October 6, 2019
Respect Life Sunday

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

St. Anthony 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:
The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hab 2:4)

Psalm:
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:
For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:
“So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’” (Lk 17:10)

REFLECTION: "EVERY LIFE: CHERISHED, CHOSEN, SENT"

In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is sent.

Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 11:1-4
Wednesday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 40:5a/Lk 11:5-14
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

OBSERVANCE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday
Monday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday: St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
Friday: St. John XXIII, Pope

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary’s joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).
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 a Deacon.

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October is Month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On autumn mornings as we conclude Lauds, the giant window of Our Lady is often blazing bright in the glow of the rising sun. Mary is illumined by the Radiant Dawn, the Sun of Justice, who is Jesus Christ her Son. Baptized into Christ Jesus our lives are meant to glow with his presence as well. One way we may grow closer to him is by praying the Rosary. October is the Month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

What consolation the Rosary brings. Remembering the mysteries of Christ’s life and Our Lady’s life, we repeat Hail Mary after Hail Mary. Indeed, the mysteries of the Holy Rosary—joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous—are the mysteries of our own lives as well. As we pray the Rosary, we beg Our Lady to draw us closer to him who is our Light. We remember seeing parents and grandparents so often praying their rosaries, “telling their beads” as some referred to this devotion. We remember as well that for many saints the Rosary was an indispensable part of their daily prayer.
"You are called to stand up for life!...You are called to work and pray against abortion."

*John Paul II*

**PRO LIFE CORNER**

**Respect Life Sunday 2nd Collection**
Your donation will support the efforts of the Diocesan Office of Family & Respect Life Ministry to provide:

- Support parish activities promoting the dignity of all life
- Networking with Pregnancy Resource Centers
- Post-abortion reconciliation & healing (Project Rachel)
- Christian Marriage (preparation and enrichment)
- Natural Family Planning
- Parenting (in times of crisis and just the everyday)
- Single, Divorced and Separated Catholics
- Care of our Sick & Elderly / End of Life Preparations

**HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?**
During a conversation about good stewardship of money and time, my daughter shared that sometimes doing the best thing was so hard for her to do. It wasn’t always a matter of right and wrong, black and white, but a matter of better and best. I began to reflect on the truth of her statement. When confronted with a decision, we can sometimes be given a choice of good, better, and best. We fool ourselves into believing that the good choice is not a bad one, so it must be enough. However, we have essentially placed a limit on our generosity or commitment with our false sense of good stewardship.

Jesus calls us in different ways every day. Sometimes the cost to us is clear. Yet sometimes there is no clear metric. When called to love, how much love is enough? When someone needs our time, how many hours is enough? When a small gift will bring about a positive outcome, what could a larger gift accomplish?

Don’t be fooled by Jesus’ teaching of the mustard seed. He was speaking to those who were caught up in concerns of status, uncertainty of heart, and lack of true faith. Jesus taught with parables and then demonstrated true faith and generosity by his crucifixion. Perhaps the mustard seed of faith allows us to move mountains and trees so that we may see through to the horizon of the cross. In the cross, we find the real metric of love and generosity that is for all who follow Him. — *Tracy Earl Welliver*

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In solidarity with 40 Days for Life, we in Stockton seek to peacefully pray, fast, and offer outreach to families in crisis pregnancies. We invite you to spend September 25th thru November 3rd in witness to life. Each day is offered in prayer or fasting, with Tuesday’s in prayer from 8am-6pm on the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood (4555 Precissi Ln., Stockton). Questions on how you can get involved call/text Janelle at (209) 518-2565 or for Spanish, call Pilar (209) 957-1822

Please join the Legion of Mary and Respect Life Ministry to pray the Rosary for the unborn every Wednesday, in October at 10am

Planned Parenthood, 965 E. Yosemite Ave., Manteca, Ca

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

"BEST OF LUCK to our amazing 8th grade girls who played their last home game this past Sunday. Kaitlyn Hedman, Lauren Dix, Kayser Kaur - We thank you for your dedication, team spirit and for representing St. Anthony's Roadrunners at the Diocese of Stockton CYO games."

A Fagundes Meat dinner is being held to help with the cost of Nick Bush’s medical expenses.

Wednesday, October 23rd from 4:30pm-6:30pm
The pick up is at Fagundes Meats
142 Jason St., Manteca

The menu is: quarter chicken, 2 slices of tri-tip, scallop potatoes, italian green beans, roll and butter. Tickets are $15.00. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Lillian at (209) 607-0853. Please make checks payable to Lillian Bush.
PERPETUAL ADORATION

St. Anthony's adoration chapel is open daily, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM. 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 4-5AM, Wednesday 4-5PM
Friday 9-10PM, 5-6AM, 10-11PM
Sunday 7-8PM

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

Ministries and Activities

St. Anthony’s Legion of Mary invites you to join the Public Square Rosary Crusade.
We will be praying for our nation on:
Saturday, October 12th at 12pm (noon)
Corner of Main Street & Yosemite Ave., Bedquarters Parking Lot (Bring your own chair)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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The Knights of Columbus is having a Pro-Life Breakfast on Sunday, October 6th at 8:00 am in the cafeteria. The menu will be:
-Eggs, chorizo, potatoes, and cheese burrito
-Eggs, sausage, potatoes and cheese burrito
-Meatless burrito
The meal will cost $3.00 and 2 meals $5.00 which includes coffee, juice and salsa. Food to take out or dine in.

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CASINO BUS TRIP

Deacon Jeff is having a casino trip on Wednesday, October 30th
Cost: $30.00 with $10.00 back for play and $5.00 for food
Signup at the Parish Office or contact Deacon Jeff at (209) 823-7197 ext. 227
Bus leaves at 7:30 am from in front of St. Anthony’s (be here no later than 7:15 am) Returns at 5:00 pm

Christmas time is coming soon and we are preparing for our annual giving tree. Thanks to your generous donations, last year we distributed gifts to 1,182 needy children in our community, local shelters and in surrounding areas. We are in need of adult volunteers that can commit to helping on various days starting December 2 thru December 21. If you are interested and want more information please contact: Carol Jimenez at (209) 518-8059.

A women’s retreat will be on November 15 thru 17 at The Christ King Passionist Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus heights, Ca 95621 Jesus is looking at you, His beautiful daughter and inviting you to come and receive His gift of love and mercy. He is asking us, “Be Still And Know I am God”. Psalm 46:10
For any questions call: Mary Ann Silva, M.C. (209) 823-4040 or The King of Passionist Christ (916) 725-4720

Diocesan Vocations Contact: Fr. Cesar Martinez 209-463-1305 vocations@stocktondiocese.org
St. Anthony’s Weekly Events

Monday, October 7
9:30 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
6:30 pm Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall
7:00 pm Santo Nino Ministry, Cry Room
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria

Tuesday, October 8
10:00 pm Bible Study, Conf. Room
6:00 pm Hora Santa, Church
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria
7:00 pm Bible Study, Conference Room

Wednesday, October 9
10:00 am Bible Study, Conference Hall
10:00 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
6:00 pm Encuentro Matrimonial, Cafeteria
6:30 pm Music Ministry, Church
7:30 pm Music Ministry, Church

Thursday, October 10
9:30 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
10:00 am Bible Study, Conf. Room
6:00 pm Faith Formation, Church
6:00 pm Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
7:00 pm Bible Study, Mary’s Room & Conf. Room
7:00 pm Grief Support, Gym
7:00 pm School of Ministry, Rec. Hall
7:30 pm Grupo Alabare, Cafeteria

Friday, October 11
6:00 pm Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall

Saturday, October 12
7:00 pm Grupo Guadalupano, Rec. Hall

Sunday, October 13
2:00 pm Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
7:00 pm Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB MEETING
Meeting Date: October 8, 2019
Our October speaker: Andy Rivas, Executive Director of the California Catholic Conference
Find out what’s happening in Sacramento, what legislation we need to know about.

Mark Gallo Health & Fitness Center lobby
Central Catholic High School
200 S Carpenter, Modesto
Networking: 7 AM, Breakfast and Speaker: 7:15 AM Members and guests $15, non-members $20

St. Luke D.I.V.A.S. Women’s Ministry announces the 3rd annual Ladies’ Night Out. The theme is "Reflections of our Mothers" and the event includes dinner, speakers, boutique shopping and fellowship.

On Friday, October 18, 2019 6:00 pm- 10:00 pm, Tickets - $25 Donation, Reserve your seat at: www.stlukedivas.com
St. Luke Gymnasium, 3847 North Sutter Street, Stockton, CA 95204

THE 177 PROJECT | COME ADORE HIM
The 177 Project, a nationwide Eucharistic adoration tour taking place in all 177 dioceses in the U.S. will be at St. Stanislaus Church (1200 Maze Blvd. in Modesto) at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28th. Everyone is welcome to join us for a night of adoration and a FREE praise and worship concert featuring Catholic recording artist Lee Roessler. Church doors open at 6 p.m. so don’t wait, reserve your FREE seats online at 177project.eventbrite.com today!
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**The Sacraments**

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Dave Corder, ext.230

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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

**Anointing of the Sick**
The Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.
To schedule a priest please call 823-7197 or if an emergency call 688-0888
For any other question you can contact the parish office at (209) 823-7197 or email: receptionist@st-anthonys.org

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

All of the violence and unrest we regularly witness in our world can easily distress us. We can also find ourselves wondering how long it will take before God intervenes and does something about it. Then we remember our call to discipleship and spreading the Good News of the Gospel. We recall the persecutions the early disciples endured and the fate of so many martyrs throughout history, both past and present. It is not God’s responsibility to fix our mess but ours. God has given us the power of love and a strength of endurance that comes from Him alone. Our request of God becomes that of the disciples: “Increase our faith.” It is our task to stand up for the values of the Gospel and live them regardless of the price. ©LPi

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Los tiempos que se están viviendo en la sociedad actual con referencia a la injusticia y la facilidad para la violencia son alarmantes. Los medios de comunicación muestran todos los días el cómo se quita la vida humana, la destrucción del planeta, de las plantas y animales. La primera lectura del Profeta Habacuc, su reclamo a Dios en su tiempo es un reflejo del nuestro: “¿Por qué me haces ver la injusticia?” ¿Acaso no estamos cansados de todo lo que vemos y escuchamos? Tal pareciera que Dios no escucha ni interviene en la miseria humana. Pero no, no es así. Dios responde e invita al Profeta a escribir su visión: “El que vacila nunca contará con mi favor, el justo si vivirá por su fidelidad.” (Habacuc 2:4). Los eventos de la vida del ser humano están en los planes de Dios. Depende de nosotros la fidelidad y el compromiso. ¿Estás de acuerdo con el Profeta? ¿En qué sentido?

El Evangelio, por otro lado, nos muestra la forma de alinearnos con la gente buena para hacer cosas que ayuden a la sociedad a crecer en justicia y promover la paz. Esa paz que tanto se necesita en las fronteras del mundo, con los refugiados y los que caminan en caravana dejando sus países. Sin embargo, el punto principal de todo es la fe. Por eso, los apóstoles piden que se aumente su fe. El Maestro responde y da ejemplos palpables para llegar hasta mover montañas y agrega lo siguiente: “Así también ustedes, cuando hayan cumplido todo lo que les ha sido mandado, digan: Somos servidores que no hacíamos falta, hemos hecho lo que era nuestro deber.” (Lucas 17:10).

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