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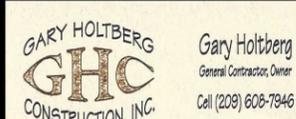
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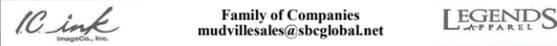


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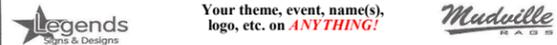
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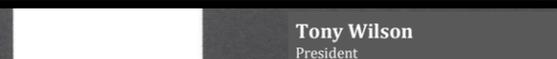
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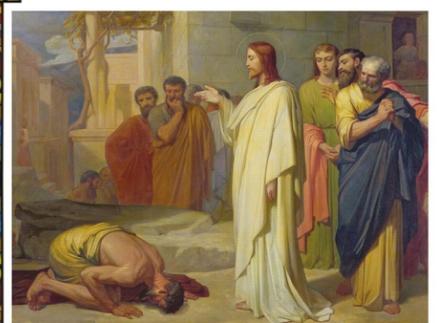
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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."
Lk 14:13



En aquel tiempo, se le acercó a Jesús un leproso para suplicarle de rodillas: "Si tú quieres, puedes curarme."
Lc 14:13

6º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Schedule of Masses

Saturday.....8:00am 4:00pm
Sabado..... 6:00pm español
Sunday.....10:30 am
Domingo.....12:00 pm español
Weekdays.....8:00 am

Holy Days

English.....8:00 am
Español.....6:00 pm

First Friday

Holy Hour.....4:00 pm
Mass.....5:00 pm

Sacraments

Confession.....3:00pm
Baptism.....1st & 3rd Sat. 11:00 am English
Bautizo.....2do & 4to Sab. 11:00 am Español
Marriage.....6 months advance notice

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Exposicion del Santisimo: Due to the pandemic we are no longer exposing the Blessed Sacrament till further notice. / Debido a la pandemia el Santisimo no estara expuesto hasta nuevo aviso.

Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina/Veneracion a la Reliquia de Sor. Faustina: The 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm in the parish's courtyard. / Cada 3er Jueves de cada mes en el patio de la parroquia.



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A Clean Heart Create For Me, GOD; Renew Within Me A Steadfast Spirit. Psalm 51:12

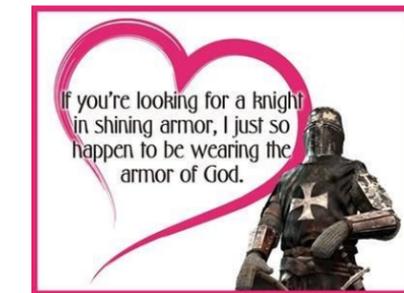
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INFORMACION DE LA VACUNA COVID-19

In an effort to inform the faithful about the COVID-19 vaccine the diocese has gathered resources about the vaccine on our website. Through the newly developed webpage, you can find information provided by the USCCB and the CDC. As information develops, we will update the page. You can view the page by visiting <https://stocktondiocese.org/covid19vaccine>

En un esfuerzo por informar a los fieles sobre la vacuna COVID-19, la diócesis ha reunido recursos sobre la vacuna en nuestro sitio web. A través de la página web recién desarrollada, puede encontrar información proporcionada por la USCCB y los CDC. A medida que se desarrolla la información, actualizaremos la página. Pueden ver la página visitando. <https://stocktondiocese.org/covid19vaccine>

When Margie Smiles– Jokes for Sunday!



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Weekly Collection	\$ 8,840.14
Online Giving (Feb.)	\$ 867.90
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February month to date	\$ 9,708.04
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MISERICORDIA, SEÑOR, HEMOS PECADO.

Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always



ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.

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WHEN YOU **PRAY**

WHEN YOU **FAST**

YOUR FATHER WHO SEES WILL REPAY YOU

Year of St. Joseph

On December 8th, 2020, Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph, commemorating 150 years since Bl. Pope Pius IX declared the saint the patron of the universal Church. As part of our commemoration of this year, Bishop Cotta will make a special consecration of our diocese to St. Joseph on March 19th, St. Joseph's feast day. To prepare for this event, we are beginning a 33-day period of preparation, beginning Monday, February 15th. Please visit <https://stocktondiocese.org/year-of-st-joseph> for prayer, readings, and resources. In Spanish, <https://stocktondiocese.org/san-jose-2021>



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Msgr. Gus needs your help!:

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Divine Mercy, St. Faustina Quotes:

St Faustina sought always to find Jesus in every situation and to unite her will to the Will of Jesus. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the Will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom 12:2) We seek the Will of God in prayer and in the denial of our own desires....seeking Guidance and light from the Holy Spirit St. Faustina reveals.... "There is one word I heed and continually ponder; it alone is everything to me; I live by it and die by it, and it is the holy Will of God." Jesus acknowledges St. Faustina's devotion and love... "A soul that loves me very much ought to live by My Will." May The Catechism of our Holy Catholic Church, Holy Scripture, and Holy Mother Church our in seeking right conscience and unity with the Will of God.

Children's Faith Formation:

Please call Sister Angela at (209)-931-2696.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Please contact Elena Molina at: (209) 931-5390 if you are interested in Signing up

Faith Formation Corner:

RESOLUTION: This week's topic is Resolution. I have been pondering the current circumstances we, as a community and society are being faced with. And to be honest, I don't necessarily feel that differently from last year at this time. Yes, we have endured almost a complete year of attempting to cope with COVID, changes in employment, changes in communing with my family, friends, and church community, differing opinions regarding social media, online learning, and the list goes on. That doesn't even touch the New Year's Resolution I have been trying to sculpt out in my mind in order to prepare more effectively for Lent 2021. Not to mention the political climate we are all enduring.

As I read through the scriptures, I came upon our Lord's preparation to enter into his passion, scripture reads, "When the days for his being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem." (Luke 9:51) "Resolutely!" Jesus is determined, he is steadfast in his mission, he remains focused, fixed on the completion of his mission which is to die for your salvation, my salvation, every-one's salvation. It causes me to consider and wonder, what is it that the Lord, needed to be mindful?

I understand that Jesus was fully human and fully divine, and his experience as a human was to model for us the manner in which to cope with all of life's tragedies, difficulties, tribulations, etc., but the word "Resolutely" means there was true consciousness to Jesus' move toward Jerusalem. It suggests that at any moment, the Lord could have said, "Okay, I'm done, it's all good, I wanna come home now." But HE didn't. He knew what awaited him in Jerusalem. At this point, he had already predicted his passion twice. But He chose our lives instead of his, he knew the outcome, and so he chose; no wavering of his faith in his Father, our God.

It got me thinking. I can barely get up the willpower to get through day one of my New Year's Resolution!!! I can't hardly be resolute and mindful about dying to myself, much less for anyone else!!! I am faced with my resolute humanness. Yes, it can seriously be discouraging. **However,** I am, you are, we are, blessed by Jesus' offer to reach for Him, call out to Him, put our little "mustard seed" faith in Him. In Him, "I can do anything through Jesus Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) So here we go, I need Jesus to do everything, because I can do nothing by myself. Do you want to know what my Lenten Resolution is? Me too, I am thinking the answer will show itself between now and Ash Wednesday.

Happy Lent, Roz

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo incita a los Corintios a que lo "hagan todo por la gloria de Dios." ;Si nosotros seguimos ese consejo en todo lo que hacemos, no podemos ser otra cosa que buenos Administradores!

Mass Intentions for the Week Year B:

Saturday Feb. 13th

8:00AM All Souls in Purgatory
4:00PM Marvin Louis Bargagliotti Sr. †
 Manuel Trovao †
 Pete Pimentel †
6:00PM Mass for the People
 (Missa Pro Populi)

Sunday Feb. 14th

10:30AM Dottie Burdue †
 Lilia Muzio †
 Jack & Jeanelle Ospital †
 Manuel Travao †
 Dennis Green †
 Gary Scannavino †
 Lino & Lolly Bozzano †
 Al & Madaline Scannavino †
 Frank & Hilda Carlos †
 Pete Pimentel †
 Faustino De Guzman †
 Gina De Guzman †
 Luis Aufdermaur †

12:00PM Carolina Montiel †
 Guadalupe Zamora †

Monday Feb. 15th

7:30AM Tom Bielejeski †
 Isabella, Dino Valda Giusti †
 Lina Giannini †
 Celestina Alandydy †
 Angelita Lina †
 Pete Pimentel †

Tuesday Feb. 16th

8:00AM Oliver Pellegrini †
 Liu Mafi (Birthday Intention)
 Lower level Purgatory
 Pete Pimentel †

Wednesday Feb. 17th

8:00AM Pete Pimentel †
 All Forgotten Souls
 All Unborn Babies

Thursday Feb. 18th

8:00AM Pete Pimentel †
 Lopeti Mafi (Birthday Intention)

All Souls in Purgatory

Friday Feb. 19th

8:00AM Greta Hermann †
 Pete Pimentel †
 All Souls in the lower level
 Purgatory
 Ponciano Francisco †
 Trinidad Francisco †
 Cirineo Francisco †
 Danilo Francisco †

Saturday Feb. 20th

8:00AM Jeanelle Ospital †
 Unborn Babies
4:00PM Pete Pimentel †
 Idalina Silveria (Intention)
 Masako Bertroch †
 Andrew Magnasco †
6:00PM Mass for the People

Readings for the Week:

Monday Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Ash Wednesday
 Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;
 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday First Sunday of Lent
 Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
 Mk 1:12-15



Parish updates:

* February 8, Monday: Mark Thomson installed the Camera in the church for live streaming of our liturgical celebrations.

* February 6, Saturday: The Supreme Court has lifted up the prohibition of the indoor worship to be in violation of our religious liberty. This "Good NEWS" was very much welcomed by our parishioners that we can be back inside the church again for our liturgical services. However, let it be known that our parishes have still to follow the diocesan directives or guidelines to remain safe and be free from Covid-19.

* This weekend was the 2nd week for our Campaign for the Bishop Ministry Appeal. Msgr. Gus spoke to our community, reminding them of the importance of it in supporting the 20 diocesan ministries which shares the benefit also to our parish. Our parish goal is \$ 100,000 and we are asking each family member to pledge for \$400.00, in order to meet the goal. Likewise, we need a 100% participation for the success of this program.

* February 9, Tuesday: There was a meeting held in RLH, a group organized by Claudia Mall to help the pastor in reaching out the parishioners during this pandemic time. They are Diane Crumpacker, Kathy Formosa, Carol Hofheinz, Marlene Morris, Laurice Rosetti, Cathy Westphal, Cheri Lombardi, Dena Rupert, Mari Carloni, Carol Bielejeski, Mary Magham, Norma Goonan, Noelle Schenone, Sylvia Kerr, and Gail Cesena. For the Spanish community, Jose Amezcua also organized a group for the same purpose. The members are: Hilda Fernandez, Chila Amezcua, Mercedes Amezcua, Elena Molina, Lilia Martinez, Jackie Gonzalez, Norma Padilla, Beatriz Quintero, Alejandra Garcia and Froylan Tinoco.

* At 6Pm, Sr. Angela, Director of the Children Faith Formation had a Zoom Meeting with parents, whose children are preparing for the First Communion. It was wonderful to see them virtually. Msgr. Gus gave a short catechism on the importance of the Holy Eucharist. Sr. Angela gave them the orientation of the "do's" and "dont's" in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the reception of the Holy Communion.

* February 11, Thursday: Feast of our Lady of Lourdes. Healing mass was celebrated by Msgr. Gus at 8:00AM in honor of our Lady and remembering the World Day of the Sick. Forty six came and received the anointing of the sick.

* The Liturgy meeting was held at 2PM. The group planned and discussed the Lenten Celebration. Present were Msgr. Gus, Sr. Angela, Elena Molina, José Amezcua, Vesenia Guttenbeil and Mathew Lemos.

*. At 7PM, a meeting was held at RLH, led by Jose Amezcua, a new group to honor St. Joseph. They were Arturo Garcia, Barney Pimentel, Abello Halog, Gary Allen, Msgr. Gus and Ramon Ognita (absent). They will start the spiritual retreat for the consecration of St. Joseph on the 15th of February to March 19th.

Respect Life Ministry:

January 9, 2021. The Respect Life Ministry had their monthly meeting. They discussed the Adoration held to pray for life for the 48th Anniversary of Roe V Wade. Many people participated and we requested, and Msgr. Gus has agreed, to have a day of adoration with the special intention to pray for the unborn and their mothers on the First Friday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. when the Mass starts. We also discussed the return of the boxes given out in October for the fundraiser for Directions Medical Clinic. Anyone still having boxes can return them to the office when they are full. We invite anyone interested to join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month for our meetings.

Ministerio de Respeto a La Vida:

9 de enero de 2021. El Ministerio Respeto a la Vida tuvo su reunión mensual. Discutieron la Adoración celebrada para orar por la vida por el 48 Aniversario de Roe V. Wade. Muchas personas participaron y pedimos, y Mons. Gus ha acordado, tener un día de adoración con la intención especial de orar por los no nacidos y sus madres el Primer Viernes de cada mes de 8:30 a.m. a 5 p.m cuando comienza la Misa. También discutimos la devolución de las cajas dadas en octubre para la recaudación de fondos para Directions Medical Clinic. Cualquier persona que aún tiene cajas puede devolverlos a la oficina cuando estén llenos. Invitamos a cualquier persona interesada a unirse a nosotros el 2º martes de cada mes para nuestras reuniones.

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Gospel Reflection:

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the

leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even

when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

Family Connection Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 32, or pray the [Prayer for Vocations](#).

Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who are more likely than others to become severely ill from COVID-19 — the elderly and people with chronic health conditions. Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and, for many, preventive isolation from loved ones.

Querido Señor, elevamos a Ti nuestra preocupación por las personas que tienen más probabilidades que otras de enfermarse gravemente de COVID-19— los ancianos y las personas con enfermedades crónicas. Protéjalos del daño y sea su consuelo en este tiempo de incertidumbre y, para muchos, aislamiento preventivo de sus seres queridos.

Prayers for the Sick Crystal Garcia, Christopher Luis Salcedo, Jaime Kerr, Teresa Brown, Valerie, Angela McCrady, Ramon Ochoa, Izzy Lowndes, Martha Gelsomini, Efrain Gonzalez Perez, Agustin Fua, Ma Lourdes Q. Fua, Ian Brodie, Juan Silva, Cynthia Diaz, Jim Ptack, Ruth Huber, Sharon Lemos, Robert Ortega, Fakava Liuaki, Rosa Denoso, Maria Fuentes de Ponce, Juanita Bague, Cody Bruner, Valdo Lopez, Sr., Kristi Martin, Bob Foppiano, Skip Bowe, Dieter Grabis, Anthony Gonzalez, Lillian Bava, Helen Leismer, Jim Perkins, Duke T., Pedro Galagn, Ruth Hawley, Martin Olivas, Avery Piacentini, Lolo Murry, Rosa Maria Santos, Merle Bowmen, Marie Parra, Cali Vanni, Harold "Gi" Raggio, Mark Fernandez, Corey Bowerman, Estela Flores, Vanessa Sanchez, Cathy Westphal, Pedro Alvarez, Valeti Fakava, Linda Bosche, Lourdes Parada, Matt Lemos, Jose Fuentes, Raymond Fuentes, Kasandra Nicole Valenzuela, Stella Mia Baez, Kelly Roddy, Pat Harris, Tom Seesing, Lynda Ripley, Shawn Arnell, Louis Rivera & Sal Castellon, Angela Montion, Yolanda Salazar Gomez, George Midwin, Julianna Mandalotti-Midwin, Tina Mandalotti-Rouse, Harold Rouse, Tony Infantino, Lil Bova-Ayrton, David Ayrton *Please call the office to add or remove your loved ones name .*