

St. Anthony of Padua

Catholic Church

June 17, 2012

St. Anthony of Padua

5770 N. Maroa, Fresno, Ca 93704-2038

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www.stanthonyfresno.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 - 4:30pm

Friday: 8:00 - 12:00pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:00am, 5:15pm (Vigil),
7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am,
1:00pm (Spanish),
3:30pm (Latin), 6:00pm

Daily Mass Schedule (June - August)

Monday - Friday: 6:45am, 8:00am

First Friday: 5:30pm (Chapel)

Primer Viernes: 7:00pm

(7:30pm Hora Santa Capilla)

Perpetual Adoration

24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Located in the Parish Office

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confesiones)

Saturday: 11:00am - 12:00pm AND
2:30pm - 4:30pm

St. Agnes Mission Church

111 W. Birch St., Pinedale, Ca 93650

(559) 439-2100

www.stagnesfresno.org

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

(closed Wednesdays)

Saturday: 12:00 - 2:00pm

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 9:00am, 10:30am (Spanish)

No daily Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions will be heard at St. Anthony's

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 7:00 - 8:00pm

St. Anthony's School

5680 N. Maroa

Fresno, Ca 93704

(559) 435-0700 Fax (559) 435-6749

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Principal: Mrs. Kim Cochran



Fortnight for Freedom

June 21 - July 4, 2012

Mass Observance with Bishop Ochoa
10:30am / June 24, 2012
St. John's Cathedral

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

A statement from The Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, Bishop of Fresno.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) concerned over the threats to religious freedom both at home and abroad, has called on all dioceses and other catholic institutions to participate in a "Fortnight for Freedom," June 21- July 4. This is scheduled to be a two-week period of prayer, education and action by American Catholics in support of religious freedom.

As your bishop, I invite and encourage all Catholics in the Diocese of Fresno, to join with other people of goodwill across the nation in this timely endeavor. It is our hope that during this dedicated time of prayer, catechesis, and public action, we might be able to emphasize and underscore our Christian and American heritage of liberty.

Please join with me spiritually in our Diocesan observance of a Fortnight for Freedom, as I celebrate the 10:30 am Sunday Mass at St. John's Cathedral on the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist on June 24, 2012, with the special intention of religious freedom.

Please visit the USCCB website <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/> and click on the "Fortnight for Freedom" icon for resources to help your parish or group plan liturgies and participate as fully as possible in this national effort.

Declaración por reverendísimo Armando X. Ochoa, obispo de la diócesis de Fresno

La Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos (por sus siglas en inglés USCCB), preocupados sobre las amenazas contra la libertad religiosa domésticamente y en el exterior, ha hecho un llamado a todas las diócesis y a otras instituciones católicas a participar en "una quincena por la libertad," del 21 de junio hasta el 4 de julio. Este tiempo está programado para ser dos semanas de oración, educación y acción por católicos americanos en apoyo a la libertad religiosa.

Como su obispo, yo los invito y animo a todos en la diócesis de Fresno a unirse con otras personas de buena voluntad a través de la nación en este propósito oportuno. Es nuestra esperanza que durante este tiempo dedicado a la oración, catequesis, y acción pública, podamos enfatizar y reafirmar nuestra herencia cristiana y americana a favor de la libertad.

Por favor únanse conmigo espiritualmente en nuestra celebración diocesana de la quincena en favor de la libertad durante la ceremonia litúrgica dominical que oficiaré el 24 de junio, 2012, la solemnidad del nacimiento de san Juan Bautista, a las 10:30am en la catedral de San Juan con una intención especial a favor de la libertad religiosa.

Por favor visite el sitio de Internet de la USCCB <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/> y pulse en el icono "Fortnight for Freedom" para obtener recursos que le ayude a sus parroquias o grupos a planear liturgias y a participar lo más posible en este.



FAMILY LIFE

The family is the basic cell of human society. The role, responsibilities, and needs of families should be central national priorities. **Marriage** must be defined, recognized, and protected as a lifelong commitment between a man and a woman, and as the source of the next generation and the protective haven for children. Policies on taxes, work, divorce, immigration, and welfare should help families stay together and should reward responsibility and sacrifice for children. **Wages** should allow workers to support their families, and public assistance should be available to help poor families to live in dignity. Such assistance should be provided in a manner that promotes eventual financial autonomy.

Children are to be valued, protected, and nurtured. As a Church, we affirm our commitment to the protection and well-being of children in our own institutions and in all of society. We oppose contraceptive mandates in public programs and health plans, which endanger rights of conscience and can interfere with parents' right to guide the moral formation of their children.

Parents—the first and most important educators—have a fundamental **right to choose the education** best suited to the needs of their children, including public, private, and religious schools. Government, through such means as tax credits and publicly funded scholarships, should help provide resources for parents, especially those of modest means, to exercise this basic right without discrimination. Students in all educational settings should have opportunities for moral and character formation.

Print, broadcast, and electronic **media** shape the culture. To protect children and families, responsible regulation is needed that respects freedom of speech yet also addresses policies that have lowered standards, permitted increasingly offensive material, and reduced opportunities for non-commercial religious programming.

Regulation should limit concentration of media control, resist management that is primarily focused on profit, and encourage a variety of program sources, including religious programming. TV rating systems and appropriate technology can assist parents in supervising what their children view.

The Internet offers both great benefits and significant problems. The benefits should be available to all students regardless of income. Because access to pornographic and violent material is becoming easier, vigorous enforcement of existing obscenity and child pornography laws is necessary, as well as technology that assists parents, schools, and libraries in blocking unwanted or undesirable materials.

Let HHS know that the Administration's so-called "accommodation" doesn't fix the fundamental problems in its unjust mandate. Urge HHS to let all organizations and individuals offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that doesn't violate their moral and religious convictions.

Then **ask your Representative & Senators to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act** and to ensure respect for the religious liberty & conscience rights of all participants in our nation's health care system.

Message to HHS: The Administration's "advance notice" does not correct the fundamental problems in its contraceptive mandate.

Both the coercive mandate itself, and its extremely narrow exemption for "religious employers," remain unchanged. Almost all private health plans, even those sponsored by many religious organizations, will be required to pay for or facilitate coverage for sterilization and all FDA-approved "contraceptives," including drugs that can cause abortion. This coverage will be provided "automatically" to employees and their dependents, including minors, whether the employees want the coverage or not. Employers will have no right to act on their values when they provide health coverage. Employees, and those who provide or purchase health insurance outside the employer context, will have no freedom to opt out.

I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions.

Message to Congress: Please support and work for passage of the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179, S. 1467). The Administration's decision to mandate coverage of sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that can cause an abortion, makes passage of this measure especially urgent. The March 21 HHS notice of additional rulemaking does not change the coercive mandate itself or its extremely narrow exception for "religious employers." The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act will ensure that the religious liberty and conscience rights of all participants in our nation's health care system are respected.

The deadline for comments to HHS is June 19. Please act today! Thanks!

Readings and Mass Intentions (June 17 ~ June 24, 2012)	
Sunday 6/17	Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
8:00 am	All Fathers, Living & Deceased
9:30 am	All Fathers, Living & Deceased
11:00 am	All Fathers, Living & Deceased
1:00 pm (Spanish)	All Fathers, Living & Deceased
3:30 pm (Latin)	All Fathers, Living & Deceased
6:00 pm	All Fathers, Living & Deceased
Monday 6/18	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
6:45 am	† William Whitehurst by MaryKay Buckley
8:00 am	(B-Day) Intentions of Roman Pecora & Madeline Flores by Grandma & Grandpa
Tuesday 6/19	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
6:45 am	† Daryl Atkins by Georgina & Jeff Reynolds
8:00 am	† Frank Ochinerio by Genevieve & family
Wednesday 6/20	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
6:45 am	† Reynaldo Orito, Sr by Josie Orito & family
8:00 am	† Msgr. Laserian Byrne by Pat & Linda Mastro
Thursday 6/21	Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
6:45 am	† Msgr. Laserian Byrne by Mary Borges
8:00 am	† Peggy Samson by Francis Samson
Friday 6/22	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23
6:45 am	† Granny "B" by MaryKay Buckley
8:00 am	† Msgr. Laserian Byrne by Nikki, Giuliano, Evangelea & Evenia
Saturday 6/23	2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34
8:00 am	† Elizabeth Fry by her daughters
5:15 pm	† Jean B. Aranaz by Rebecca Mestas
7:00 pm (Spanish)	† Louise & John Buffo by J. Silva
Sunday 6/24	Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
8:00 am	† Rosalina Tomas Duque by Ramon Duque, Jr
9:30 am	† Leona Garber by Barbara Orlando
11:00 am	† Angie & Sam Megna by Betty Uggla
1:00 pm (Spanish)	Pro Populo
3:30 pm (Latin)	† Lenore Karsted by Thomas & Martha Slaven
6:00 pm	† Casey J. Stephenson by Maritza S. Lazar

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Prayer is the spiritual food that your relationship needs. Prayer, whether said alone or together, has the power to strengthen your bond. A 1999 study conducted by the Ministry to Interchurch Marriages found that joint religious activity by husband and wife is a predictor of marital stability. How do you feed the spiritual needs of your marriage? John Bosio – Happy Together: the Catholic Blueprint for a Loving Marriage, © 2008

A Couple's prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that our love for each will continue to grow deeper everyday. Please grant us the time and desire to pray with and for one another. May we always strive to keep you at the center of our marriage; reigning in our hearts, motivating our love, and guiding our actions.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Recently Requested Masses and Intentions

Edward Ferreira by Irene Ferreira

Intentions:

(RoseMarie) Redondo by Judy Simuns
Ursula Sullivan by Judy Simuns
Ligaya Elizondo by Judy Simuns



Banns of Marriage

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

David Lopez and Frances Garcia
Larry Cabrera and Michelle Martinez

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

Our **sincerest** apologies to Patricia Ray for the oversight of not publishing a scheduled Mass Intention for your deceased husband, Dean N Ray.

The Mass was offered Friday, June 15, 2012 at 5:30pm. Our prayers are forever offered for you and your family.

Father's Day Blessing

On Fathers day and always,
may this gesture of love
express my gratitude
for all you have given me.

May your Father's day be filled
with the same joy and laughter
with which you have filled my life.
Thank you for your strength,
your wisdom and your love.

Pray for the Sick:

We pray for Norma Jean Liscano, Myriah Torres and 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.

For the weekend of June 3, 2012

This week's plate income: **\$23,665.00**

Last year's plate income: **\$25,318.24**

Difference: - \$ 1,653.24

Year to Date Plate Collection:

7/1/2010 - 5/31/2011: **\$1,157,357.61**

7/1/2011 - 5/31/2012: **\$1,164,754.21**

Difference +\$ 7,396.60

Thank you for your generosity!



SUMMER NIGHTS:
 Sports, Ice Cream & Bible Study
 6:00-8:00pm, in the Event Center
 (Enter by the glass doors on Maroa Ave)

June 19: Intro & Abel
The Bible's First Little Brother

June 26: Mary
The Bible's first & only pregnant virgin

Applications available in Parish Office & Parish website
 Cost: \$20
ALL NEW 6th, 7th & 8th graders are WELCOME!!
Sign Up NOW!

For more information, contact Sarah Moreno at
 439-0124 ext. 110 or
smoreno@stanthonyfresno.org

RADIANT JOY
Life Teen
 All High School Teens Welcome
 7:00pm till 9:00pm
Leading Teens Closer to Christ
 June 24th, July 1st, July 8th and July 15th
 Steubenville July 27th - 29th

All incoming Freshman are welcome to attend

Questions email:
 Sharon at schristison@stanthonyfresno.org
 or call 439-0124 ext. 111



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!
STEBENVILLE SAN DIEGO

July 27 thru 29 will be held on USD campus this year. Cost will be 275.00.

June 24th teens will be speaking at all the masses about the Steubenville Conference.

If you would like to sponsor a teen please contact Sharon Christison at 439-0124.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD has concluded for this school year. We thank all those who have participated – the teachers, the assistants and especially the children!

Thanks for sharing your faith with us. We will resume again in September. Enjoy your summer – and we'll see you in Church.

NOTE: There are a couple vacancies for the teachers @ the 11:00 Mass. Please consider this ministry for next year. Everyone takes one Sunday a month & materials are provided. If you are interested, please contact Martha @ mdanksferg@stanthonyfresno.org. And thanks!

Reflection.....

- Becoming small is not the same as playing small. False humility is true pride.
- What is impressive to the world does not impress in heaven.
- Holiness and effectiveness are not judged by how strong we appear, but by how strong we become ... in Christ.
- Christianity is filled with paradoxes: "to live you must first die", "the last will be first", "the greatest shall be the servant." God does not "think" as humans do.

T-SHIRTS NEED SPONSORS

If you or your business would like to help and make a tax deductible donation for our summer program's bible camp t-shirts, please contact Mary Briseño at 439-0124 ext.119 or mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org. A full or partial donation would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and prayers.

SONSHINE SUMMER BIBLE CAMP 2012

For: Children entering K -6th Grades (in fall 2012)
 When: **June 25th - June 29th** (Monday through Friday)
 Time: **8:30 am to 11:30 am**
 Where: **St. Anthony's School Campus**
 Why: To learn more about Jesus through Bible Stories, Arts & Crafts, Plays, Songs, Prayers, and Lots of Fun!
 Fee: Only \$40.00 one child, \$70 two, and \$90 three + (includes materials, snacks, and t-shirt)



REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED TODAY SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH AFTER THE 9:30 & 11:00 AM MASSES IN FRONT OF THE CONFERENCE ROOM

Registration Forms available at the Parish Office, Church Entrances or on our Website at www.stanthonyfresno.org
Deadline: June 18, 2012 (to order t-shirt)

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

High school youth and adult leaders are needed. If you are interested, please contact me ASAP.

ST. ANTHONY FOOD DRIVE IS NEXT WEEKEND JUNE 23rd & 24th WEEKEND!

Catholic Charities continues to assist those who are still struggling to put food on the table and provide for their families. Your kindness and generosity has been tremendous! Please bring your non-perishable food items to the truck located in the St. Anthony parking on June 23rd & 24th. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated; please send checks to: **Catholic Charities**

149 N. Fulton Street Fresno, CA 93701

“When you are called from your prayers or the Eucharistic celebration to serve the poor, you lose nothing, since to serve the poor is to go to God. You must see God in the faces of the poor.” - St Vincent de Paul



The Silver Angels Senior Ministry invites you to join us on a Two-Night Retreat at St. Clare's Retreat House (near Santa Cruz)

We will leave St. Anthony's on Tuesday, 7/10/12 at 8:30am and will return on Thursday, 7/12/12, at approximately 5:00pm. En route, we will stop at the Santa Cruz wharf for lunch (sack lunch or restaurant of your choice within walking distance).

Cost: Single-\$165.00; Double-\$155.00, all meals at retreat house included.

Theme: “The Mystery of Suffering.” At St. Clare's request, we will observe silence during our second day. Please pick-up forms at church office; final payment due July 1, 2012. For additional information please call Marti, 431-1985 or Antoinette, 431-9536.

Meals with Wheels Ministry *This ministry helps many parishioners who occasionally are in dire need of meals due to illness, injury or surgery. We also need volunteers who would be willing to prepare a simple meal (only two or three times a year). We need your help. It's easy to do and the costs are minimal. If you know someone who is need of a meal please, contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, x105 or 112.*



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.” ~ Matthew 25:35

Library Volunteers needed to help out for only 15 minutes before and after the Sunday Masses. If you'd like to volunteer please contact Leona at: 432-5435. Thank you!



FATIMA'S FAITHFUL MONTHLY MEETING

“Fatima, more important than ever.” ~ Blessed John Paul II

Come join Fatima's Faithful Group on Thursday, June 28th, @ 6:30pm in Office Boardroom. New comers are always welcome. For further information please contact Sr. Rosa Maria in the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, 112.

Tuesday Night 'FAITH BIBLE STUDY'

w/Deacon Ed Valdez will be on a summer break until further notice.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Remember...to “Preach the Gospel at all times, when necessary use words.” ~ St. Francis of Assisi



WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE



This group meets every Thursday Mornings

10:00am to 11:30am in Room #21

Study on: Daily Readings or Sunday Readings

Childcare available in Room #24.

If you have any questions please contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 112.

24 HOUR PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPLE

IS IN URGENT NEED OF 2nd ADORERS TO COVER THE HOURS LISTED BELOW...!



If you are interested or would like to become an adorer for one of these hours below...PLEASE call the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124 ext. 105 or 112.

12am - Sunday/1am - Wednesday & Sunday/2am - Monday, Saturday & Sunday/4am - Saturday

6pm - Friday/3pm - Saturday/11pm - Saturday & Sunday

“You dwell, my Lord Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist. You are here, within a few feet of me, in the tabernacle... How close you are, my God, my Savior, my Jesus... Saint Mary Magdalene was no nearer to you when she sat at your feet at Bethany than I am at the foot of the altar.” ~ Bl. Charles de Foucauld



For the Ride Home

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 17, 2012



SCRIPTURE

- lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ezekiel 10:24))
- The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.(Psalm 116:13)
- for we walk by faith, not by sight. ... (2Corinthians 5:7)
- But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mark 4:32)

REFLECTION?

- How is the gospel spread on Earth?
- How are you part of spreading the gospel?
- How are you enabled to listen for the Spirit and follow God's direction for your life?
- How does your faith community or your parish fit into your faith life?

For Catholics, this takes on special meaning today. According to the Second Vatican Council, "It is the special vocation of the laity to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and directing them according to God's will. They live in the world, in each and every one of the world's occupations and callings and in the ordinary circumstances of social and family life which, as it were, form the context of their existence. There they are called by God to contribute to the sanctification of the world within, like leaven, in the spirit of the Gospel, by fulfilling their own particular duties¹

¹USCCB, Everyday Christianity: To Hunger And Thirst For Justice - A Pastoral Reflection on Lay Discipleship for Justice in a New Millennium, 1998 Ted Bergh, © ParishVision LLC 2012 ----- Visit ParishVision.org.

Happy Father's Day!

What Is A Dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail...

unknown

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.

- Jim Valvano

"I talk and talk and talk, and I haven't taught people in 50 years what my father taught by example in one week."

-- Mario Cuomo

Small boys become big men through the influence of big men who care about small boys.

~Anonymous

The greatest thing a FATHER can do for his children is to love their mother.

- Anjaneth Garcia Untalan

Footprints

"Walk a little slower daddy," said a child so small. "I'm following in your footsteps and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast, Sometimes they're hard to see; so walk a little slower Daddy, for you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up you're what I want to be; Then I will have a little child who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right, and know that I was true so, walk a little slower, Daddy, for I must follow you".





St. Agnes Mission Altar servers will be having the following fundraisers to raise money for their annual appreciation day trip. This year the Servers are trying to raise money for a fun-filled day to Magic Mountain. All money raised will primarily be used for this trip. Thank you all who have supported our fundraisers.

SAVE THE DATE: August 18, 2012 2nd Annual Hot August Day's Car Show - more details to come!

TODAY, June 17th The Diocese of Fresno is asking for a special second collection for the Priests Retirement Fund.

Please help the Diocese provide for those who have dedicated their lives to serving God's people and donate generously to the Annual Father's Day 2nd collection which benefits the Priest's Retirement Fund.

Also, please consider remembering the Priest Retirement Fund in your will and/or estate planning. For more information please write to: Trustees of the Priest's Retirement Fund at 1550 N. Fresno St., Fresno, Ca 93703-3788.



This collection will also be available for future clergy needs and the fund will continue to grow and strengthen in the years to come.

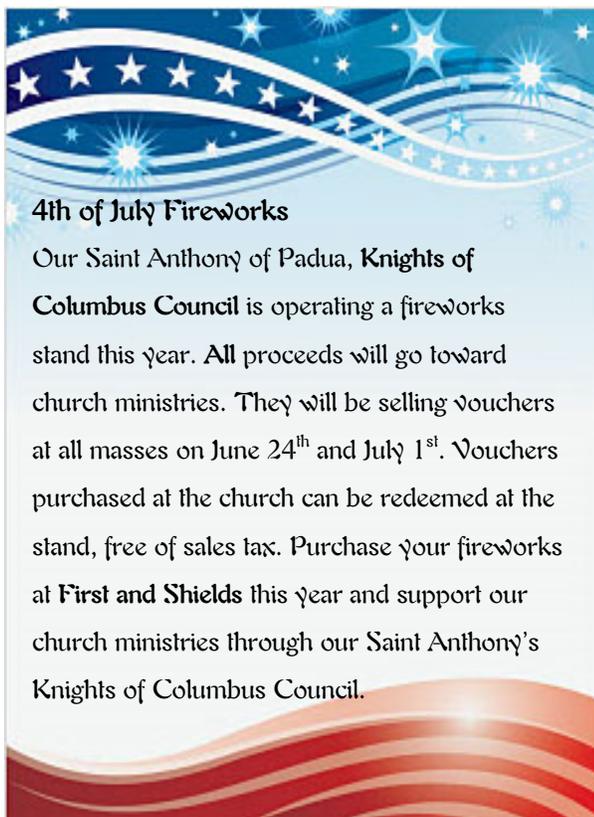
St. Anthony of Padua parishioners have always been extremely generous with donations and have continued to support our clergy throughout the years. Please keep our priests in your prayers and thank you for your generosity of spirit and treasure.

Envelopes are available in the pews.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

KNXT-TV, our local Catholic TV station, is searching for a Web and Programming Assistant who will be responsible for maintaining and updating the KNXT Web Site in addition to maintaining and reviewing live streaming of Channel 49 on the internet, assisting in researching programming and conducting various administrative activities. Strong computer skills necessary.

To apply contact the HR department (559) 493-2852, Please send resume and cover letter by June 18, 2012 to jcampopiano@dioceseoffresno.org and cc: rosamaria@dioceseoffresno.org.



4th of July Fireworks

Our Saint Anthony of Padua, Knights of Columbus Council is operating a fireworks stand this year. All proceeds will go toward church ministries. They will be selling vouchers at all masses on June 24th and July 1st. Vouchers purchased at the church can be redeemed at the stand, free of sales tax. Purchase your fireworks at **First and Shields** this year and support our church ministries through our Saint Anthony's Knights of Columbus Council.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
 Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
 you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
 bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
 to every corner of society.
 We ask you to bless us
 in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
 Give us the strength of mind and heart
 to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
 give us courage in making our voices heard
 on behalf of the rights of your Church
 and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.
 Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
 a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
 gathered in your Church
 in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
 so that, with every trial withstood
 and every danger overcome—
 for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
 and all who come after us—
 this great land will always be "one nation, under God,
 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**"Come and See Days"
For Young Single Women ages 18-35
Friday, June 29 - Sunday, July 1, 2012**

Where: Sister Disciples of the Divine Master
3700 N. Cornelia Avenue
Fresno, CA 93722
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
(or choose one day or a day with an overnight)
Registrations: Please call Sr. M. Tiziana at (559) 275-9978
Donations accepted.

Federacion Mariana de Guadalupe

invites you to their

Annual Seminarian and Scholarship Award Banquet

When: Saturday, June 23, 2012
Where: San Joaquin Memorial High School
Contact: Frances Mariscal at 323-0177

Centering Prayer Weekend Retreat
(July 13-15) & 7-Day Intensive (July 13-19)
St. Anthony's Retreat Center

Are you feeling called to cultivate a deeper relationship of intimacy with God? "Come aside and rest awhile," as Jesus says, and refresh your body, mind and spirit with some time of prayerful rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal. Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift.

For more information or to register call:
Everardo Pedraza centeringprayerretreat@yahoo.com or
559-230-9736.

San Joaquin Memorial High School is now accepting applications for Fall 2012 enrollment. Memorial is a college preparatory Catholic high school offering smaller class sizes, high SAT scores, AP classes, Block Scheduling, 99% college-bound success rate, sports, visual and performing arts programs, clubs and community service groups, all within a safe, family-oriented, religious environment. Please contact Raquel Hotz for details at 559-268-9251 or rhotz@sjmhs.org.



**Camping Retreat
June 24 - 29, 2012**

St. Anthony Retreat is offering a special retreat for adults who love the outdoors and want to experience prayer and God's presence in an outdoor setting. The retreat includes the first and last night accommodations at St. Anthony Retreat Center, with three nights camping in King's Canyon National Park. The cost is \$375 which includes a private room and bath at St. Anthony Retreat, park fees and campsite fees as well as all meals and reflection materials.

For more information, please call
St. Anthony Retreat at 561-4595.



A Life Line for Married Couples

Fresno's Retrouvaille community just completed its June English & Spanish weekends. 28 Couples finished the weekend, and continue the program. That's 28 families who now have a fighting chance.

Their journey has just begun. Retrouvaille saves the troubled marriage, with it's three month program. Please continue to keep these couples and their children in your prayers.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

In my four plus years here at Catholic Charities, I have witnessed incredible generosity amongst the parish communities throughout the Diocese of Fresno. You, the people, have heard our pleas and responded by bringing in cash donations, canned goods to help our Thanksgiving Drive and warm coats to keep those less fortunate protected from the cold winter nights. For this we are humbled and grateful beyond words. Thank you for making Catholic Charities part of your charitable giving and we will continue to pray that God blesses each of you in this summer as you have blessed us. We are in GREAT need of volunteers at each of our sites in Merced, Fresno and Bakersfield.

Please contact Virginia Mendoza at 559-237-0851, Ext. 1100 or email vmendoza@ccdof.org if you have any questions or to find out how you can help. Donations can be mailed to 149 N. Fulton St., Fresno, CA 93701.

Thanks and blessings, Kelly Lilles



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Muchas parejas se casan durante este mes. Las bodas son ritos religiosos y culturales que celebran el inicio de un matrimonio. En 1215 el matrimonio se convirtió en sacramento cristiano. Este sacramento tiene un rito simple por el cual la pareja se casa proclamando en público su mutuo consentimiento. En Latinoamérica varios ritos culturales han sido incorporados al rito cristiano para embellecerlo con simbolismo y folclor.

Uno de estos ritos es el de las arras y es mencionado por Jesús en la parábola de la mujer que encuentra su moneda perdida. Según tradiciones judías y árabes la familia del novio entregaba una cantidad de dinero al padre de la novia. Algunas de estas monedas eran dadas a la novia como recuerdo del día de su boda. Esta costumbre llega a España durante la invasión de los Moros. Pero luego los españoles la trajeron a América.

Arras significan “garantía” y son las primicias del sostenimiento económico que el novio dará a la nueva familia que se establece en el matrimonio de la pareja. Normalmente son 13 monedas representando a Jesús y a los doce apóstoles. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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Las lecturas de este domingo nos alertan sobre la realidad y la importancia del tiempo de Dios. Ezequiel y el Evangelio según San Marcos nos recuerdan que nuestro trabajo y nuestros planes dependen de Dios. Porque Él toma nuestros pequeños esfuerzos y hace de ellos grandes obras. Pablo nos señala el tiempo de la “cosecha”, nos insta a estar atentos a su cumplimiento y nos llama a reconocer que debemos dedicar nuestro tiempo a agradecer a Dios. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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