St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

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Friday: 8:30am-4pm
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April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
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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.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP COTTA

“Let us take refuge from this world. You can do this in spirit, even if you are kept here in the body. You can at the same time be here and present to the Lord. Your soul must hold fast to him, you must follow after him in your thoughts, you must tread his ways by faith, not in outward show. You must take refuge in him. He is your refuge and your strength.” (from the Treatise on Flight from the World by St. Ambrose, bishop)

My Dear People of God,

We find ourselves in challenging and chaotic times. The whole world has been impacted by a threatening adversary: a virus. The effect that the Coronavirus is having on our global society is unprecedented. Everyday life: health, work, entertainment, sporting and cultural events, economics and politics have been “stopped in its tracks,” including the area of worship throughout the world. At the same time, it has set before us a reality check: “What has taken priority in our lives?” Many things have consumed our lives and have distracted us from the love of God: entertainment, professional sports, politics, our busy lives and professions, our personal pleasures and material well being, the economy, vacations and travel, etc.. For many in our day and age, these things have become idols! This time of affliction has also become a graced time for us to “fast,” to detach, from these distractions and to thirst, especially, during this lenten season, for the Living Water, the Light and the Life: Jesus. We must put things into a proper perspective: God is to be first in our lives and we are to love others as we love ourselves. We are to say, “No” to sin and live the Gospel. When the season of Lent began, we were reminded: “Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.” Even though a sense of global uneasiness, panic and fear have worked its way into many areas of life, we are not to fear for God is in control. As we “pray” for a cure; for those afflicted; and for those who have died, we must remain grounded in faith and hope. While we place our trust in Christ, also, we must put into action the precautions and directives presented to us. Let this time be an opportunity for families to comfort each other, and to welcome and experience more family-time and family-prayer. This graced time can move and avail us to take up a spirit of “almsgiving” in order to assist the elderly and our neighbors who might be in need due to quarantine restrictions. Let us be instruments of calm, collaboration and support. Let us utilize common sense and prayer during this time. In the midst of it all, we are called to be attentive, responsible and charitable toward one another as we adapt to the directives and precautions presented to us to help combat this virus. Cooperation is of utmost importance. Throughout our Diocese of Stockton, I ask that we keep this serious situation in our daily prayers; and let us focus upon our acts of penance and works of mercy during this holy season. I am encouraging the prayer of Divine Mercy and the Rosary to be included in our daily devotion, especially, within our families. As we pray the Rosary, may the Shepherd Children of Fátima: St. Jacinta Marto and her brother, St. Francisco, intercede for us. Their families and community fell victim to the epidemic of the Spanish Flu of 1918, along with millions, including Francisco. May he and Jacinta pray for us during these troubling times. “For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” Our Lady of Fátima and Health of the Sick, Pray for us.

In the Peace of Christ,
Bishop Cotta
READINGS FOR THE WEEK


**Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday:**
- **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

**Observances for the week of April 5, 2020**

- **Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- **Monday:** Administrative Professionals’ Day
- **Tuesday:** Holy Thursday
- **Wednesday:** Good Friday
- **Thursday:** Holy Saturday
- **Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Listen carefully to the passion of Christ as it unlocks the door that brings us to the true meaning of human life. Holding what seems like opposite polarities of human existence, it weaves us through the highest of triumphs and the darkest of tragedies. As we witness and meditate upon Jesus’s last days on earth, we see most vividly that God is present in and through it all. God is not only the glue that holds all of life’s seemingly opposing experiences together, but He is the One who offers incredible promise and hope on our road to fulfillment and eternal life. It was only through experiencing the burning agony of suffering’s loneliness and heart-wrenching pain that Jesus experienced the joyful exultation of his resurrected self. There are profound lessons here for all of us to learn.
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.

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

Barbara Pinto-Choate  
Janet DeLisle  
David Scroggins  
Alberta Early  
Christopher Rowen  
Eileen Bournaziahi  
Kathy Johnson  
Jess Duran  
Lisa Martinez  
Lupe Razo  
Dora Garcia  
Mary Donges  
Robert Zeno  
Robert Orantes  
Gabriela Silva  
Joe Rowen  
Richard F. Limas  
Danny Andrade  
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  
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Ida Teicheira  
Irene Golliher  
Duane Golliher  
Eileen Brooke  
Sam Parnham  
Gabby Nuño  
Brian Donnelly  
Sarah Davis  
Mariana Campos  
Jared Costa  
Maria Smith  
Jorge Guevara  
Evelyn  
Patricia Manzanares  
David Maciejewski  
Gavin Luke  
Garret Luke  
Josephine Ochoa  
Susie Martinez  
Richard Hobs  
Michelle Rossow  
Steve Ojeda & Family  
Janet Cameron  
Donnavelle Madayag  
Evan Ballard  
Yvonne Phillips  
Dixie Carillo  
Michael Rios  
Charlie Hall  
Galinia Maksimenepoba  
Cyndie Muluan  
Mary Edith Scott  
Karen lee Alejadare  
Palette Perrsaria  
Mary Campbell  
Delia Aveles  
Carl Joaquin  
Debra Jones Nava  
Alisha Mello  
Julie Ferreira  
Sammy Galvan  
Galvan Family  
Jackie Lewis  
Roxanna Douthit  
Tammy Rogers  
Judy Simmons  
Jorge Dias  
Patricia Meyers  
Audrey  
Griselda Hernandez  
Rosa Gonzalez  
Velasquez Family  
Jessie Villalovos  
Anaya Family  
Brody Kasinger  
David Mondavi  
Gilbert Diaz  
Sharon Ryder  
Rosalina Gurrola  
Frank Castro  
David Daneau  
Sarah McCarthy  
Dave Cowden  
Cathy Valente  
Rebecca Mayorga  
Marcela  
Vince Cestra  
Louis George Ill  
Macy Hekl  
Enrique Rios

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.

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on this day for all between the ages of 14 and 59 inclusive.

The Parish Office is closed to the public at this time. We will remain available to you over the phone and email, during normal office hours. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and please continue to pray and check the website and social media for updated information.

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
receptionist@st-anthonys.org
209-823-7197

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.
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

VOCATION 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.

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 2-3 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!

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.

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.

There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life’s successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it’s the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

Only our soul can understand these things, but our minds cannot, so they continue to run to secular ideas and solutions to pain and hardship. It goes without saying that we need to do all we can to eliminate as much senseless, unjust suffering as possible. Hunger, violence, abuse, exploitation, rejection, prejudice, homelessness, disrespect for life, and a whole host of other sins all result in suffering that is within our control. Then, when we face the uncontrollable kind of suffering or find ourselves the victim of injustice, what do we do?

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. 
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For any other question you can contact the parish office at (209) 823-7197 or email: receptionist@st-anthonys.org

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First Reading  
The prophet Isaiah speaks of his commitment to his calling regardless of the consequences he suffers. Who do you see today modeling this depth of faith?

Second Reading  
This Christological hymn in Philippians is one of the earliest attempts by believers to define who Jesus is. What do you find interesting or provocative about how Jesus is defined here?

Gospel Reading  
Matthew’s passion narrative has a number of unique details, including the report of “the saints” rising from their tombs and appearing to “many” after Jesus’ resurrection. What do you think Matthew was teaching us with the inclusion of this episode?

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“Huyamos de aquí. Puedes huir en espíritu, aunque sigas atrapado en tu cuerpo: puedes seguir presente aquí, y estar, al mismo tiempo junto al Señor, si tu alma se adhiere a Él, si andas con tu pensamiento tras sus huellas, si sigues sus caminos con fe y no solo de apariencia, si te refugias en Él, ya que Él es refugio y fortaleza, como dice David: A ti, Señor, me acojo, no quede yo derrotado para siempre.” (Del Tratado de San Ambrosio, Obispo, sobre la huida del Mundo)

Mi querido pueblo de Dios,

Nos encontramos en tiempos difíciles y caóticos. Todo el mundo está impactado por un adversario amenazante: el virus. El Coronavirus está teniendo un efecto sin precedentes en la Sociedad global. La vida diaria: salud, trabajo, entretenimiento, deportes y eventos culturales, economía y la política han sido “paralizados,” por todo el mundo, incluyendo el área del Culto. A la misma vez, se nos presenta un examen de la realidad: ¿“Qué ha tomado prioridad en nuestras vidas?” Muchas cosas han estado consumiendo nuestras vidas y nos ha distraído del amor de Dios: entretenimientos, deportes, nuestros placeres personales y nuestro bien material, la economía, vacaciones y viajes, etc. ¡Para muchos en este tiempo y época esas cosas se han convertido en ídolos! Este tiempo de aflicción se ha convertido también en un tiempo de gracia para nosotros, en “auxilio” contra estas distracciones y de sentir sed del “Agua Viva” de la vida: Jesús. Debemos poner las cosas en su correcta perspectiva. Dios debe ser el primero en nuestras vidas y debemos amar a Dios. Ahora es el tiempo aceptable. Ahora es el día de la salvación.” En este tiempo de Cuaresma se siente una inquietud global. En varias áreas de la vida el pánico y el miedo han ido incrementado; pero no debemos tener miedo, Dios está en control. Al “rezar” por una cuarentena, debemos también poner en acción las medidas de precaución y directrices que se nos han mandado. Que este sea un tiempo oportuno de penitencia y Obras de Misericordia en este Tiempo Santo. Que la oración de la Divina Misericordia y el Rosario se conviertan en consolación para las familias, y de dar la bienvenida a más tiempo de oración en familia. La cooperación es de suma importancia. En nuestra Diócesis de Stockton, pido que tengamos presente en nuestras oraciones estas cosas. Junto con la oración, incrementemos nuestros actos de penitencia y Obras de Misericordia en este Tiempo Santo. Que la oración de la Divina Misericordia y el Rosario se conviertan en parte de nuestra devoción diaria, especialmente en las Familias. Que los Niños Pastores de Fátima, Santa Jacinta Marto, y su hermano, San Francisco, intercedan por nosotros. Las familias de estos niños y la comunidad fueron víctimas de la epidemia Española de la Gripe de 1918 junto con millones, incluyendo a Francisco. Que Él y Jacinta intercedan por nosotros en estos tiempos difíciles. “Señor, os llamamos a tu servicio, continúa tu trabajo de salvación en nosotros. Que tu amor nunca nos abandone.” Nuestra Señora de Fátima, Salud de los Enfermos, ora por nosotros.

En la Paz de Cristo,
Obispo Cotta

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**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Domingo: Mt 21, 1-11/Is 50, 4-7/Sal 22, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24 [cfr. 1 Cor 10, 16]/Flp 2, 6-11/Mt 26, 14—27. 66 o 27, 11-54

Lunes: Is 42, 1-7/Sal 27, 1. 2. 3. 13-14 [1]/Jn 12, 1-11

Martes: Is 49, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 15 y 17 [cfr. 15]/Jn 13, 21-33. 36-38

Miércoles: Is 50, 4-9/Sal 69, 8-10. 21-22. 31 y 33-34 [14]/Mt 26, 14-25


**Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor:**

Ex 12, 1-8. 11-14/Sal 116, 12-13. 15-16. 17-18 [cfr. 1 Cor 10, 16]/1 Cor 11, 23-26/Jn 13, 1-15


Domingo siguiente:

Hch 10, 34. 37-43/Sal 118, 1-2. 16-17. 22-23 [24]/Col 3, 1-4 o 1 Cor 5, 6-8/Jn 20, 1-9 o Mt 28, 1-10

**CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA**

Domingo: Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión de Cristo

Lunes:

Martes:

Miércoles: Día de los Profesionales Administrativos

Jueves: Jacinta Marto

Viernes: Viernes Santo

Sábado: Sábado Santo

Domingo siguiente: Domingo de Pascua

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**ANUNCIOS DE MINISTERIOS**

Les invitamos a las familias a orar por las Vocaciones escogiendo una misa de un Sabado o Domingo. Se apuntaran para llevarse a casa todo. Para apuntarse o para mas informacion, hable con Diane en la oficina de la parroquia al 209-823-7197 ext. 228.
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