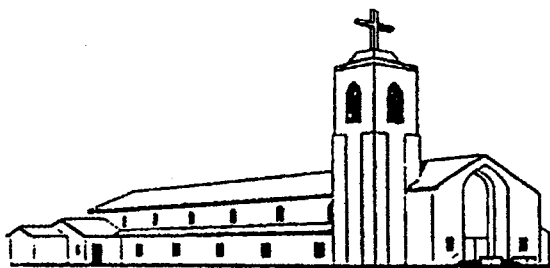


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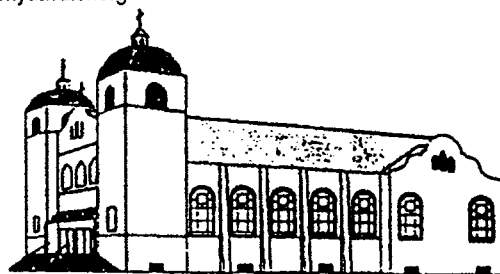
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Deacon- Jesus Cisneros  
 Deacon—Rene Rubalcava



St. Anthony Church



Immaculate Conception Church

## Sunday Masses

4:00 PM (Sat Vigil)	English	St. Anthony Church
5:30 PM (Sat Vigil)	Español	St. Anthony Church
7:00 AM	English	Immaculate Conception Church
8:00 AM	Español	St. Anthony Church
9:45 AM	English	St. Anthony Church
11:30 AM	English	St. Anthony Church

## Catholic School - Preschool Through 8th Grade

Principal	Marianne Flynn
Office Manager	Lori Ceja
Address	1801 Winton Way, Atwater
Phone	358-3341
Pre-School Director	Erika Valenzuela

Parish Secretary - Part- Time	Rosa Gomez	358-5743
Office Manager/Bookkeeper	Shirley Rubalcava	358-5743

## Daily Mass or Communion Service

### Miercoles y Jueves Misa en Espanol

6:30 AM	English	St. Anthony Church
6:30 PM	Español	St. Anthony Church

**Liturgy of the Hours** 20 Minutes Before Daily Mass

**Holy Days** As Announced

**National Holidays** As Announced

**Reconciliation** Thursday 4pm—6pm

**Baptism** English: 1st & 4th Saturday 8:00am

**Bautismo** Español 2do y 3er Sábado 8:00am

**Marriages** 6 Months Advance Notice Required

**Safe Environment Coordinator** Claudia Hernandez 358-5743

### Religious Education:

**CCD** Liliana Agundis 676-2076

**RCIA - English** Andy Miller 631-9146

**RCIA - Español** Fernando & Claudia Hernandez 564 -1294

**Confirmation Coordinator:** Deacon Rene Rubalcava 756-4729

**Anchor - Youth Group**

**Bulletin Ads** 358-5743

## **Quinceañeras**

1 year Advance Notice Required (Please call the Parish Office  
 1 year in advance for Requirements)

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 29, 2023

Blessed are the  
Peacemakers, for they  
will be called children of God.  
(Matthew 5:9)



### THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

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#### **\*\*BAPTISMS-Must Register in the Parish Office\*\***

**\* IN ORDER TO ATTEND A BAPTISM CLASS, YOU MUST REGISTER IN THE PARISH OFFICE**

**\*BAPTISM CLASS 7:00 PM – \*\*\*ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH**

**(CLASS IS HELD EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH IN ENGLISH)**

**BAPTISMS: 1st & 4th Saturdays 8:00 am -**

**IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR BOTH PARENTS & GOD PARENTS TO ATTEND A CLASS**

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO CLASS.**

**\*\*NOTA: Bautismos Debe Registrarse En La Oficina De La Parroquia,**

**Para Asistir A Una Clase De Bautismo. Debe Registrarse En La Oficina De La Parroquia\*\*\***

**CLASES DE BAUTISMO 7:00 PM - IGLESIA DE SAN ANTONIO -**

**(LAS CLASES SON CADA PRIMER Y TERCER LUNES DEL MES)**

**BAUTISMOS: 2do y 3er sábado del mes 8:00 am -**

**POR FAVOR NO TRAER NIÑOS A CLASE. ES UN REQUISITO QUE LOS PADRES Y PADRINOS ASISTAN A UNA CLASE\***



**On-line Marriage Prep Class Website:**

**[Catholicmarriageprepclass.com](http://Catholicmarriageprepclass.com)**



**PLATICAS PRE MATRIMONIAL- Ministros: Heriberto y**

**Monica Rodriguez Para Información llame al:**

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### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

***God Be in My Head*** God be in my head, and in my understanding;

***God be in my eyes,*** and in my looking; ***God be in my mouth,*** and in my speaking;

***God be in my heart,*** and in my thinking; ***God be at my end,*** and at my departing.

—Attributed to *Old Sarum Primer*

# MEETINGS

## Group

Altar Society	As Announced	
Bible Study (Estudio biblico en espanol)	Every Wednesday/Miercoles 7pm	Small Hall
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	2nd Tuesday Monthly 6 pm	Small Hall
Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial		
Movimento Familiar Cristiano	Every 1st Friday/Viernes Monthly 7pm	Small Hall
Guadalupe Society	Last Thursday/Jueves of the Month 7pm	Small Hall
Knights of Columbus	1st Monday 6:00 PM & 1st Tuesday 6:00 PM Monthly	Parish Hall
Grupo de Oracion Dulce Maria	Friday/Viernes 7:30pm	Church
RCIA	Sundays 11am-1pm	Music Room
RICA(Español)	Every Thursday/Jueves Weekly 7 pm	Parish Hall
YLI	2nd Monday Monthly 6:30pm	Italo Lodge
YMI	4th Wednesday Monthly 7:00 pm	Parish Hall
Hijos del Trueno (Ministerio de Hombres) (Mens Spanish Prayer Group)	2nd ,4th & 5th Tuesday/Martes Monthly 7 pm	Parish Hall
Anchor Youth Group	Fridays 7pm	Parish Hall
St. Anthony 4-H Club	3rd Wednesday Monthly 7pm	Parish Hall

**REGISTRATION:** New to the Parish? Moving? Been with us a while but haven't yet registered? That's OK. Just fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or bring it by the office. Thanks! You are encouraged to register online at [www.stanthonyatwater.org](http://www.stanthonyatwater.org) also.

Change of Address  New Parishioner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive offertory envelopes?  Yes  No

**OUR FASCINATING FAITH  
Candlemas (February 2)**

Thanks to Pope Sergius I (687-701), on February 2 we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. On this day we also commemorate the Purification of Mary, who complied with the Jewish law (Leviticus 12:1). The law indicated that a mother should be purified forty days after giving birth to a boy child. Since the eleventh century the Purification of Mary and the Presentation of the Lord have been celebrated with the blessing of all the candles and candlesticks that are going to be used during the year. This is done with the hope that there will never be a lack of light, either material or spiritual, in the houses of the faithful. The root of the word candlemas is the Latin verb *candere* ("to shine") and from which also come the words candelabra and candlestick. This feast of candles recalls that Christians can, like Simon and the prophetess Anna in the temple, say that they also have seen salvation: Jesus the true Light who shines in the arms of Mary (Luke 2:25-38).

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



**Parish Office Hours:**  
 Mon. - Thurs.  
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 Closed Friday

**Horario de la Oficina  
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*"The Safe Environment Office is introducing a training course called **Protecting Children in the 21st Century**" that is available online in English and Spanish, effective January 1, 2023. Clergy, employees, and volunteers can start the process of renewal prior to expiration date of June 30, 2023. In order to complete your training, you'll need to login your profile at [www.fresno.safeenvironment.org](http://www.fresno.safeenvironment.org). Should you have any issues with your password or Username login. Contact Tech Support via email, phone call or live chat. Tech Support can be reach at your Home page, second tab on top right hand-side. Thank you for understanding, and we appreciate you taking the time to complete the tasks required by Safe Environment Office. Our goal within Safe Environment Office is to provide plenty of time and support to renew the training prior to expiration date and continue to be in compliance. Our next 5-years cycle is effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028.*

*If you need additional information or help, please reach out to Claudia Hernandez, Safe Environment Coordinator for St. Anthony/Immaculate Conception Parish 209-358-5743.*

**St. Anthony School Fundraiser**

**A Knights' Gala**

~ Dinner & Auction ~

**March 11, 2023**

Dinner, music, raffles, silent & live auction

\$70 Donation per ticket

~ Cash Raffle ~

1st Prize \$1,000 \* 2nd Prize \$500 \* 3rd Prize \$250

\$10 Donation per ticket

~ Livestock Auction ~

**March 3, 2023**

Please consider donating livestock, or bidding at the sale at TLAY.

Please help support St. Anthony School by purchasing dinner tickets, raffle tickets, donating an item for auction, or providing a sponsorship. Tickets can be purchased in the school office or after designated masses. Please contact the school office with any questions (209) 358-3341.

Thank you for your support!

**The Italian Catholic Federation Fundraiser**

The Italian Catholic Federation Merced Branch will sell Pasta Sauce with Meat on Wednesday, February 8th, at the back door of The Italo American Lodge, 18th and U Streets, Merced, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 per quart.

**Pre-orders are required by THURSDAY, February 2nd.** Call, text or e-mail Chris Martin, 209 658-6436 or [sewchris52@gmail.com](mailto:sewchris52@gmail.com) to pre-order or for more information

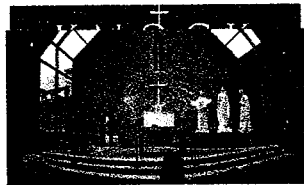
For more information, please contact Cristina Rubalcava via phone/text @ (909) 472-8328.

*Endon*

Altar Society Ministry of St. Anthony and Immaculate Conception Church would like to Welcome New Members!



The Altar Society is a group of adult laypersons in the parish who offer their dedicated service to our churches. We are involved in the life of the church in a special way. The Altar Society exists to enhance worship by devoting time and talent to create an Altar and Sanctuary for the glory of God. Through our efforts we assist our pastor by maintaining the altar, ceremonial objects, the interior, seasonal beautification of our churches and the maintaining our gift shop. We welcome all interested in joining this wonderful ministry. Please call Karen (membership chairman) at 209-812-6031 or stop by gift shop for brochure and more information. Thank you and God Bless.



Come join Fr. Robert on a Pilgrimage to Ireland including Knock On June 4-14, 2023 Forms are in St. Patrick's Church Office For more information please call Bel at (209) 777-6758

Pope Francis'



MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

**JANUARY For educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

**LET US REMEMBER TO OFFER A PRAYER**

**FOR THE SICK** Maryellen Jimenez, Domingo Arana, Pat Brown, Wanda Constable, Theresa Gonzalez, Ernie Martinez, Jessie Munoz, To Have a Name Removed or Added to the Prayer List Call Parish Office 358-5743.



**THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL**

*The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.* —Gilbert K. Chesterton

**CONSTANT FAITH**

*If you remain constant in faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world, and forever in the next.*

—St. Jerome Emiliani


**2025 Mass Intention Book Now Open**



\* A suggested offering per Mass is \$10

\* Only 5 Mass intentions per household per year per same family name (3 during the week & 2 weekend Masses allowed. You would need to come into the parish office to request Mass Intentions. Please have the dates and Mass time you would like ready. No more than 2 names are allowed per Mass Intention (has to be same last name).

**A MASS INTENTION MUST BE REQUESTED TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE FOR THE DATE YOU ARE WANTING. THANK YOU**

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**PLEASE KEEP THEM IN PRAYER.**

If you would like to add someone to the Military prayer list please contact the parish office.





**\*\* Español \* Mass at Immaculate Conception**

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

4:00PM †Holly & Bert Nunes

4:00PM †Virginia Jaramillo

5:30PM †Delfino y Miguel Tafolla\*\*

5:30PM †Salvador, Raul y Salvador Jr. Castillo\*\*

**Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

7:00AM †Francoi & Michael Lortegui\*

7:00AM †Deceased Members Canelo Family\*

8:00AM †Paula Torres Velasco\*\*

8:00AM †Alejandro Garcia\*\*

9:45AM Intentions St. Anthony/Immaculate Conception Parishioners

9:45AM ---

11:30AM Mike Barroso

11:30AM †Jose & Joseph Arana

**Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023(Communion**

**Service)**

6:30AM

6:30AM

**Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM †Deceased Members Zepeda Family

6:30AM

**Wednesday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM †Deceased Members Vazquez

6:30AM

6:30PM Intenciones para Claudia Esquivel\*\*

6:30PM †Mauro Esquivel\*\*

**Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM Intentions for Gael & Annette Garcia

6:30AM

6:30PM †Zenon y Blanca Hernandez\*\*

6:30PM Intentions for Ramon Avila (better health)\*\*

**Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

6:30AM †Herman Salas

6:30AM

**CONFESSIONS:**

Thursday 4pm – 6pm



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE:**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

\*\* Time; Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday: St. John Bosco

Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord;

World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day

Friday: St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday;

Blessing of throats

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).

**Psalm** — The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

**Gospel** — Jesus taught from the mountain:

Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24;

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2

13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb

2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9;

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16



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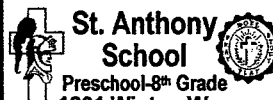
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