August 18, 2019
Twentieth 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

Church and Parish Office
505 East North St., Manteca Ca 95336
(209) 823-7197
Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5pm
Friday: 8:30am-4pm
website: www.st-anthonys.org

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Manteca, Ca 95336
(209) 823-4513
Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-3pm
website: www.sasmanteca.org
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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 FROM 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**

**SUNDAY:** JR 38:4-6, 8-10/PS 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14B]/HEB 12:1-4/LK 12:49-53  
**MONDAY:** JGS 2:11-19/PS 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43AB AND 44 [4A]/MT 19:16-22  
**TUESDAY:** JGS 6:11-24A/PS 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [CF. 9B]/MT 19:23-30  
**WEDNESDAY:** JGS 9:6-15/PS 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2A]/MT 20:1-16  
**THURSDAY:** JGS 11:29-39A/PS 40:5, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10 [8A AND 9A]/MT 22:1-14  
**FRIDAY:** RU 1:1, 3-6, 14B-16, 22/PS 146:5-6AB, 6C-7, 8-9A, 9BC-10 [1B]/MT 22:34-40  
**SATURDAY:** RV 21:9B-14/PS 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/JN 1:45-51

**OBSERVANCE FOR THE WEEK**

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† Mary Ann Maristela  
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7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert  
† Isaiah Aranda  
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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**  
8:00 am – Fr. Chris  
† Dolores Marcelo (Teresita Tempra)  
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**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**ATTENTION PARENTS**

Looking to continue your child/teen’s faith??
We have just the answer!!!
Our Lifeteen Youth Groups will be starting soon!! The first night will be a parent night. You can meet the Core team, see how our youth sessions work, and meet other families in your church. Please join us on the following nights for the corresponding grades.

**SALTY**
4TH-5TH graders
August 23rd @ 6:30pm in the Rec. Hall

**LIFENIGHT**
High Schoolers
August 25th @ 7:30pm in the Rec. Hall

**EDGE**
6th-8th graders
August 26th @ 6:30pm

We look forward to meeting you and starting this new journey of faith with your family!!!
If you have any questions please contact Athena @ 612-1084. Texts are welcome too.

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**CHANCE TO WIN LARGE CASH PRIZES AND SUPPORT THE 2019 HARVEST FESTIVAL**

We are once again holding a raffle to cover the cost of professionally installed tents for the Harvest Festival. We invite you to take a chance on winning some of the $17,750 in monetary prizes that will be awarded. Only 500 tickets will be sold at $100 each.

**The Grand Prize is $10,000. 2nd Prize $2,000, 3rd – 5th Prizes $1,000, 6th – 8th Prizes $500, and 9th – 13th Prizes $250.**

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.

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**PRO LIFE CORNER**

“We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern.”

Pope Francis

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**SET THE EARTH ON FIRE**

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son’s soccer games or our daughter’s lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn’t about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 12, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets us on fire.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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: jazzyleias@yahoo.com

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

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"
-MT. 26:40

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 or contact Chris & Vanessa at applications@stocktonwwme.org or 209-691-0603.

FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES
PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton offers counseling services in the following:

General clinical counseling: (children, individual, couples, seniors & family), bereavement counseling for family members and friends to address the impact of various kinds of loss.

Marriage Counseling: services for child/youth, support groups (as needed), substance abuse issues

For more information please contact Jose Betancourt, Counseling Coordinator San Joaquin County at (209) 340-3218 or jbetancourt@ccstockton.org

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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.

CROSS COUNTRY AND GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cross Country and Girls Basketball seasons begin in September. Sign up now through the school office or parish office. For more information please contact: cyo@sasmanteca.org

The Priesthood

Diocesan Vocations Contact: Fr. Cesar Martinez
209-463-1305
vocations@stocktondiocese.org
St. Anthony’s Weekly Events

Monday, August 19
9:30 am  Legion of Mary, 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  Spanish Choir, Cafeteria

Tuesday, August 20
10:00 am  Bible Study, Conference Room
4:00 pm  Faith Formation, Cafeteria
6:00 pm  Hora Santa, Church
7:00 pm  Bible Study, Conference Room

Wednesday, August 21
10:00 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
4:00 pm  Vocation Ministry, Conf. Room
4:00 pm  Faith Formation, Cafeteria
6:30 pm  Adult Formation, Rec. Hall
6:30 pm  Life Teen, Church
7:30 pm  Music Ministry, Church

Thursday, August 22
9:30 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
10:00 am  Bible Study, Conf. Room
4:00 pm  Faith Formation, Cafeteria
6:30 pm  Catholic Charities, Classroom 5
6:00 pm  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
7:00 pm  Grupo Alabare, Cry Room
7:00 pm  Bible Study, Mary’s Room & Conf. Room

Friday, August 23
6:00 pm  Cursillo, Cafeteria
6:30 pm  Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall

Saturday, August 24
10:00 am  Catholic Charities, Cafeteria

Sunday, August 25
7:00 pm  Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall

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.

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.
**ADULT FORMATION CORNER**

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**The Sacraments**

**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.
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**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

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**WELCOME TO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM ON AUGUST 3RD & 4TH**

Gianna Victoria Aguirre, Kenia Valeria Aguirre, Benicio Barajas, Annalía Espinoza, Ezekiel Francisco Flores, Francisco Flores, Teagan Rae Grant, Alexandra Lopez Castañeda, Mia Jocelyn Martinez, Yatziry Esthelo Pardo Rivas, Analia Rose Nuñez, Quetzal Luis Salas, and Rodrigo Elan Vargas

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**New Bible Study Series Begins August 29**

**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 an eight-week Bible Study *Psalms: The School of Prayer* on 8/29/19 at 10:00 am to 12:00 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
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**New Bible Study Series**

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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
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MARTES: JUE 6, 11-24/SAL 85, 9, 11-12. 13-14 [CFR. 9]/MT 19, 23-30
MIÉRCOLES: JUE 9, 6-15/SAL 21, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7 [2]/MT 20, 1-16
JUEVES: JUE 11, 29-39/SAL 146, 5-6. 6-7. 8-9. 10 [8 Y 9]/MT 22, 1-14
VIERNES: RUT 1, 1. 3-6. 14-16. 22/SAL 40, 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10 [8 Y 9]/MT 22, 34-40
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LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA
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Miércoles: San Pío X, papa
Jueves: La coronación de la Virgen María como Reina de todo lo creado
Viernes: Santa Rosa de Lima, virgen
Sábado: San Bartolomé, apóstol

ANUNCIOS DE MINISTERIOS
El grupo hispano ocupa ayuda para el puesto de tacos en el Festival de Cosecha. Si le interesa ayudar por favor de contactar a Sr. Queta al (209) 823-4654.

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.

RIFA DEL FESTIVAL DE LA COSECHA
Una vez más, estamos haciendo una rifa para cubrir el costo de las carpas instaladas profesionalmente para el Festival de la Cosecha. Te invitamos a participar y tener la oportunidad de ganar algunos de los premios monetarios que suman la cantidad de $ 17,750. Sólo se venderán 500 boletos a $ 100 cada uno.

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Los ganadores serán anunciados el viernes 13 de Septiembre a las 7 pm en el escenario principal del Festival de la Cosecha. No es necesario estar presente para ganar. Este es una maravillosa oportunidad de mostrar su apoyo a nuestra parroquia y a través de sus generosas contribuciones es que podemos continuar nuestra misión aquí en la Parroquia de St. Anthony.

RECONOCER A DIOS EN LOS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS
Incendia la Tierra
Mi esposa puede adentrarse tanto en un evento deportivo en el que juega uno de sus equipos favoritos que a veces debe abandonar la sala debido al estrés. ¡Eso es una involucración intensa! La recordé en las líneas laterales en los juegos de fútbol de nuestro hijo o los juegos de lacrosse de nuestra hija. Sus emociones eran intensas, y ella animaba fuertemente a sus hijos. Ella nunca le gritó a un árbitro porque no se trataba de ellos. Se trataba de ver a sus hijos, o a su equipo favorito, lograr algo grandioso. Su pasión era alimentada por el amor y su conexión con algo o alguien.

Cuando miramos a nuestra Iglesia, necesitamos ver una mayor pasión. A veces esa pasión está ahí, pero muchas veces, nos acercamos a nuestro discipulado como un aspecto más de en quien nos hemos convertido. Necesita ser más que eso. Como nos llamamos a nosotros mismos cristianos, debemos “ponernos a Cristo” para que un mundo en necesidad no nos vea a nosotros, sino a Jesús. Tomando en serio nuestro discipulado y viviendo como Corresponsables Diarios transformados, damos testimonio del poder de Jesucristo.

Jesús dijo en Lucas 12: “He venido a traer fuego a la tierra”. ¡Esas palabras me suenan muy emotivas! Si vamos a ser como Él, entonces necesitamos incendiar la tierra. Necesitamos ser audaces y proclamar la Buena Nueva sin disculpas. Por nuestras acciones de amor y justicia, debemos mostrar al mundo que, con el Cuerpo de Cristo en la tierra, no es un asunto habitual. Sin duda, nuestras emociones sobre estas cosas deberían superar las emociones que tenemos sobre un evento deportivo. Necesitamos preguntarnos a nosotros mismos qué es lo que realmente nos prende fuego.

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