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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2021



Adoration & Confession

Join us in the Church for Confessions and some special time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration:

Monday–Thursday from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Confessions:

Monday–Friday from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
(1 priest will be available for Confessions.)

Adoración y Confesión

Únete a nosotros en la Iglesia para Confesiones y un tiempo especial con nuestro Señor en la Eucaristía.

Adoración:

Lunes a Jueves de 6:00 pm a 7:00 pm

Confesiones:

Lunes a Viernes de 6:00 pm a 7:00 pm
(Habrá un Sacerdote disponible para Confesiones.)

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Brandon Ware, *Pastor*

Fr. Hung Joseph Nguyen, *Parochial Vicar*

Fr. Rob Oswald, *Parochial Vicar*

Fr. Ronnie Manango, *Parochial Vicar*

Deacon Porfi Cisneros

Deacon Karl Welsbacher

Deacon Tom Driscoll

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is Open to serve you!

Monday - Friday | 9:00am - 5:00pm

Closed everyday: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm for Lunch

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 5:30pm English & 7:30pm Spanish

SUNDAY: 7:00am Spanish, 8:30am English
10:30am English & 12:30pm Spanish

CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (in the Church)

(Other times available by appointment.)

CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRAYER

Monday–Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 pm

(Enter through door in the parking lot)

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

Monday-Friday: 5:30 pm

(Wednesday 5:30 pm Mass in Spanish)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Thursday from 6:00 pm–7:00 pm

(in the Church)

BAPTISMS

1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays in Spanish. 4th Saturday in English.

By appointment only. Baptismal classes required.

Please call Parish Office to register.

Or visit www.stanneslodi.org/baptism

MARRIAGES

A six-month advance notice is required.

By appointment only. Please contact the

Parish Office to begin the process.

Ceremony times available on

Saturdays at 11:30am & 2:00pm

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten - 8th Grade

200 S. Pleasant Ave., Lodi, CA 95240

Principal: Mrs. Elizabeth Mar

Asst. Principal: Mrs. Heather Pinasco

Phone: (209) 333-7580

www.stanneslodi.org/school

OUR MISSION CHURCH: MATER ECCLESIAE CATHOLIC CHURCH

26500 Sacramento Blvd., Thornton, CA | Sunday Mass: 9:00am -Spanish & 11:00am -English

Church & Shrine Hours: Monday–Friday: 12:30pm-7:00pm & Saturday–Sunday: 9:30am-7:00pm | Adoration: Thursdays: 4:00pm-7:00pm

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Mass Intentions & Readings

To request a Mass Intention,
please contact the Parish Office at 369-1907.

Intenciones y Lecturas de la Misa

Para reservar una Intención de Misa, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 369-1907.

Mon 9/13	1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving from Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo Cortez; Jose Satana+; Jose Quevedo+
5:30 PM	Anita Jones; Norberto Bolarinho+; Celia Yepez de Ochoa+
Tue 9/14	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
8:00 AM	Victoria Moreno; Celia Yepez de Ochoa+; Jose Santana+
5:30 PM	Tim Martinelli; Aralia Flores+; Norberto Bolarinho+
Wed 9/15	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27
8:00 AM	For Healing for Michael McKenzie; The Bachmeier Family; Gianna Magdalena Roche+
9:15 AM	Living & Deceased Benefactors of St. Anne's School
5:30 PM	Norberto Bolarinho+; Celia Yepez de Ochoa+; Amador Ochoa+
Thu 9/16	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
8:00 AM	Celia Yepez de Ochoa+; Luis Katz+
5:30 PM	Jack P. Martinelli; Norberto Bolarinho+
Fri 9/17	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
8:00 AM	For Healing for Michael McKenzie; Carolina Hortizuela+
5:30 PM	Stacy Martinelli; Norberto Bolarinho+; Celia Yepez de Ochoa+
Sat 9/18	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
8:00 AM	Happy Birthday Jaiden Ha; Celia Yepez de Ochoa+
5:30 PM	Tommy Martinelli; Jesus M. Horta+; Marge Degenstein+; Norberto Bolarinho+
7:30 PM	Bendiciones el dia de tu boda a Diego Delgado & Beatriz Chavez; Abran Avila Ruiz+; Mario Oregel Oregel+; Mercedes Ortiz Vera+; Lisandro Hernandez+
Sun 9/19	Wis 2:12,17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37
7:00 AM	Jose Luis Rios; Ramon Rios+; Victor Hugo Duque Mondragon+; Norberto Bolarinho+
8:30 AM	Adela Lee Tan+; Geraldine Schook+
10:30 AM	Parishioners; Mrs. Benneer; Deacon Armando Moreno; For Healing for Cheriano Miranda; Michael Sienga+
12:30 PM	Jose Antonio Herrera Diaz+; Jorge S. Suarez+; Celia Yepez de Ochoa+; Las Almas del Purgatorio+
Mater Ecclesiae Church—Thornton	
9:00 AM	Intención Especial
11:00 AM	Natalia Gomez+

Jesus asked them,

"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"



Peter said to him in reply,

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST."

Mark 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

Jesús les preguntó:

"Y USTEDES, ¿QUIÉN DICEN QUE SOY YO?"



Pedro le respondió:

"TÚ ERES EL MESÍAS".

Marcos 8:29

VIGÉSIMO CUARTO
DOMINGO
DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

12 de septiembre de 2021



ST. ANNE'S

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St. Anne's Chapel is open for prayer

MONDAY-FRIDAY from 8:30am — 5:00pm (*Enter through door in the parking lot*)

Adoration inside St. Anne's Church

MONDAY-THURSDAY from 6:00pm — 7:00pm

Confessions inside St. Anne's Church

There will be 1 priest available for Confession in the Cry Room.

MONDAY-FRIDAY from 6:00pm — 7:00pm

Weekday Mass Schedule –St. Anne's

No registration required | All will be held inside the Church

- **MONDAY-SATURDAY** 8:00am –English
- **MONDAY-FRIDAY** 5:30PM -English *Wednesdays Mass will be in Spanish

Sunday Mass Schedule –St. Anne's

No registration required | All will be held inside the Church

- **SATURDAY** 5:30pm –English (*livestreamed*) & 7:30pm –Spanish (*livestreamed*)
- **SUNDAY** 8:30am & 10:30am –English & 7:00am & 12:30pm -Spanish

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Adoration: Thursdays from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday Mass Schedule

No registration required | All will be held inside the Church

- **SUNDAY** 9:00am - Spanish & 11:00am - English

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LITURGY

Would you like to become an Altar Server?

Altar servers are being chosen from among the faithful who display a desire to participate in an intimate way during the Holy sacrifice of the Mass.

If you are in 4th through 8th grade and have received 1st Communion, you are invited to join in this rewarding ministry. High School students who have been confirmed are also invited and encouraged to serve.



Applications can be found on the website at www.stanneslodi.org/altar-servers



ST. ANNE'S LIVE STREAM MASSES

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday via Zoom
at 8:00am in *English*

ID: 823 9194 6526 Password: mass

Saturday Vigil Masses

5:30 pm Sunday Mass in *English*

ID: 858 345 263 Password: sunday

7:30 pm Sunday Mass in *Spanish*

ID: 879 0548 7890 Password: domingo



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Bereavement Support Group

We will be meeting on

Monday, September 20th
at 10:00 am in the Dining Room.



If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, or know someone who has, this is a good way to help through your grieving and receive support.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



THE RELUCTANT SAINT: ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

In this heartwarming and true story of the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

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Share your faith at St. Anne's
As a...

➤ **Catechist, Catechist Aide**

Children: Grades 1st-5th grade attending ongoing faith formation or preparing for a sacrament

Teens: (Middle School & High School):
Grades 6th-11th preparing for Confirmation

Adults: Join the RCIA team and help adults seeking to join the Church.

Special Needs: We need generous people to provide sacramental prep for those with special needs.

Contact Sister Azucena or Clarisa
at (209)369-1907 or aespinoza@stanneslodi.org
to know about our upcoming formation date.

Stay connected with what's happening in our Parish!

- Visit our mobile friendly website at www.stanneslodi.org
- Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stannesparish
- Follow us on Instagram at @stannesparish
- Join our Flocknote group by texting "stanneslodi" to 84576



LITURGY

¿Te gustaría ser monaguillo?

Los monaguillos están siendo elegidos entre los fieles que muestran el deseo de participar de manera íntima durante el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa.

Si está del cuarto al octavo grado y ha recibido la Primera Comunión, está invitado a unirse a este ministerio. Los estudiantes de secundaria que han sido confirmados también están invitados y animados a servir.



Aplicaciones están disponibles en el sitio web:
www.stanneslodi.org/altar-servers



MISAS TRANSMITIDAS EN VIVO DE SANTA ANA

Misas Diarias

Lunes a Viernes por Zoom
a las 8:00am en *Ingles*

ID: 823 9194 6526 Contraseña: mass

Sábado- Misa de Vigilia

5:30 pm Misa Dominical en *Ingles*

ID: 858 345 263 Contraseña: sunday

7:30 pm Misa Dominical en *Español*

ID: 879 0548 7890 Contraseña: domingo



JUSTICIA SOCIAL

Grupo de Apoyo al Duelo

Se reunirá el **Lunes 20 de Septiembre**
a las 10:00 am en el Comedor.



Si ha sufrido la pérdida de un ser querido o conoce a alguien, esta es una buena manera de ayudarlo a superar su duelo y recibir apoyo.

***Este grupo será solamente en Inglés.**

FORMED

SELECCIÓN DE
LA SEMANA

12 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2021



EL SANTO REUENTE: SAN JOSE DE CUPERTINO

En esta historia verídica, conmovedora y sorprendente, que muestra la vida del fraile Franciscano, quien literalmente ascendió a la santidad. En el siglo XVII, en un humilde poblado llamado Cupertino, en Italia, la mamá campesina de José convence al renuente Abad (Ricardo Montalban) de aceptar a su hijo en el monasterio. Con el apoyo del obispo local, quien es un obispo generoso que ve en José mucho más que los demás, y por una serie de acontecimientos milagrosos, José, un hombre simple pero piadoso, es ordenado sacerdote.

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FORMACIÓN DE FE

¡Vengan!

Comparte tu Fe en Santa Ana
Como...

>Catequista, Asistente,
y Asistente en el Salón

Niños: del 1er-5to grado en preparación
para su Primera Comunión.

Jóvenes: (Middle y High School): del 6to-11vo
grado en preparación para la Confirmación.

Adultos: Sea parte del equipo de RICA que ayuda
a los adultos que necesitan sus sacramentos.

Educación Especial: Necesitamos ayuda para las
Clases a los niños con necesidades especiales.

Hable con la Hermana Azucena o Clarisa
al (209)369-1907 o aespinoza@stanneslodi.org
para saber más sobre la fecha de formación.



Quédesse conectado a la Parroquia y lo que esta pasando!

- Visita nuestro sitio web en www.stanneslodi.org
- Síguenos en Facebook: www.facebook.com/stannesparish
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- Unete a Flocknote, manda "stanneslodi" al numero 84576



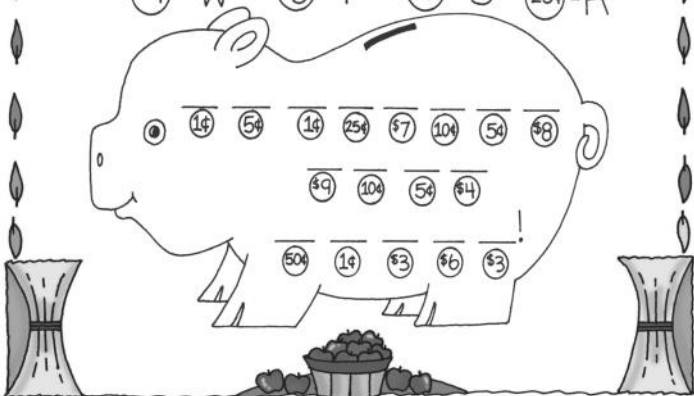


Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus preached that if we "save" our life for ourselves,
we'll end up losing it.

Use the coin code to find what we'll gain
if we "lose" our life to him instead.

\$2 = N 10¢ = I \$4 = H 5¢ = T
 50¢ = J \$7 = N 1¢ = E \$6 = U
 \$9 = W \$8 = Y \$3 = S 25¢ = R



CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

In today's second reading (James 2:14-18) James reminds us that if we say to someone in need, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but don't follow it up with our good works, like giving them warm clothes and a meal, they will still be cold and hungry. The Church names seven good works, called the corporal works of mercy, that we are all encouraged to perform to help others. "Corporal" means "relating to the body."

Look through this list with an adult in your family. If you have already performed or are now performing a particular work of mercy, check the box and describe what you do. If you are not performing one of these works, write how you can begin to do it.

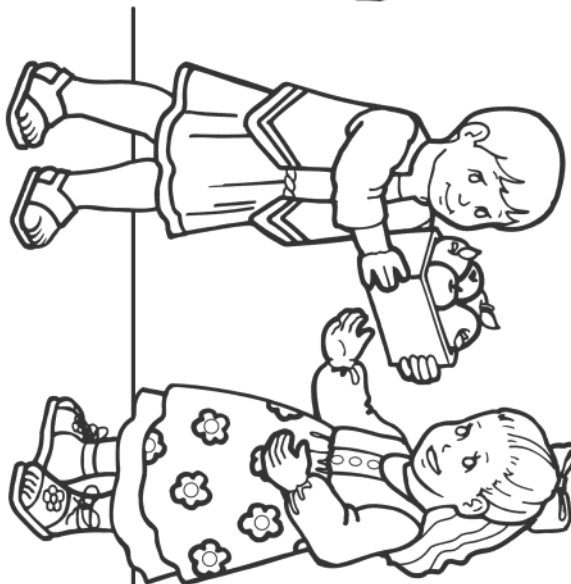
You might have to think about different ways to look at the last two works. Are jails the only kind of prison? People can feel as though they are "in prison" in many ways. People who are isolated and forgotten need visiting, too. How do you assist in burying the dead? You may already be doing these works in ways you don't expect.

In addition to the good works you do,
always remember to say a prayer for all people in need.

Work of Mercy	We do this.	We are going to do this.
☐ Feed the Hungry	_____	_____
☐ Give Drink to the Thirsty	_____	_____
☐ Clothe the Naked	_____	_____
☐ Shelter the Homeless	_____	_____
☐ Visit the Sick	_____	_____
☐ Visit Those in Prison	_____	_____
☐ Bury the Dead	_____	_____



Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well.
James 2:16



Our faith and works need to go "hand in hand"
if we want to do God's will.
Match the hands below to make word combinations
that also work well together.

Faith Works

Sharing

Out

Loving

Things

Helping

Others

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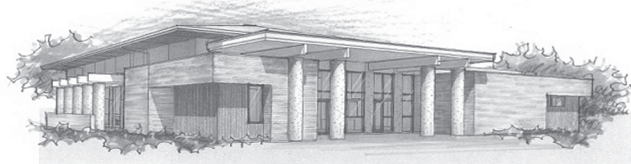
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IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL

From toddlerhood to old age, we grow in mastery of our own lives, our bodies, and our destiny. This mastery is hard won, and we don't let go of autonomy easily. Much of this self-mastery involves the avoidance of pain or discomfort, so when we hear things like "take up your cross" and "lose your life," we tend to resist the message. James says that faith without works is dead. Ouch! That is really a direct message! One way to look at this, as well as the part about losing our life to find it, is that faith is a process of more and more openness to God's direction of our lives. It is very hard for us to give up control, but perhaps what we are being asked to do is not to become passive and babyish, but to allow God to direct where our self-mastery will lead and what it will accomplish. We are asked to relinquish the need to control the results of our efforts; to risk, as Jesus did, the loss of everything we are working to achieve. We are asked to let God take the lead and to control the results, even though we may never see those results.



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ES TODO SOBRE EL CONTROL

Desde la infancia hasta la vejez, crecemos en el dominio de nuestra vida, nuestro cuerpo y nuestro destino. Este dominio es difícil de adquirir, y no lo dejamos escapar con facilidad. Gran parte de este dominio de sí mismos consiste en evitar el dolor o el malestar, así que cuando uno escucha cosas como "cargar con la cruz" y "perder la vida", la tendencia es a resistir el mensaje. Santiago dice que la fe sin obras es una fe muerta. ¡Ay! ¡Eso es realmente un mensaje directo! Una forma de ver esto, así como lo de perder nuestra vida para encontrarla, es que la fe es tener más y más apertura a Dios como timón de nuestra vida. Es muy difícil para nosotros ceder el control, pero quizás lo que se nos pide es que no nos convirtamos en pasivos y pueriles, sino que dejemos que sea Dios quien dirija el rumbo de nuestro dominio propio y lo que deba lograr. Se nos pide que renunciemos a la necesidad de controlar los resultados de nuestros esfuerzos; que nos arriesguemos, como lo hizo Jesús, a perder todo lo que estamos luchando por lograr. Se nos pide que dejemos que Dios tome la iniciativa y el control de los resultados, aunque nunca podamos verlos.



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Prayer Requests

Please Pray For:

Anne Abruzzini, Tammy Allert, Carlos Almanza, Jaime Amann, Eliane & Jeff Atad, Sera Baysinger, Rita Bogner, Carol Bowen, John Brodie, Celia Brophy, Verania & Marquez Byrd, Roberto Manuel Calderon, Teresa Calderon, Irene Cano, Jose Cisneros, Juan Manuel Contreras, Justin Dawe, Arlene Deal, Jacobo Diaz, Tim Dohner, Crispin Domingo, MartiAnn Draper, Michael Effner, Gayelene Entzi, Linda Erb, Gloria Escalante, Donnie Fielmen, Karen Franke, Ramon Fuentes, Jose Fuentes, Maya Quetzaly Garcia, Leobardo Garcia Jr., Desidoro Gauna & Family, Marina Gaytan, Imelda Gaytan, Antonia Gaytan, Frederick Geyser Jr., Sandy Gilweit, Julie Hanks, Gloria Hayes, Rocio Hernandez, Jim Hickcox, Jonathon Hirai, Bill Hollander, Carol Huff, Mei Hung, Daniel Husebye, Denice James, Marcie Jimenez, Donna Johnston, Gary Kapic, Lucy Kapic, Stacy Kermgard, Mariam Knox, Cathi Lipofsky, Maria Lupian, John Malley, Mary Marquez, Diane Marroquin, Mike McKenzie, Margaret McLean, Julia McLoughlin, Priscilla McMillen, James Miller, Joanne Miller, Tina Mills, Mike Moore, Dante Moreno, Rosario Navarro, Rita Neudeck, Jennifer Nguyen, Amy Ornelas, Ermelinda Ortega, Ma. del Rosario Ortega, Yolanda Pantoja, Laura Pereira, Anita Perez, Carlotta Perez, Grace Puccinelli, Martha Ramirez Sandoval, Rex Reynolds, Jamie Rhoades Feri, Louise Rivera, Eva Rodriguez, Pam Rodriguez, Eugene Rossi, Carlos Ruiz, Marisol Ruiz, Jessica Russell, Gloria Saldana, Marge Sandeen, Tim Schoch, Sam Singer, Bonnie Skogstad, Savanna Spruell, Corey Stull, Shawn Tallerico, Michael & Sandra Tansley, Beverly Templeton, Francisco Tovar Jr., Jose Armando Valdez, Hannah Walker, Marlys & Don Weiland, Thelma Welsbacher, Perry Westbrook, Velma White Bear, Isabella Wilmette, The People Affected by the Disaster in Florida, Johnson Family, First Responders & Fire Fighters, Renee and all sick members of St. Anne's Church.



SEPTEMBER 4 & 5, 2021

First Collection:

St. Anne's:	\$ 25,120.54
Mater Ecclesiae:	\$ 1,566.76

Building & Maintenance:

St. Anne's:	\$ 7,680.00
Mater Ecclesiae:	\$ 30.00

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for your sacrificial offering.***

Next Week's Second Collection

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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2021
SEPTEMBER JULY 2021

“Say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

My Dear People of God,

On September 19, we acknowledge and celebrate ***Catechetical Sunday***. In sharing a few thoughts of Pope Francis on the importance of catechesis, and my concern for the evangelization and catechesis of all of God’s people throughout the Diocese of Stockton, I offer you the following:

Catechetical Sunday offers an opportunity for us to reflect on the importance and impact that catechesis has on the life of our parishes. As we come to personally know the Lord Jesus as we grow in our knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and the Good News - the Gospel, we contribute to our ongoing conversion and evangelization. In addition, we take to heart the history of the Church along with her great *deposit of faith*!

In order for our children, youth and adults to benefit from the teachings of Jesus, and his Church, we need an ***army*** of well-formed, trained and certified as *catechists*, especially, now, during these challenging times.

This noble calling of catechist “begins with Christ.” As one continues to grow in their own faith, the best way to learn is to ***teach***. When you instruct others, your own understanding increases. Sharing the faith is an honor, and you will find that your own faith will come alive!

In today’s chaotic world, people are searching for what is real and what is not. Catechists speak the truth about God, faith and morals. The world needs the message of the Gospel and the way to true happiness. As a catechist, you will discover that prayer, liturgy and your own relationship with God will become more vibrant and meaningful.

When you join a team of catechists in your parish, you enter into a community that will support you on your faith journey, pray for and with you, and encourage you in your Catholic way of life. You will discover that the life you live, as a catechist, is one that consists of being a good steward of your time and talent.

Also, by showing your family that you value religious education and formation, as you take the time out of your life to teach the faith, shows your own children, grandchildren, siblings and family members that you put a high priority on religious education and that you enjoy it!

Jesus said: “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt 28:19-20).

As we continue to grow as the faith community, let us pray for more dedicated and Spirit-filled catechists who will not only catechize the present, but, also, the future baptized brothers and sisters of our parishes throughout the Diocese of Stockton.

If you are interested, and would like more information in becoming a catechist, please contact Grace Garza-Ayala, Director of the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation at (209) 466-0636. In the meantime, I ask that you prayerfully discern the possibility of serving the Church in this capacity. Listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. He may be calling you to experience this ministry at this time in your life. You will find it to be one that is *life changing*!

In the Peace of Christ,



Bishop Myron J. Cotta

DOMINGO CATEQUETICO 2021
SEPTIEMBRE 2021

“Di la palabra y mi alma será sanada.”

Mi estimado pueblo de Dios,

El 19 de septiembre reconocemos y celebramos el **Domingo Catequético**. Al compartir algunos pensamientos del Papa Francisco sobre la importancia de la catequesis y mi preocupación por la evangelización y la catequesis de todo el pueblo de Dios en toda la Diócesis de Stockton, les ofrezco lo siguiente:

El domingo catequético nos ofrece la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre la importancia y el impacto que tiene la catequesis en la vida de nuestras parroquias. A medida que llegamos a conocer personalmente al Señor Jesús y a medida que crecemos en nuestro conocimiento de las Sagradas Escrituras y las Buenas Nuevas, el Evangelio, contribuimos a nuestra propia conversión y evangelización. ¡Además, nos tomamos muy en serio la historia de la Iglesia junto con su gran *depósito de fe*!

Para que nuestros niños, jóvenes y adultos se beneficien de las enseñanzas de Jesús y de su Iglesia, necesitamos un **ejército** de catequistas bien formados, capacitados y certificados, especialmente ahora, durante estos tiempos desafiantes. Esta noble vocación de catequista “comienza con Cristo”. A medida que uno continúa creciendo en su propia fe, la mejor manera de aprender es **enseñar**. Cuando instruyes a otros, tu propia comprensión aumenta. Compartir la fe es un honor, ¡y descubrirás que tu propia fe cobrará vida!

En el mundo católico de hoy. La gente busca lo que es verdadero y lo que no lo es. Los catequistas hablan la verdad sobre Dios, la fe y la moral. El mundo necesita el mensaje del Evangelio y el camino hacia la verdadera felicidad. Como catequista, usted descubrirá que la oración, la liturgia y su propia relación con Dios se volverán más vibrantes y significantes. Cuando usted se une a un equipo de catequesis en su parroquia, ingresa a una comunidad que lo apoyara en su camino de fe, oran por y con usted, y lo alentarán en su estilo de vida católico. Descubrirá que la vida que vive, como catequista, consiste en ser un buen administrador de su tiempo y talento.

Además, mostrara a su familia el valor de la educación y formación religiosa, al tomar de su tiempo para enseñar la fe, le muestra a sus propios hijos, nietos, hermanos y miembros de la familia que le da una alta prioridad a la educación religiosa y que ¡Lo disfrutas! Jesús dijo: “Id, pues, y haced discípulos a todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, enseñándoles a guardar todo lo que yo os he mandado. Y he aquí, yo estaré con vosotros siempre, hasta el fin de los tiempos”. (Mt 28, 19-20) A medida que continuamos creciendo como comunidad de fe, oremos para tener un aumento de catequistas dedicados y llenos del Espíritu que no solo catequizaran ahora, sino también nuestros futuros hermanos y hermanas bautizados en nuestras parroquias de toda la Diócesis de Stockton.

Si está interesado y desea obtener más información sobre cómo convertirse en un catequista, comuníquese con Grace Garza-Ayala, Directora de la Oficina de Evangelización y Formación en la Fe al (209) 466-0636. Mientras tanto, les pido que discernan en oración la posibilidad de servir a la Iglesia en esta capacidad. Escuche las inspiraciones del Espíritu Santo. El —puede estar **llamándote** a experimentar este ministerio en este momento de tu vida. ¡Descubrirás que esto te puede *cambiar la vida*!

En La Paz de Cristo,



Obispo Myron J. Cotta