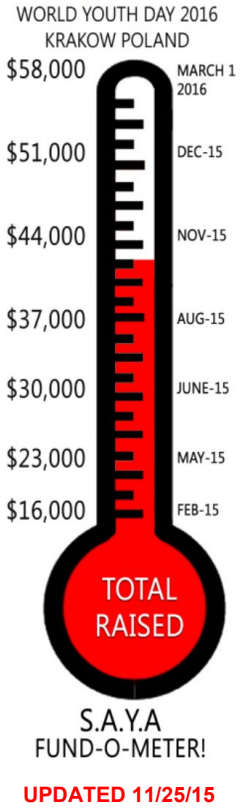
2016 Krakow WYD

Fundraiser Pilgrimage to World Youth Day Krakow, Poland 2016

If you would like to sponsor our pilgrimage by making a financial contribution please contact Edgar Briseño @ 439-0124 *173 or ebriseno@stanthonyfresno.org

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING A DONATION!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A YOUTH!



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PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES & GROUPS

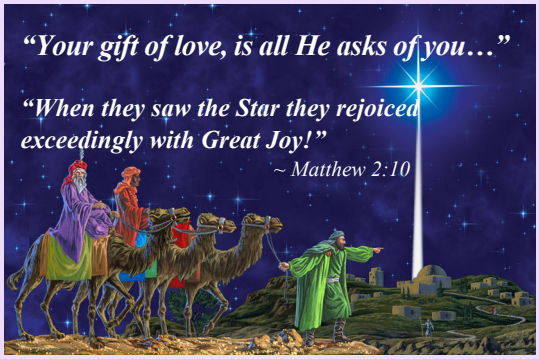
Jubilee Year of Mercy

2016

"We entrust the year to the Mother of Mercy, so that She may turn towards us Her gaze and watch over our path."
~ Pope Francis

NO DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE
SEE YOU IN JANUARY!
MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
We thank you in advance for your generous support for those in need.

There will be NO MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS IN DECEMBER
The December (2014), decedent names will be combined with the January (2015), decedents names on Saturday, January 16, 2016
For questions? Call 439-0124, x105 or x112.



PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

At Fatima in Portugal in 1917 Mary appeared to three children several times. She urged them to pray the Rosary in sorrow for sin, and for the conversion of sinners to a better way of life. In the reign of Pope Pius XII, the custom developed of having a statue of Our Lady of Fatima carried from place to place to encourage people to respond to Mary's request, we have such a statue. If you'd like to have her in your home for a week, contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124 ext. 105 or 112.

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."
~ Saint Padre Pio

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

During the Christmas Holiday
The Blessed Sacrament will be REPOSED
Wednesday, December 23rd @ 11:00am &
EXPOSED (returned), to the MONSTRANCE
on Monday, January 4th @ 8:00am
NO coverage is necessary: Adorers & visitors **with a key** are still welcome; as Jesus is still present in the Tabernacle.

We wish you & yours a very Merry Christmas!

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."
~ St. Padre Pio/Patron Saint of Adorers

FIRST FRIDAY MASS - JANUARY 1, 2016

First Friday Mass at 5:30pm
In Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

*** There will be NO intercession prayers to St. Padre Pio, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Benediction.** *"Pray, Hope & Don't Worry." ~ St. Padre Pio*

SAVE THE DATES - JANUARY 11, 12 & 13, 2016 3 Day Divine Mercy & St. Michael the Archangel Parish Mission

St. Anthony of Padua Church welcomes back…
Rev. Piotr Prusakiewicz, CSMA of Poland
Mission Title

"For when I am weak, then I am strong." *~ 2 Corinthians 12:10*

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
Morning Mission in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

- 8am Mass / brief talk during the Homily
- 9am First Talk
- 10am-11:30am Confessions
- 11:30am - 12pm Rosary & Litanies
- 12pm - 3pm - *Break

Evening Mission in the Main Church

- 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Praises & Talk
- 6pm - 6:45pm Confessions
- 7pm Healing Mass & Talk included

Questions? Contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 112 or 105.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES & GROUPS

TWIN HEARTS GROUP: Mondays at 6:30pm in Room #23

ST. ANN'S BRIDGE CLUB: Second Monday of the month at 12noon. Conference Room. ***Next meeting, Monday, January 11, 2016.***

FILIPINO CATHOLIC LEAGUE: This group meets every Second Monday of the month at 7pm. Parish Office Boardroom.

LEGION OF MARY: Tuesdays at 5-6pm, Parish Office Boardroom.

TUESDAY NIGHT FAITH BIBLE STUDY
Facilitator: Deacon Ed Valdez -
NO Class December 22 & 29, see you next year January 5, 2016.
Facilitator: Deacon Ed Valdez / **Time:** 7pm to 8:30pm in Room #21
Merry Christmas & a Year filled with God's love & peace….

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. Parish Office Boardroom. - Study: How Do Catholics Read the Bible Material ($20). Facilitator, Prof. Craig Bernthal.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP
Tuesdays at 6:30pm to 8:00pm in RM #23. Anyone is welcome to join in.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP
Tuesdays at 6:30pm in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel

CHRISTIANS IN COMMERCE (Fresno Men's Chapter) Wednesdays at 6:30am in the Conference Room Coordinator: Francis Samson. Contact Gary Carrasco at: 448-8907

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS: Wednesday at 10am -11am. Parish Office Boardroom.

ICF (Italian Catholic Federation)
This group meets every Second Wednesday of the month.
Time: 6-8pm. Where: Social Hall.

QUEEN OF THE HOLY FAMILY GUILD
All women of the parish are invited to the Queen of the Holy Family Guild's next meeting on **Thursday, January 23rd in Room #21 at 9am.** Questions? Please call Alice at: 222-7005 or Pat at: 431-5246 for more information. *Merry Christmas from the Guild Ministry and we thank you in advance for supporting our ministry!*

CHRISTIANS IN COMMERCE (Fresno Women's Chapter) Thursdays, 6:30am to 7:30am - Conference Room. Contact Lucy Vasquez at 355-7403

CENACLES OF MARY
Thursdays, 9am-10am.Parish Office Boardroom. Newcomers are welcome.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
This group is on a winter break . **Class resumes Thursday, January 14th**
We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with God's love & peace...

FATIMA'S FAITHFUL MINISTRY:
Fatima's Faithful will ***not*** meet in **November or December.** See you in January. *Have a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!*

DIVORCED & SEPARATED CATHOLICS
Fridays @ 6:30pm in Room #22,

ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
NO Class Friday, December 25th & January 1st
Merry Christmas & a Joyful New Year! ***See you January 8th.***

For ministries info. Contact Sr. Rosa @ Office of Ministries: 439-0124, ext. 112.

"Always be ready to give a reason for your hope..."~ *1 Peter 3:15*

St. Agnes Mission Church

Advent & Christmas Scheduled 2015
Dec. 16 - 23
Nightly Posadas 6:30pm all the faithful gather in the social hall...
Sunday Dec. 20th
Children's Christmas Nativity play after both Masses...Approx. times 10:00 am & 11:30 am refreshments to be served.

Thursday Christmas Eve Masses 6pm English & 8pm Spanish.

NO CHRISTMAS DAY MASS OR NEW YEARS DAY MASS AT THE MISSION- PLEASE SEE THE MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR PARISH ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA.

At St. Anthony of Padua

We welcome the infants who were recently initiated into the family of Christ:
Charlotte Josephine Cerniglia,
Carson Wesley Rush,
Lydia Mae Thornton

May they always feel the love of God working through their lives as they are guided by their parents and godparents.

MARRIAGE BANNS:

The following couple will marry in our church in the coming weeks:
Fernando Garibay & Emily Verway

Let us pray for them as they prepare for their wedding.

QUINCEAÑERAS
Please contact
Edgar Briseño at ext. 173

HISPANIC MINISTRIES / MINISTERIOS HISPANOS

@Pontifex Diciembre 14
Un propósito diario: transmitir un poco de la ternura de Cristo a quienes más lo necesitan.

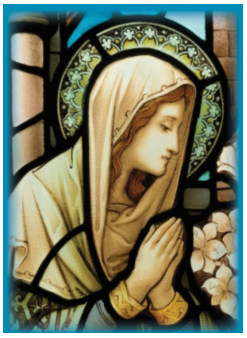
QUINCEAÑERAS
Hablar con Edgar Briseño
a la ext. 173

ESTUDIO BÍBLICO
Jueves a las 7:00pm en el Salón #21

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN
Miércoles a las 7:00pm en el Salón #24

CONFIRMACIÓN

ENERO 1 2016	Misa de Precepto Viernes 1 de enero: 7pm
ENERO 10	Clases y Reunión



UN ORDEN NUEVO

"Oh, pequeña aldea de Belén"; un clérigo de Filadelfia llamado Phillips Brooks escribió este popular villancico a mediados de los 1800, pero el profeta Miqueas hubiera podido hacerlo primero. Miqueas sabía que el tesoro grande viene en estuche pequeño. En la primera lectura de hoy, él sabía que del pueblito de Belén vendría el Señor. El escritor de la carta a los hebreos explica que Cristo vino a nosotros para hacer la voluntad de Dios de establecer un nuevo orden y ser un sacrificio perfecto. Y Lucas nos dice que Isabel y Juan, el pequeño en sus entrañas, comprenden que grandes maravillas han llegado con la venida del Señor. Este es el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento. Mañana celebramos de nuevo el fruto de tu vientre, María. Como se nos dice en Hebreos, el nuevo orden de Jesús se está creando hoy mismo. Y como proclama Miqueas, su grandeza llega ahora mismo hasta los confines de la tierra. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

MINISTERIOS HISPANOS / HISPANIC MINISTRIES

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA CATECISMO
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Actualmente estamos en Vacaciones de Navidad.

Bendecida y Feliz Navidad!

Las Clases se Reanudan el domingo, 10 de enero del 2016

Calendario Completo en www.stanthonyfresno/EDUCATION/GIFT

Para mas información por favor comuníquese con:
Mary Briseño al 439-0124 ext. 119 o mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org

*"En este Jubileo dejémonos sorprender por Dios. Él nunca se cansa de **destrabar la puerta de su corazón** para repetir que nos ama y quiere compartir con nosotros su vida." (Papa Francisco, Misericordiae Vultus)*
Dios abre las puertas de su corazón para compartir su amor, pero ¿están las puertas de tu corazón abiertas y dándole la bienvenida? ¿Hay algunas puertas en tu corazón cerradas a su amor en este momento? Pausa hoy para pedirle a Dios que te sorprenda y llene tu corazón de su amor redentor.

¿Qué es el Año de la Misericordia?

El papa Francisco pidió un Año Jubilar de la Misericordia "para vivir en la vida de cada día la misericordia que desde siempre el Padre dispensa hacia nosotros" *Misericordiae Vultus, 25*

El Año de la Misericordia...

- Comienza el 8 de diciembre de 2015, con la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, y concluye el 20 de noviembre de 2016, con la solemnidad de Cristo Rey.
- Se trata de volver a la esencia de lo que significa ser un seguidor de Jesús: recibir el amor de Dios y compartirlo con los demás.
- "¡Este es el tiempo oportuno para cambiar de vida! Este es el tiempo para dejarse tocar el corazón." (Papa Francisco)
- Es el momento de reflexionar sobre nuestra necesidad de la misericordia de Dios, de estar seguros de que podemos recibir la misericordia de Dios en el sacramento de la Reconciliación y de compartir esta misericordia con los más necesitados.
- Imparte indulgencias y gracias especiales para ayudarnos a vivir una vida santa. Una de estas oportunidades especiales incluye hacer una peregrinación a una Puerta Santa.

¡La Diócesis de Fresno ha sido bendecida con 9 Puertas Santas! Una de ellas está aquí en la Catedral de San Juan.

Próxima semana...¿Qué es una Puerta Santa?

Horario de Navidad

Misa de Navidad en español será el día viernes 25 de diciembre a la 1:00pm

Misa de Vigilia (bilingüe) de **Fin de Año**
Jueves 31 de diciembre @ 6:30pm

Día de Precepto
(Día de Asistir a Misa)
Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios
Viernes 1 de enero @ 7:00pm

Somos un pueblo que espera gozoso la esperanza de la venida de nuestro Salvador *Jesucristo. Navidad es un tiempo alegre de la celebración del nacimiento de* Jesús.

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*Start the **New Year** in the best possible way for yourself and your family!!*

WHAT: ***Spiritual Retreat*** – January 9 and 10, 2016; 8 AM – 4 PM
THEME: **HOLINESS BEGINS IN THE FAMILY**
WHERE: Divine Master Convent, 3700 North Cornelia, Fresno, CA 93722
RETREAT DIRECTOR: Rev. Fr. Michael Harrington, IGS, Director of the Office of Outreach and Cultural Diversity, Archdiocese of Boston
COST: $50 per couple or family; $30 per individual. Drinks and snacks provided. Please bring your own sack lunch

PRE-REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED DUE TO LIMITED SPACE.
CONTACT: Agnes – (559) 431-6051 or Maria Teresa – (559) 251-6179 or Lulu

Mark Your Calendars: Stephen Ministry Next Class February 3rd 2016

If you are interested in belonging to a ministry in which you can obey God's commandment to "love thy neighbor as thyself" this is the one for you. All you need is to be a caring compassionate person, with a desire to walk with someone going through a difficult time in their life; such as loss of a loved one, terminal or serious illness or a family member, marital/family issues or any of a myriad of other struggles in life.

If interested, you will receive 50 hrs of training.
For more information please call Hazel 559 299-3279

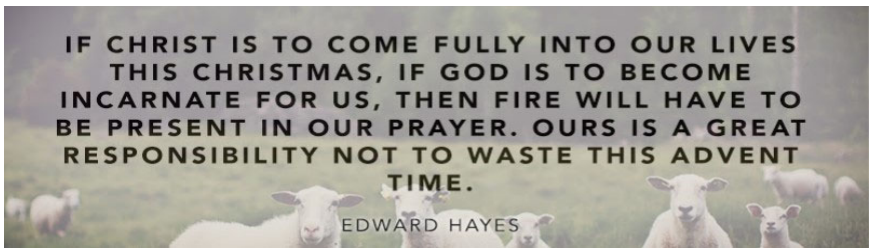
A Stephen Ministry Story

One of my neighbors is a young lady who lives alone in her mother's house. She doses not work and rarely leaves the house. Over a year ago I approached her about Stephen Ministry and offered to have a Christian caregiver visit her weekly, to listen in confidence to her and to share with her the love of God.

Last Saturday, there was a knock on my door. There was my neighbor asking about Stephen Ministry. She shared with me that she was in AA for two months and would like to have a Stephen Minister stop by on a weekly basis to talk.

For parishioners at St Anthony we offer the same support for anyone who is in need of someone to share concerns with. Whether it be a marriage, family, financial or any other type of problem, a trained Stephen Minister is there to be with you during this time of trouble. For more information, call Sister Rosa Maria or Hazel at 299-3279 and they will put a Stephen Minister in touch with you.

In January, we will start a new set of Stephen Ministry training classes for those interested in joining the Ministry. Look for details in upcoming bulletins.



Please Pray for: ***Petra Salilnas,*** and all those who are sick May they feel the healing power of our prayers.

Condolences: We pray for ***Dorothy Ramirez, Grecia Mendoza, Thomas Francisco Mascareñaz, Mary Turner, Kyle Juarez*** all the faithful departed. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. *May they rest in peace.*

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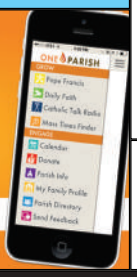

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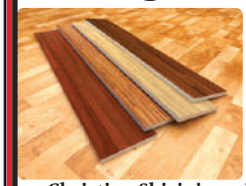

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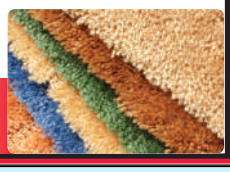

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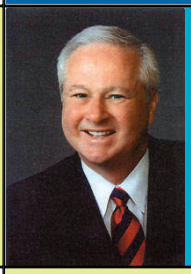

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