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

March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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
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323 North Fremont Ave.
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(209) 823-4513
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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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan. (Jos 5:12b)

PSALM:
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING:
All this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

GOSPEL:
"Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)


GOSPEL MEDITATION

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**
7:00 am – Fr. Chad  
† Memorial Mass Members
8:45 am – Fr. Chris  
† Joanne B. Sanchez (Steve & Norma Orozco)  
† Leonilda Nunes (Manuel & Fatima deMelo)  
† Nelia Corder (Joe & Kathleen Gomes)
10:45 am – Fr. Gilbert  
For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm – Fr. Gilbert  
† Juanita Toscano (Jorge Toscano)
6:00 pm – Fr. Chad  
† Robert Orlando

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK**  
Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent  
Monday: April Fools' Day  
Tuesday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit  
Thursday: St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

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**This week’s second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul**

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**MARCH 24, 2019**
Total: $22,634  
Compared to last year: $23,444
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 Deacon Jeff.

Deacon Jeff is having a bus trip to Chukchansi Gold Resort on Tuesday, April 9th. The bus will leave at 7:30am sharp and the cost is $30.00 of which $10.00 you get back to play and $5.00 for food. You must show a picture ID to participate. For more information or to purchase a ticket contact Deacon Jeff (209) 823-7197 ext. 227.

CATHOLIC QUOTES

“The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes.”
- CCC 1733
St Anthony’s School

Live Stations of the Cross
St. Anthony's School students will do two presentations of the Live Stations this year. Our first date will be Wednesday, April 10th immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. The second will be Friday, April 12th at 7:00 pm. Both presentations will be held in the church. We hope you will be able to attend.

St. Anthony’s Catholic School Registration is now open for the 2019/2020 school year. Interested families can log on to our website at www.sasmanteca.org for scholarship information and online applications. We would be happy to give your family a tour of our school or you may sign up to have your child shadow at SAS for the day. Current families may log onto their FACTS SIS (formerly ParentsWeb) to register.

St. Anthony's Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year! Preschool classes with half and full day sessions are offered to children 3-5 years of age and potty trained by Sept. 1st. St. Anthony's Preschool is a safe, nurturing and fun environment that has served the community for 26 years! For more information including tuition, class days and times visit our website at www.sasmanteca.org or by emailing jennifer.dalen@sasmanteca.org.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness.

Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more? Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT'S NEW WITH LIFETEEN???

NOVA a Family Series
March 11th - April 1st @ 6:30-8:00pm
This will include Edge kids along with SALTY kids.

OTHERWORLDLY
March 24th - April 14th @ 7:30-9:00pm
Lifenight students
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: javizzelyas@yahoo.com

We are currently in need of adorers during these times:
- Monday: 4am to 5am
- Tuesdays 1am to 3am
- Wednesday: 1pm to 2pm
- Thursday: 1pm to 2pm
- Friday: 1pm to 2pm

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

ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP

Tickets are now on sale for the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) All You Can Eat Shrimp Dinner for Saturday, April 6th. Cost is Adults $35 and Children 12 and under $17.50. Dinner includes Pasta (Pesto), Salad, Bread and Butter. No Host Cocktail Hour 6:00pm Dinner 7:00 pm . Dessert Auction featuring home made goodies along with a raffle and silent auction. This event will sell out so make your reservation now. Tickets can be bought thru any ICF member or contact Barbie at (209) 321-0830

FAMILY ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus and Legion of Mary will be hosting a Family Rosary on Sunday, March 31st starting at 3:00pm in the Church. All families are welcome especially your children.

Meditations and Activities

Beginning Ash Wednesday, join the Legion of Mary & the Respect Life Ministry to peacefully pray the Rosary for the Unborn at Planned Parenthood, 965 E. Yosemite Ave., on April 3, 10, & 17 at 10:30 A.M.

Please do not park on the Clinic property.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, April 12th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm in the School Cafeteria. Cost is $15.00 for Adults, $7.00 for Children 5 to 12 (dining in only), Children under 5 free. Take outs start at 4:30pm with dining in starting at 5:00pm. Menu: Fried and Baked fish, Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls and Ice Cream one drink is included with the meal.

Santo Nino Ministry of St. Anthony of Padua would be honored by your presence at the first dinner and dance fundraiser to benefit St. Anthony’s Church building maintenance funds, Santo Nino Ministry activities and Annual Fiesta.

Saturday, April 6th, at 5:00pm—11:00 pm Manteca Senior Center, 295 Cherry Lane Manteca, Ca

Music provided by DJ Jurnerl & Rhodel Rivas Atienza
For tickets or more information please contact:
Celso (209) 456-3940
Nimfa (209) 481-0414 or Brenda (510) 673-5438
### St. Anthony’s Weekly Events

**Monday, April 1**
- 10:00 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 3:30 pm  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 5:00 pm  Soup Supper, Cafeteria
- 6:30 pm  Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall
- 6:30 pm  Adult Formation, Mary’s Rm., Church
  Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
- 7:00 pm  Santo Nino, Cry Room
- 7:00 pm  Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria

**Tuesday, April 2**
- 10:00 am  Bible Study, Conference Room
- 4:30 pm  Faith Formation, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
- 6:00 pm  Hora Santa y Via Crucis, Church
- 7:00 pm  Bible Study, Conference Room
- 7:00 pm  Y.M.I., Cafeteria

**Wednesday, April 3**
- 10:00 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 4:30 pm  Faith Formation, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
- 7:00 pm  Lenten Penance Service, Church

**Thursday, April 4**
- 10:00 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 10:00 am  Bible Study, Conference Room
- 6:00 pm  Confirmation II Meeting, Church
- 6:00 pm  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 7:00 pm  Y.L.I., Cafeteria
- 7:00 pm  Bible Study, Mary’s Room & Conf. Room
- 7:00 pm  Alabare, Classroom 7

**Friday, April 5**
- 6:00 pm  Faith Formation, Cafeteria
- 6:30 pm  Coro Angeles de Dios, Room 4
- 6:30 pm  Cursillo, Classroom 8
- 6:30 pm  Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall
- 7:00 pm  Stations of the Cross, Church

**Saturday, April 6**
- 9:00 am  Faith Formation, Cafeteria
- 6:00 pm  Shrimp Feed, Gym

**Sunday, April 7**
- 2:00 pm  Portuguese Choir, Classroom 8
- 7:00 pm  Youth Ministry, Cafeteria

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### Free Citizenship Workshop

Are you at least 18 years old? Have you been a resident for 5 years or 3 years if married to a U.S. Citizen? Become a citizen with our help!

**Stage 1: Naturalization Information Session:**
- **Date and Time:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019 - 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Kennedy Community Center, 2800 South D St, Stockton, CA 95206

In order to receive an appointment to complete your naturalization application, you must attend this naturalization information session. At the event, attorneys and accredited representatives will go over all the requirements needed to become a citizen, and they will tell you what to bring to your appointment. Appointments will be given at this event.

**Stage 2: Application Completion**
- **Date and Time:** Saturday, April 13, 2019 - By Appointment Only
- **Location:** Kennedy Community Center, 2800 South D St, Stockton, CA 95206

For more information, please call (209) 444-5910 OR (209) 840-2445

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ADULT FORMATION CORNER

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

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

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ST. VINCENT FERRER
Sometimes it can be easy to idealize past ages in the Church. But a look at history shows that the Bride of Christ has never had it easy! In the days of St. Vincent Ferrer, two, then three men claimed to be the legitimate pope. Vincent found himself swept up in the drama. One of his old friends was elected a false pope. While initially supportive, Vincent became disillusioned by the division in the Church. He spent 20 years going back to the basics. He avoided Church politics and traveled Europe as a missionary preacher. Eventually, St. Vincent publicly denounced the man who had once been his friend. Sometimes drama, scandal, and disappointment in the Church can drive us away from our faith. Rather than leave, Vincent clung to Christ. During tumultuous times in the Church, St. Vincent Ferrer, pray for us!

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INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

God does not coerce us into anything. Rather, He gives us the freedom and the means to live like adults, taking responsibility for our choices and the direction our lives take. As our loving Father, He desires that our home be made with Him but understands when we choose to pursue our own passions and desires, which lead us away from Him. We have to learn our own lessons if conversion is to be tangible and real. We cannot return to God simply because we are told to or because we are expected to. We have to come to God freely, and when we do, God is there with loving, open arms ready to welcome us back home. We can celebrate because we were dead and have found life again!

Taller Gratuito de Ciudadanía

¿Tienes al menos 18 años de edad? ¿Has sido residente por 5 años o 3 años si estás casado con un ciudadano estadounidense? ¡Hágase un ciudadano con nuestra ayuda!

**Etapa 1: Sesión informativa de naturalización**

Fecha y Hora: Martes, Abril 2, 2019 - 5:30 PM- 7:00 PM
Lugar: Kennedy Community Center, 2800 South D St, Stockton, CA 95206

Para recibir una cita para completar su solicitud de ciudadanía, debe asistir a esta sesión de información de naturalización. En el evento, habrá abogados y representantes acreditados que explicarán todos los requisitos necesarios para convertirse en ciudadanos y le dirán qué traer a su cita. Las citas se darán en este evento.

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**Etapa 2: Completar la solicitud**

FECHA Y HORA: Sábado, Abril 13, 2019 - Solo por cita
LUGAR: Kennedy Community Center, 2800 South D St, Stockton, CA 95206

Para más información, favor de llamar al:
209-444-5910 o (209) 840-2445

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CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 4° Domingo de Cuaresma
Martes: San Francisco de Paula, ermitaño
Miércoles:
Jueves: San Isidoro, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

ANUNCIOS DE MINISTERIOS

Habrá Servicios de Penitencia de Cuaresma el día 3 de Abril a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia.

DIVINO NIÑO

El Divino Niño esta 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.

VIA CRUCIS

Habrá Via Crucis cada Martes de Cuaresma en la Iglesia a las 6:00 pm