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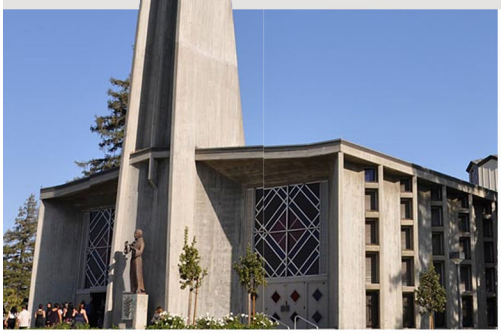
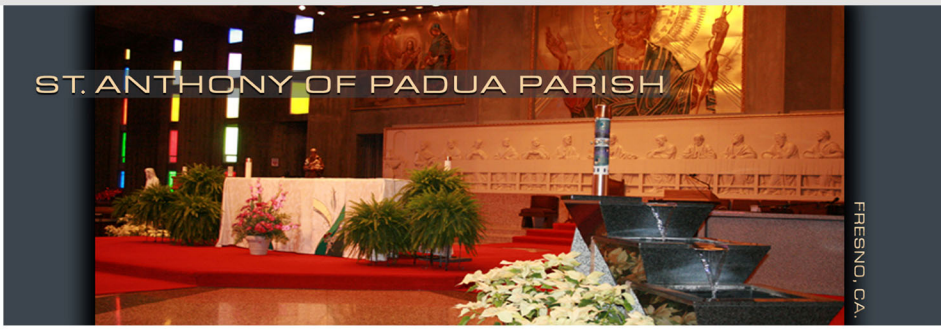




The Feast of the Holy Family
La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

December 27, 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, Sign Language Interpreters present), 11:00am & 6:00pm
1:00pm-Español - 3:30pm-Latin

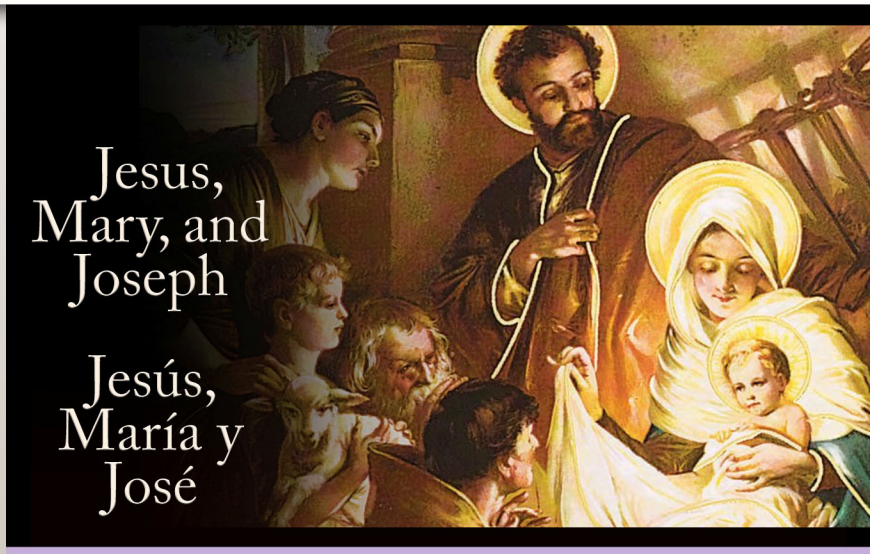
DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday - Thursday: 6:45am & 8:00am
Friday: 6:45am & 8:45am (Sept-May)

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)



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Rev. Ricardo D. Magdaleno

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Monday - Friday: 9:00-4:00pm
(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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We celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph today. The Gospels do not tell us much about the Holy Family in the years from Jesus' birth to the beginning of His public ministry. We are aware that they fled to Egypt, returned to Nazareth, and today's Gospel reading tells us of the twelve-year-old Jesus accompanying His parents to Jerusalem. Today we honor that Holy Family, and we understand that they are a model for us as a Christian family. However, there is also an understanding that we need to be aware that we are part of a bigger family, our faith community as a Church and as a parish.

Just as a family unit cannot function properly without each member playing a part, that is true of our local parish family as well. Each of us needs to play a role and to contribute as a member of that family. That is what stewardship is all about. We must be stewards for our personal families to function, and we must also be good stewards for our parish family to be effective.

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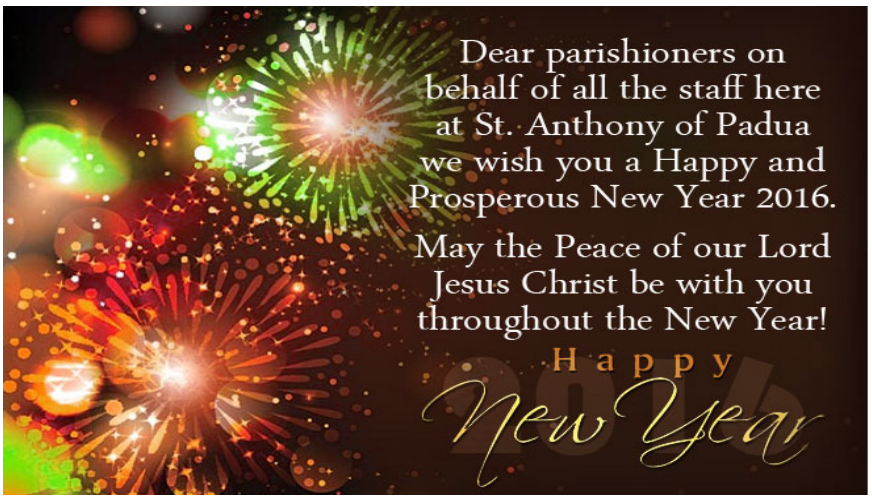
MASS INTENTIONS - PRAYERS - PETITIONS - SACRAMENTS - STEWARDSHIP

READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS (DEC 27, 2015- JAN 3, 2016) SUNDAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND AT #874C-876	
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
MONDAY 12/28	1 JN 1:5 -- 2:2; PS 124:2-5, 7B-8; MT 2:13-18
6:45 am	† Diane Witherow by Bob & Georgette Milla
8:00 am	† Carl Orlando by Barbara Orlando
TUESDAY 12/29	1 JN 2:3-11; PS 96:1-3, 5B-6; LK 2:22-35
6:45 am	† Martimiano Ilagan by his family
8:00 am	† Richard T. Danks by his family
WEDNESDAY 12/30	1 JN 2:12-17; PS 96:7-10; LK 2:36-40
6:45 am	† Orlando Rodriguez
8:00 am	† Ronald Guiam by Maribeth Lim
THURSDAY 12/31	1 JN 2:18-21; PS 96:1-2, 11-13; JN 1:1-18
6:45 am	† Lupe Ortiz-English by her family
8:00 am	† Angelina Rotella by Mr & Mrs Frank Rotella
6:30 pm(Blingual)	Intentions of The Briseño-Alvarado Families
FRIDAY 1/1/2016	NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS / MISA DE AÑO NUEVO NM 6:22-27; PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; GAL 4:4-7; LK 2:16-21
8:00 am	Intentions of Marcus Shiveley
10:00 am	Pro Populo
5:30 pm	Intentions of John & Chenay Howard by their mother, Caroline
7:00 pm (Español)	Intenciones de Edgar y Mary Briseño
SATURDAY 1/2	1 JN 2:22-28; PS 98:1-4; JN 1:19-28
8:00 am	† Ed Rontell
5:15 pm	† Deceased Members of the Lopopolo & Soligian Families
7:00 pm (Español)	† Pedro & Maria del Socorro Chavez por Victor Chavez y familia
SUNDAY 1/3	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR IS 60:1-6; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6; MT 2:1-12
8:00 am	† Marica Morrison by William McCloskey
9:30 am	† Frank Redondo, Jr by Frank & RoseMarie Redondo
11:00 am	† Ron Wathen, Sr. by his family
1:00 pm (Español)	† Jose Luna por su familia
3:30 pm (Latin)	Pro Populo
6:00 pm	† Pete DeFendis by Jack & Kathy Gambero



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua on

Saturdays @ 9:00am or Sundays @ 2:30pm

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Weddings are celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua on **Saturdays @ 12:30pm or 3:00pm**

Couples should contact the parish office to make an appointment with the parish marriage coordinator at least six months in advance of any wedding date to begin preparations.

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

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.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION G.I.F.T.
Growing In Faith Together
K - 6 grades

We are currently on Christmas Vacation.

HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

'Children are a gift. They are a gift. Each one is unique and unrepeatable, and at the same time unmistakably linked to his or her roots.' —Pope Francis

CLASSES RESUME:

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

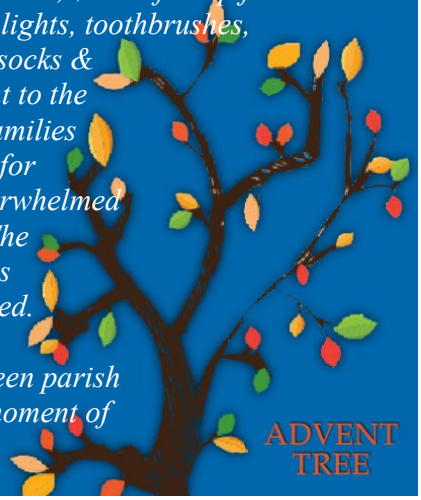
Complete calendar at www.stanthonyfresno/EDUCATION/GIFT

For more information contact:
Mary Briseño at 439-0124 ext. 119 or **mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org**

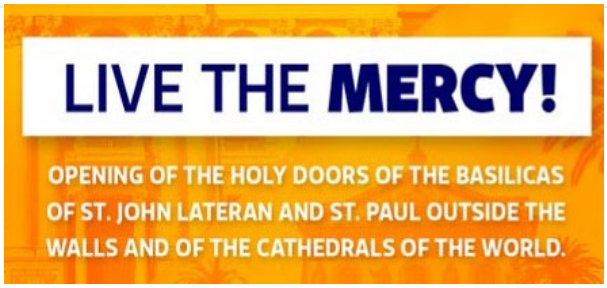
A holy family is not the same as a "perfect" family. Our families are called to be holy, consecrated to our Lord and Savior; we are called to be holy as He is holy. - Pope Francis

ADVENT GIVING TREE:

Mother Teresa was once quoted: "You are greater than you know." We know she's right: In early of December we were able to deliver to Holy Cross Center for Women, an affiliate of Saint Agnes Medical Center, gifts and supplies from our parishioners, our parish school and religious education students. From our Advent Giving Tree over 200 gifts of warm clothing and toys for children, 50 warm sweaters for women, $600 of scrip for detergent, along with gloves, flashlights, toothbrushes, hair care items and toiletries and socks & socks & socks galore were brought to the Center in your name. Our GIFT families collected $800 to offer the Center for their further needs. They were overwhelmed and their gratitude was effusive. The following week your $700 for teens at Catholic Charities were delivered. Many thanks to you for your participation & cooperation between parish and school families to make this moment of Christmas-giving happen.



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)*

What is a Holy Door?

"A door that opens in the Church in order to reach out to those who for many reasons are far away."
— Pope Francis

A Holy Door is a special door designated in a cathedral or significant church that stands as a symbol of Jesus Christ who said, "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved..." (John 10:9). Pilgrims pass through the Holy Door as a sign that they are leaving past sin behind and entering into a new Christian way of living.

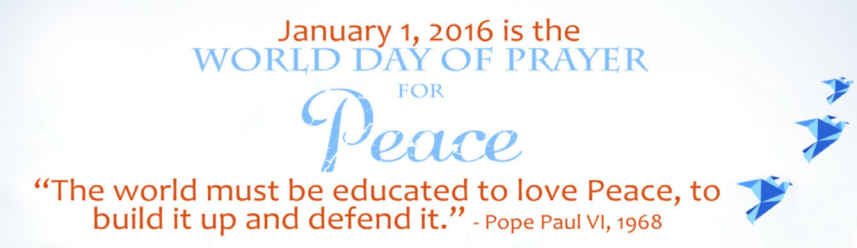
Pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St. John Cathedral

St. John Paul II notes that, "To pass through the door means to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord; it is to strengthen faith in him in order to live the new life which he has given us." Passing through a Holy Door with a firm resolve to follow Christ in our life brings with it a plenary, or total, indulgence.

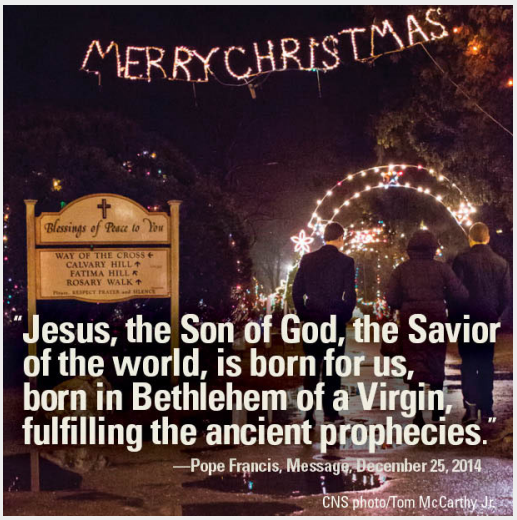
God casts open the doors of his heart to share his love, but is the door of your heart open to welcome him? Are there any doors in your heart that might be closed off to receiving that love right now? Spend some time today asking God to surprise you and open your heart fully to his redeeming love.

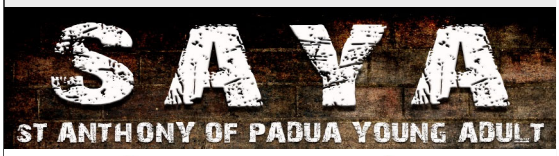
Next week… What is an Indulgence?

The Lord never forces the door. Even He asks permission to enter.
#PopeFrancis #YearofMercy



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





2016 Krakow WYD

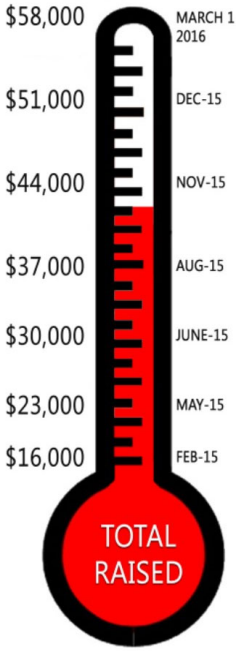
Fundraiser Pilgrimage to World Youth Day Krakow, Poland 2016

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!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016
KRAKOW POLAND



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FUND-O-METER!

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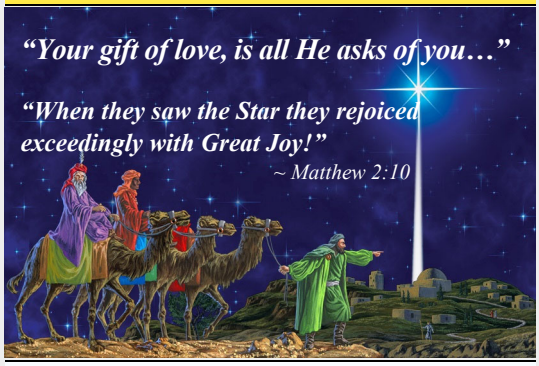
PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES & GROUPS

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



Prayer to the Holy Family:
Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. ~
Pope Francis (2013-12-29 *Vatican Radio*)

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

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*

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

During the Christmas Holiday The Blessed Sacrament will remain REPOSED until 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

"The family has an essential role in the divine plan of salvation. Not only was it 'willed by God in the very act of creation.'
Familiaris Consortio-The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World,
(Apostolic Exhortation John Paul II, 1981),Jesus himself was part of the Holy Family, 'where he grew and became strong [and was] filled with wisdom' (Luke 2:4), and where he sanctified it by his presence.

"Christ does not force our will, He takes only what we give him. But he does not give himself entirely until He see that we yield ourselves entirely to him." ~ St. Teresa of Avila

3-Day Divine Mercy & St. Michael the Archangel Parish Mission

JANUARY 11, 12 & 13, 2016
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. *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 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, January 1st
Merry Christmas & a Joyful New Year! ***See you January 8th.***

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy from 6:40pm to 7:15pm in Room #23 Prayer Group starts at 7:30pm. Questions, call Christy Villas at: 271-1246.

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

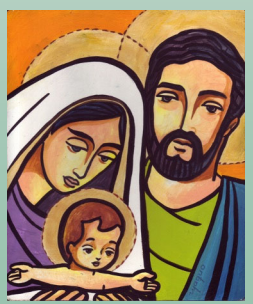
"Always be ready to give a reason for your hope..."~ ***1 Peter 3:15***

St. Agnes Mission Church

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

"May the Holy Family, who had to overcome many painful trials, watch over all the families in the world, especially those who are experiencing difficult situations. May the Holy Family also help men and women of culture and political leaders so that they may defend the institution of the family, based on marriage, and so that they may sustain the family as it confronts the grave challenges of the modern age!" During this year may Christian families find the light and strength to be united and to grow as the 'domestic church' especially in their diligent participation in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday.

Pope John Paul II - Prayer from Angelus Message for the Feast of the Holy Family 2004



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
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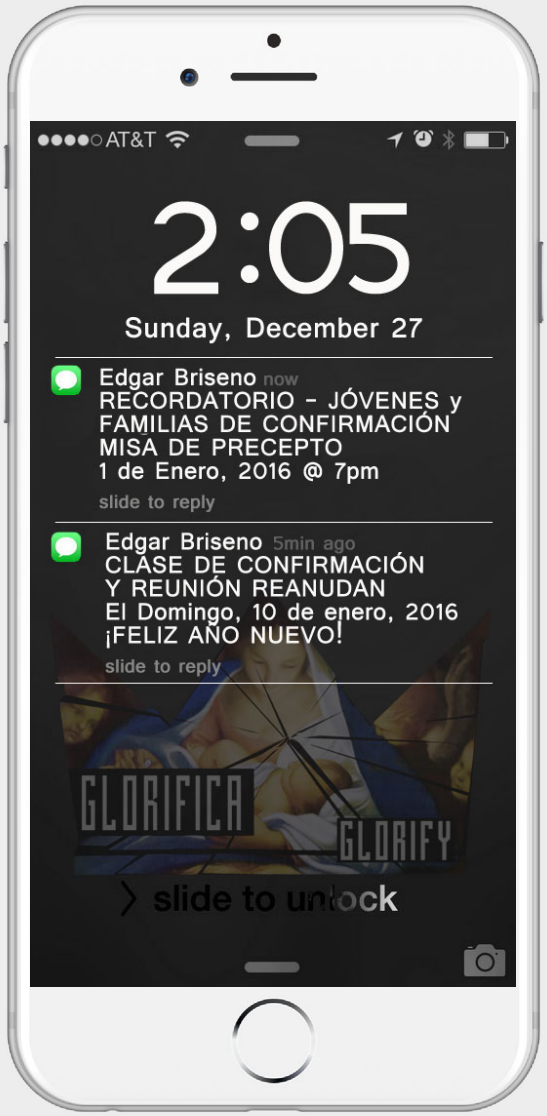

Hoy celebramos la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Los evangelios no nos dicen mucho acerca de la Sagrada Familia en los años del nacimiento de Jesús hasta el comienzo de su ministerio público. Somos conscientes que huyeron a Egipto, regresaron a Nazaret, y la lectura del Evangelio de hoy nos dice que Jesús de doce años de edad acompañando a sus padres a Jerusalén. Hoy honramos esa sagrada familia, y entendemos que son un modelo para nosotros como una familia cristiana. Sin embargo, es entender que tenemos que ser conscientes que somos parte de una familia más grande, nuestra comunidad de fe como iglesia y como parroquia. Como una unidad familiar no puede funcionar correctamente sin cada miembro asumiendo su rol, eso también es cierto de nuestra familia parroquial. Cada uno de nosotros debe desempeñar un papel y contribuir como miembro de esa familia. Eso es lo que es la corresponsabilidad. Debemos ser mayordomos de nuestras familias personales para que funcionen, y también debemos ser buenos administradores de nuestra familia parroquial para que sea eficaz.

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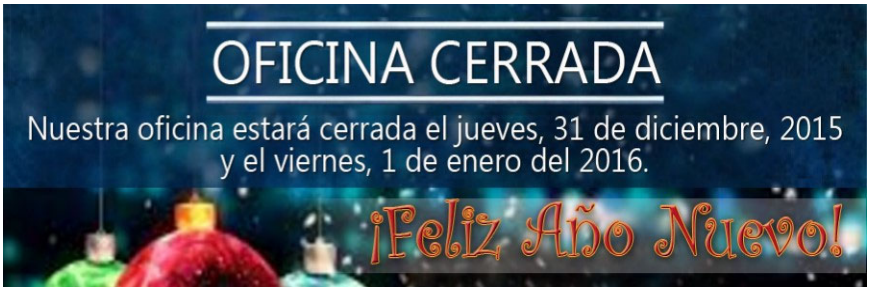
1 de Enero es la Jornada Mundial de Oración por la Paz!

"El Mundo debe ser educado para amar la Paz, construirla y defenderla." - *Popa Pablo VI, 1968*

Una sagrada familia no es lo mismo que una familia "perfecta". Nuestras familias están llamadas a ser santas, consagradas a nuestro Señor y Salvador; Estamos llamados a ser santos como él es Santo. - Pope Francis



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¿Qué es la Puerta Santa?

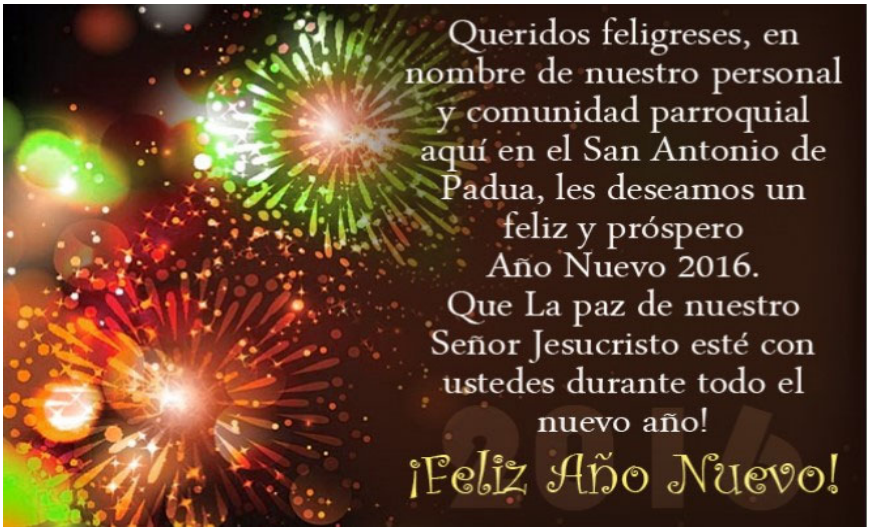
"Una puerta que se abre en la Iglesia para salir al encuentro de aquellos que por tantas razones se encuentran lejos." — Papa Francisco

Peregrinación a la **PUERTA SANTA** en la Catedral de San Juan

Una Puerta Santa es una puerta especial designada en una catedral o iglesia significativa que simboliza a Jesucristo quien dijo: "Yo soy la puerta. El que entra por mí se salvará..." (Juan 10:9). Los peregrinos pasan por la Puerta Santa como una señal de que están dejando el pecado pasado atrás y entrando en una nueva forma de vida cristiana.

San Juan Pablo II señala que: "Pasar a través de la puerta significa confesar que Jesucristo es el Señor; es el fortalecimiento de la fe en él para vivir la nueva vida que él nos ha dado". Pasar por una Puerta Santa con la firme resolución de seguir a Cristo en nuestra vida trae consigo una indulgencia plenaria o total.

Próxima semana...¿Qué es una Indulgencia?



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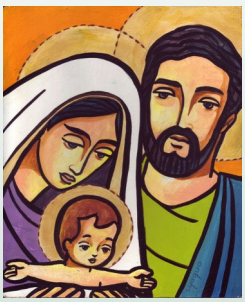

Jesús, María y José,
en ustedes contemplamos el esplendor del amor verdadero, a ustedes nos dirigimos con confianza.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, haz que también nuestras familias sean lugares de comunión y cenáculos de oración, auténticas escuelas del Evangelio y pequeñas Iglesias domésticas.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret,
que nunca más en las familias se vivan experiencias de violencia, cerrazón y división: que todo el que haya sido herido o escandalizado conozca pronto el consuelo y la sanación.

Sagrada Familia de Nazaret,
que pueda despertar en todos la conciencia del carácter sagrado e inviolable de la familia, su belleza en el proyecto de Dios

Jesús, María y José, escuchen y atiendan nuestra súplica. Amén. -Papa Francisco (2013-12-29)

"La familia tiene un papel esencial en el plan divino de la salvación."

Familiaris Consortio-The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World,
(Apostolic Exhortation John Paul II, 1981)

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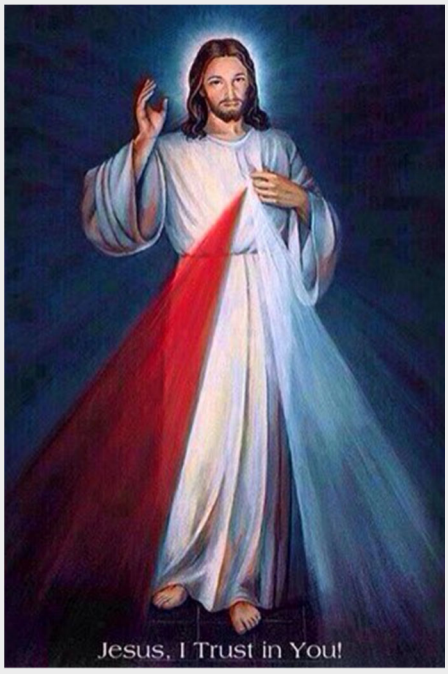

Mark Your Calendars: Stephen Ministry Next Class February 3rd 2016

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.
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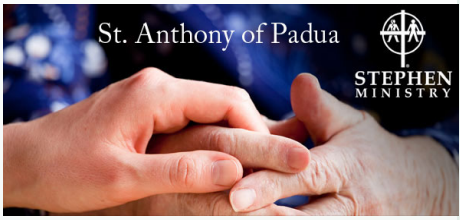

A Stephen Ministry Story:

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.

"Christian families make the threshold of their homes a great sign of the Door of mercy and welcome of God."
–Pope Francis, Audience 11.18.15

Please Pray for all those who are sick May they feel the healing power of our prayers.

Condolences: We pray for 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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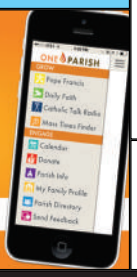

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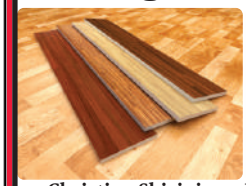

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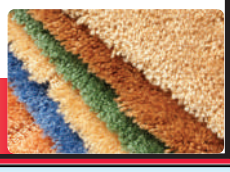

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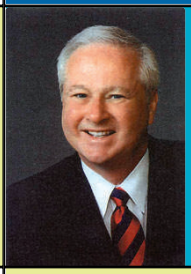

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