

St. Anthony of Padua

August 12, 2012



“I am the bread of life,
says the Lord; whoever
comes to me will not
hunger and whoever
believes in me will not
thirst.”

John 6:35

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)

Misa en español del Primer Viernes: 7:00pm
(Capilla de Guadalupe)

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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Don't Forget! You can access our bulletin *ANYTIME* on our website: www.stanthonyfresno.org.

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Mission Statement

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.

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15, 2012

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule)

Tuesday August 14

5:30pm Vigil Mass-English

Wednesday August 15

6:45am English

8:00am English

5:30pm English

7:00pm Spanish

PLEASE NOTE: Parish and School Offices will be closed for a staff retreat





A Mary Day

The impetus for the celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary did not come from on high. It came from deep in the earth, deep in the human spirit. The groundswell of devotion to Mary has always been with us. By the fourth century Mary was honored as the Mother of God. She was honored by her own son as the blessed one who hears God's word and keeps it. Today we celebrate the triumph of Mary and of all who hear God's word and keep it.

COMMENT

Mary is the first of those who came wholly into God's presence. In the earliest of the Church documents, we read of the "dormition"—that is, the falling asleep or death—of Mary. Documents dating from the fifth century indicate that the Church in the East celebrated the feast of the Dormition of Mary.

The celebration of her assumption expresses our faith in the saving power of the resurrection of Christ. Celebrations of Mary are at root celebrations of Christ. There is a "proper order" to our celebration, Paul tells us: "Christ the firstfruits; and then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ." This is how those who have "fallen asleep" will be raised from the dead. The Church has long known that if anyone belonged to Jesus, it was Mary—although in the natural order of things, Jesus first belonged to Mary; he was her child, after all. That is the focal point of the Gospel reading of the day. And what a child!

Bright and early, we might imagine, Mary was up and off to visit her cousin Elizabeth. This rare down-home story is peculiar to Luke, and we are glad to have it for all days and especially for today. It was by the gift of the Holy Spirit that Elizabeth recognized that the pregnant Mary was to be mother of "my Lord." Mary's response to Elizabeth's faith is the *Magnificat*. This prayer connects Mary back to another woman of faith, the mother of the judge Samuel. Mary's prayer draws heavily from 1 Samuel 2:1–8. Mary belongs to the long line of great women of her race.

REFLECTION

She is also the crown of all women. Mary blesses God, but on this day, we call Mary blessed. We celebrate her as the Mother of God and at the same time the one who belongs to God—fully and at long last. The Church has specially honored Mary, and in the West, she "... belonged to him" from the beginning of her life to its end without end. The feast of the Immaculate Conception in dark winter considers the beginning. As the new Church year begins, we celebrate her. It is fitting that one conceived without sin should bear the sinless one. Now, in high summer's season of abundant fruits, we pause to celebrate the reflected glory of Christ—first Christ, and "then ... those who belong to Christ."

The first reading is a passage from the highly symbolic Book of Revelation, the last book of the Christian Scriptures. Placed here on this feast day, we are invited to regard Mary as the triumphant one, clothed in the colors and surrounded by the creatures that connote the heavens—the stars, the moon. She bore the child who would defeat all sin and evil. Jesus is the one who would save the people from their sins. Business as usual would be upended. As Mary's *Magnificat* proclaims, the mighty are cast off their thrones and the lowly are lifted up. The hungry are filled. The rich are sent away empty. The second reading echoes this upending and the triumph of God. The eternal life won by Jesus and given fully to Mary is the manifestation of God's promise fulfilled. Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Readings and Mass Intentions (August 12 ~ August 19, 2012)	
Sunday 8/12	1 Kgs 19:4 - 8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 - 5:2; Jn 6:41 - 51
8:00 am	† Joseph Desmond by May & Jim Collins
9:30 am	† Frances Tjomslund by Judy Orme
11:00 am	† Pierre Harguindeguy by Anna Harguindeguy
1:00 pm (Spanish)	Pro Populo
3:30 pm (Latin)	† Magdalena Corona by The Gerardi Family
6:00 pm	† Rosalie Wampler by Tom & MaryKay Hackett
Monday 8/13	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
6:45 am	† Jane Bentencourt by her sister, Ruth Aguirre
8:00 am	† Pietro & Davidina Mastrocinque by Rosana Lampman
Tuesday 8/14	Ez 2:8 - 3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
6:45 am	† Carlos Sanchez by Carolina Vasquez
8:00 am	† Juanita Manzula by Manuel Manzula
5:30 pm	† Donato Canzio by Leonardo Canzio
Wednesday 8/15	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
6:45 am	† J.W. Guthrie by March & Alan Guthrie
8:00 am	† Rosemary Lawrence by SA Staff
5:30pm	† Elizabeth Osborne by Kate King
7:00pm	† Norma Arostigui by SA- Gift Program
Thursday 8/16	Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 - 19:1
6:45 am	† Antonio A. Diokno by Violeta Diokno
8:00 am	† Carl Orlando by Barbara Orlando
Friday 8/17	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Mt 19:3-12
6:45 am	† Gwen Kovacevich by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Milla
8:00 am	† Deceased Members of the Tony & Anna Marie Ochiner Family
Saturday 8/18	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
8:00 am	† Elizabeth Fry by her daughters
5:15 pm	† Cristeta de Guzman by The Esteban Family
7:00 pm (Spanish)	† Guido Santiago Gallardo-Villalobos por su familia
Sunday 8/19	Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
8:00 am	† Catherine & Paul Tricarico by Antoinette & Angelo Pecora
9:30 am	† Luciana Parisi by MaryAnn Ricchiuti & family
11:00 am	† Margaret Velazquez by David & Alice Garcia
1:00 pm (Spanish)	Pro Populo
3:30 pm (Latin)	† Father Raymond Dunn, S.J.
6:00 pm	† Josephine Ochiner by Jim Ochiner & children

Recently Requested Masses And Intentions

Ethel Dietz by Joy Hubner
Jane Cipolla by Bob & Georgette Milla
Angel Marrone by The Tom Ferdinandi Family
Maria del Carmen Leños by
Deacon Ed Valdez & family

Intentions

Sister Janet Neisingh by
Deacon Ed Valdez & family



Banns of Marriage

The following couples will marry in the coming weeks:

Derrick Mendes and Michelle Parreira
Edward Bremer and Judy Hatch
Giancarlo Martinelli and Alysia Fierro

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

Pray for the Sick:

We 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.



For the weekend of August 5, 2012

This week's plate income: **\$28,011.00**

Last year's plate income: **\$25,509.62**

Difference: +\$ 1,501.38

Year to Date Plate Collection:

7/1/2011 - 7/31/2011: **\$ 118,919.23**

7/1/2011 - 7/31/2012: **\$ 121,322.91**

Difference +\$ 2,403.68

Thank you for your generosity!

MARRIAGE MATTERS

When at Mass with your spouse take advantage of the ritual called "the sign of peace" to celebrate your unity as a couple. This is one more opportunity during the Eucharistic celebration to tear down the obstacles that stand between your spouse and you. Make the words you say: "Peace be with you" truly an expression of good will and love for your spouse.

John Bosio – Happy Together: the Catholic Blueprint for a Loving Marriage, © 2008

Prayer for Peace of Heart

Almighty and Eternal God give us, we beseech You, the great gift of inward peace.

Command the winds and storms of our unruly passions.

Subdue, by Your grace, our proneness to love created things too much.

Give us a love of suffering for Your sake.

Make us forbearing and kind to one another, that we may avoid quarrels and contentions.

And teach us constantly to seek after and to acquire that perfect resignation to Your Holy Will, which alone brings interior peace. Amen.

www.maryprayers.com/PrayerstoOurLord

G.I.F.T. Growing in Faith Together
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2012-2013
REGISTER ON AUGUST 19TH

Registrations will be accepted in front of the Conference Room after all morning Masses.

Our program is a continuous study of Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation for grades K - 6th.

Classes are scheduled for:
Sundays: 3:30 - 4:45pm or
Tuesdays: 6:30 - 7:45pm

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office, Church Entrances, and on our website:
www.stanthonyfresno.org

For more information please contact:
Mary Briseño at 439-0124 ext. 119
[www.mbrisenostanthonyfresno.org](mailto:mbrisenostanthonyfresno.org)

BECOME A VOLUNTEER
TEACH OR ASSIST CHILDREN

We need many volunteers in different areas. If you are interested, you may reach Mary at the above contact information.

Children's Religious Education



Youth Ministry for
6th, 7th, & 8th Graders!!
 Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45pm in the Social Hall

BEGINNING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28!

Our theme for the year is
SOCIAL JUSTICE
 Our Patron for the year is
 St. Michael the Archangel

FOOD, GAMES, PRIZES
EXCITEMENT!!

Applications available on parish website and Church Office

Registration is \$50

Sacrament Prep available
 Sarah Moreno at 439-0124 ext. 110 or
smoreno@stanthonyfresno.org



Life Teen is looking for a few good men and women who are willing to give their time to volunteer with our High School teens.

Call Sharon Christison at 439-0124 ext: 111 for more information.

RADIANT JOY

Life Teen will Kick-Off on September 16th
 All teens in High School are welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS ARE :

September 27th - Diocese Holy Hour
 (Holy Spirit Church 7:00pm - 8:30pm)

October 14th - Visalia Youth Day
 (Know Him! Love Him! Serve Him!)

November 3rd - Inspiration Six Flags, Valencia

December 15th - Confirmation 1 & 2 Conference with Ike Ndole held at Holy Spirit.

Bible Study – the Book of Exodus:

Join us as we finish our study of the book of **Exodus**.



We welcome all 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.

Our Lady of Light

Breathe on us, O Spirit of Fire.
 Consume us, O Spirit of Love.
 Descend on us, O Spirit of Power.
 Visit us, O Spirit of God.
 Astonish us with new life as you astonished Mary of Nazareth.
 Touch our hearts with joy as you touched Mary of Bethlehem.
 Fill us with vintage wine as you filled Mary of Cana.
 Console us with each other as you consoled Mary of Calvary.
 Kindle us with your fire as you kindled Mary of Pentecost.
 May our hearts burn within us; with Mary, may we sparkle with the radiance of Christ.
Amen



God's



Calling

Won't you answer His call?

Middle School Youth Ministry wants you!!!!

It's fun, rewarding and it will make you laugh often (rumor has it, you may spend less time in purgatory too!)

To find out more contact: Sarah Moreno at 439-0124 ext. 110 or smoreno@stanthonyfresno.org

Parish Ministries

OUR LADY FATIMA ROSARY/MASS
Monday, August 13, 2012 @
St. Anthony of Padua Church


Come join us on **Monday, August 13th @ 6:30pm** to pray the Rosary followed by Mass @ 7:pm in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel. Let us also pray for the

conversion of poor sinners and for peace in the world! Remember what Our Lady of Fatima and the Angel said:

“Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. Add after each decade the following prayer: “O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are in most need of Thy Mercy.”

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

SENIORS ~ SILVER ANGELS


The Silver Angels Senior Ministry will be on respite during the month of August, but we will look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, September 11th** for our annual excursion to Chukchansi Casino— check next weekends bulletin for more details. Have a wonderful and blessed summer!

There will be **‘NO’**
TAIZÉ PRAYER
SERVICE in AUGUST!



We will see you in September!
“Be Still, and know that I am God”
 ~ Psalm 46:10


PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL NEEDS HOUR CAPTAIN & ADORERS TO HELP COVER THE HOURS LISTED BELOW...!

“Do you want many graces? Go and visit the Blessed Sacrament often. Do you want few graces? Visit the Blessed Sacrament rarely. Do you want none at all? Then never pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.” - St. John Bosco

6am Hour Captain Needed /Adorers Needed for hours below:

Monday @ 12noon/Saturday & Sunday @ 1pm

Tuesday @ 8pm /Saturday @ 11pm

If interested ...PLEASE call Office of Ministries at: 439-0124 ext. 105 or 112.

Wednesday, August 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (see page first page for Mass times)


On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII solemnly declared:

“By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS † SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th


The Monthly Memorial Mass is Saturday, August 18th @

5:15pm. At this Mass the descendants names will be read

out loud and a candle will be lit in memory of those who

have passed away a year ago in **August 2011**, here at

St. Anthony’s Church. We invite members of the families to come up after Mass to take the candle home as a memorial to your loved one. Questions? Please call 439-0124, ext. 105. or 112.

Join Us!

ST. ANN’S BRIDGE CLUB

Come join us for fellowship & fun on Monday,



August 13, 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!


FATIMA’S FAITHFUL MONTHLY MEETING

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

Come join Fatima's Faithful Group on Thursday, August 23rd, @ 6:30pm in Parish Office Boardroom. New comers are always welcome. For further information please contact Sr. Rosa Maria in the Office of Ministries at:439-0124, 112.

ST. ANTHONY FOOD DRIVE August 25th & 26th Weekend!

During these hot summer days...bottled water is a great necessity weekend of **August 25th & 26th**, please bring bottled water and non-perishable food items to the Catholic Charities truck that will be located in the parking that weekend. As always, we thank you in advance for your generosity...your contribution has helped to serve our community tremendously! Monetary donations are greatly appreciated; please send checks to: Catholic Charities 149 N. Fulton Street Fresno, CA 93701



If you questions or would like to volunteer at Catholic Charities, please contact: Rick & Kathy Martinez at: 431-3398.

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

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 the Ride Home
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2012

SCRIPTURE

- He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, (1 Kings 19:7,8)
- Taste and see how good the Lord is; blessed the man who takes refuge in him. (Psalm 32:9)
- And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. (Ephesians 4:32)
- I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51)

REFLECTION

- Who gives Elijah strength for his spiritual journey? Is this an inner journey?
- Does the Psalmist literally mean "taste and see" or is this metaphor for entering into the spiritual journey? How do you "take refuge" in God?
- Is being compassionate and loving each other a way to consume (enter) Christ?
- Is consuming Jesus, "the living bread," and "life of the world" both in the Eucharist and caring for others, the way to enter the eternal life that is God?

Jesus gave this act of oblation an enduring presence through his institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. He anticipated his death and resurrection by giving his disciples, in the bread and wine, his very self, his body and blood as the new manna (cf. *Jn* 6:31-33). The ancient world had dimly perceived that man's real food—what truly nourishes him as man—is ultimately the *Logos*, eternal wisdom: this same *Logos* now truly becomes food for us—as love. The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation. More than just statically receiving the incarnate *Logos*, we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving. The imagery of marriage between God and Israel is now realized in a way previously inconceivable: it had meant standing in God's presence, but now it becomes union with God through sharing in Jesus' self-gift, sharing in his body and blood. The sacramental "mysticism", grounded in God's condescension towards us, operates at a radically different level and lifts us to far greater heights than anything that any human mystical elevation could ever accomplish.¹ ¹Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est* 2005, Paragraph 13
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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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 does it mean to be an adopted son or daughter of the Father?

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**LOOKING BACK,
 ACTING FORWARD**

On an island in the Tiber River in Rome stands the small Basilica of Saint Bartholomew. In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II dedicated it as a shrine to all Christian victims of twentieth-century wars and persecution throughout the world. The side chapels in the basilica contain mementos of men and women who died for their Christian faith and their love of others. Some of them you will have heard of, some you will not. Many are Catholic, but Protestants and Orthodox Christians are also represented. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI visited the basilica and spoke of the great love shown by those whose names we know, as well as that of countless more souls known only to God who have given their lives or suffered torture or detention rather than betray their faith in Christ. The basilica is in the care of the



Community of Sant'Egidio, which was founded in Rome by high school students in 1968 and now claims fifty thousand members in over seventy countries. Pope Benedict's visit celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Community. Members are lay people who have decided to commit themselves to living the Gospel as fully as possible. They bond through Bible reading and daily prayer, and their stewardship is expressed in direct assistance to the poor, the elderly, and the homeless, and in medical care for people living with AIDS. They are also committed to an ongoing dialog with other Christian denominations and other faith traditions, and to peacemaking activities. Like the members of the Sant'Egidio Community, we should observe and value the images of the saints in our church. They serve as a constant reminder of the value of a gospel-centered life, and challenge us to risk whatever it takes to follow Christ in our daily life.



St. Agnes Mission Church

Saturday, August 25 - Tamale Sale (12:00pm - 4:00pm)

Homemade delicious *pork* tamales - \$20.00 dozen. Please call in your orders to the church office (439-2100) leave name, phone # and how many you are ordering. You may also contact Miguel Mireles 259-4205. Thank you for your continue support at the Mission.



Fr. Jerry Bevilacqua

Healing & Deliverance Annual Retreat

August 24 - 26, 2012

"The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen." 2 Tim.4:18

St. Anthony Retreat Center
43816 Sierra Drive † Three Rivers, Ca

Our retreat master for this weekend is Fr. Jerry Bevilacqua, OSA.



Fr. Jerry was ordained for the Order of St. Augustine in 1965. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy, and Master's Degrees in Religious Education, Library Science and Psychological Counseling. He has completed advance studies in Biblical Greek and Theology. Fr. Jerry provides training in spiritual warfare for priests, deacons and seminarians and is well known for his experience in the healing and deliverance ministry.

For more information, please contact:
Ben or Christy Villas at 271-1246.

GOD'S GOODNESS

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

- St. Paul of the Cross

Hot August Days Car Show



Saturday, August 18

9:00am - 2:00pm

Located at St. Anthony of Padua

If you are interested in entering a car/motorcycle or for more information, please contact Phyllis Carmona at 299-5549.

All proceeds will benefit St. Agnes Mission Church.

If you have a loved one or friend currently active in the military, or if you or a family member are retired military-living or deceased, a Memorial Wall will be presented and blessed at our car show. If you have a name or a picture that you would like displayed, please send via email to mmosier@stanthonyfresno.org or drop the picture off at our offices at St Anthony or St Agnes Mission before August 15th. (No original photos please-only copies)

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.

Sunday is our original - and at first our only - holy day. As time went on, some churches began keeping other days holy, too: days to remember an event in the life of Christ or Mary, or the anniversary of the death of saint.

In medieval Europe, these “feast days” were important. There was no such thing as a “weekend.” Every day - except Sunday - was a long and hard work day. A feast day meant that you only had to do the most necessary work. Then you could go to town for Mass, for socializing, playing, resting. It didn’t take long for feast days to multiply. Every so often the church would have to cut back the number, or else folks would go four or five days without working! Feast days were possible because most everyone in a locale was Catholic.

When Spanish Catholics came to North America, they tended to create Catholic towns. Many Native Americans, too, live in Catholic communities. To this day the pueblos of New Mexico still keep feast days with dancing and special foods. French Catholics, especially in Canada, kept alive some of their holy days. But Catholics from other countries lived in mixed communities with people of different religions. They could not close their stores because it was Ascension Thursday, or not help neighbors raise a barn on All Saints. Not until the great Catholic neighborhoods formed in the bigger cities could Catholics close up shop, go to morning Mass, and then

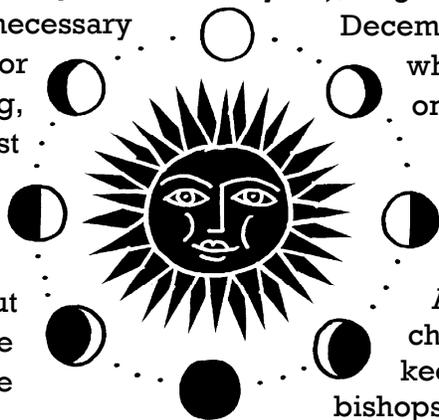
spend the day feasting and relaxing—even on a week day!

Bishops began to designate certain holy days as “holy days of obligation.” Usually these were feast days that were already popular in a given community. The number of holy days that Catholics observed in the United States varied until 1885. Then, six days were set: January 1, Ascension Thursday (a different date each year), August 15, November 1, December 8 and

December 25. Prior to this, how many and which holy days you kept depended on whether you lived in English, Spanish or French America. For example, English-speaking Catholics had 11 holy days of obligation from 1777 until 1885.

As our neighborhoods and parishes change, so do our rules about keeping holy days. In 1969, the bishops decided to transfer our solemn celebration of the Lord’s Epiphany from January 6 to the Sunday that falls nearest before that date. Epiphany is an important holy day, and yet the whole Catholic community can not count on having January 6 free. Recently, the bishops have voted to move our solemn celebration of the Lord’s ascension from a Thursday to a Sunday: the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This change should allow all of us to keep this holy feast day with Mass, recreation and feasting, as we give thanks and praise for all that God does for us in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord.

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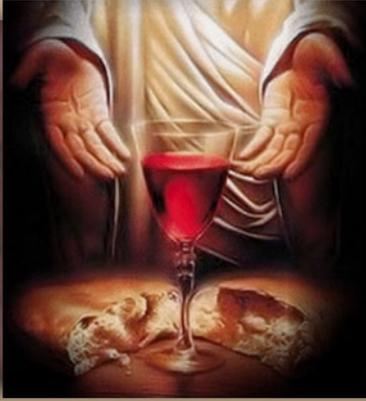
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“Yo soy el pan vivo que ha bajado el cielo”
(Juan 6:41-51).

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12 DE AGOSTO, 2012

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(día de obligación de asistir a misa)
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