March 10, 2019
First Sunday of Lent

Liturical 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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(209) 823-7197
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 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 springtime 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
TUESDAY: IS 55:10-11/PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18B]/MT 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY: JON 3:1-10/PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19B]/LK 11:29-32
THURSDAY: EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25/PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 7C-8 [3A]/MT 7:7-12
FRIDAY: EZ 18:21-28/PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7A, 7BC-8 [3]/MT 5:20-26
SATURDAY: DT 26:16-19/PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1B]/MT 5:43-48

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK
Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick's Day

MASS INTENTION
MONDAY, MARCH 11
7:00 am – Fr. Chad
(Special Intention) Gabriel Silva (Phyllis Rocha)
9:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† Cathy Cattolica (Elsie Holland)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† Sally Chong (Marguerite Zumel)
9:00 am – Fr. Chris
† Dave Foehringer (Sue Nussbaumer)
† Augusto Fagundes (Dacia Fagundes)
(Special Intention) Tom & Charina Quiambao (Tom Quiambao)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† Margaret Thomson
9:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Nelia Corder (Steve & Norma Orozco)
† Maria C. & Florence B. Padrón (Pete Padrón & Family)
† Anthony Martin (Joe & Lillian Machado)

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
7:00 am – Fr. Chris
† Patricia Moretti (Vince Moretti)
† Alexander Virata (Marguerite Zumel)
9:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Lorraine Ficken (Gayle Meade & Family)
† Henry Loya (Norine Loya)
† Gregory Albert Jessup (Michael & Maria Kelly)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† Richard Roe (Knights of Columbus)
† Joseph Silva (Daughter & Family)
9:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Segunda & Bibiano Cereno (Cora Doria)
† Jacob Espinoza (Angie Espinoza)
† Dante Felipe (Marguerite Zumel)

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
8:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Edward Fernandes
5:00 pm – Fr. Chris
† Melinda Balay (Elizabeth Balay)
† John Fagundes (Dacia Fagundes)
† Barbara Terra (Melissa & Jose Gaspar)
7:00 pm – Fr. Gilbert
† Angela Arguedas de Brown (Karen Ramos)

SUNDAY, MARCH 17
7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† William & Veren Schneider (Josie Schneider)
† Eloy Baca (Lilly Family)
8:45 am – Fr. Chris
† Nelia Corder (Joe & Kathleen Gomes)
† Manuel & Maria Vargas (Joe Vargas)
† Judy Vierra (Knights of Columbus)

MASS INTENTION CONTINUE
10:45 am – Fr. Chad
For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm— Fr Gilbert
† Juan Constantino (Bienvenida Gonzalez)
† Jose Ramirez (Maria Cruz De Ramirez)
6:00 pm – Fr. Chad
† Benjamin Villanueva

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SUNDAY’S READINGS -
FIRST READING:
"Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me." (Dt 26:10a)
PSALM:
Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)
SECOND READING:
For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Rom 10:13)
GOSPEL:
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. (Lk 4:1-2)


Thank You

March 3, 2019
Total: $33,808
Compared to last year: $25,901

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Lifting up to God for healing those in need of our prayers.

Nicholas Bush
Tomás Crawford
James Fannin
Sharie Romero
Harold Rowen
Steven Mavis
Steve Edman
Tom Gray
Brianne Gray
David Thompson
Luis M. Valle
Randy Pinto
Ida Teicheira
Amanda Rosa
Lucio Vazquez
Vince Cestra
Sam Partham
Nancy Teicheira
Santos
Kenneth Basile
Eileen Brooke
Mark Anthony Vasquez
Garret Luke
Richard Hobbs
Brian Donnelly
Joan Barbera
Sarah Davis
Jesus Aceves
Pete Villanueva

Susie Martinez
Elizabeth Rose Anderson
Mabel Chaparro
Connie Leandro Hasket
Maria Mendes
Pablito Tejada
Jared Costa
Loretta Valdez
Michelle Ruvalcaba Basile
Shari Mendoza
Robert Williams
Joanne Tynes
Mason Ferulli
Alexandria Anaro
Josephine Ochoa
Mary Catherine Martinez
Lindsay Bothelio
Cleo Woodall
Skip Yenchik
Paul Villagomez
Janet Simas
John Gilmore
Nancy Schlemmer
Maureen O. Ambros
Manuel Rodriguez
Ging Nicolas
Juliet Simeon
Julyssa Cerna

Barbara Pinto-Choate
Diane Adame
Brent Jaramillo
Nick Duren
Cici Juarez
Julie Ferreira
Lorna
Michael Reilly
Guadalupe Garcia
Dianne Brewer
Manuela Navarro
Dee Vazquez
Lorraine Navarro
Mario Acain
Margaret Waters
Ricky Madrigal
Veronica Miller
Jakub Kawakami
Dana Vanderlippe
Glenn McKimmie
Janet DeLisle
Eufemia Jacob
Ellen Williams
Nereida M. Ruiz
Jerry Gini
Monica Hernandez
Esmeralda Salas Ramos
Alex Espinoza
David Scroggins

Alberta Early
Christopher Rowen
Eileen Bournaziah
Kathy Johnson
Mary King
Jess Duran
Steve Mijokovic
Lisa Martinez
Lupe Razo
Dora Garcia
Mary Donges
Ralph Donges
Robert Zeno
Robert Orantes
Gabriela Silva
Pepe Zermeño

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.

Lenten Penance Service

April 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday night at 7:00 pm during Lent
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 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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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
Lifemonth students

CYO

Congratulations to all of our teams that participated in last weekend’s Playoffs. Everyone gave their best out on the court. Six teams played this week and four of the teams made it to Sunday’s championship games. We are very blessed to have two teams out of four win the championship game. All four championship games went down to the wire.

Amazing job out there!!! Congratulations to 6th Grade Spirit and 7th Grade Trinity for bringing home the Championships. We are very proud of all of you!!! Thank you parents for being the best fans out there this weekend.

It was so amazing to see St. Anthony’s Red being represented all throughout Venture Academy gym.

We had five teams representing us in the championship games this year, 4th, 5th, 6th grade spirit, 6th grade Trinity & 7th grade Trinity. CYO’s program is definitely moving in the right direction.

Thank you to coach Nelson for your time & dedication. A very special thank you to coach Troy Pelicas for all his dedication to our program for the past 15 years. Thank you 8th graders for all the wonderful memories that you have given us. Best of luck to you all in your future, make us proud. You are all now part of one of the greatest alumni ever!!!

Once a Roadrunner, always a Roadrunner!!! Volleyball games start the weekend of 03/16 and 3/17. God bless.

Roman Alvarez
St. Anthony C.Y.O.
Very proud Athletic Director
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 & 1pm to 2pm
- 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

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.

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 13, 20, 27
April 3, 10, 17
Time: 10:30 A.M.

Please do not park on the Clinic property.

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).

Priest Appreciation Dinner is on May the 18th.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

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.
# St. Anthony’s Weekly Events

## Monday, March 11
- **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
- **4:30 pm** Soup Supper, Cafeteria
- **6:30 pm** Adult Formation, Church, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
- **6:30 pm** Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall
- **7:00 pm** Music Ministry, Cafeteria
- **7:00 pm** Santo Nino, Cry Room
- **7:00 pm** Grupo Guadalupano, Conf. Room

## Tuesday, March 12
- **10:00 am** Bible Study, Conference Room
- **4:30 pm** Faith Formation, Rec. Hall, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
- **6:00 pm** Hora Santa, Church
- **7:00 pm** Bible Study, Conference Room
- **7:00 pm** Knights Of Columbus, Cafeteria

## Wednesday, March 13
- **10:00 am** Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- **6:00 pm** Serra Club, Rec. Hall
- **6:30 pm** School of Ministry, Cafeteria

## Thursday, March 14
- **10:00 am** Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- **10:00 am** Bible Study, Conference Room
- **6:00 pm** Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- **6:00 pm** Conf. I Workshop, Church
- **7:00 pm** Grupo Alabare, Cafeteria
- **7:00 pm** Bible Study, Mary’s Room & Conf. Room
- **7:30 pm** Music Ministry, Church

## Friday, March 15
- **6:00 pm** Faith Formation, Cafeteria
- **6:30 pm** Coro Angeles de Dios, Room 4
- **6:30 pm** Cursillo, Classroom 8
- **7:00 pm** Encuentro Matrimonial, Room 5
- **7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross, Church

## Saturday, March 16
- **9:00 am** Faith Formation, Cafeteria

## Sunday, March 17
- **2:00 pm** Marriage Encounter, Cafeteria
- **2:00 pm** Portuguese Choir, Classroom 8
- **7:00 pm** Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall

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**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/](https://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/religious-education/diocesan-ministry-day/)

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**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP COTTA**

My Dear People of God,

I would like to sincerely thank you all for your kindness and generosity for our recent second collection to benefit our Sisters and Brothers affected by the recent Camp Fire. Together as a Diocese we were able to collect and to send aid totaling $157,110.62 to our friends in the Diocese of Sacramento. Your generosity will bring much comfort to them, and assure them that they are not alone.

I ask that you continue to pray for those affected communities and families, and thank you again for graciously contributing to the relief efforts.

May the Lord reward you for your goodness!

Bishop Cotta

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**Annual Youth and Young Adult Congress**

Bilingual Diocesan Conference, will be held on March 16-17, 2019. **JUVENTUD, NUESTRO TIEMPO ES HOY/OUR TIME IS NOW.** There will be music, rallies, great speakers, prayer and the Mass will be presided over by Bishop Cotta on Sunday. Three tracks: adolescents, young adults, and Quinceañeras. Modesto Centre Plaza (1000 K. Street, Modesto), 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Register at the door. Registration fee is $5.00 per day. Purchasing lunch on site is optional. For Information call the Office of Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministry (209) 466-0636 extension 627 or 632; or email José López jlopez@stocktondiocese.org or visit [https://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/youth-youngadult-ministry/](https://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/youth-youngadult-ministry/)
**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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**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Temptation is a part of our lives. Even Jesus wrestled with temptation. Our faith tells us that we are meant to live our lives in service of God's kingdom. Yet, we often find ourselves pursuing our own desires rather than God's. The Gospel clearly tells us that true power is found in the embrace of virtue - living lives of non-violence, mercy, and forgiveness. Yet, we still are not convinced and seek things that will hurt us and retaliate against those who harm us. When Jesus faced temptation, he found security in who he was, which firmly rooted him in his mission and gave him the determination to trust in God. We, too, must learn to find security in our identity as a son or daughter of God, to live out our mission rooted in that truth, and to be confident in God's abiding presence.

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**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**DOMINGO:** ECLO 27, 4-7/SAL 92, 2-3. 13-14. 15-16 [CFR. 2]/1 CO 15, 54-58/LC 6, 39-45

**LUNES:** ECLO 17, 20-24/SAL 32, 1-2. 5. 6. 7 [11]/MC 10, 17-27

**MARTES:** ECLO 35, 1-12/SAL 50, 5-6. 7-8. 14 Y 23 [23]/MC 10, 28-31

**MIÉRCOLES:** JL 2, 12-18/SAL 51, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 Y 17 [CFR. 3]/2 CO 5, 20-6, 2/MT 6, 1-6. 16-18

**JUEVES:** DT 30, 15-20/SAL 1, 1-2. 3. 4 Y 6 [40, 5]/LC 9, 22-25

**VIERNES:** IS 58, 1-9/SAL 51, 3-4. 5-6. 18-19 [19]/MT 9, 14-15

**SÁBADO:** IS 58, 9-14/SAL 86, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [11]/LC 5, 27-32

**CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA**

**Domingo:** 8o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

**Lunes:** San Casimiro

**Miércoles:** Miércoles de ceniza

**Jueves:** Santa Perpetua y Santa Felicitas, mártires

**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.

**CONGRESO JUVENIL DIOCESANO ANUAL**

En bilingüe. Se llevará a cabo Marzo 16 y 17 con el tema: **JUVENTUD, NUESTRO TIEMPO ES HOY/OUR TIME IS NOW**. Habrá música, dramas, grandes conferencistas, oración y la Misa el domingo será oficiada por el Obispo Cotta. Conferencias para adolescentes, para jóvenes adultos y para Quinceañeras. Inscríbete en la puerta. Inscripción es solo $5.00 por día. Habrá almuerzo de venta disponible. Para más información llama a la Oficina de Pastoral Juvenil al (209) 466-0636 extensiones 627 o 632; o vía email jlopez@stocktondiocese.org o visite https://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/youth-youngadult-ministry/

**VIA CRUCIS**

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

**MENSAJE DEL OBISPO COTTA**

Estimado pueblo de Dios,

El mes de marzo tiene mucho significado 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 “alearnos 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! Cuando descuidamos el Sacramento de la Penitencia, perdemos nuestro apoyo espiritual de sanación que puede beneficiar la vida de familias Cristianas.

Con el apoyo de la Iglesia, individuos, matrimonios, padres de familia, y sus hijos son llamados a centrar su vida en Cristo. Todos nosotros: Obispos, Clero, Religiosos y Laicos debemos estar abiertos a una conversión y evangelización continua. Tener un encuentro con el amor y Misericordia de Jesús, en el Sacramento de la Penitencia, nos ayudará a dirigir nuestras vidas hacia el camino de la santidad.

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 cómo 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, y 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 Misterio pascal 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. Les deseo una Cuaresma llena de gracia,

En la Paz de Cristo,
Obispo Cotta