March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Church and Parish Office
505 East North St., Manteca Ca 95336
(209) 823-7197
Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-5pm
Friday: 8:30am-4pm
website: www.st-anthonys.org

Parish School and Preschool
323 North Fremont Ave.
Manteca, Ca 95336
(209) 823-4513
Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-3pm
website: www.sasmanteca.org
PARISH STAFF

Rev. Chad Wahl, Pastor
Rev. Gilbert Arango, Parochial Vicar
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Rev. Mr. Jeff Vierra, Deacon Pastoral Care & Senior Ministry
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Richard Sepulveda, Facilities Manager

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Celso Doria, Martin Espinoza, Allan Rodriguez, Lois Wiedenhoef, Jose Martinez, Erica Campos, Jessica Campos, Jory Kusy, Monica Poncini, and Barbara Graham

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.

DECREE FROM BISHOP COTTA
I grant a dispensation to the members of the Catholic Faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. This dispensation will continue until further notice.

This dispensation is provided in consideration of recommendations made by local and state public health officials in order to protect public health and slow the transmission rate of COVID-19. This dispensation gives people the opportunity to decide what is best for themselves and their families.

Please pray for those affected by COVID-19, those afflicted, their families and caregivers and all health care workers. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Health of the Sick, may we find protection and comfort during this time.

Given at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Stockton, CA, on this twelfth day of March, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty.

Myron J. Cotta
Bishop of Stockton

DIOCESE UPDATE
With growing concerns about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and following the guidance of local, state, and national public health officials and out of love and concern for God’s people, beginning Wednesday, March 18, all public daily and Sunday Masses in the Diocese of Stockton will be suspended until further notice. Parishes are encouraged to leave their churches open on Sundays and throughout the week for parishioners and others who wish to pray and seek spiritual consolation.

All Catholics in the Diocese of Stockton have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. All parish and diocesan schools and religious education programs have been suspended effective Friday, March 13, 2020. All school campuses are temporarily closed, and teachers are facilitating distance-learning at home.
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [4a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8 -11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

**Tuesday:** The Annunciation of the Lord

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:**

**Friday:**

**Saturday:**

**Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent

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**Thank You**

March 15, 2020
Total: $ 11,818
Compared to last year: $ 22,493
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.

If you are a woman who has lost your spouse and would like to connect spiritually and socially with other fellow widows please contact Deacon Jeff at (209) 823-7197 ext. 227.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38

4th SUNDAY
OF LENT

Fundraiser for Nick Bush
Final Funeral Expenses

Thursday, April 23, 2020—4:30pm-6:30pm
Pickup at Fagundes Meats, 142 Jason St., Manteca

Tickets: $15.00 per person
Menu: Quarter Chicken, 2 Slices of Tri-Tip, Scallop Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Roll and Butter.
For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lillian at (209) 607-0853. Please make checks payable to Lillian Bush.
St. Anthony’s School

St. Anthony’s Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications for scholarships are also open until March 15. You may call to set up a tour, shadow for a day or for more information. We can be reached at 209-823-4513 or our webpage at www.sasmanteca.org

St. Anthony’s Preschool is now accepting applications for School Year 2020-2021!

We are a high quality program which prepares children for kindergarten and beyond. We provide a nurturing environment, offers structured setting, encourages language, social, emotional skills and spiritual development aligned with the values of the Catholic faith.

Preschool: 3 year old and potty trained by Sept.1st. 3 day-Half Day or 5 day-Full Day schedule
Pre-K: 4 years old and potty trained by Sept.1st. 5 day-Half Day or 5 day-Full Day schedule

For more information, visit our website t www.sasmanteca.org or contact the Preschool Director, Jennifer Dalen at 209-823-3959.

Rachel’s Vineyard Experience — Jesus’ mercy and love. There is hope in Christ Jesus. The first Rachel’s Vineyard retreat in Danville, CA is May 15-17, 2020. For retreat details contact Kim Fuentes at kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org or call 209-465-5433.

February 26th – April 5th

Mondays: Pray for Abortion Workers
Tuesdays: Pray in front of Planned Parenthood 8am – 6pm

4555 Precissi Ln, Stockton

Wednesdays: Fasting from Food for an End to Abortion

Thursdays: Fast from Technology for those with No voice
Fridays: Pray for Women who feel they have No choice
Weekends: Pray that all life be respected from womb to tomb

"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 □
PERPETUAL ADORATION

Given the developing situation, we are suspending Adoration until further notification.

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

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

VOCACTION KIT

Families are invited to sign up for a Vocation Prayer Kit. Each family would take the kit home for one week. The Vocation Prayer Kit includes everything a family will need to pray the rosary together for vocations. To sign your family up and for more information, please call Diane in the parish office (209) 823-7197 ext 228.

MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES

Faith Formation, Adult Formation and Youth Ministry sessions and gatherings have been postponed until further notice.

Soup Suppers have been suspended until further notice.

ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP

Italian Catholic Federation is having its annual All You Can Eat Shrimp Dinner on Saturday, April 18th at 6:00pm in the gym. Please join for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship and help raise money to support a scholarship program and local charities. The menu includes: pasta, salad, bread and butter, antipasto and coffee. There will be a dessert auction, raffle, and silent auction. Tickets are $35 for adults and $17.50 for children 12 and under. For tickets or for more information, please contact: Colleen at (209) 531-3927 or Ed at (209) 823-6560

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of new members who have time to volunteer to help those in need in our food and clothing pantry or helping with our food gathering activities. It is a commitment of 2 ½-3 hours per week. If you are looking for a way to help those in need we would love to have you join us. Please call our President, Trino Victoria at 209-629-6575. PS We are in need of little boys pants too. Thank you!
“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

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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.
**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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Please join us for a Parish-Wide study this Lent during the middle three weeks of Lent! Forgiven is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of Confession. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

The Augustine Institute Studios presents these three, half hour engaging videos that take you on a journey.

Week One: Where are you?
Week Two: An Encounter with Mercy
Week Three: Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained

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**To access FORMED,** log in or create an account using the following instructions.

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  4. Click the link in your email
  5. You’re in! No more passwords!

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  3. Select "I belong to a Parish or Organization"
  4. Find your parish by name or zip
  5. Enter your email - and you’re in!

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You can help us during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this challenging time, we depend on online donations. To continue our ministry, you can give from your computer, smartphone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

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MEDITACION EVANGELICO

4º Domingo de la Cuaresma
22 de marzo de 2020

Estamos en un punto culminante de la Cuaresma. La semana pasada escuchábamos el diálogo entre Jesús y la mujer samaritana. Ahora, la Liturgia nos sitúa en el encuentro de Jesús con el ciego de nacimiento. Aquí, el Evangelio nos muestra varios niveles de conversación con diferentes personajes: El ciego, los fariseos, los judíos y los padres del hombre. Fijémonos que el centro de la conversación era sobre el poder ver. Él ciego fue curado y todos se resistían a creer que veía. Estamos, ya, en el cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma y cabe que nos preguntemos lo siguiente: ¿Vemos realmente la gracia de reconciliación que nos da este tiempo? Sobre los milagros diarios que percibimos en la vida que Dios nos da, ¿los vemos?

La Cuaresma nos invita a la conversión y al encuentro con Jesús, en el cual nosotros escogemos seguir a Jesús o darle la espalda. ¿Cuál escoges? Somos hijos e hijas de la luz por el Bautismo. Dejemos, pues, que la Palabra de Dios penetre en nuestro corazón y digamos de rodillas como el ciego de nacimiento, “creo, Señor.” (Juan 9:38) Su Santidad Teresa de Calcuta nos ayuda a que esparzcamos el aroma de Cristo y con ello iluminemos el que nos rodea: “Dulce Jesús, ayúdanos a esparcir tu aroma donde quiera que vayamos. Inunda nuestras almas de tu espíritu y tu vida. Posee toda nuestra existencia hasta tal punto que toda nuestra vida solo sea una emanación de la tuya. Brilla a través de nosotros, y mora en nosotros de tal manera que todas las almas que entran en contacto con nosotros puedan sentir tu presencia en nuestra alma. Haz que nos miren y ya no nos vean a nosotros, ¡sino solamente a ti, oh Señor!”

Amén
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Supo Jesús que lo habían echado fuera, y cuando lo encontró, le dijo: “¿Crees tú en el Hijo del hombre?” El contestó: “¡Y quién es, Señor, para que yo crea en él?” Jesús le dijo: “Ya lo has visto; el que está hablando contigo, ése es”. El dijo: “Creo, Señor”. Y postrándose, lo adoró. - Jn 9, 35-38

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CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 4º Domingo de Cuaresma
Lunes: San Toribio de Mogrovejo, obispo
Martes: La Anunciación del Señor
Jueves: La Anunciación del Señor
Viernes: San José, obispo y martirio
Sábado: San José de Nazaret, prelado
Domingo siguiente: 5º Domingo de Cuaresma

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ANUNCIOS DE MINISTERIOS

DIVINO NIÑO
El Divino Niño está visitando los hogares. Si quieres que visite tu hogar por favor de llamar a Josefina Zambrano para el Divino Niño del Domingo (209) 303-9729 o Consuelo Flores para Divino Niño del Sábado (510) 919-2586.

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