January 12, 2020
The Baptism of the Lord

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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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.

Gospel Meditation
What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today’s Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we “earn” our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist’s words to them are strong. “Do not resume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’” Of course, Jesus (and John) don’t omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. “Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance … every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

It’s a question of attitude. Of disposition. It’s a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it’s John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. “The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals.” The Pharisees take pride in being “better” than others. John embraces humility in Christ being “better” than him. We don’t self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we’ll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his “Life of Christ”: “Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity.” God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop? ©LPi
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK
Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Saturday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

SUNDAY’S READINGS

First Reading:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased. (Is 42:1)

Psalm:
The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Ps 29)

Second Reading:
God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit and power. (Acts 10:38a)

Gospel:
After Jesus was baptized,
he came up from the water and behold,
the heavens were opened for him,
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove
and coming upon him. (Mt 3:16)

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MASS INTENTION

Monday, January 13
7:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Jack Tomlinson
9:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† Eugenio & Rosa Borja (Arlene Takai)
† Johnathan Namauleg (Arlene Takai)

Tuesday, January 14
7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† Johnathan Namauleg (Arlene Takai)
† Special Intention Joshua Namauleg (Arlene Takai)
9:00 am – Fr. Chris
† Pedro & Juliana Acain (Cora Doria)
† Special Intention Nelson Family (Gerald Nelson)
† Patricia Moretti (Vincent Moretti)

Wednesday, January 15
7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† Mary McCleary (Cheryl Winter)
9:00 am – Fr. Chris
† Bill McCleary (Cheryl Winter)

Thursday, January 16
7:00 am – Fr. Chris
† Cecelia O’Rourke (Cheryl Winter)
9:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Emmanuel Kallos, Jr. (Jennifer Dalen)
† Harold James Enos (Janet Mooney & Sons)

Friday, January 17
7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† Leonora Rose (Marlene Riley)
9:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Matilde (Rene & Tessie Cabaluna)
† Isabel Teixeira (Cabrál Family)
† Carlton Tanner (Jose & Cathy Martinez)

Saturday, January 18
8:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Mary & Bill McCleary (Cheryl Winter)
5:00 pm – Fr. Chris
† George Bettencourt (John & Maria Bettencourt)
† Go & Lopez Family (Susan Go)
7:00 pm – Fr. Gilbert
† Andrew Martinez

Sunday, January 19
7:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† William M. Wallace (Gina A. Wallace)
8:45 am – Fr. Chris
† Mary Mendes (Joe & Kathleen Gomes)
† Mary O’Laughlin (Joe & Kathleen Gomes)
† Eric Dedios (John Marrisette)
10:45 am – Fr. Chad
For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm—Fr. Gilbert
† George Bettencourt
6:00 pm – Fr. Chad
† Gloria Valdez

Thank you

December 22, 2019
Total: $25,783

December 29, 2019
Total: $24,293

Christmas 2019
Total: $34,316

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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

**FLU SEASON PRECAUTIONS**

Flu season is upon us and we would like you to remember some important guidelines to help keep others in our community healthy:

Anyone who is ill, or needs to care for someone who is ill, is excused from the obligation to attend mass. Please do not come, or bring your child to mass sick.

If you are ill, or not feeling well, please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood from the cup. Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough.

_After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and beheld, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” — Mc 3:16-17_
"I believe that life is valuable, even when it is unwanted, even when it is physically imperfect. I believe our society has a responsibility to defend the vulnerable and the weak. And I believe our nation should set a goal that unborn children should be welcomed in life and protected in law."

Prersident George W. Bush, at the signing ceremony for Texas’ Parental Notification Law (June 7, 1999)

St. Anthony’s Lifeteen Program will be resuming on the weekend of January 10, 11 & 12. SALTY is for 4th-5th graders, twice a month on Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EDGE is for 6th-8th graders, every Monday night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. LIFENIGHT is for high school students, every Sunday night 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn’t be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes. — Tracy Earl Welli-
St. Anthony’s adoration chapel is open daily, Monday through Friday from 9:30AM 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, Ludwika Slawska (408) 992-1843 or email: llslawska@gmail.com
in Spanish, Javier Elias (209) 603-4570 or email: jazzyelias@yahoo.com

A Group Leader for the Hours 12pm to 5pm is needed

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

Ministries and Activities

SANTO NINO
Please join the Santo Nino Ministry in celebrating the Feast of the Holy Infant Jesus on Saturday, January 18 at the 5 p.m. Mass in the Church. Reception will follow in the gym

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.

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

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## St. Anthony’s Weekly Events

### Monday, January 13
- 9:30 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall
- 6:30 pm Adult Formation, Mary’s Rm., Church Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
- 7:00 pm Santo Nino Ministry, Cry Room
- 7:00 pm Grupo Guadalupano, Pastor’s Office

### Tuesday, January 14
- 10:00 am Bible Study, Conference Room
- 4:30 pm Faith Formation, Church, Cafeteria, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
- 6:00 pm Hora Santa, Church
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria
- 7:00 pm Bible Study, Mary’s Room, Conference Rm
- 7:00 pm Santo Nino Ministry, Rec. Hall

### Wednesday, January 15
- 10:00 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 4:30 pm Faith Formation, Church, Cafeteria, Mary’s Rm., Room 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8
- 7:00 pm Santo Nino Ministry, Conference Room

### Thursday, January 16
- 9:00 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 10:00 am Bible Study, Conference Room
- 6:00 pm Confirmation I Workshop, Church
- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 7:00 pm Alabare, Classroom 7
- 7:00 pm Diocese School of Ministry, Classroom 8
- 7:00 pm Bible Study, Conf. Room & Mary’s Room
- 7:30 pm Sto. Nino Ministry, Cafeteria

### Friday, January 17
- 6:00 pm Cursillo, Classroom 7
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Classroom 4
- 7:00 pm Encuentro Matrimonial, Classroom 5
- 7:00 pm Sto. Nino Ministry, Rec. Hall

### Saturday, January 18
- 6:00 pm Santo Nino, Gym

### Sunday, January 19
- 7:00 pm Youth Ministry, Rec. Hall

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**DON’T MISS THIS! REBOOT!** Featuring Catholic author & speaker CHRIS STEFANICK on Wednesday, March 11, 7-9:30PM at Turlock Community Theater. Rediscover the message of the Gospel as: Powerful for us all, Beautiful in its application to LIFE, Engaging for those searching, and Fun & Captivating for all ages, including our youth! Come! Be energized! Invite someone! For more information and to register: Go to [www.RealLifeCatholic.com](http://www.RealLifeCatholic.com) or call Dave Corder at 209-351-2972

**FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES**
**PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION**
Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton offers counseling services in the following:

- **General clinical counseling**: (children, individual, couples, seniors & family), bereavement counseling for family members and friends to address the impact of various kinds of loss.
- **Marriage Counseling**: services for child/youth, support groups (as needed), substance abuse issues

For more information please contact Jose Betancourt, Counseling Coordinator San Joaquin County at (209) 340-3218 or [jbetancourt@ecstockton.org](mailto:jbetancourt@ecstockton.org)

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Diocesan Vocations Contact:
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ADULT FORMATION CORNER

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

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

Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

Answer:
To understand when we baptize, it’s important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth.

In the second century, processes had begun to more gradually incorporate people into the Church. The basis of this “catechumenal model” is still used in parishes today for adults wishing to convert to Catholicism. The familial transmission of faith still retains an important place. Throughout his ministry, Jesus emphasized the importance of baptism for salvation. As Catholics see it, “The Church and the parents would deny a child a priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurtures of the life that God has entrusted to them” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1250-1251).©LPi

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 29, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 [11]/Hch 10, 34-38/Mt 3, 13-17

Lunes: 1 Sm 1, 1-8/Sal 116, 12-13. 14-17. 18-19 [17]/Mc 1, 14-20

Martes: 1 Sm 1, 9-20/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8 [cfr. 1]/Mc 1, 21-28

Miércoles: 1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20/Sal 40, 2 y 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10 [8 y 9]/Mc 1, 29-39


Viernes: 1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22/Sal 89, 16-17. 18-19 [2]/Mc 2, 1-12

Sábado: 1 Sm 9, 1-4. 10. 17-19; 10, 1/Sal 21, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7 [2]/Mc 2, 13-17

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: El Bautismo del Señor

Lunes: San Hilario, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

Viernes: San Antonio, abad

Sábado: Semana de Oración por la Unidad de los Cristianos

INSPRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

El bautismo de Jesús es similar en propósito al nuestro. Así como Jesús se distinguió como el Hijo amado en quien Dios está complacido, así mismo, nosotros también. Compartimos ese mismo favor especial con Dios y tenemos una relación íntima con Él. ¿Esta realidad cambia lo que sentimos por nosotros mismos? Ciertamente lo hace. El bautismo nos cambia para siempre y nos llama a los ministerios de misericordia y humildad. Dios nos ha formado a todos en el vientre de nuestra madre y nos pide que seanmos una luz para todas las personas. Llevamos esta luz con humildad, ya que sabemos quién tiene un derecho sobre nosotros y a quién pertenecemos. Entonces estamos llamados a vivir nuestras vidas imitando a Cristo y nos convertimos en recipientes de misericordia encarnados. Nuestro mundo necesita ser tocado por la compasión y solo nosotros podemos completar la tarea.

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La Navidad termina con la Fiesta en honor del Bautismo del Señor; es otra manifestación de Dios por medio de su Hijo. Aho- ra el profeta Isaías nos muestra al Siervo de Dios en quien se complace: “Miren a mi siervo, a quien sostengo, a mi elegido, en quien tengo mis complacencias. En él he puesto mi espíritu para que haga brillar la justicia sobre las naciones.” No queda más que agradecer el inmenso amor de Dios por nosotros. ¿Cómo no apre-ciar el ser hijos/hijas de Dios por el bautismo? Desde que nos bautizaron, sea pequeño o grande. Dios espera que al menos este-mos seguros de que tenemos un Padre amoroso y compasivo, que se alegra con nosotros. La lectura del Libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles ayuda a comprender que “Dios no hace distinción de personas, sino que acepta al que… practica la justicia.”

Esta Fiesta es similar a Pentecostés, pero, en otra forma de manifestación del Espíritu Santo. Juan, lo explica claramente cuando dice: “Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. El lo bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego.” Bien, ahora cabe la pregunta para reflexión personal: ¿Qué acciones hago para complacer a Dios? ¿Hay fuego en mi corazón de tal manera que arde en buenas obras? Fijémonos en la humildad de Juan Bautista; el reconocimiento de que su ministerio tenía que disminuir para que el ministerio de Jesús brillara y se expandiera. ¿Crees tú que los líderes actuales en las parroquias hacen lo mismo que Juan? ©LPi

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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.

El Grupo Guadalupano los invita a rezar el Santo Rosario el día Domingo, 12 de Enero en el Rec. Hall a las 7:00pm.

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