March 24, 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

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

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of Padua
Catholic Church

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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:
God replied: "I am who I am." Then he added, "This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

PSALM:
The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

SECOND READING:
Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall. (1 Cor 10:12)

GOSPEL:
"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5b)
Alternate Readings: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

GOSPEL MEDITATION
"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also? it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**
7:00 AM – Fr. Chris
† Marge Thomson (P. C. T.)
† Lupe Torres (Lino & Mary Ferreira)
8:45 AM – Fr. Gilbert
† Paddy Nolan (Larry Nolan, Rosemary & Mark Wanta)
† Nelia Corder (Y.L.I.)
† David Foehringer (Kevin & Karen Stevens)
10:45 AM – Fr. Chris
For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM – Fr. Chad
† Cupertino Ortiz Guzmán (Family Arciniega Ortíz)
6:00 PM – Fr. Chad
† Calro Gallego, Reinaldo & Dolores Nabayan (Rey Nabayan)

**MASS INTENTION**

**MONDAY, MARCH 25**
7:00 AM – Fr. Chad
† Leticia Lalicon Aquino (Ron Lalicon Aquino)
9:00 AM – Fr. Gilbert
† Fernando Del La Barrera, Isidora Reategui & Rafael Moya (Anita Bartra)
† Barbara Terra (F.E.S.M.)
(Special Intention) Nichole & Amanda Loberg (Rosana Loberg)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26**
7:00 AM – Fr. Gilbert
† Leticia Lalicon Aquino (Ron Lalicon Aquino)
† Fernando Mendoza (Audel Mendoza & Family)
9:00 AM – Fr. Chris
† Bernice & Henry Bartolucci (Regina Fagundes)
(Special Intention) Bernardino Albarron & Familia (Miriam G. Velazquez)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**
7:00 AM – Fr. Chad
† Leticia Lalicon Aquino (Ron Lalicon Aquino)
9:00 AM – Fr. Gilbert
† Steve Gannon (Rivas Family)
† Rose Oben (Theresia Fobi)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28**
7:00 AM – Fr. Chris
† Leticia Lalicon Aquino (Ron Lalicon Aquino)
9:00 AM – Fr. Chad
† Lorraine Ficken (Gayle Meade & Family)
† Gregory Albert Jessup (Michael & Maria Kelly)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**
7:00 AM – Fr. Chris
† Myra Lucas (Art Lucas Jr.)
† Leticia Lalicon Aquino (Ron Lalicon Aquino)
9:00 AM – Fr. Chad
† Antonio S. Lima (Lisa Victorino)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**
8:00 AM – Fr. Chris
† Quirina F. Olay (Lucy Curtis)
† Leticia Lalicon Aquino (Ron Lalicon Aquino)
5:00 PM – Fr. Gilbert
† Anthony Martin (Joe & Lillian Machado)
† Lonnie Hanson (Victor & Mary Contreras)
† Richard Roe (Knights of Columbus)
7:00 PM – Fr. Chad
† Mimi Thompson (Hazel Mayo)
† Mercedes Herrera & Elsa Gonzalez (Ana Luisa Mendoza)
† Luis Rico, Irma Rico, Evelyn Rico (Louie Rico)

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**
Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

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**MASS INTENTION CONTINUE**

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Thank You

**March 17, 2019**
Total: $22,493
Compared to last year: $18,857
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.

Stations of the Cross

- **St. Patrick’s Church**, April 1st at 7:00 pm in the church.
- **St. Bernard’s Church**, April 2nd, at 7:00 pm in the Holy Family Center.
- **St. Anthony’s Church**, April 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the church.
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe**, April 4th, 7:00 pm in the church.

Senior Penance Service will be on March 27th at 3:00 pm in the church.
St Anthony’s School

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.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Perhaps this Lent you are working hard to stick with your devotions, avoid hamburgers on Fridays, and fight your temptations for soda since you gave it up for Jesus. You are planting seeds in your spiritual life in hopes of growing them into something beautiful and meaningful. However, you have been trying this approach now for many years, and it is hard to say that much has grown during all that time. You could deduce that what you are doing is not as worthwhile as you once believed. There is no fruit because these things don’t matter. Or you could take a real hard look at your life, see where you are planting those seeds, and finally notice what the problem has been all along. WEEDS!

Too often, we plant seeds over and over again in soil that is not rich in nutrients and is filled with weeds. The weeds choke the life out of any growth that comes to the seeds planted. We think that adding good things to our life will change it, and removal of sin will not be necessary. It is like eating two large hamburgers and a large fries and believing you won’t gain weight because you drank a Diet Coke.

As good stewards who are called to discern how we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, we must be about ripping those weeds out of our lives so the good seeds we plant can grow. For each of us, the weeds are different: money, ego, sex, greed, etc. If we don’t take a good honest look at our lives and make some tough choices, no amount of devotion or good works will make us better disciples. We will simply wait for the next Lent to do the same things all over again.

- 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

CATHOLIC QUOTES

“God speaks silently, God speaks in your heart; if your heart is noisy, chattering, you will not hear.”
-Caryll Houselander

PRAYER FOR AN END TO INFANTICIDE

Bishop Cotta encourages us all to join this national prayer and awareness campaign organized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of our elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. We especially pray for our Senator(s) Diane Feinstein and Kamela Harris. Open his/her/their heart(s) and mind(s) to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

Note:
To determine your senators’ votes on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, go to: http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/born-alive-bill.cfm
**PERPETUALADORATION**

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:
- 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

**Ministries 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 March 27, 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.

**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.

Come enjoy a delicious homemade soup, each Monday of Lent at 5:00pm in the cafeteria.
The next soup supper is Monday, March 25th, hosted by Knights of Columbus Bring your own bread and drinks. Free will offering accepted.

**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 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 (rattogreenacres@gmail.com).

**Santo Nino Ministry**

Santo Nino Ministry cordially Invites you to a Dinner & Dance Fundraiser on April 6th from 5:00pm to 11:00pm at the Manteca Senior Center.
Tickets are $40 per person prepaid and $45.00 at the door.
A sumptuous buffet dinner will be served.
The attire is semi-formal
Proceeds to benefit SAC building maintenance funds, Santo Nino Ministry activities and annual Fiesta.

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, March 25
10:00 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
1:30 pm  Ministry of Caring, Rec. Hall
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, Conf. Room
7:00 pm  Santo Nino, Cry Room
7:00 pm  Cursillo, Mary’s Room
7:00 pm  Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 26
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  I.C.F., Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 27
10:00 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
3:00 pm  Senior Penance Service, Church
4:30 pm  Faith Formation, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
6:30 pm  Music Ministry, Church
7:00 pm  Harvest Festival Meeting, Conf. Room
7:30 pm  Music Ministry, Church

Thursday, March 28
10:00 am  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
10:00 am  Bible Study, Conference Room
6:00 pm  Communion II Meeting, Church
6:00 pm  Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
7:00 pm  Grupo Alabare, Cafeteria
7:00 pm  Bible Study, Mary’s Room & Conf. Room

Friday, March 29
4:30 pm  Faith Formation, Cafeteria
6:30 pm  Coro Angeles de Dios, Room 4
6:30 pm  Cursillo, Classroom 8
7:00 pm  Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 30
9:00 am  Faith Formation, Cafeteria

Sunday, March 31
2:00 pm  Portuguese Choir, Classroom 8
7:00 pm  Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall

MINISTRY DAY
Take the First Step! Ministry Day Conference is April 6, 2019
Registration booklets were mailed out. If you did not receive one, ask your parish office or the director of Religious Education. Register early and pay less! Take advantage of group registrations; with any 10 registrants from your Parish, the 11th person will attend free (lunch not included for free person). Be sure to check out our speakers and workshops.

This year we are offering something new – an Immersion Experience! For more information contact Stephanie Rodriguez (209) 546-7652 or visit our website and download the registration form at https://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/religious-education/diocesan-ministry-day/
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

MARRIAGE:
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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ALSO ONCE YOU HAVE SIGNED UP, DON’T FORGET TO DOWNLOAD THE FREE IOS OR ANDROID APP TO PUT FORMED AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.

WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY THIS INCREDIBLE GIFT AND PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD TO OTHERS. TO SIGN UP FOR FREE, JUST VISIT US HERE: https://st-anthonysmanteca.formed.org. PASSWORD:YDFJB7

A PRAYER TO BE OPEN TO GOD'S WILL
Good and gracious God,
I know that life can be unpredictable,
Sometimes I know what is good and right,
but I don't have the courage to do it.
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
and I resist growing and learning.
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
When You prompt me to do the right thing,
give me the courage to do it.
When those around me need my help,
give me Your heart to love them.
When I'm stuck in my own ways,
give me the grace to grow closer to You every day.
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
Let it be done unto me according to Your word! Amen.

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AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. Don’t forget to tell your family and friends too! Thank you for your support!
INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Si la historia de la salvación nos enseña algo, es que Dios es muy paciente. Una y otra vez, las personas se han alejado de Él y Él ha enviado profeta tras profeta para guiarnos de regreso. Para mostrarnos cuánto nos ama, nos envió a Su Hijo, quien reveló este amor incondicional en todo lo que dijo e hizo. Esta temporada de Cuaresma es una oportunidad para arrepentirse y regresar. El misterio de la presencia de Dios se revela en y a través de los eventos ordinarios de la vida, como nos lo recuerda el nacimiento de Cristo. Dios le dijo a Moisés a través de la zarza ardiente: "Yo soy el que soy". Y así nos lo recuerda hoy. No nos alejemos más y volvamos a la verdad.

ORACIÓN PARA PONERLE FIN AL INFANTICIDIO

El Obispo Cotta nos anima a todos a unirnos a esta campaña de oración y concientización organizada por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos.

El Senado de Estados Unidos recientemente no adoptó la Ley Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection [Ley de Protección a Sobrevivientes de Abortos Nacidos Vivos], legislación que prohíbe el infanticidio al asegurar que un niño que haya nacido vivo después de un intento de aborto reciba el mismo grado de atención para preservar su vida y salud que cualquier otro niño que nazca vivo a la misma edad gestacional. Recemos juntos para pedir el fin del infanticidio:

“Jesús, Señor de la Vida, transforma el corazón de nuestros dirigentes electos para que reconozcan que el infanticidio está mal y no debe tolerarse. Rezamos especialmente por nuestro(s) Senador(es) Diane Feinstein y Kamela Harris. Te pedimos que abras su corazón y su mente para que reconozcan y defiendan el don preciado de cada vida humana”.

Nota:
Para determinar los votos de sus senadores para la ley Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, visite: http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/born-alive-bill.cfm

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

LUNES: IS 7, 10-14/SAL 40, 7-8. 8-9. 10. 11 [8. 9]/HEB 10, 4-10/LC 1, 26-38
MARTES: DN 3, 25. 34-43/SAL 25, 4-5. 6 Y 7. 8-9 [6]/MT 18, 21-35
MIÉRCOLES: DT 4, 1. 5-9/SAL 147, 12-13. 15-16. 19-20 [12]/MT 5, 17-19
JUEVES: JER 7, 23-28/SAL 95, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9 [8]/LC 11, 14-23
VIERNES: OS 14, 2-10/SAL 81, 6-8. 8-9. 10-11. 14 Y 17 [CFR. 11 Y 9]/MC 12, 28-34
SÁBADO: OS 6, 1-6/SAL 51, 3-4. 18-19. 20-21 [CFR. OS 6, 6]/LC 18, 9-14

CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

ANUNCIOS DE MINISTERIOS

Habrá Servicios de Penitencia para las personas de tercera edad el día 27 de Marzo a las 3:00pm en la iglesia.

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