March 17, 2019
Second 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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Catholic Church

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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

My Dear People of God,

The month of March is a very significant month for me. It is the month of my birthday; the month of my ordination as a bishop; and the month of my installation as the Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton. These are all milestones in my life, and my faith journey, for which I am very grateful.

Also, March welcomes the season of spring with its promise of transformation and new life. Within March, we are gifted with a penitential season, Lent, that focuses upon conversion and the call of all the baptized - a life of holiness.

In order for us, clergy and laity alike, to become more Christ-like we need to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” We are to renounce the obstacles that have no business in the life of a baptized individual. Those spiritual stumbling blocks need to be removed, and we do so by humbly approaching the Sacrament of Penance.

As parishes begin to prepare for the celebration of the Easter Mysteries by providing special times for Confession and Penance Services, I invite and encourage parents to set an example for their children by attending and participating in the Sacrament of Penance. As the principle educators in the way of the Faith, parents have a responsibility to teach their children about the importance of this sacrament of mercy. It is sad to hear many of our youth who are preparing for Confirmation, for example, mention that the last time they experienced Confession was for their First Holy Communion! When we neglect the Sacrament of Penance, we lose a spiritual foothold of healing that can benefit the life of Christian families.

With the support of the Church, individuals, spouses, parents, and their children are called to a Christ-centered life. All of us: Bishop, Clergy, Religious and Laity must be open to ongoing conversion and evangelization in our lives. Having an encounter with the love and mercy of Jesus, in the Sacrament of Penance, will help direct our lives to the road to holiness.

It is all about knowing Jesus and living his Gospel teachings. It is not only having a knowledge of Jesus but having a living relationship with him as the Risen Lord of our lives that is essential. Bringing our shortcomings, imperfections - our sins - to the foot of the cross, in the Sacrament of Penance, is where we find transformation and new life.

Let us be encouraged, with the help of the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and the confession of our sins to experience a spiritual renewal, a new spring-time during the month of March. During the forty days of Lent, let us prepare for the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

May Our Lady help us to foster a closer relationship with her Son, Jesus, as we prepare our hearts to grow in holiness by way of the gift of his grace and mercy.

A grace filled Lent to all!

In the Peace of Christ,
Bishop Cotta
READINGS FOR THE WEEK
MONDAY: DN 9:4B-10/PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13 [CF. 103:10A]/LK 6:36-38
TUESDAY: 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16/PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22/MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A OR LK 2:41-51A
WEDNESDAY: JER 18:18-20/PS 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17B]/MT 20:17-28
THURSDAY: JER 17:5-10/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 [40:5A]/LK 16:19-31

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK
Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick's Day
Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Next week’s second collection is for Catholic Relief Services

Thank You

March 10, 2019
Total: $22,568
Compared to last year: $19,713
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.

SENIOR PENANCE SERVICE
Senior Penance Service will be on March 27th at 3:00pm in the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday night at 7:00 pm during Lent.

April 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the church.
As we march through Lent, it can be easy to think it's all about sacrifice. No chocolate, no alcohol, no meat on Fridays. Yet here, only in the second week of Lent, we have the story of the transfiguration. This reading reminds us of the "why" behind what we do. We don't fast from dessert to lose weight. We don't donate money or serve others because it's merely a nice thing to do. Lent is about transformation!

Peter, James, and John trudged up the mountainside behind Jesus. This must have been a difficult hike, because when they reached the top, "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep." Despite our best efforts, perhaps we, too, can be asleep to the deeper meaning of the Lenten season. Jesus is transfigured while they slumber, but eventually they become "fully awake, [and] they saw his glory and the two men standing with him."

This is no small thing! The disciples witness Jesus in his divine splendor and see the miraculous apparitions of Moses and Elijah. The entire mountain becomes a spiritual breakthrough. "A cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud." These symbols are present in the Old Testament. They are present on Mount Sinai when Moses prayed alone and received the 10 Commandments. Elijah had a similar experience when he prayed alone before God. But here are ordinary men, former fishermen, who have been drawn up into an adventure beyond their wildest expectations. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the fulfillment of all that came before. But Christianity is not the religion of the elite, where only the select few are allowed to participate. We are all invited into spiritual transformation. Lent is a privileged time for this!

**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](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/born-alive-bill.cfm)

**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
Lifemight students

The St. Anthony's Catholic School 5th Annual Auction dinner is Saturday, March 23. We are looking for donations for both our silent and live auctions. Donations can be made at the school office during school hours. Please contact (209) 815-2256 if you have a question about your donation. Thank you for your support.

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](http://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.
**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:
- Monday: 12pm to 1pm & 1pm to 2pm
- Tuesday: 12pm to 1pm & 2pm to 3pm
- Wednesday: 1pm to 2pm & 5pm to 6pm
- Thursday: 2pm to 3pm, 3pm to 4pm, & 4pm to 5pm
- Friday: 12pm to 1pm, 1pm to 2pm & 4pm to 5pm
- Saturday: 12pm to 1pm, 1pm to 2pm, 2pm to 3pm, 3pm to 4pm & 4pm to 5pm

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

**Ministries and Activities**

Come enjoy a delicious homemade soup, each Monday of Lent at 5:00pm in the cafeteria. The next soup supper is Monday, March 18th, hosted by Christian Initiation. 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 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 (rattogreenacres@gmail.com).

**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.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

-MT. 26:40

**Priest Appreciation Dinner is on May the 18th.**

Beginning Ash Wednesday, join the Legion of Mary & the Respect Life Ministry to peacefully pray the Rosary for the Unborn.

- Location: Planned Parenthood
- 965 E. Yosemite Ave., Manteca

- Dates: March 20, 27
- April 3, 10, 17
- Time: 10:30 A.M.

Please do not park on the Clinic property.

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**

The Knights of Columbus will hold their annual Fish Fry Dinners on Friday's March 22 and April 12 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.
**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

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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MENSAJE DEL OBISPO COTTA

Estimado pueblo de Dios,

El mes de marzo tiene mucho significa-
do para mí. Es el mes de mi cumpleaños; el mes de mi ordenación como obispo; y el mes de mi instalación como Obispo de la Diócesis de Stockton. Todo esto han sido acontecimientos importantes en mi vida.

En el mes de Marzo también le damos la bienvenida a la primavera, con su promesa de transformación y nueva vida. Durante el mes de marzo se nos regala un periodo de penitencia que es la Cuaresma, en la cual nos enfocamos en la conversión y el llamado de todos los bautizados- a la santidad.

Para que nosotros, clero y laicos por igual, podamos ser como Cristo necesitamos “alejarnos del pecado y ser fiel al Evangelio.” Necesitamos renunciar a los obstáculos que no tienen cabida en la vida de un bautizado. Esas piedras de tropiezo necesitan ser removidas, y lo hacemos cuando nos acercamos humildemente al Sacramento de la Penitencia.

Al comenzar las parroquias a prepararse a la celebración de los Misterios Pascuales proporcionando horarios de Confesión y Servicios Penitenciales, yo los invito y animo a los padres de familia a dar ejemplo a sus hijos participando en el Sacramento de la Penitencia. Como educadores principales en el camino de la Fe, los padres tienen una responsabilidad de enseñar a sus hijos de la importancia de este sacramento de Misericordia. Es muy triste escuchar de nuestros jóvenes que se preparan para la Primera Comunión sin haber confesado por aquellas personas que les enseñan a cambiar sus vidas a Cristo. Aquí es donde se habla de la conversión de vidas.

Todo se centra en conocer a Jesús y vivir las enseñanzas del Evangelio. No se trata solamente en el tener un conocimiento sobre Jesús pero es esencial el tener una relación viva con El como Señor de nuestras vidas. Llevando nuestras imperfecciones, defectos – pecados- al pie de la cruz, en el Sacramento de la Penitencia, es donde encontramos la transformación y vida nueva.

Animémonos, con la ayuda de las disciplinas Cuaresmales de oración, ayuno, y limosna, de la confesión de nuestros pecados para experimentar una renovación espiritual, una nueva primavera en el mes de marzo. Durante estos cuarenta días de Cuaresma, preparémonos para el Mysterio pascual de la Muerte y Resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Que Nuestra Señora nos ayude a fomentar una íntima relación con su Hijo, Jesús, al preparar nuestros corazones a crecer en santidad por medio del don de su gracia y Misericordia.

En la Paz de Cristo,
Obispo Cotta

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

LUNES: DN 9, 4-10/SAL 79, 8. 9. 11 Y 13 [CFR. 103, 10]/LC 6, 36-38
MARTES: 2 SM 7, 4-5. 12-14. 16/SAL 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 [37]/ROM 4, 13. 16-18. 22/MT 1, 16. 18-21. 24 O LC 2, 41-51
MIÉRCOLES: JER 18, 18-20/SAL 31, 5-6. 14. 15-16 [17]/MT 20, 17-28
JUEVES: JER 17, 5-10/SAL 1, 1-2. 3. 4 Y 6 [40, 5]/LC 16, 19-31
SÁBADO: MIQ 7, 14-15. 18-20/SAL 103, 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12 [8]/LC 15, 1-3. 11-32

CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 2o Domingo de Cuaresma; Día de San Patricio
Lunes: San Cirilo de Jerusalén, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia
Martes: San José, Esposo de la Santísima Virgen María
Sábado: San Toribio de Mogrovejo, obispo

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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 Viernes en la Iglesia a las 6:00 pm

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