ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

Dear Pastors and Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to sincerely thank you ALL for your strong efforts and partnership with the Diocese of Stockton in the Bishop's Ministry Appeal (BMA). The Bishop's Ministry Appeal supports the many ministries, programs and services provided by the Diocese, which benefit all of our parishes.

The 2018 Bishop’s Ministry Appeal (BMA) was a great success! Over 10,000 parishioners generously gave $2,998,500 in 2018. 31 parishes achieved their goal, with 100% of all funds a parish raises above goal returned to the parish. I am pleased to report over $700,000 will be distributed to parishes for the 2018 BMA.

Thank you for graciously partnering with us, “As One” to strengthen our parishes and ministries, and to continue building His Kingdom in our Diocese.

In the Peace of Christ,

Myron J. Cotta
Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton
READINGS FOR THE WEEK


SATURDAY: HEB 13:15-17, 20-21/PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 [1]/MK 6:30-34

OBSERVANCES OF THE WEEK

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
Wednesday: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
Friday: St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; St. Jerome Emiliani
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When: February 7th
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You don’t have to be Catholic to attend.

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

CATHOLIC QUOTES
“One who has hope lives differently.”
-Pope Benedict XVI

Lifeteen sessions are back!!
We would like to welcome all of you back and we are excited to get this new year started!!! And if you haven't been to our Lifeteen sessions, come check us out!
We'd love to meet you!!!
4th-5th graders meet twice a month on Fridays from 6:30pm-8:00pm
6th-8th graders meet weekly on Mondays from 6:30-8:30pm
high schoolers meet weekly on Sunday nights from 7:30pm - 9:00pm

More information is also on the website regarding location and topic. Athena @ 612-1084

INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK
No one wants to listen to a prophet, especially when the prophet is someone close to us. We have a hard time accepting that ordinary associations can develop the type and depth of wisdom that can not only positively change lives but profoundly challenge them. To many folks, Jesus was simply the son of Joseph, even though his words caught their attention and amazed them. After his words sunk in, they were infuriated and drove him out of town. Is Jesus simply the son of Joseph to us as well, or is he the God who knew us before we were formed in the womb? If he is God, then we need to heed his message and change our lives accordingly.

St Anthony's School

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 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 SIS (formerly ParentsWeb) to register.
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 & 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

Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary would like to bring the Blessed Mother to visit your home and pray the Rosary. The Blessed Mother will stay at your home for two weeks. You will get many blessings and graces. Contact: Esmeralda at (209) 629-8995.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

HURRY HURRY HURRY! Time is running out to register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Let a cozy weekend for just the two of you keep you warm on these long winter nights. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Feb 15-17, 2019 and Jul 13-14, 2019 in Manteca, CA. For more information and/or to register for a weekend, visit our website at: https://www.stocktonwwme.org or contact John or Angelica at: applications@stocktonwwme.org or 209-691-0603.

Do you enjoy reading the Word of God? Do you feel a calling to share the message of God? St. Anthony's is looking for those who are interested in being a lector at mass, approximately once a month. Training, materials and scheduling is provided for you. All you need is an open heart and willingness to serve. If you are interested, please contact Angelique in the parish office.

Walk for Life Photos - 2019

Send us your favorite photos from your “Walk for Life in San Francisco.” We will put them on our Photo Board to share with all our parishioners. They will be displayed at our Respect Life booth during the Harvest Festival, on Respect Life Sunday throughout the month, and January, before “The Walk for Life 2020”, and on our Respect Life Web site under Ministries. Text them to Odile Draa: (209) 403-2613.
### St. Anthony’s Weekly Events

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

**Tuesday, February 5**
- **10:00 am** Bible Study, Conf. 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** Y.M.I., Cafeteria

**Wednesday, February 6**
- **10:00 am** Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- **4:30 pm** Faith Formation, Rec. Hall, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
- **6:30 pm** Life Teen Music Ministry, Church
- **7:30 pm** Music Ministry, Church

**Thursday, February 7**
- **10:00 am** Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- **10:00 am** Bible Study, Conference Room
- **11:00 am** Ministry of Caring, Gym
- **5:30 pm** Y.M.I., Cafeteria
- **6:00 pm** Communion II Workshop, Church
- **6:00 pm** Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- **7:00 pm** Grupo Alabare, Classroom 7
- **7:00 pm** Bible Study, Mary’s Room & Conf. Room
- **7:30 pm** Music Ministry, Church

**Friday, February 8**
- **6:30 pm** Faith Formation, Cafeteria
- **6:30 pm** Coro Angeles de Dios, Room 4
- **7:00 pm** Cursillo, Room 8
- **7:00 pm** Encuentro Matrimonial, Classroom 7

**Saturday, February 9**
- **8:00 am** Faith Formation, Gym

**Sunday, February 10**
- **10:00 am** Genesis Project, Gym
- **2:00 pm** Portuguese Choir, Classroom 8
- **2:00 pm** Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- **7:00 pm** Faith Formation, Gym

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**RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

If you feel strongly about something, you might want to share your thoughts and feelings with others. When that something has to do with things such as food, art, or travel, others might show an interest, so the conversation is enjoyable. However, when that something is politics or religion, watch out! The conversation can quickly turn to debate and then to anger. That can be anything but enjoyable.

The Gospel does not always lead to joy when initially presented. Sometimes, it convict us and makes us see the error of our ways. Other times, it seems what is asked of us is too hard and requires us to step out of our comfort zone. When Jesus spoke the truth about the Kingdom of God, not everyone cheered. That was never a reason to be silent.

Stewardship living allows us to give witness to the Gospel with few words. Our actions speak very loudly. However, no one should ever be left to wonder why you and I would choose to do the things we do. What a shame it would be if you passed away and at your funeral people commented on how great a person you were, but they had no idea you were a Christian. People need to understand the “why” of what we do. The truth is that there is great joy in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Don’t rob others of the chance to know that joy for themselves.
**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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**A Prayer for Sportsmanship**

Holy Trinity, One God,
You have made us in Your image and likeness as individuals and as a community.
Thank you for opportunities to work together towards a common goal, to test our limits, and to develop discipline.
Thank you for opportunities to communicate, love our "enemies," and humbly accept both victory and loss.
Keep us safe in our athletic pursuits today.
May all our actions and strivings honor You and respect one another.
Amen.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

DOMINGO: JER 1, 4-5. 17-19/SAL 71, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15-17 [CFR. 15]/1 CO 12, 31-13, 13 O 13, 4-13/LC 4, 21-30
LUNES: HEB 12, 1-4/SAL 22, 26B-27. 28 Y 30. 31-32 [CFR. 27B]/MC 5, 21-43
MIÉRCOLES: HEB 12, 4-7. 11-15/SAL 103, 1-2. 13-14. 17 -18 [CFR. 17]/MC 6, 1-6
JUEVES: HEB 12, 18-19. 21-24/SAL 48, 2-3. 3CD-4. 9. 10 -11 [CFR. 10]/MC 6, 7-13
VIERNES: HEB 13, 1-8/SAL 27, 1. 3. 5. 8-9 [1]/MC 6, 14-29
SÁBADO: HEB 13, 15-17. 20-21/SAL 23, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 [1]/MC 6, 30-34

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 4º Domingo del tiempo ordinario
Martes: Santa Águeda, virgen y mártir
Miércoles: San Pablo Miki y compañeros, mártires
Viernes: Santa Josefina Bakhita, virgen; San Jerónimo Emiliani

RECONOCER A DIOS EN MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Si usted siente un gran interés por algo, quizás quiera compartir sus pensamientos y sentimientos con los demás. Cuando ese algo tiene que ver con cosas como comida, arte o viajes, otros pueden mostrar interés, por lo que la conversación es agradable. Sin embargo, cuando ese algo es política o religión, ¡cuidado! La conversación puede volverse rápidamente en debate y luego en ira. Eso puede ser cualquier cosa, menos agradable.

El Evangelio no siempre conduce a la alegría cuando se presenta inicialmente. A veces, nos convence y nos hace ver el error de nuestros caminos. En otras ocasiones, parece que lo que se nos pide es demasiado difícil y nos obliga a salir de nuestra zona de confort. Cuando Jesús habló la verdad sobre el Reino de Dios, no todos aplaudieron. Esa nunca fue una razón para quedarse en silencio.

La vida de corresponsabilidad nos permite dar testimonio del Evangelio con pocas palabras. Nuestras acciones hablan muy fuerte. Sin embargo, nunca se debería dejar a nadie preguntándose por qué usted y yo elegiríamos hacer las cosas que hacemos. Qué penoso sería si usted falleciea y en su funeral comentaran cuán buena persona era, pero no tenían idea de que era cristiano. La gente necesita entender el “por qué” de lo que hacemos. La verdad es que hay una gran alegría en ser un discípulo de Jesucristo. No le robés a otros la oportunidad de conocer esa alegría por sí mismos.

El que tiene esperanza vive diferente.
-Papa Benedicto XVI

ANUNCIOS DE MINISTERIOS

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.

MINISTERIOS DE JOVENES
¡Las sesiones de grupo juvenil han regresado después de las fiestas ! ¡Nos gustaría darles la bienvenida a todos ustedes y estamos muy contentos de comenzar este nuevo año!
Y si no ha asistido a nuestras sesiones de Lifeteen, ¡visítenos! Nos encantaría conocerte !!!
Los estudiantes de 4º a 5º grado se reúnen dos veces al mes los Viernes de 6:30 p.m. a 8:00 p.m.
Los estudiantes de 6º a 8º grado se reúnen semanalmente los Lunes de 6: 30-8: 30pm
Para más información también está en el sitio web con respecto a la ubicación y el tema. Atenea al 612-1084