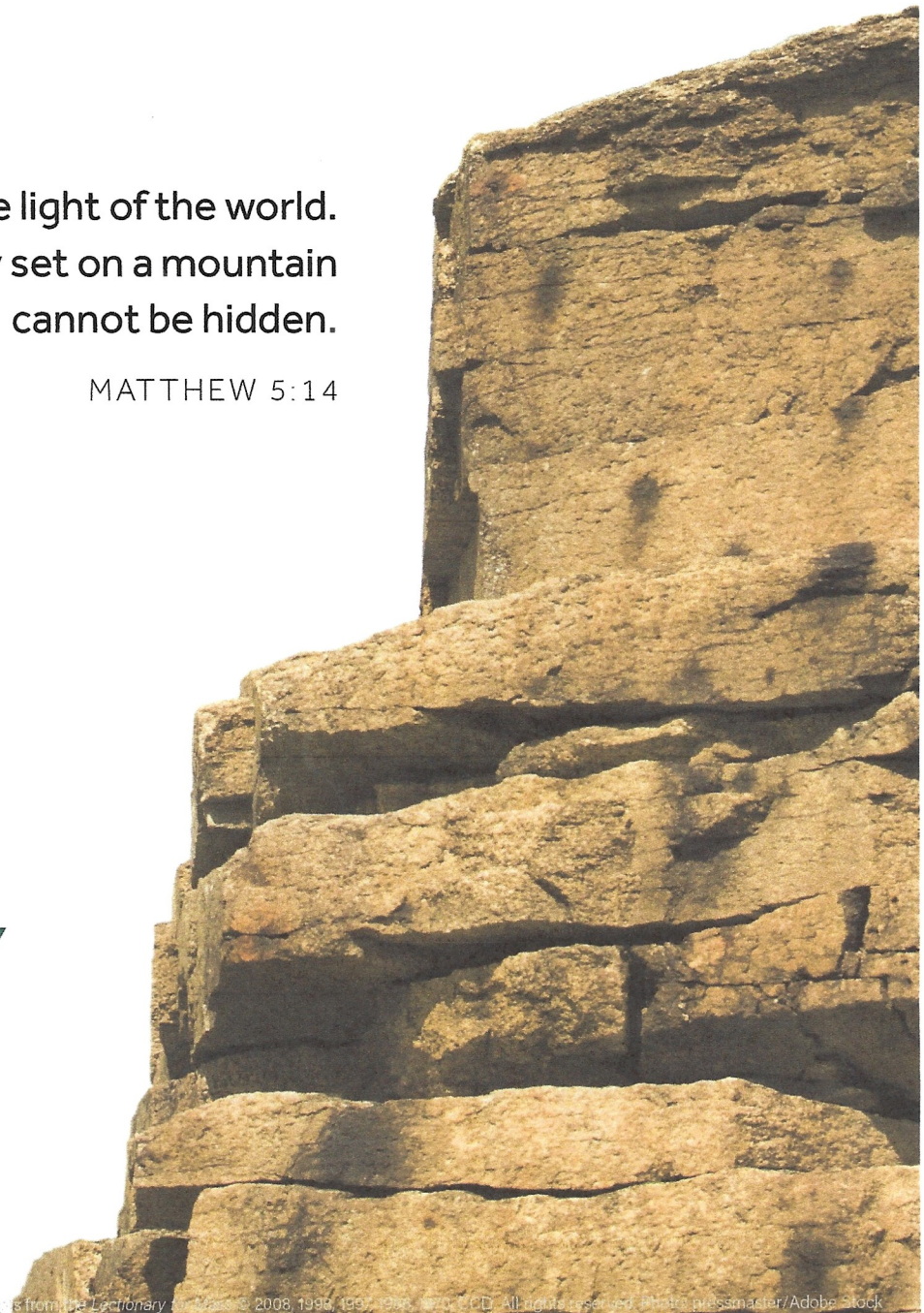


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MATTHEW 5:14

FIFTH
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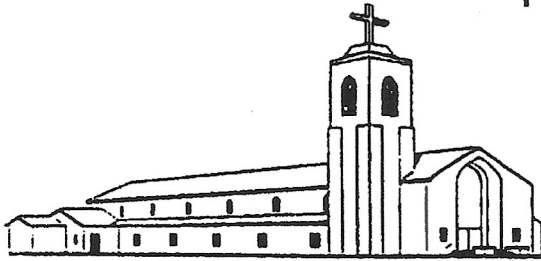
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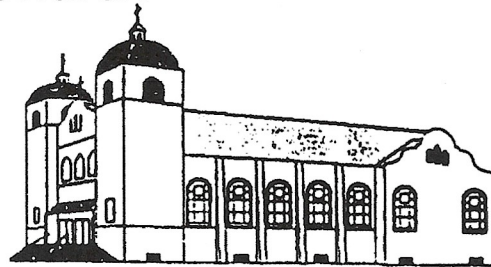
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Sunday Masses

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

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Daily Mass or Communion Service

Miercoles y Jueves misa en espanol 6:30pm

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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FIFTH Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023

**“Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father.”**

Matthew 5:16

COMMUNITY OF LIGHT

Today’s readings from Isaiah and Matthew evoke the powerful metaphor of light as an image of the community gathered by God. Jesus speaks of his followers as “light of the world”: they are not the source of light, but a mirror reflecting the brightness of God. This light does not call attention to itself, but enables beauty to be revealed and celebrated, and sinfulness to be exposed and healed. The light of this community is not primarily for itself, but fulfills its purpose when it shines upon the world. The light that we the Church bring to our world can be hidden by “bushels” sometimes imposed by others and sometimes of our own making. Our lights may flicker and die under stress. What might sustain the brightness of our own small light? Our ongoing practices of community prayer, discernment, and action allow God to illumine our Church, day by day.

LEARNING HOW TO BE CHURCH

Following last week’s passage from Matthew with the Beatitudes, today we continue Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount with his images of salt, light, and a city. Jesus moves from describing the core identity of the community he has gathered to considering its impact on the world. He wanted his community not just to claim its identity, but to live it out. He wanted his community to journey with him, to fully learn what this might mean.

For us, being salt for others may mean engaging and enriching the lives of our neighbors. Being light may mean illuminating and addressing the world’s systems that sustain social sins of violence, racism, and vast inequalities of wealth and opportunity. Being a city set high may mean holding to high standards of transparency, respect, and care for each other. Like Jesus’ first followers, we are invited to travel the difficult and joy-filled road of learning and re-learning how to be the Church.

CROSS-SHAPED MINISTRY

Saint Paul, in today’s passage from First Corinthians, admits he is not a salesman. He did not come to Corinth with a sales pitch, with skilled rhetoric and worldly wisdom. Paul says that he simply came to speak of Christ crucified. For Paul, the cross is God’s primary self-revelation, and the whole life of following Christ is marked by it. Paul describes this cross-shaped ministry by how he first preached it: with humility and fear. He was a messenger who looked weak by the standards of society, in order that the Spirit might break through to his listeners.

We may know or have read of those who spoke or lived with a cross-shaped presence. Perhaps a missionary who humbly served a community while preaching Christ. Or a group of protesters against injustice, who faced violent resistance with dignity and persistence. They open a space for the Spirit to transform hearts. Paul suggests that making ourselves vulnerable makes love possible.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 58:7–10
Psalm 112:4–5, 6–7, 8–9
1 Corinthians 2:1–5
Matthew 5:13–16

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5th, 2023

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

(Matthew 5:14)



THE LIGHT OF SERVICE

The prophet Isaiah inspires us with these words: "Light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday." All of us celebrating the liturgy today praise God for these words of encouragement. Surely each of us knows the gloomy side of life, but today's readings propose a brilliant antidote to misery: the light of service. Isaiah focuses on physical suffering, telling us to provide food, clothing, housing, and equal opportunity to those with limited resources. Moving beyond material needs, Saint Paul demonstrates how to proceed humbly when attending to people's spiritual needs. Saint Matthew's Gospel stirs us to bold action: whatever gifts we have, we must put them at the service of our communities. As Christians, we must engage with one another without holding back, letting our light shine before all. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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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)

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

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CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer in Time of Illness

Lord Jesus, I believe that having passed through the gate of life in baptism, I will always have your protection and comfort. Yet today the pains of my illness threaten to overcome me and cause me to forget all the good things you have given me in this life. I pray in confidence that you would send forth your Spirit to refresh and revive me as you have always done in the past. May I continue to witness to your goodness in this life that I may be with you at the heavenly banquet table in eternity.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11)

On February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, the oldest of nine children in a poor family from Lourdes, France, saw Our Lady in the first of eighteen apparitions. At the grotto of Massabielle, Bernadette saw “a small lady in white” who invited her to return each day. During the visions the Lady communicated a message of penance, instructed Bernadette to dig so that a spring of water began to flow, requested that a chapel be built there at the grotto, and eventually identified herself by saying “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Throughout these apparitions, Our Lady addressed Bernadette in a formal way, treating the humble girl with dignity. In 1862 the authenticity of the apparitions was confirmed by Church authorities. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was recognized worldwide in 1907. Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage for thousands of the faithful; their faith and the faith of many others was revitalized through the story of a simple young girl from rural France.

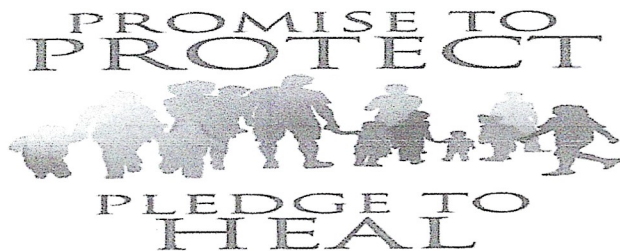
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February 1, 2023 Greetings, I pray you and your families are all doing well. On behalf of Father Paul and the parish office team, thank you all for all for the good work you do for the parish and for your sacrifice of time, talent and treasure for the good of the St. Anthony's parish community As you may recall from the Safe Environment meeting for lay ministers/ volunteers held recently, the Diocese of Fresno (DOF) now mandates (and enforces) all parish lay ministers/volunteers to:

- Complete and sign a DOF Volunteer Application form
- Complete and sign a DOF Code of Conduct form
- Submit to a live-scan fingerprinting/Federal Background Check to be reviewed by the DOF Health & Safety Officer
- Complete the online course Compass Child Protection™.
- Print a copy of the course completion certificate

As the St. Anthony's Parish Health & Safety Officer, I am tasked by Father Paul to ensure all volunteers at this parish are in compliance. I will be needing a list of the people within your group volunteering age 18 and older to verify all documents in their file are up to date. Once I check their files I will be sending out a list of the people who are non-compliant with a directive and deadline to have them take action. Please keep in mind that if these people fail to comply they will not be allowed to keep helping in your group. Thank you in advance for your partnership in assisting that all volunteers within your group comply.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Claudia Hernandez
 Safe Environment Coordinator



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
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~ 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!

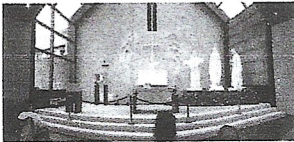
On February 24, 2023, the Knights of Columbus will be having a Fish Fry at St Anthony Parish Hall. The meal will consist of fish, fries or baked potato, coleslaw and dinner roll. The cost of tickets is \$15. and can be purchased after each mass or at St Anthony Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

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




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 to pre-order or for more information.



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

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.




GIVING
 When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving.
 —Raymond Lull

POPULARITY
 Avoid popularity if you would have peace.
 —Abraham Lincoln

Thank you to those who supported Catholic Charities throughout the 2022 year. Every day we see lines of families standing in the cold waiting to be served. We are committed to never sending any person away empty handed, without much needed food to nourish their bodies. This past year alone, Catholic Charities of Merced served more than 55,000 clients – a 133% increase over the number served just three years ago. In addition to emergency food assistance through our Food Pantry:

- We distributed nearly 140,000 lbs. of food in the rural communities of Merced County through 28 outreach events
- We provided emergency rental and mortgage assistance to those at risk of becoming homeless while in between jobs
- We offered help getting signed up on Cal Fresh (food stamps) to help families better prepare for large grocery store bills
- We helped get families signed up on Medi-Cal who previously had no access to health insurance
- We distributed over 70,000 diapers to children ages 0-5
- We offered disaster preparedness and education to underserved communities



And it's all because of you. Thank you for your support in caring for those most vulnerable throughout Merced County. Thank you for your kindness, love, and prayers to help those in the greatest of need. If you'd like to learn more about how you can help, please contact our Merced Site Director, Luis Ortega at (209) 383-2494 or email lortega@ccdof.org.

Weekly Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, Feb. 4th, 2023

4:00PM †Alexandra Esquivel

4:00PM †Herman Salas

5:30PM †Humberto Avila**

5:30PM †Alejandro Lopez**

Sunday, Feb. 5th, 2023

7:00AM †Betty Stefanie*

7:00AM †Norma Desouza*

8:00AM †Ruben Servin Moreno**

8:00AM †Juan Antonio y Ramon

Zamora-Pulido**

9:45AM †Cornell C. Minor Jr.

9:45AM †Guadalupe & Elvira Rubalcava

11:30AM Intentions St. Anthony/Immaculate

Conception Parishioners

11:30AM ----

Monday, Feb. 6th 2023(Communion Service)

6:30AM Intentions for Joe Orosco

6:30AM Intentions for C.C. & Sherrie Salas

Tuesday, Feb. 7th, 2023

6:30AM †Deceased Members Ordaz Family

6:30AM †Andres Walle

Wednesday, Feb. 8th, 2023

6:30AM †Alfredo Guillen

6:30AM Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary

6:30PM Intenciones para Ramon Avila**

6:30PM

Thursday, Feb. 9th, 2023

6:30AM †Deceased Members Walle Family

6:30AM

6:30PM †Maria Guadalupe Contreras**

6:30PM

Friday, Feb. 10th, 2023

6:30AM †Jose Manuel Gutierrez

6:30AM †Deceased Members Cerda Family

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday 4pm – 6pm



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Tu B'Shvat* (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset

Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St.

Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking

Friday: St. Scholastica

Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick Amen. Alleluia.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).

Psalms — One who is just is a model for the righteous (Psalm 112).

Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was not clever words of wisdom but the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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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(Espanol)	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 also.

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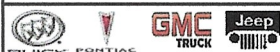
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