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.

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**Christmas Mass Schedule**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

December 24th, Christmas Eve  
4:00 pm English  
6:00 pm English  
8:00 pm Spanish  
11:00 pm Bilingual

December 25th, Christmas Day  
8:00 am English  
10:00 am English  
12:00 pm Spanish

**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”  
- Mt 1:21
MASS INTENTION

Monday, December 23
7:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Gil Fagundes (Regina Fagundes)
(Special Intention) Fr. Chad’s Ordination Anniversary
9:00 am – Fr. Gilbert
† Arthur Cabral (Cabral Family)
† Jack (Bea Luis)
† Kim Costa Beck (Carolyn Mullen)
(Special Intention) Fr. Chad’s Ordination Anniversary
Tuesday, December 24
4:00 pm – Fr. Chad
† Nick Duren (Fran Duren)
† Tony Cabral (Cabral Family)
† William Wallace (Gina Wallace)
6:00 pm – Fr. Chris
† Carlos Panada (Zenaida Panada)
(Special Intention) Art Perry & Family (Frank M. Ramalho)
8:00 pm – Fr. Gilbert
† Fr. Jairo Ramirez
11:00 pm – All Clergy
† John Alonzo, Jr.
Wednesday, December 25
8:00 am – Fr. Chris
† Jesse Stein (Esther Stein)
† Estela & Raymond Franco (Steve & Norma Orozco)
† Arnold & Sarah Weibel (Weibel Family)
10:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Manuel V. Padron (Pet Padron & Family)
† Jacob Roberts (Mary Dunaway)
† Ann & Carol Nowak (Pat Nowak)
12:00 pm – Fr. Gilbert
† Ofelia Anaya
Thursday, December 26
7:00 am – Fr. Chris
† Celeriano & Celia Zermeño (Raquel Alcantar)
9:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Mary Taylor (Julia Perez)
(Special Intention) Rene & Tessie Cabaluna
(Special Intention) Mykailah Tempra
Friday, December 27
7:00 am – Fr. Chris
† Pete Padron (Joe & Kathleen Gomes)
9:00 am – Fr. Chad
† Bernice Sarina (William Sarina)
† Angela Lobrano (George & Ramona Phelps)
(Special Intention) Pat Nowak (Mark Lilly)
Saturday, December 28
8:00 am – Fr. Chris
† Aracelia Villazon (Gladys Garcia)
5:00 pm – Fr. Chad
† George Bettencourt (John & Maria Bettencourt)
† Eric Dedios (John Marrisette)
† Deceased Members of M.R.P.S. (M.R.P.S.)
7:00 pm – Fr. Gilbert
† Jesus Huerta
Sunday, December 29
7:00 am – Fr. Chris
† Rosario Sanfilippo (Emilia Sanfilippo & Family)
8:45 am – Fr. Gilbert
† Guadalupe Lopez (Janet Lopez)
† Josie Schneider (Regina Fagundes)
† Mary Mendes (Joe & Kathleen Gomes)
10:45 am – Fr. Chris
For the People of the Parish
12:30 pm—Fr. Chad
† Fernando Beltran Flores (Consuelo Flores)
† Juana Rueda Camacho (Maria Rivera)
† Marcelino Gonzalez (Maria Esther Gonzalez)
6:00 pm – Fr. Chad
† Antonio & Maria Dutra (Francis Michael Coit)
† Pura Sy (Dave & Tyra Sanhder)
† Rafael Munguia (Sandra Mungia)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5a, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

OBSERVANCE FOR THE WEEK
Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Tuesday: Christmas Eve
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
Thursday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Friday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
Saturday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

SUNDAY'S READINGS
First Reading:
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Is 7:14)

Psalm:
Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:
Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 1:5a)

Gospel:
"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus." (Mt 1:20b-21a)


December 8, 2019
Total: $24,091
Compared to last year: $23,726
Second Collection Total
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: $4,881.07

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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.

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

Nicholas Bush
Barbara Pinto-Choate
Mario Acain
Margaret Waters
Ricky Madrigal
Veronica Miller
Jakub Kawakami
Dana Vanderlipe
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
Jess Duran
Lisa Martinez
Lupe Razo
Dora Garcia
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Robert Zeno
Robert Orantes
Gabriela Silva
Joe Rowen
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Danny Andrada
Joe Campos
Theresa Pacheco
Dolores Hickey
Salvador Torres
Elizabeth Cantu
Jorge Martinez
James Hills
Martha Jackson
Clara Jackson
Pat Guzman
Pablo Tempra III
Amanda Rosa
Carmelita Galvan Gonzalez
Lorraine Montano
Richard Gallardo
Michael Kautzar
Austin Rosenstine
Helen Holmes
Alfred Spina Jr.
Clarene Cirecarelli
Ida Teicheira
Irene Golliker
Duane Gollisher
Eileen Brooke
Sam Parnham
Gabby Nuño
Brian Donnelly
Sarah Davis
Chris Chaparro
Mariana Campos
Jared Costa
Maria Smith
Jorge Guevara
Evelyn
Patricia Manzanares
David Maciejewski
Gavin Luke
Garret Luke
Josephine Ochoa
Susie Martinez
Richard Hobbs
Michelle Rossow
Steve Ojeda & Family
Janet Cameron
Donnavelle Madayag
Evan Ballard
Yvonne Phillips
Dixie Carillo
Michael Rios
Reynaldo Carillo
Charlie Hall
Galina MaksimenaoBa
Cyndie Mulain
Mary Edith Scott
Karen Lee Alejandre
Palette Perreria
Mary Campbell
Delia Aveyes
Carl Joaquin
Debra Jones Nava
Alisha Mello

January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Schedule:
Tuesday, December 31st
5:00pm Bilingual

Wednesday, January 1
7:00 am English
9:00 am English

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” – Lk 2:10-11

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass (2010, NY: NY: CCC)
"Instead death and sorrow, let us bring peace and joy to the world."

Saint Teresa

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

LUKE 2:14

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Each Advent season, we prepare to welcome Jesus into the inns and stables of our hearts. But Jesus’ coming wasn’t welcomed by everyone with choirs of angels. For St. Joseph, the first coming of Jesus was a bit more complicated. “When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.” For Joseph, opening his heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at best, appearing to all the world like a man who had impregnated his wife out of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a cuckold, raising the child of another man. God doesn’t always appear the way we expect.

For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit relationally complicated. Perhaps over the past few months, a loved one has died. This Christmas, you’re taking it upon yourself to keep up the traditions and hold the family together. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps it’s a difficult relative (or two or three) and it’s all you can do to bite your tongue and swallow your pride while they’re under your roof. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming strife, discord, and tension.

Yet “do not be afraid,” the angel says. Do not be afraid. Why? Because we celebrate the birth of “Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” Before Jesus’ earthly ministry would begin, Jesus would lose his father, Joseph. God is with us in our grief. Wherever Jesus went, he stirred up controversy and faced down challenging personalities. God is with us in our stress. The trick is, like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled with natural virtue in that he didn’t want to “expose [Mary] to shame.” Yet he was prepared to “divorce her quietly” all the same. Our natural abilities only take us so far. Where is receiving Jesus complicated this Christmas season? Are you relying on your own strength to get you through, or are you truly ready to accept the grace of Emmanuel, God with us?

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The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th & Wednesday, December 25th
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: lslawska@gmail.com
in **Spanish**, Javier Elias (209) 603-4570 or email: jazzyelias@yahoo.com

We are currently in need of adorers during these times:
Monday 10pm - 11pm, Saturday 12am-1am, Friday 10pm - 11pm
A Group Leader for the Hours 12pm to 5pm is needed

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

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Have you ever asked God for a sign? What were you hoping to see? Signs validate our experience and give us assurance and direction. We tend to equate God’s signs with miraculous or marvelous events. We even sometimes look for small gestures as signs that God is confirming a particular experience or choice we are making. Being overly preoccupied with receiving these kinds of signs from God can often signal a lack of faith. Is there anything that can convince us that God is real and with us on our journey? Yes. God’s sign has already been given: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel. Emmanuel, God with us, is God’s most perfect sign and the only one we need. Our incarnate God is all we need to set us straight and validate our experience. Only Jesus can direct us to the Father, to our self, one another, and our world. When our lives are conformed to His, nothing else is needed.

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**Ministries and Activities**

The Legion of Mary and Knights of Columbus will host a Family Rosary on Sunday, December 29, 2018 at 3:00pm in the Church. All are welcome.

**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.

Are you new to the parish? To request a registration form, please complete and drop in the offertory basket. Have you moved? Had an information change? Let us know by completing and returning. We respect your privacy! This information is for St. Anthony’s Parish use only.

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone # __________________________
Address: ________________________________________ City: ______________ Zip: ____________

Send Me A Registration Form ☐  Change of Address ☐  Moving out of Parish ☐  Update Family ☐
**St. Anthony’s Weekly Events**

**Monday, December 23**
- 9:30 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria
- 7:00 pm Santo Nino Ministry, Cry Room
- 7:00 pm Santo Nino, Rec. Hall

**Tuesday, December 24**
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**Wednesday, December 25**
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**Thursday, December 26**
- 9:00 am Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary, Mary’s Room
- 7:00 pm Alabare, Cafeteria

**Friday, December 27**
- 6:00 pm Cursillo, Cafeteria
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Classroom 4

**Sunday, December 29**
- 7:00 pm Faith Formation, Gym

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**PRAY FOR POPE FRANCIS**

50th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood

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**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH IN LATHROP INVITES YOU TO**

**Simbang Gabi (Misa de Gallo)**

**DEC.16-24 @ 5:30AM**

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**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@ccstockton.org

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**Diocesan News**

**Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,**

Wishing all of you a joyful Christmas!

As we come to the end of 2019 and welcome 2020, I want to express my thanks and appreciation for your prayers and loving support. They have been great gifts to me.

For all involved in diocesan, parish and school ministries; those serving on boards, councils and committees, along with our benefactors, I am sincerely grateful for all that you do.

As clergy, religious and laity, I appreciate the spirit of collaboration as we move forward as a diocesan faith community. Working “as one” is necessary if we are going to make strides to live out our faith in our homes, parishes and schools.

As we desire a more profound relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives, may the Holy Spirit guide and inspire us throughout the New Year 2020.

A Blessed Christmas to all!

Bishop Cotta

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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

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**WELCOMING CATHOLICS HOME**

Do you know someone who has left the Church? Most of us do not have to look very far to find non-practicing Catholics in our circle of family and friends. Many of us are concerned about our loved ones. Most of them are searching, but how can we help them find their way back home?

Here at St. Anthony’s, we have a special program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church called: Returning Home to Your Catholic Faith

The next series begins: Monday, January 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Conference Room.
Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested. For More Information: contact Dave Corder at 823-7197 or email david@st-anthonys.org

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**Question:**
I can’t explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

**Answer:**
You’re in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God’s call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale’s belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O’Connor once wrote, “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd.” Sometimes God’s invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we’re listening for God’s will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 7, 10-14/ Sal 24, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [7. 10]/Rom 1, 1-7/Mt 1, 18-24
Lunes: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 25, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66
Martes: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29 [2]/Lc 1, 67-79
Miércoles: Vigilia, Is 62, 1-5/Sal 89, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 [2]/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25
Medianoche: Is 9, 1-6/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13 [Lc 2, 11]/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14
Matutina: Is 62, 11-12/Sal 97, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20
Día: Is 52, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o Jn 1, 1-5. 9-14
Jueves: Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 31, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17 [6]/Mt 10, 17-22
Viernes: 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 97, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12 [12]/Jn 20, 1. 2-8
Sábado: 1 Jn 1, 5—2; 2/Sal 124, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 [7]/Mt 2, 13-18

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 4º Domingo de Adviento
Lunes: San Juan Cancio, sacerdote
Martes: Nochebuena
Miércoles: La Natividad del Señor (día de precepto)
Jueves: San Esteban, el primer mártir
Viernes: San Juan, apóstol y evangelista
Sábado: Día de los Santos Inocentes, mártires

INSPÍRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

¿Alguna vez le has pedido a Dios una señal? ¿Qué esperabas ver? Las señales validan nuestra experiencia y nos dan seguridad y dirección. Tendemos a equivarlas las señales de Dios con eventos milagrosos o maravillosos. Incluso a veces buscamos pequeños gestos como signos de que Dios está confirmando una experiencia particular o una elección que estamos haciendo. Estar demasiado preocupado por recibir este tipo de signos de Dios a menudo puede indicar una falta de fe. ¿Hay algo que pueda convencernos de que Dios es real y que está con nosotros en nuestro viaje? Sí. Ya se ha dado la señal de Dios: la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo y lo llamará Emmanuel. Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros, es la señal más perfecta de Dios y la única que necesitamos. Nuestro Dios encarnado es todo lo que necesitamos para enderezar y validar nuestra experiencia. Solo Jesús puede dirigirnos al Padre, a nosotros mismos, a los demás y a nuestro mundo. Cuando nuestras vidas se conforman a la suya, no se necesita nada más. ©LPi