April 19, 2020
Sunday of Divine Mercy

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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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Well, “How are we doing?” Without a doubt: “This is a Lent we will never forget!” Truly, this has been a challenging time for all of us. As we continue this journey, we need to remember that we are in this crisis together and Jesus is with us in the midst of it all. We need to believe this and we to trust him. As the stress level raises at home, work and ministry, we must constantly circle back to Jesus. Parents, Jesus needs to be the grounding for you as you face the daily struggles of balancing your “altered” daily routine. Prayer will hold things together. Parents, setting aside some prayer-time - “knee-time” as a family must be a priority. Humbling ourselves before the Lord, as a family, will bring a sense of peace and strength for you at this time. This Sunday’s Gospel spoke of the raising of Lazarus by Jesus. Jesus reminds us: He is the “Resurrection and the Life!” We see in the Gospel, as Jesus approaches the tomb of Lazarus, that the entrance has been sealed with a stone. Just as we see the entrances of the Cathedral and our parish churches, schools, businesses and places of your employment closed - “sealed,” we are to be reassured that it is “temporary” - just as that of the tomb of Jesus’ friend, Lazarus! The physical doors might be closed, but Christ’s Church is not shutdown! All of us are anxious to get back to a sense of “normal,” including myself. As we have been physically separated from worshiping, praying and celebrating the Sacraments as a community, we are still united in prayer as the Body of Christ, the Church. Now is to the time to build up and strengthen the “domestic church” which is your home. It is there that the Faith is to be taught, shared and lived! Throughout this time, be assured that God’s mercy and the forgiveness of sin is not confined to the confessional, nor is the desire to be “nourished” by Jesus only confined to the Eucharist. The Lord is permitting us to be stretched in our faith and to reach out to his mercy. These 40 days of Lent are giving us the grace to “thirst and hunger” for the Lord in the Eucharist and the Sacraments - “gifts” which are never to be taken for granted. As we pray and wait for an end to this health crisis, we trust that this “stone” will be rolled away. May we hear Jesus crying out our names, in a loud voice, as he did with Lazarus. Let us listen and respond to his call: “Come out!!” May the “stones” that are separating us from our relationship with God, be removed as we approach Easter. With that, the “binding” impact, which this virus has had upon our lives, will be loosened and untied and, then, we will be set free and restored with spiritual and physical health! Our Lady of the Annunciation, pray for us God bless you. Bishop Cotta
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/ Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/ Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/ Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/ Mk 16:15-20

**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy

**Monday:** St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Tuesday:** Earth Day

**Wednesday:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

**Thursday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Arbor Day

**Friday:** St. Mark, Evangelist

**Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter

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**LIVE THE LITURGY**

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Have you ever experienced awe? Awe is commonly defined as a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder. A moment of awe has the ability to lift us up out of ourselves and immerse us into something that causes us to wonder about ourselves, the meaning of life, and truth. Awe is an experience of connection that links us to something that is beyond the normal happenings of life. For us who believe that the resurrected Christ is present in all of life and the totality of the universe, being touched by awe can lead us to exclaim, “My Lord and my God!” Pondering the vastness of God’s presence also brings us to a profound sense of God’s mercy, which is the showering of His unconditional love on each of His daughters and sons. When we internalize this mystery, we may find ourselves standing in awe once again and feeling an intense sense of peace.
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 Bournaziah  
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  
Lorraine Montano  
Richard Gallardo  
Michael Kautzar  
Austin Rosenstine  
Alfred Spina Jr.  
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 Hobbs  
Michelle Rossov  
Steve Ojeda & Family  
Janet Cameron  

Donnabelle Madayag  
Evan Ballard  
Yvonne Phillips  
Dixie Carillo  
Michael Rios  
Charlie Hall  
Galina Maksimenaoba  
Cydnie Muluan  
Mary Edith Scott  
Karen lee Alejandre  
Paulette Perreria  
Mary Campbell  
Delia Aveles  
Carl Joaquin  
Debra Jones Nava  
Alisha Mello  
Julie Ferreira  
Sammy Galvan  
Galvan Family  
Jackie Lewis  
Roxanna Douthis  
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 III  
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

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
**Walking with Moms in Need**

A response to COVID-19. Find out how you can assist moms in need through your local pregnancy center. Go to the Diocese of Stockton stocktondiocese.org to find out which pregnancy center near you can use your support! As we begin our year of service for moms in need, we can observe the 25th anniversary of the Gospel of Life by reading section 87 of this encyclical on the dignity of the human person. Through our reflections we pray that it will spark widespread zeal for serving expectant mothers facing difficult circumstances.

**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.

"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.

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.

Prevention, Protection, Accountability
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Diocese of Stockton affirms its commitment to provide a safe environment for its children. Under the Chatter for the Protection of Children and Young People established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 2002 the Diocese of Stockton has expanded its protection to include children of preschool age as well as vulnerable adults.

While the Diocese of Stockton works year-round to prevent abuse, the month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month a time to be extra diligent in our duty to provide a safe environment for all members of our Church and our community. As members of the Church we value the prevention of abuse and the support of those who have been abused. It is important to be aware of the signs of abuse and report inappropriate behavior to the proper agencies.

What’s being done in the Diocese of Stockton to Prevent Abuse?

1) We report all allegations of abuse directly to law enforcement.
2) We have a Victim Assistance Coordinator, Cynthia Dragan, whose primary role is to provide resources to survivors for their healing journey.
3) We train adults on how to maintain a safe environment by use of the Virtus online training program.
4) We train minors in all parish religious education programs and in our Catholic schools to identify the warning signs of abuse and inappropriate behavior by use of the Circle of Grace program.
5) We follow all Diocesan policies and procedures to create an environment of protection and healing.

The Office of Safe Environment will provide to each parish several handouts (in English and Spanish) including:

"April is Child Abuse Prevention Month"
"Five Ways to Protect Your Children from Sexual Abuse"
"Preventing Child Sexual Abuse"

Petitions for use at masses
This material will also be available on the Diocesan website - www.stocktondiocese.org under the Safe Environment tab.

As we celebrate National Child Abuse Prevention Month, may our commitment to protecting our children and young people from child abuse grow ever stronger in our churches, homes, communities and world.

Ministries and Activities

Important Announcements
Faith Formation, Adult Formation and Youth Ministry sessions and gatherings have been postponed until further notice.
Soup Suppers have been suspended until further notice.

We are happy to announce that the Silent Auction will be one of the many fun events for the 2020 Harvest Festival. Debbie Mahaffey and Barbara Becker have volunteered to chair the Silent Auction. Debbie and Barbara are accepting donations of new items and gift cards to create gift baskets for the Silent Auction. For further information please contact Debbie at 209 484-6999 or Barbara at 209 647-2939

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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!

The Week Before the Appeal

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.
A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, “I am here on purpose and I am loved!” Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on.

If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation’s grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am.

While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I-don’t-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person’s soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn’t require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn’t matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The “my Lord and my God” responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The “my Lord and my God” affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.

God is mystery, one who is beyond our grasp but at the same time within our reach, knowable yet unknowable. And when in the presence of mystery, there comes an intense experience of mercy. We know deep within the essence of ourselves — and in the very life of creation — this beating, unconditionally accepting, life-sustaining, profound, mysterious yet familiar presence of love. We have found our peace. “Peace be with you.” Breathe in and breathe out. Peace.

**Gospel Meditation**

**DATE**

**MESSAGE**

**STORY**

**INFORMATION**

**DIORCesan News**

**Bishop’s Ministry Appeal**

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP COTTA**

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a portion to the Bishop’s Ministry Appeal as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. The BMA helps to fund the programs and services of the Diocese. Our parish benefits from these programs in many ways. If you have yet to make your pledge to our parish’s annual support of the ministries, please consider doing so today. Pledge envelopes can be found in the pews and BMA bulletins can be found in the vestibule. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Checks should be made payable to the BISHOP’S MINISTRY APPEAL TRUST.

**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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We hope you will enjoy this incredible gift and please spread the word to others.

First Reading:
They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. (Acts 2:46b-47a)

Psalms:
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) or Alleluia

Second Reading:
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Pt 1:3-9)

Gospel:
Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” (Jn 20:19-31)
REFLEXIÓN DEL OBISPO

Mi querido Pueblo de Dios,


Padres de familia, Jesús necesita ser para ustedes el sostén al enfrentarse a la lucha de balancear su vida que ha sido “alterada.” La oración nos sostendrá unidos. Padres de familia al reservar un tiempo para la oración - “orar de rodillas” como familia debe ser una prioridad. Ser humildes ante el Señor, como familia, le traerá la paz y fortaleza que nece- sitamos en este tiempo. El evangelio de este domingo nos habló de la resurrección de Lázaro hecha por Jesús. Jesús nos recuerda; Él es la “Resurrección y la Vida!” Vemos en el Evangelio, como Jesús se aproxima a la tumba de Lázaro que aún tiene sellada la entrada con una piedra. Así como vemos la entrada de la Catedral y de nuestra parroquia, escuela, negocio y lugar de empleo cerrado — “sellado” debemos de sentirnos asegurados que es “temporal” - como la tumba del amigo de Jesús, ¡Lázaro! Todos, incluyéndome a mí, ansiamos el regreso de lo “normal.” Hemos sido físicamente separados del culto, la oración y la celebración de los Sacramentos como comunidad, seguimos unidos en oración como el Cuerpo de Cristo la Iglesia. Hoy es tiempo de construir y fortalecer la “iglesia doméstica” que es nuestro hogar. ¡Es allí donde la fe es ensenada, vivida y compartida! Durante este tiempo, pueden estar seguros de la misericordia de Dios y el perdón de los pecados que no puede estar limitado a un confesionario, ni el deseo de ser “alimentados” por Jesús puede estar limitado a la Eucaristía. El Señor nos da la oportunidad para crecer en nuestra fe y en Su Misericordia. Estos cuarenta días de Cuaresma nos dan la gracia para tener “sed y hambre” por el Señor en la Eucaristía y los Sacra- mentos - “dones” que nunca deben de tomarse por hechos. Mientras esperamos en oración por el fin de esta crisis de salud, confiamos que la “piedra” sea rodada. Que escuchemos a Jesús gritando, en voz alta, nuestro nombre, como lo hizo con Lázaro: “Sal de allí!” Entonces el confinamiento del vi- rus, las “ataduras,” serán desatadas y seremos ¡liberados! Nuestra Señora de la Anunciación, Ora por nosotros Dios les bendiga. Obispo Cotta

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**DOMINGO**: Hch 2, 42-47/Sal 118, 2-4. 13-15. 22-24 [1]/1 Pe 1, 3-9/Jn 20, 19-31

**LUNES**: Hch 4, 23-31/Sal 2, 1-3. 4-7. 7-9 [cfr. 11]/Jn 3, 1-8

**MARTES**: Hch 5, 17-26/Sal 34, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [7]/Jn 3, 16-21

**MIÉRCOLES**: Hch 5, 27-33/Sal 34, 2 y 9. 17-18. 19-20 [7]/Jn 3, 31-36

**JUEVES**: Hch 5, 34-42/Sal 16, 1-2. 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11 [11]/1 Pe 1, 17-21/Lc 24, 13-35

**SÁBADO**: 1 Pe 5, 5-14/Sal 89, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17 [2]/Mc 16, 15-20

**DOMINGO SIGUIENTE**: Hch 2, 14. 22-33/Sal 16, 1-2. 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11 [11]/1 Pe 1, 3-9/Jn 20, 19-31

CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

**DOMINGO**: 2° Domingo de Pascua (de la Divina Misericordia)

**LUNES**: Hch 4, 23-31/Sal 2, 1-3. 4-7. 7-9 [cfr. 11]/Jn 3, 1-8

**MARTES**: Hch 4, 32-37/Sal 93, 1. 1-2. 5 [1]/Jn 3, 7-15

**MIÉRCOLES**: Hch 5, 17-26/Sal 34, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 [7]/Jn 3, 16-21

**JUEVES**: Hch 5, 27-33/Sal 34, 2 y 9. 17-18. 19-20 [7]/Jn 3, 31-36

**VIERNES**: Hch 5, 34-42/Sal 27, 1. 4. 13-14 [cfr. 4]/Jn 6, 1-15

**SÁBADO**: 1 Pe 5, 5-14/Sal 89, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17 [2]/Mc 16, 15-20

**DOMINGO SIGUIENTE**: Hch 2, 14. 22-33/Sal 16, 1-2. 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11 [11]/1 Pe 1, 17-21/Lc 24, 13-35

ANUNCIOS DE MINISTERIOS

La próxima semana realizaremos el llamado para las Misiones Católicas. Hoy, más del 40% de las diócesis en Estados Unidos es considerado territorio misionero ya que esas diócesis no pueden financiar las labores pastorales básicas que se necesitan en sus comunidades. El apoyo de ustedes a este llamado facilita los esfuerzos que hacen estas diócesis. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a este llamado. Encuentren más información en www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Un saludo,

Obispo Cotta

ST-ANTHONY'S OBRAS DE CARIDAD

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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 lo necesario para crear un ambiente de oración en familia donde oraran por una semana. Para apun- tarse o para mas informacion, hable con Diane en la oficina de la parroquia al 209-823-7197 ext. 228.
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