August 25, 2019
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Schedule

Weekdays
Monday-Friday
7am and 9am

Saturday
8am

Weekends
Saturday Vigils
5pm English
7pm Spanish

Sunday
7am English
8:45am English
10:45am English
12:30pm Spanish
6pm English
(youth mass)
Reconciliation
Saturday 8:30am

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5pm
Friday: 8:30am-4pm
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MISSION STATEMENT
We covenant to give ourselves to Christ as He gives Himself to us in the Eucharist, so every person might be a full, active, & conscious participant in His Church, empowered to share & live the Gospel.

MESSAGE FORM BISHOP COTTA
Dear Friends in Christ,

All of us are painfully aware of the hurt and betrayal caused by the sexual abuse crisis within our church, especially to survivors, their families and friends, and to our Catholic people as a whole. I am deeply sorry for these failures and I am committed to ensuring they are not repeated. Please be assured that the Diocese of Stockton pastoral staff is working diligently to create a safe environment for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults throughout our diocese. Over the next several months I would like to outline the policies and procedures that have been put in place as a result of the development of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

This Charter was created as a means of developing a system of accountability of all dioceses in the United States, and its purpose is to serve as a guide in ensuring the dioceses have put into place best practices for the protection of children. It is important for you to know and understand what each of the departments within the Pastoral Center is doing to uphold the safe environment protocol outlined in the Charter.

The Charter requires annual audits of dioceses, and the Diocese of Stockton has been in compliance since the inception of the Charter in 2003. More than 18,000 adults have been fingerprinted and background checked since 2003, including 5300 adults in 2018 alone. In addition, last year more than 22,000 children received the safe environment curriculum, Circle of Grace.

Since the adoption of the Charter, national statistics clearly indicate that new sexual abuse cases have steadily declined. The Church is a far safer place today than when the Charter was launched. The implementation of background checks, safe environment trainings, diocesan review boards enforcing zero tolerance policies, and having a victim’s assistance office require dedicated, professional teams with child safety as their highest priority. The various departments at the Pastoral Center, and our parishes all play a part in assuring that our children, young people and vulnerable adults are kept safe.

A variety of topics will be addressed throughout the year, beginning in September. Our intent is to publish a different subject matter each month in the parish bulletins, as handouts, and on the Diocesan website informing you of the protocols, policies, procedures and processes that are taking place within our diocese. We hope that all of this information will reassure you that the safety of our children and vulnerable adults is our top priority.

As you read this information and learn more about what our diocese does to protect the young and vulnerable members of our community, I ask you to pray for the survivors of sexual abuse and their families. Our prayers will be a reminder to us of the suffering and pain they have endured and continue to endure.

Together let us especially ask the intercession of Blessed Mary, the patroness of our diocese, that healing may come to all those who have been hurt so much.

In Peace of Christ,
The Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta
Bishop of Stockton Diocese
READINGS FOR THE WEEK


MONDAY: 1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10/PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B [CF. 4A]/MT 23:23-26

TUESDAY: 1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10/PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A [CF. 4A]/MT 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY: 1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10/PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A [CF. 4A]/MT 23:23-26

THURSDAY: 1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10/PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A [CF. 4A]/MT 23:23-26

FRIDAY: 1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10/PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A [CF. 4A]/MT 23:23-26

SATURDAY: 1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10/PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A [CF. 4A]/MT 23:23-26

OBSERVANCE FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TUESDAY: ST. MONICA

WEDNESDAY: ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

THURSDAY: THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY’S READING

First Reading:
Thus says the Lord:
I know their works and their thoughts,
and I come to gather nations of every language;
they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm:
Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117) or Alleluia

Second Reading:
So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel:
"For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

If you are ill or in the hospital, please call 823-7197 to let us know, we can arrange a visit from a Priest or a Deacon

GRIEF SUPPORT
There are no stages to grief. We all experience loss in our own unique way. Healing is an intentional process, where we gather together as a community of faith to become disciples of hope. It is through prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship that we mourn.

"Grieving with Great HOPE" is a five-week grief support workshop in a DVD Format. It is for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Presenters include John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate. The five week grief support starts September 19th through October 17th from 7-9pm at the gym.

To register please contact Deacon Jeff 823-7197 ext 227 or come to the parish office. (You must register in order to attend.)

HOLINESS RUNS IN THE FAMILY
Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn’t Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.

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Please consider buying a tent raffle ticket or two to support our festival. Your ticket donation will help cover the cost of professionally installed tents. We are already half way to our goal of selling 500 tickets. Tickets are $100.00 each with a chance of winning one of the 12 monetary prizes and or the $10,000.00 grand prize.

Tickets will be sold at St. Anthony’s Parish office, St. Anthony’s School office, and after weekend masses. Credit card, cash, or check payments will be accepted. Everyone who buys a ticket will receive a free dinner on Friday night of the Festival, September the 13th. Winners will be announced Friday, September 13th at 7pm on the main stage of the Harvest Festival. Need not be present to win. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your support for our Parish and its largest fundraiser, the Harvest Festival. It is through your generous contributions that we can continue our mission here at St. Anthony’s Parish.

LIFE AND DIGNITY MINISTRY:
Respect Life Representatives Meeting – September 7, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, St. Michael's Parish, Stockton. Parish Respect Life and/or Social Justice Committees, Priests and Deacons are invited to join in prayer, fellowship and inspiration. We will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Myron J. Cotta. Respect Life Month Theme is "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life." Lunch will be served. RSVP by August 28 to Kim Fuentes at 209-465-5433 or kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat – Sept. 20-22, (Spanish) & Oct. 25-27, (English). Please help us to advertise this powerful healing experience in both Spanish and English. Rachel’s Vineyard retreats offer a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. There is a supportive and non-judgmental environment to transform the pain of the past into love and hope. We encourage women, men and couples to attend. Questions call the Life & Dignity Ministry at 209-465-5433.

ENTHUSIASM FOR THE WEEK
Developing healthy relationships with others requires discipline. This is also true of our relationship with God. As Christians, we are called to be like Christ. This does not just happen randomly or when it is convenient for us. It happens when we spend time with Christ every day and strive to be and think like him. This is no small task. It entails a willingness to see things, people, and God differently. Abandoning our self-focused needs and desires and putting on Christ is a challenging discipline to follow. However, if we choose to enter through the narrow gate of discipleship, we will find peace, live virtuous lives, and understand what it means to be saved. Resting and being cradled in God’s lap and enjoying His presence is where we really desire to be, even though we have to give up some things in order to do so.

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**PERPETUAL ADORATION**

St. Anthony's adoration chapel is open daily, Monday through Friday 6:30am-5pm. After hours adoration is available to committed adorers.

If you are interested in committing to one hour of adoration, please contact in **English**, Francine Miller (209) 601-8440 or email: marxmillers@yahoo.com in **Spanish**, Javier Elias (209) 603-4570 or email: jazzyelias@yahoo.com

We are currently in need of adorers during these times: Fridays 10PM to 11PM

**ADORATION CHAPEL UPDATE**

Thanks to the commitment and devotion of many parishioners, we are blessed to have 24-hour Eucharistic adoration in the Chapel. The tradition of perpetual adoration reminds us, hour after hour, of God's presence in our lives.

To provide a safe environment, the Chapel entrance door required a new locking device, as the old one was beginning to fail. Rather than having one general key pin code for all adorers, the new lock provides each user with their own unique key pin code number.

The Chapel is open to all from 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Please come visit Jesus. Encourage your family and friends to come for quiet prayer time with the Lord. The time spent is a great treasure.

**Important Meeting For Adorers & Division Leaders:**

Please attend a meeting on September 12 at 6 PM in the Church to learn about the new key system, fill out the required Key Code Pin Registration Form and to receive your individual key code number.

If you are unable to attend this meeting you will need to:

Pick up the Adoration Training Update and Key Code Pin Registration Form at the Parish Office. Complete and submit the Key Code Pin Registration Form to the Parish Office and pick up your pin code number. Note: A pin code will not be provided until the Key Code Pin Registration Form is submitted.

**Ministries and Activities**

**Lectors**

Do you ever wish you could lector at Mass? Do you wonder what it takes to be a lector? Do you yearn to participate more actively in the liturgy? As you listen to the readings do you feel the call to liturgical ministry to proclaim the Word of God? To proclaim Scripture in the worshiping community as a lector is a sacred trust. As the voice of the Lord, the lector needs to be an ardent lover of Sacred Scripture and possess the technical skills required to read publicly. If you are interested, please contact Angelique Gutierrez in the parish office for more information.

**Harvest Festival Volunteers.** Help is needed to set up the grounds for this year’s event. Set up schedule is for Saturday, September 7th from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Also, on Wednesday, September 11th from 8:00am to mid afternoon. For information please contact Richard Gruber (209) 471-3972.

**SAVE THE DATE**

St. Anthony’s Harvest Festival
September 13, 14 & 15

The Harvest Festival is an annual tradition and the largest fundraiser for the benefit of the parish. This three day event features family friendly entertainment, food, games, raffles, live auction and much more. It is a wonderful time to come together and celebrate the great things God has done for our parish.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

St. Anthony’s Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, at 10 am at the home of Michelle Harmon. Please call Michelle at 824-8756 for further info. New members are always welcome.

If someone would like to request a shawl (for ladies) or lap robe (for men), please send an e-mail to prayer.shawls@yahoo.com. Shawls and lap robes are not just for those who are ill; they are also given out to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary. A message of love and caring comes with each shawl or lap robe and the giving of the shawl or lap robe enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

**Married Couples:** A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It’s a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Sep 27-29, 2019 in Modesto, CA and Aug 23-25, 2019 in Sacramento, CA. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: [https://www.stocktonwwme.org](https://www.stocktonwwme.org) or contact Chris & Vanessa at applications@stocktonwwme.org or 209-691-0603.
St. Anthony’s Weekly Events

Monday, August 26
9:30 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
1:30 pm Ministry of Caring, Mary’s Room
6:30 pm Adult Formation, Church
6:30 pm Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall
7:00 pm Santo Nino Ministry, Cry Room
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria

Tuesday, August 27
10:00 am Bible Study, Conference Room
5:30 pm I.C.F., Cafeteria
6:00 pm Hora Santa, Church
6:30 pm Harvest Festival, Rec. Hall
7:00 pm Bible Study, Conference Room

Wednesday, August 28
10:00 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
6:00 pm Encuentro Matrimonial, Cafeteria
6:30 pm Adult Formation, Rec. Hall
6:30 pm Life Teen, Church
7:30 pm Music Ministry, Church

Thursday, August 29
9:30 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
10:00 am Bible Study, Conf. Room
6:30 pm Catholic Charities, Classroom 5
6:00 pm Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
7:00 pm Alabare, Cafeteria
7:00 pm Bible Study, Mary’s Room & Conf. Room

Friday, August 30
6:00 pm Cursillo, Cafeteria

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY:
School of Ministry office will be offering the Introduction to Theology for Ministry course at 3 locations and a Scripture study course:

Introduction courses: St. Stanislaus School in Modesto on Monday Nights beginning on 9/16/19 in Spanish & English
St. Bernadette in Stockton on Tuesday Nights beginning on 9/17/19 in English
St. Anthony in Manteca on Thursday Nights beginning on 9/26/19 in Spanish

Scripture course: Ryan Center in Stockton on Monday Nights beginning on 9/9/19 in English

Registration will be open from July 19, 2019 through August 30, 2019. For more information contact: Isela Quezada at 209/546-7630, via email at som@stocktondiocese.org or visit our website.

The Introduction to Theology for Ministry course will be offered in English beginning in September. This course provides those involved in ministry a basic adult study of the teachings of the Church. It is the theological segment of training for all specific ministries. This is a great course for ministers seeking to enhance their ministry or those who wish to become ministers.

This course will take place at the following two locations:
St. Stanislaus School – 1416 Maze Blvd., Modesto, CA 95351. Monday evenings from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm beginning with an Orientation on September 16, 2019.
St. Bernadette Church – 2544 Plymouth Rd., Stockton, CA 95204. Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm beginning with an Orientation on September 17, 2019.

This course will also be offered in Spanish at St. Stanislaus School, 1416 Maze Blvd., Modesto, CA 95351 on Monday evenings from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm beginning on September 16, 2019 and at St. Anthony Church, 505 E. North St., Manteca, CA 95336 on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm beginning on September 26, 2019

There is limited space. To pre-register or to obtain more information, contact the School of Ministry Office at 209-466-0636 or visit our website at www.stocktondiocese.org/upcoming-english-courses-2019-20.

A Special Announcement:
With congratulations and gratitude to Msgr. Robert Silva and Fr. Armando Vergara for their many years of service as they retire, and to Fr. Khoi Pham and Msgr. John Armistead as they accept new pastoral assignments, Bishop Cotta announces the following appointments to take effect on August 15, 2019:

Rev. Marcelino Malana as Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Church, Modesto
Rev. Alvaro Lopez as Parochial Vicar of St Jude Church, Ceres
To take effect on August 31, 2019:
Rev. Michael Brady as Parochial Vicar of St Joseph Church, Modesto
To take effect on October 1, 2019:
Rev. Ramon Bejarano as Pastor of the Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton
Rev. Mark Wagner as Pastor of the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stockton
Rev. Samuel West as Pastor of St Joseph Church, Modesto
Rev. Ernesto Madrigal as Administrator of Our Lady of Fatima Church, Modesto
Rev. Luis Cordeiro as Administrator of St Anthony Church, Hughson
Deacon José Reyes as Parish Life Coordinator of St Stanislaus Church, Modesto
Rev. Matthew O’Donnell as Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stockton

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WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM ON AUGUST 18 & 19

Emily Aguayo, Penelope Flores Cochran, Arianna Nayeli Dominguez Gonzalez, Thiago Zane Garcia, Valeria Cytlaly Guerra, Benjamin Chourk Khloth-Yanez Alexia Nathalie Naranjo Gonzalez, Isaiah Isidro Naranjo Gonzalez, Gianni Dylan Ramirez, Jennalyn Marie Valdes, Cataleya Luisa Villa, and Anela Zamora

New Bible Study Series Begins Tuesday Evening, September 10 at 7:00 PM

Psalms: The School of Prayer
This study is so popular; we’ve opened another opportunity for those who would like to attend in the evenings
At the heart of the Bible are the Psalms, prayers from God that help us learn to pray. The Holy Spirit inspired them. Israel sang them. Christ himself prayed them. Their words captivate the imagination and draw us into a deeply personal encounter with God.

We will begin a eight-week Bible Study Psalms: The School of Prayer on 9/10/19 at 7:00 am to 8:30 pm in the Conference Room. Join us to study how to establish a deeply personal dialogue with God through the Psalms.

Remember, the Bible is a library. It’s never too late to “check out” a book. Cost is $25.00 for the Study Guide. To register or for more information contact: Dave Corder at 823-7197 or email dave@st-anthonys.org

New Bible Study Series

James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith.

Thursdays – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Conference Room
Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.
To register or for more information contact:
Dave Corder at 823-7197 or email david@st-anthonys.org

Infant Baptism:
Minimum of three months notice & pre-baptismal instruction required.
Dave Corder, ext.230

First Holy Communion
For school age children (2nd grade or higher) this is a two year preparation.
Faith Formation: 239-4302

Confirmation
For students 7th grade or above who desire to become a fully initiated Catholic: this is a two year preparation.
Faith Formation: 239-4302

Matrimony:
Following an appointment a minimum of six months preparation is required.
Dave Corder, ext.230

Christian Initiation
This process provides Adults and children over the age of 7 the opportunity to explore their calling to Baptism, Confirmation and Communion to become a fully initiated Catholic Christian.
Dave Corder, ext.230

Anointing of the Sick
The Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.
To schedule a priest please call 823-7197 or if an emergency call 688-0888

For any other question you can contact the parish office at (209) 823-7197 or email: receptionist@st-anthonys.org
LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

DOMINGO: IS 66, 18-21/SAL 117, 1. 2. [MC 16, 15]/HEB 12, 5-7. 11-13/LC 13, 22-30
LUNES: 1 TES 1, 1-5. 8-10/SAL 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 Y 9 [CFR. 4]/MT 23, 13-22
MARTES: 1 TES 2, 1-8/SAL 139, 1-3. 4-6 [1]/MT 23, 23-26
MIÉRCOLES: 1 TES 2, 9-13/SAL 139, 7-8. 9-10. 11-12 [1]/MT 23, 27-32
JUEVES: 1 TES 3, 7-13/ SAL 90:3-5, 12-13, 14 Y 17 [14]/MC 6, 17-29
VIERNES: 1 TES 4, 1-8/SAL 97, 1 Y 2. 5-6. 10. 11-12 [12]/MT 25, 1-13
SÁBADO: 1 TES 4, 9-11/SAL 98, 1. 7-8. 9 [9]/MT 25, 14-30

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Martes: Santa Mónica
Miércoles: San Agustín, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
Jueves: La pasión de San Juan Bautista

ANUNCIOS DE MINISTERIOS

DIVINO NIÑO
El Divino Niño está visitando los hogares. Si quieres que visite tu hogar por favor de llamar a Alma Soto para el Divino Niño del Domingo (209) 450-0095 o Consuelo Flores para Divino Niño del Sábado (510) 919-2586.

INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Desarrollar relaciones saludables con los demás requiere disciplina. Esto también es verdad en nuestra relación con Dios. Como cristianos, estamos llamados a ser como Cristo. Esto no sucede solo al azar o cuando es conveniente para nosotros. Sucede cuando pasamos tiempo con Cristo todos los días y nos esforzamos por ser y pensar como Él. Esto no es una tarea fácil. Implica estar dispuesto a ver las cosas, las personas y a Dios de manera diferente. Abandonando nuestros deseos y necesidades auto centradas y poniéndose a Cristo, es una disciplina desafiante por seguir. Sin embargo, si elegimos entrar por la puerta angosta del discipulado, encontraremos paz, viviremos vidas virtuosas y entenderemos lo que significa ser salvo. Descansar y estar acuñado en el regazo de Dios y disfrutar de su presencia es donde realmente deseamos estar, aunque tengamos que renunciar a algunas cosas para poder lograrlo.

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