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Luke 18:13

THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN
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OCTOBER 23, 2022

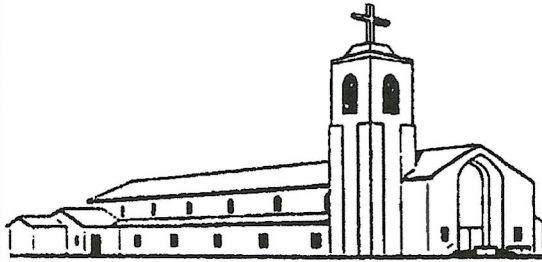
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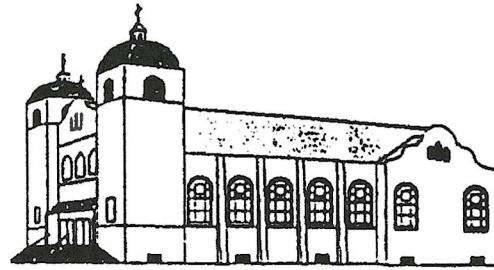
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St. Anthony/Immaculate Conception Church



St. Anthony Church



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Sunday Masses

5:00	PM (Sat Vigil)	English	St. Anthony Church
6:30	PM (Sat Vigil)	Español	St. Anthony Church
6:30	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

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Daily Mass or Communion Service

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 4:00pm—6:00pm

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

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

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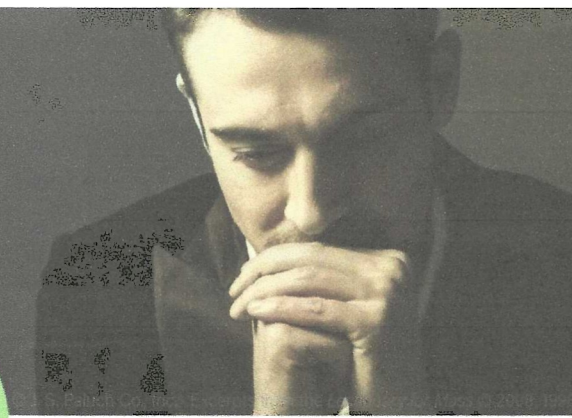
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GOD'S VISION

In these waning weeks of the liturgical year, our readings present us with God's vision for the world, in which the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds and the humble are exalted in God's sight. It is not always easy to follow Jesus, to stand for justice, share love, and bring peace when there is so much division, poverty, loneliness, and pain in our homes, workplaces, cities, and world. We do not stand alone, however. We who are disciples and servants are assured that the Lord will hear our petitions, stand by us, and give us strength as we strive to bear witness to the good news of salvation.

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR

It is easy for those who do not face food insecurity or homelessness to turn a deaf ear to those who struggle for survival. We may regularly drive by the street corner and ignore the person who stands there each day asking for help. We might see the commercial on TV, hear the plea on the radio or in our churches, and yet not let the message in, ignoring not only the need, but the people whose needs are great. The prophet Sirach and the psalmist tell us that the Lord is not like us—God hears the cries of the oppressed, the orphan and widow, the vulnerable among us. As Christian disciples we are called to become more like our loving, compassionate God who hears the cry of the poor.

DO WE?

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel tells the story of two people. The Pharisee is puffed up with his own importance. His prayer is more a statement of self-justification in which he positions himself as being above the rest of humanity. So much so that he prays to himself, thanking God that he is so much better than everyone else! The tax collector on the other hand raises his eyes to God and acknowledges his sinfulness. He is the one Jesus says is justified, exalted in God's sight. What about us? Are we so puffed up with our own importance, so caught up in the stuff of our daily lives that we fail to recognize our failings or to see the needs of the people around us? This week, let us ask the Lord to pierce our hearts, help us to genuinely admit our failings, and truly live as followers of the one who gave his life so that all might live life to the fullest. God hears the cries of the weakest and relies on us to respond.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 35:12–14, 16–18
Psalm 34:2–3, 17–18, 19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6–8
Luke 18:9–14

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 2022

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw
till the Most High responds.

— *Sirach 35:17-18a*



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MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD

Although the opening lines of today's first reading claim that the Lord "knows no favorites" (Sirach 35:15) and is "not unduly partial toward the weak" (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor" (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus' point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus' day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society's outcasts; didn't this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be "justified" (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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*** 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 BAPTISMO 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*



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ALWAYS FAITHFUL

Whether you like it or not, you will always grow apart from human beings. Christ is faithful and always with you.

—St. John of God

NEVER ABANDONED

Lord, I do not ask that I never be afflicted, but only that you never abandon me in affliction. —St. Bernadette Soubirous



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

Saturday, October 22nd

5:00PM Intentions for St. Anthony/Immaculate Conception Parishioners

5:00PM ---

6:30PM †Jose Mendoza**

6:30PM †Ana Silva Molina**

Sunday, October 23rd

6:30AM †Manuel Lovao*

6:30AM †Deceased Members of the Macias Valenzuela Family *

8:00AM †Maria Tafoya **

8:00AM †Jacinto & Juan Antonio Zamora**

9:45AM †Jesse Diaz

9:45AM †Mary Arrendondo

11:30AM Intentions for Deacon Class #6

11:30AM Mary Arrendondo

Monday, October 24th (Communion Service)

6:30AM Intentions for Jessie Mumoz

6:30AM Intentions for Deacon Wives Class #6

Tuesday, October 25th

6:30AM †Johnny Avalos

6:30AM †Soledad Lara & Family

Wednesday, October 26th

6:30AM †Gertrude Kramp

6:30AM †Armando Ibarra

6:30PM †Maria Guadalupe Pementel**

6:30PM †Jose Mendoza**

Thursday, October 27th

6:30AM †Albert Mello

6:30AM †Tony Barroso

Friday, October 28th

6:30AM Intentions for Beth Frost

6:30AM Pedro & Jose de Jesus Ramirez

Parish Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9am - 12pm (noon)

Closed Friday

Horario de la Oficina Parroquial:

Lun. - Jueves. 9 am - 12 pm (mediodía)

Cerrado el viernes

Confessions:

Thursday 4pm - 6pm

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Mission Sunday

Monday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Friday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

Psalms — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

Gospel — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1-7

Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

This November, Vote "No" On Prop 1

What is Proposition 1? Proposition 1 would enshrine the explicit right to abortion in our state constitution, setting a nationwide precedent. It is the most egregious expansion of abortion this country has ever seen. It's also the first time ever that CA voters are being asked to vote for unrestricted late term abortion, ending any real chance for California to protect unborn life in future laws. Recent in-depth polling shows that a strong majority of California voters oppose late term abortions, oppose turning California into an abortion sanctuary state, and oppose using tax dollars to pay for abortions. Prop 1 is misleading, expensive, and unnecessary – and we can stop it. Este noviembre, vote "No" a la Proposición 1 ¿Qué es la Proposición 1? La Proposición 1 consagrará el derecho explícito al aborto en la constitución de nuestro estado, sentando un precedente a nivel nacional. Es la expansión más atroz del aborto que este país haya visto jamás. También es la primera vez que se les pide a los votantes de CA que voten por el aborto tardío sin restricciones, lo que pone fin a cualquier posibilidad real de que California proteja la vida no nacida en leyes futuras. Encuestas exhaustivas recientes muestran que una gran mayoría de los votantes de California se oponen a los abortos tardíos, se oponen a convertir a California en un estado santuario del aborto y se oponen a usar el dinero de los impuestos para pagar los abortos. La Proposición 1 es engañosa, costosa e innecesaria, y podemos detenerla.

Catholic Charities Needs Your Help to Feed Hungry Families This Thanksgiving!

Help Catholic Charities feed hungry families in Merced this Thanksgiving! Our goal is to provide a Thanksgiving meal to 500 families this year!

You can donate a turkey one of two ways:

1. Bring it to mass at St. Patrick's on either Sunday, November 13th or Sunday, November 20th. Our truck will be at mass collecting donations from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You can deliver your turkey to Catholic Charities Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 336 W. Main Street, Merced, CA 95340 by November 18th. We are also seeking monetary donations that will allow us to purchase the extra turkeys and necessary supplies to make up a holiday meal box. These items include instant stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy and more. You can donate now at CCDOF.org and designate "Merced Turkey Drive". All those individuals or businesses that contribute \$150 or more will receive special recognition on our Instagram and Facebook page! To become a Turkey Drive Sponsor, please contact: Luis Ortega at (209) 383-2494 or email lortega@ccdof.org. The need for Catholic Charities services in Merced County has increased by 125% over the last three years. The only way we're able to continue meeting this increased need is because of your support. All turkeys and Thanksgiving meal boxes will be distributed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Monday, November 21st located at 519 W 12th St, Merced, CA 95341 beginning at 8 a.m. on a first come, first served basis. This will be a drive-thru distribution only.

God bless you for blessing other this holiday season and always!

Pope Francis'



MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

October 2022 For a Church open to everyone: We pray for the

Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

July 2022 Profit & Loss	
Sunday Collection:	\$35,423.00
Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Quinceaniera offerings:	--
School Support Collection:	\$425.00
Altar Society:	\$485.87
Misc. Fees & Sacramental Prep. /Religious Education Fees:	--
Candles, Votives, Poor box:	--
Extra Ordinary One Time Donations:	\$6,922.00
Total Income for July 2022	\$43,255.87
Expenses for July 2022	
Salaries, Wages, Health Ins, FICA, Fringe Benefits:	\$11,060.19
Administrative Expenses:	\$84.00
Contr. to Organizations:	--
Maint., Building Repairs, Janitorial, Gardening	\$849.00
Utilities:	\$5,130.29
Diocesan Assessment:	\$3,656.38
Priests Retirement, Education Assessment:	\$1,125.00
Insurance (Property, Liability, Auto):	\$1,370.95
Misc. Expenses	\$321.00
Ministerial Expense:	--
Total Expenses for July 2022	\$23,596.81
Net Ordinary Income	\$19,659.06

*Annual White
Mass
for all Health Care
Workers
CELEBRANT
MOST REV. BISHOP
JOSEPH V. BRENNAN, D.D.
DIOCESE OF FRESNO
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28,
2022
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
MASS: 12:10PM
LUNCHEON TO
FOLLOW*

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
*Twenty-ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always
conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in
sincerity of heart. Through
our Lord Jesus Christ, your
Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever
and ever.*
Reflection question:
*When do I resist
conforming my will to
God's?*



LET US REMEMBER TO OFFER A
PRAYER FOR THE SICK Maryellen Jimenez,
Domingo Arana, Edward Umada Sr., Pat Brown, Wanda
Constable, Theresa Gonzalez, Ernie Martinez *To Have a*
Name Removed or Added to The Prayer List Call Parish Office 358-5743.



The Revival is a three-year initiative sponsored by the Bishops of the United States intended to form, heal, convert, and unite the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist." - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners. Amen

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 Mondays 6:00 PM & 1st Tuesday 6:00 PM Monthly	Small Hall
Grupo de Oracion Dulce Maria	Saturday/Sabado 7:30pm	Church
RCIA	Sundays 11am-1pm	Music Room
RICAEspanol)	Every Thursday/Jueves Weekly 7 pm	Parish Hall
YLI	2nd Monday Monthly 7:00pm	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

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

Change of Address New Parishioner

Name: _____




Address: _____




City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Would you like to receive offertory envelopes? Yes No

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS SERVING IN THE MILITARY: NATIONAL GUARD: US AIR FORCE: Senior Airman Keith Scharsch **US ARMY:** Staff Sergeant Jaime Hernandez, Specialist Wade Preston Wight, Staff Sergeant Cameron Taylor **US MARINES: US NAVY:** M.A.S.A. Victoria G. Rameriz

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN PRAYER.

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