

# St. Anthony of Padua

## Catholic Church



John heralded Jesus' coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

Acts 13:24

June 24, 2012

### **St. Anthony of Padua**

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Friday: 8:00am - 12:00pm  
(open during lunch)

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 8:00am., 5:15pm (Vigil Mass), 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

#### **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**

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday: 9:00 - 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 held at St. Anthony's

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday: 7:00 - 8:00pm

### **St. Anthony's School**

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# 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.*



**Get in the know:**  
A Q&A on the HHS health-care mandate

**H**Health care. It's something that all of us need, yet many cannot afford. That's why the U.S. Government, under the administration of President Barack Obama, developed the Affordable Care Act, which seeks to strengthen rights and protections for individuals in their health insurance plans.

But one item buried in the extensive new law, which is being rolled out by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services over the next several year, has drawn a considerable amount of attention in the public square—a clause that will provide birth control pills, abortion-inducing drugs and sterilizations, all for free through health insurance plans.

The problem? All employers are being mandated to provide this coverage - including Catholic institutions. The HHS rule allows only a very narrow exemption for a “religious employer”. Religious organizations providing education, health care and charitable services to all people in need could not qualify for the exemption.

On Feb. 10, President Obama adopted the new policy as final rule, “without change”. Religious organizations that cannot qualify for the exemption will have an extra year to comply; but before the end of that period, an additional rule will be issued to make sure that their employees receive the mandated coverage despite the employer’s objection. In mid-March, the Obama administration announced a 90-day comment period on possible ways to implement the mandate.

The mandate has produced an outcry of protest, not just from Catholic leaders, institutions and individuals, but people of other faith denominations asking, “Are we next?” And yes, many women, too. Their protests have revolved around on central issue - the violation of religious liberty.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, native St. Louis priest and now head of the Archdiocese of New York, said it best when he noted, “In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences.”

What does this issue mean for Catholics, who believe that birth

control, abortion and sterilization all run contrary to Church teaching?

*Edward Hogan, director of the archdiocesan Paul VI Pontifical Institute, has developed the following Q&A on the HHS health care mandate.*

**Q. Many Catholics believe that the Church’s teaching on conscience means that every individual must follow his or her own conscience, and respect others’ right to do the same. In opposing the HHS mandate, aren’t the bishops contradicting that teaching and imposing on the conscience of others?**

**A.** You are certainly right in saying that the Church teaches that everyone must follow their conscience, and respect others’ rights to do the same. But two comments must follow that up:

First follow-up: The Church is not telling other people what they can or cannot do. The bishops have not asked the government to prohibit individuals from paying for contraceptives, sterilizations, or potentially abortifacient drugs. That is a matter for their conscience. The bishops are only asking the government not to tell the Church that it - as an organization - must pay for something that is objects to. That is a matter for our conscience.

The Church teaches that contraception and sterilization and the use of potentially abortifacient drugs are gravely immoral. The Church’s opposition to these practices is rooted both in reason and in faith. But note, again: The bishops are not asking the government to tell other people not to engage in these practices. The bishops are asking that Church organizations themselves not be forced to pay for practices that they consider to be gravely immoral. In other words, if we’re talking about respecting consciences, what about respecting the Church’s conscience, too?”

Second: In addition to teaching respect for conscience, the Church also teaches that we have a duty to form our consciences. What does that mean? Let’s put it this way: Most people’s spontaneous dancing isn’t very impressive. It takes real training to produce skillful dancing. The same is true of our consciences. Acting according to “what I feel” is not the same as acting on conscience. A

conscience, like a body, needs to be trained if it’s going to work well. Many Catholics appeal to “conscience” to oppose the bishops, as you note. But as far as I can tell, this appeal usually lacks any notion of the duty to form one’s conscience.

**Q. I recently learned that the president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association, Sister Carol Keehan, said that the president’s compromise “protects the religious liberty and conscience rights of the Catholic institutions.” The executive director of Catholics United, James Salt, has stated, “If bishops aren’t willing to recognize the value of this compromise, I suspect their opposition is more about politics than serving the needs of the people” I know many people who think the mandate is OK. Is it possible that the bishops do not speak for all Catholics?**

**A.** Statistically, the answer is: certainly not. After all, every bishop supports the Church’s teaching on contraception. But reports indicate that a majority of Catholics use contraceptives. But that raises further questions:

First, what does it mean to be Catholic apart from one’s bishop, from the pope, from the Catechism of the Catholic Church? Let’s say the “Catholic vote” is divided on the issue, with 50 percent of the people in favor and 50 percent opposed. . . .but ALL bishops are on the one side of the question. Then is the “Catholic vote” really divided? I’d say we have a serious problem, in how people think of the Church. We speak of the Church as “the Body of Christ”. But every body has a head. The bishops aren’t just one more voting block within the Church; they are the head of the Body. So I’d say that we have a lot of people who think that they are part of a body with no head. That kind of body isn’t really alive.

Second, there comes a pint whee on has to ask oneself: “The Church believes X. I do not believe X. Therefore, does it make sense to say that I am a member of the Church? I’m not telling anybody to leave the Church! That’s not my job.

Readings and Mass Intentions (June 24 ~ July 1, 2012)	
<b>Sunday 6/24</b>	<b>Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17</b> <b>Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	† Rosalina Tomas Duque by Ramon Duque, Jr
<b>9:30 am</b>	† Leona Garber by Barbara Orlando
<b>11:00 am</b>	† Angie & Sam Megna by Betty Uglla
<b>1:00 pm (Spanish)</b>	Pro Populo
<b>3:30 pm (Latin)</b>	† Lenore Karsted by Thomas & Martha Slaven
<b>6:00 pm</b>	† Casey J. Stephenson by Maritza S. Lazar
<b>Monday 6/25</b>	<b>2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5</b>
<b>6:45 am</b>	Intentions of James Guthrie by Marcy & Alan Guthrie
<b>8:00 am</b>	† Ernestine Agnew by her family
<b>Tuesday 6/26</b>	<b>2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; 7:6, 12-14</b>
<b>6:45 am</b>	† Paul & Noreen Boele by Faye & Ed Boele
<b>8:00 am</b>	† Deceased Members of The Tony & AnnaMarie Ochinerio by their children
<b>Wednesday 6/27</b>	<b>2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20</b>
<b>6:45 am</b>	† Elaine Lyons by Dan & Carolyn Golden
<b>8:00 am</b>	† Carl Maas by Margaret, Jeff & Tim Maas
<b>Thursday 6/28</b>	<b>2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29</b>
<b>6:45 am</b>	† Charles Failla by Lillian & Harvey Armas
<b>8:00 am</b>	† Leona Garber by Leonard & daughter, Debbie
<b>6:00 pm</b>	“Knights of Columbus” Installation of Officers Mass
<b>Friday 6/29</b>	<b>Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 119; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19</b> <b>Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19</b>
<b>6:45 am</b>	† Robert Giometti by Anthony Gamber
<b>8:00 am</b>	† Maviella Mimi Jamieson by The Tookoians
<b>Saturday 6/30</b>	<b>Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	† Maria Del Carmen Martinez by The Lamb Family
<b>5:15 pm</b>	† Bernie Reynolds by Peter & Angela DeYoung
<b>7:00 pm (Spanish)</b>	† Marie & Victor Nattali by J. Silva
<b>Sunday 7/1</b>	<b>Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15;</b> <b>Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	† Floyd Knuffke by Terry Tolbert & Chris Knuffke
<b>9:30 am</b>	† Richard Danks by Pete & Angela DeYoung
<b>11:00 am</b>	† Vivian “Georgina” Caffejian by MaryKay Buckley
<b>1:00 pm (Spanish)</b>	Sto Jose Gregorio Hernandez por Eloisa Oscanga
<b>3:30 pm (Latin)</b>	Pro Populo
<b>6:00 pm</b>	† Juanita Manzula by Manuel Manzula

The following couples participated in our Marriage Preparation Class this weekend:

**Rogelio Alvarez and Edith Andaluz**  
**Mark Boujikian, Jr. and Caitlin Van Loon**  
**Daniel Dorris and Ana Luzanilla**  
**Oscar Garcia and Judi Ramos**  
**Mauricio Ibarra and Vanessa Covarrubias**  
**Ruben Irlas, Jr. and Karen Velasquez**  
**James Mendrin and Adrienne Cappelluti**  
**Jesus Olivas Rodriguez and Jenoveva Garcia**  
**Marcus Owen and Lallen Koeum**  
**Jesus Sahagun and Janet Hernandez**  
**Jaime Soto and Estrella Vargas**  
**Philip Toomey and Patricia Ramirez**  
**Ulises Torralva and Marina Rodriguez**  
**Carlos Tovar and Sandra Saldivar**

Please keep them in your prayers that the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them so that they may grow more deeply in love with God and with one another.

### Recently Requested Masses and Intentions

Edward Ferreira by Irene Ferreira  
 Cipriana C. Mangahas by Virginia Pacheco  
**Intentions:**  
 Raymond Mora by Manny & Virginia Pacheco  
 Gene Krebs by Manny & Virginia Pacheco



### Banns of Marriage

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

**Alfredo Flores and Claudia Arambula**

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

“How can I ever express the happiness of a marriage joined by the Church, strengthened by an offering, sealed by a blessing, announced by angels, and ratified by the Father? . . . How wonderful the bond between two believers, now one in hope, one in desire, one in discipline, one in the same service! They are both children of one Father and servants of the same Master, undivided in spirit and flesh, truly two in one flesh. Where the flesh is one, one also is the spirit.”  
 (Catechism of the Catholic Church ~1642)

### Pray for the Sick:

We pray for *Bethany Busick, MaryJane Weaver* and all those who are sick. May they feel the healing power of our prayers.

### Condolences:

We pray for *Erika Gonzalez, Basilides Capacete, Saverio Dino Verni* and 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 10, 2012

This week's plate income: **\$20,465.32**

Last year's plate income: **\$21,953.62**

**Difference: - \$ 1,488.30**

### 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!**

**SONSHINE SUMMER BIBLE CAMP 2012**



For: Children entering **K-6th Grades** (in fall 2012)  
 When: **June 25<sup>th</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup>** (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)

**YOU MAY STILL PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM**

- Church Entrances
- Website: [www.stanthonyfresno.org](http://www.stanthonyfresno.org)
- Register in person at St. Anthony's School on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:50am

**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](mailto:mbriseno@stanthonyfresno.org). Any amount is greatly appreciated! We would like to at least cover the t-shirt cost for our volunteers.

**Reflection....**

- \* God's movement in our lives – still today – should cause us not only to trust in His fidelity, but also to rejoice in His love for us!
- \* The Creator creates with purpose. The Father loves with purpose. God is not reactive but proactive.
- \* God's anointing of others is a witness to the greater purpose of our salvation. The Spirit is always at work for our salvation.



**Bible Study – the Book of Exodus:**

The Tuesday evening group is beginning a new study session of the book of **Exodus** & is open to new members. We welcome adults who wish to join us. We use materials from Little Rock Bible Study. We meet in the Board Room of the Parish Center from 7:00 to 8:30pm every Tuesday. Materials are available from the facilitator, Prof. Craig Bernthal. "Don't let the children of Israel leave Egypt without YOU!"

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

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

July 7: Joseph  
*The Bible's First Daydreamer*  
 Water games too!  
 Bring a towel & wear your suit!

**ALL NEW 6th, 7th & 8th graders are ALWAYS WELCOME!!**  
**Sign Up NOW!**

For more information, contact Sarah Moreno at 439-0124 ext. 110 or [smoreno@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:smoreno@stanthonyfresno.org)

**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 Masses about the Steubenville Conference.

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

**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](mailto:schristison@stanthonyfresno.org)  
 or call 439-0124 ext. 111

## Parish Ministries

### ST. ANTHONY FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity it has been tremendous!

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

### 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.

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS † JULY 6th



*Everyone is welcome to join the St. Padre Pio Devotees as they Gather for Mass at 5:30pm in Our Lady of*

*Guadalupe Chapel followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction, immediately following a conclusion of prayers for the intercession of St. Padre Pio.*

*"If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at a single Mass."*

~ St. Pio of Pietrelcino



### 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.

### ST. ANN'S BRIDGE CLUB

Come join us for fellowship & fun on **Monday, July 9th, at 12:00 noon** in the Conference Room.

For reservations call Rose Marie at: 439-2601 or Ann at: 439-1649. New comers are always welcomed!



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



### QUEEN OF THE HOLY FAMILY GUILD GROUP

**WILL BE ON A SUMMER  
BREAK UNTIL AUGUST.**



**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

### Tuesday Night 'FAITH BIBLE STUDY'



w/Deacon Ed Valdez will be on a summer break until further notice. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

*"Preach the Gospel at all times, when necessary use words."*

~ St. Francis of Assisi

### WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



This group will **NOT** be meeting on Thursday July 5th & 12th. **Class will resume on Thursday, July 19th!** Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions please contact the Office of Ministries at: 439-0124, ext. 112 or 105.

### Perpetual Adoration Chapel need Adorers & 2nd Adorers to Cover Hours Below...

Please call: 439-0124ext., 105 or 112 if you are interested. Thank you & God bless....



**Sunday @ 12am /Wednesday & Sunday @ 1am/Monday, Saturday & Sunday @ 2am  
Saturday @ 4am Friday @ 6pm/Saturday @ 3pm/Saturday & Sunday @ 11pm**

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus IT was the special desire of our Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to Blessed Margaret Mary, that the first Friday of each month be consecrated to the devotion to and adoration of His most Sacred Heart. In order to better prepare for it, it would be well to read, the evening before, some book treating of this devotion, or of the Passion of Our Lord, and to make a short visit to the Blessed Sacrament. On the day itself we should, on awaking, offer and consecrate ourselves, with all our thoughts, words, and actions, to Jesus, that His Sacred Heart may be thereby honored and glorified.



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But I do think there's a basic question of integrity that people aren't asking. "If I don't believe what the Church believes - (taking the pope, the bishops and the catechism as a ready measure for what the Church teaches) -then what does it mean to call myself Catholic?"

**Q. I am very confused about what the bishop's real issue is regarding the HHS mandate. What are they fighting for?**

A. Well, as far as I can tell, the only thing they're fight for is a more generous religious exemption to the HHS mandate. The way the mandate is currently written, you can have an exemption if you meet the following criteria: 1) You have the inculcation of religious values as your primary goal; 2) You hire primarily people of your own religion; 3) You serve primarily people of your own religion; 4) You are a tax-exempt organization under IRS rules.

Well, here's the deal: Our hospitals DON'T have the inculcation of religious values as their primary goal, they don't hire exclusively or primarily Catholics, and they don't serve exclusively or primarily Catholics. So, you're telling me they're not Catholic organizations because of those reasons? The same is true of Catholic Charities - it's not really Catholic, because it doesn't restrict itself to serving only people who are Catholic? That doesn't make any sense to me. And, while many of our schools DO serve primarily Catholics, some of them DO NOT. Is an inner city school not really Catholic because only 15 percent of the kids it serves are

Catholic?

The bottoms line is this: We don't serve people because THEY are Catholic, we serve people because WE are Catholic. The mission of Jesus Christ was, and is, to EVERYONE, and we try to carry forward that same mission. If we define the mission of Catholic hospitals of Catholic Charities or Catholic schools or Catholic parishes as being only to Catholics, we have contradicted the mission Jesus gave us.

So, we think that the administration is asking us to either a) violate our conscience and pay for services we believe are gravely immoral (we're not saying that people can't do those things, only that if they're going to do them we shouldn't have to pay for them), or b) define our mission as being solely to Catholics. We don't think we can, in good conscience, do either. And we fear that, if this mandate passes, it will be the first of the things we are told that we must or must not do.

**Q. Didn't the president address those issues in his compromise, when he required the insurance companies to offer those things free of charge - so the Church doesn't have to pay for them?**

A. Not so fast. The old dictum is "There's no such thing as a free lunch". If the president orders Jiffy Lube to offer free windshield wipers to anyone who asks for them, who do you think is going to end up paying for those windshield wipers? People who get an oil change at Jiffy Lube. If my insurance company is told to offer something free of charge, who do you

think is actually going to pay for that? I am - one way or another. That's the way our economy works. The costs are going to get passed on to the customer, one way or another.

**Q. Sometimes the issue seems really complex. Can you put it in a nutshell?**

A. OK, let's make a long story short: The bishops are asking that the Church itself, as an institution, not to be forced to pay for things that it explicitly teaches are gravely immoral (contraception, sterilization, potentially abortifacient drugs). They're not asking that the government to tell other people what they can and can't do; they're asking that the Church itself not be forced, against our conscience and explicit teachings, to pay for them.

Here's a simply analogy: When they grow up and leave our homes, our children will make their own choices about how to live. As parents, we can't interfere with their consciences - they are free to do as they wish. At the same time, we don't have give them money to do things that we think are morally objectionable - and no one should make us do that. I can respect their conscience. They have to respect mine. In other words, if people want to frame the issue in terms of respecting conscience, we're asking that the Church be among the conscience that are respected. If the government can tell the Catholic Church that it has to violate its own teachings . . . well, what will be next?

That's what I think the bishops are fighting for, as I work for them.

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**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist June 24, 2012**

**SCRIPTURE**

- \* I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Isaiah 49:6)
- \* Truly you have formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. (Psalm 139:13)
- \* Behold, one is coming after me (Acts 13:25)
- \* "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. (Luke 1:66)

**REFLECTION**

- \* How did John the Baptist fulfill his calling?
- \* God formed you to be unique in all the world – have you found how you are to serve God in this world?
- \* How will living your life by sharing your gifts with God's creation change your world; your being?

Believing in the dream of heaven on earth, we live with the confidence that heaven is not only at the end of the journey but accompanies us along the way. At some time or another we have all glimpsed the new creation. Our response? Praise wells up within us. Praise assures us that we live daily in the radiance of God; it gives us a strength to choose a freedom, a greater sense of giftedness, and an awareness of our bond with humanity and creation. Our willingness to sing and dance an alleluia – this is the sign of life in the Spirit! This is our ongoing prayer as it was for Francis. <sup>1</sup> Wayne Simsic, Living the Wisdom of St

Francis, Paulist Press; Mahwah NJ 2001, p. 101 Ted Bergh, © ParishVision Llc 2012 ----- Visit ParishVision.org.





### St. Agnes Hot August Days Car Show

**When:** Saturday, August 18

**Time:** 9:00 - 2:00pm

**Where:** St. Anthony of Padua

If you are interested in entering a car/motorcycle or like to rent a vendor booth, please contact Phyllis Carmona 299-5549. There will be food, refreshments, raffles, all donations are welcome.

### Propagation of the Faith

Saturday June 30 & Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup> will we have Father Rayanna Pudota from the Diocese of Nellore, South India, speak on the behalf of the Missionary work and needs of the Catholic community in India. A second collection will be taken on behalf of the Missionary requests as a part of the directive from the Diocese of Fresno. We appreciate your attention and support of our outreach.

As quoted from Blessed Pope John XXIII:

*"No undertaking, perhaps, is so pleasing to God as supporting the Missionary work of the Church. All who are reckoned Christians or boast of that name must contribute their support either by their prayers or by an offering according to their means."*

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

**June 24, 2012, The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

O God, who raised up Saint John the Baptist to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord, give your people, we pray, the grace of spiritual joys and direct the hearts of all the faithful into the way of salvation and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### Reflection question:

What can I do this week to make the world a little more ready to receive Christ the Lord?

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Come and join the **Knights of Columbus** every **first Saturday of the month** directly after the 8:00am Mass, reflecting on the Rosary for Life. This Rosary is the Scriptural Rosary selecting one of the mysteries each month. Each mystery draws on exact bible passages corresponding to each mystery. Come pray and offer this rosary in union with our blessed mother to battle abortion.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. 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  
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Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm  
(or choose one day or a day with an overnight)  
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Donations accepted.

**Volunteer Opportunities at The Nazareth House**

We are seeking volunteers for two positions:  
1) The reception desk and  
2) Organist twice month for our 9:30am Sunday Mass

Anyone who would like more information about the reception desk or is interested in serving our community should contact Margaret Rosales @ (559) 213-0265.

For more information regarding the organist, please contact Sr. Rose at (559) 237-2257.

**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](mailto:jcampopiano@dioceseoffresno.org) and cc: [rosamaria@dioceseoffresno.org](mailto:rosamaria@dioceseoffresno.org).

**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](mailto: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



A Life Line for Married Couples

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced.

For confidential information about or to register for the July program in Bakersfield beginning with a weekend on July 6-8 call 661-747-2212 or email: [slmagana12@att.net](mailto:slmagana12@att.net) or visit the web site at [www.Helpourmarriage.com](http://www.Helpourmarriage.com).

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# La Natividad de san Juan Bautista

“Después de mí viene uno a quien no merezco desatarle las sandalias”.  
Hechos 13:25

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**24 DE JUNIO, 2012**

## Oración del Mes

*Intenciones del Papa para el mes de junio: que los creyentes puedan reconocer en la Eucaristía la presencia viva de Cristo Resucitado quien los acompaña en la vida cotidiana (General); Que los cristianos puedan redescubrir su verdadera identidad y participar con mayor entusiasmo en la proclamación del Evangelio (misión).*

## AHORA MISMO!

Juan el Bautista fue señalado por Dios para tener un papel único en nuestra salvación. Según el Evangelio su concepción y nacimiento fueron poco comunes y su nombre le fue dado por el mismo Dios. Como ya sabemos Juan, que era primo de Jesús. Juan se preparó para su misión solo en el desierto, pero la gente se enteró dónde él estaba y fueron allí. En su prédica decía que **ahora** es el momento de arrepentirse y quedar limpio. El Señor está aquí, proclamaba Juan, y derramará el Espíritu Santo sobre ustedes. La gente le preguntaba qué debían hacer. Juan le contestó que tuvieran un comportamiento justo y compasivo (véase Lucas 3:10-4). ¡La urgencia de este mensaje es para nosotros! Hemos sido bautizados, nos podemos arrepentir de nuestros pecados y tenemos que cambiar nuestra vida ahora mismo. Copyright © 2011, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

## Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Qué puedo hacer esta semana para que el mundo esté más listo para recibir al Señor Jesús? Tomado del *Misal Romano*, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Company, Inc.

## La responsabilidad vivida ahora

Ora para que des buen testimonio de tu fe a los demás. Instruye a tus hijos; capacítate como catequista, lector o lectora, o líder de un grupo de adultos que comparten su fe. Invita a alguien a ir a Misa contigo.

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## MISA del PRIMER VIERNES

Viernes 6 de julio, 7pm  
Capilla de Guadalupe



## HORA SANTA

El Ministerio de Padres y Madres Orantes te invita todos los Primeros viernes para orar durante la Hora Santa. Necesitas oración por tu familia, o por tus hijos? Acompáñanos! Próximo viernes 1 de junio después de la Misa del Primer Mes.  
Capilla de Guadalupe.

## LO QUE HACE MÁS FALTA

*Este mundo no necesita más cristianos, lo que hace falta es más cristianos que vivan su fe cristiana.*  
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