



Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Vigil on Saturday: 5:00pm, 7:00pm
(Spanish) Sunday: 7:00am, 8:45am,
10:30am, 12:15pm, 2:15pm (Spanish),
5:00pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday: 7:00am, 12:15pm
Saturday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY SPANISH MASS

Tuesday: 5:30pm
First Friday: 7:00pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8-10:00am
Tuesday, Thursday: 8-9:00am
Thursday: 5:30-6:30pm

CONFESSION

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am

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FR. MARK'S REFLECTION

Give Good Gifts to Your Children

In today's Gospel, Jesus reassures us that "the Father in heaven" knows "how to give good gifts" to his children. On Earth, we have the Catholic Church which is a loving mother who has great concern for her children and their rights. Many of our teachings show how much value we place on children, for example, the teachings against abortion, contraception, and in-vitro fertilization. We believe that children are always a blessing and that the marriage act should have a procreative meaning which must never be attacked, blocked, or poisoned with contraception. Our bishops ask us to celebrate "Natural Family Planning Awareness Week" which ends Tuesday on the feast of Jesus' grandparents: Saints Joachim and Ann.

Children not only have the right to life, but they also have the right to be born naturally as part of a family with a father and a mother united in holy matrimony. The church thinks of the children's rights. Infertility is terribly sad, and a couple may feel that they have a "right" to have a baby. But this does not justify producing a baby in a test tube. Every baby has the right to jabber from his crib: "I am the fruit of a love act between my mother and my father." It is because of her concern for the rights of her children that Mother Church opposes both in-vitro fertilization and same-sex marriage. Adults must not selfishly ignore the rights of children and of potential children. It is a sin to produce a child through in-vitro fertilization with the intention of raising that child in an incomplete family without both a mother and a father. Also, we should not abuse minors with ill-advised "hormonal therapies" and theoretical "gender ideologies." The church has better ways of showing pastoral support for those who suffer from same-sex attraction and gender dysphoria.

In today's first reading the Lord condemns the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Lord's displeasure is not only with the sins of sodomy and lust but also with the selfishness that causes adults to seek their own pleasures without concern for the rights of the little ones.

-Fr. Mark



ABOUT OUR PARISH

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)

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Legion of Mary

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Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards, we are all called to use our gifts for the Kingdom of God.

Como discípulos de Jesucristo y buenos corresponsales, todos somos llamados a usar nuestros dones para la obra del Reino de Dios.

See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes.
- Genesis 18:27

When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me.
- Psalm 138:3

And even when you were dead. . . .
- Colossians 2:13

. . . how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?
- Luke 11:13

“Nothing is equal to prayer; for what is impossible it makes possible, what is difficult, easy. . . .” (St. John Chrysostom in *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2744). “Prayer and Christian life are inseparable. . . .” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2745).

Our relationship with God is paramount. If we do not carve out time and space to be with God in an intentional way, we deprive ourselves of the greatest adventure - knowing and loving God and being known and loved by God.

Prayer - relationship with God - needs nurturing. When we know someone well, we can speak the truth of our hearts. As Abraham spoke to God from his heart, let us do the same.

This week let us spend time with God in prayer. Trusting in God's gracious love, let us come to God as we are.

Prayer
Relationship

Oración
Relación

“¡Mira que soy atrevido de interpelar a mi Señor, yo que soy polvo y ceniza!”
- Génesis, 18 - Biblia Católica Online

“El día en que grité, tú me escuchaste, aumentaste la fuerza en mi alma.”
- Salmos, 138 - Biblia Católica Online

“Y a vosotros, que estabais Muertos. . . .”
- Colosenses, 2 - Biblia Católica Online
. . . . “¡cuánto más el Padre del cielo dará el Espíritu Santo a los que se lo pidan!»” - Lucas, 11 - Biblia Católica Online

“Nada es igual a la oración; porque lo que es imposible lo hace posible, lo que es difícil, lo hace fácil. . . .” (San Juan Crisóstomo en *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, 2744). “La oración y la vida cristiana son inseparables. . . .” (*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, 2745).

Nuestra relación con Dios es primordial. Si no dedicamos tiempo y espacio para estar con Dios de manera intencional, nos privamos de la mayor aventura: conocer y amar a Dios y ser conocidos y amados por Dios.

La oración, la relación con Dios, necesita ser nutrida. Cuando conocemos bien a alguien, podemos decir la verdad de nuestro corazón. Así como Abraham le habló a Dios desde su corazón, hagamos lo mismo.

Esta semana pasemos tiempo con Dios en oración. Confiando en el amor misericordioso de Dios, acerquémonos a Dios tal como somos.

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“The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the [E]arth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church. Parishes are the place where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church's life.”

-Communities of Salt and Light, p. 1

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Saint of the Week

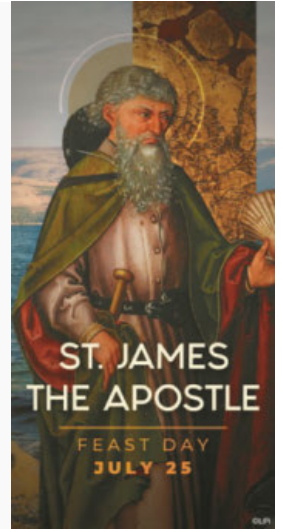
ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

FIRST CENTURY | FEAST DAY: JULY 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in the 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.



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Readings

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

MONDAY, JULY 25

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Jer 26:1-9/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 31

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

IN REMEMBRANCE

Joseph McGuire
Louise Amendola
Fernando Padilla
Angelina Mangili
Richard Vilches
James (Jim) Schmidt
Rose Guerrero
Epifania (Epie) Cardona
Mary Tanghal Bambico
Nymia Flores
Patricia Gemigniani
Luis Villalobos
Amador Alayra
Anthony Viray Bernardo, Sr.
Melissa Holguin
Peter Precissi
Henry Banuelos
Cornelia Taasin

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JULY 24 2022

7:00 AM: †Moises Macias Tena

8:45 AM: †Andrea Flocchini

10:30 AM: †Donald Gini—anniversary

12:15 PM: Adriana Benitez
—birthday thanksgiving

2:15 PM: †Susana Ramirez

5:00 PM: †Adolfo Torres

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022

7:00 AM: †Maria Airelia G. Moitoso

12:15 PM: †Ofelia Ramalho

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022

7:00 AM: †Lolita Coignard

12:15 PM: Parish Families

5:30 PM: Parish Families

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022

7:00 AM: †Francisco Cruz

—1yr death anniversary

12:15 PM: †Gustavo Gonzales

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022

7:00 AM: Gabriel A. Taasin—birthday

12:15 PM: †Leopaldo Camales

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022

7:00 AM: Parish Families

12:15 PM: †Norma T. Miraflores

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022

8:00 AM: Parish Families

5:00 PM: †Frances McPherson

7:00 PM: †Elisa Muñoz de Olivares

Mission Appeal

SPECIAL COLLECTION (NO ENVELOPE)
Society of the Propagation of the Faith

Prayer of the Faithful

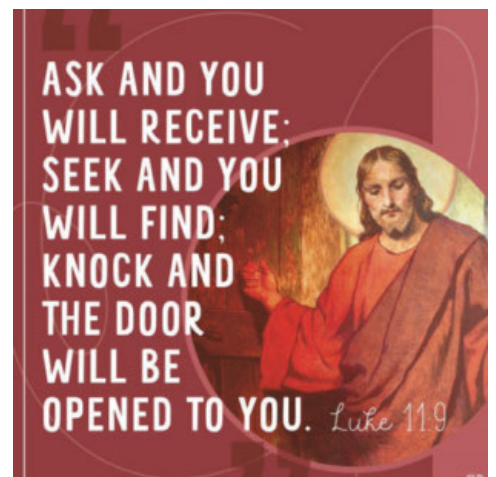
We pray that we may learn to see the difference between the things we need and the things we want.

Oracion de los Fieles

Oramos para que podamos aprender a ver la diferencia entre las cosas que necesitamos y las cosas que queremos.

Prayer

My soul rests in God alone,
from whom comes my salvation.
God alone is my rock and salvation,
my fortress; I shall never fall.
-Psalm 62



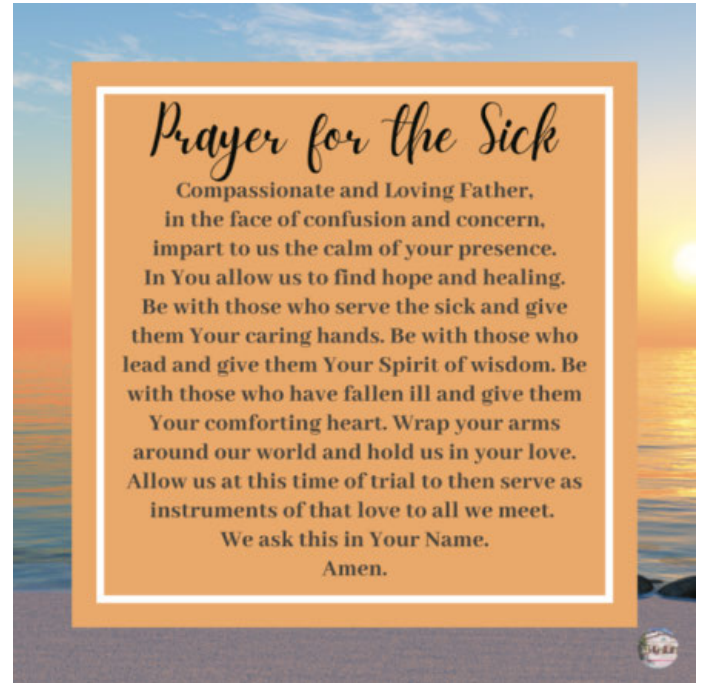
We Pray For... | Oramos Por...

Many people are suffering from ailments of some form or another, not to mention those who are affected by the global pandemic: COVID-19. Please join us as we pray for the sick, their families, and caregivers.

Andrew Cisneros
 Carlos Felipe Ruiz
 Connie Maxey
 Crystal Prado
 Dan Lucchesi
 Diane Bowe
 Edith Contreras Ochoa
 Eimelda Tamez
 Elsa Valdez
 Evelina Talampas-Rojas
 Flordeliza Paguio
 Frank Ramalho
 Gail Galela
 George Reyes
 Gloria Rangel Ortiz
 Gregorio Guzmán

Helen Ziller
 Herman "Tony" Herrera
 Idalia Marquez
 Jose Lua
 Kim Bach
 Lillian Martinez
 Luisa Veronica Gomez
 Rodriguez
 María Guadalupe Barajas
 Maria Ochoa
 Maria Silva
 Mariela Calderon
 Michael Copeland
 Rita Allyn
 Robert Vincent Rocco
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Salvador Tapia
 Yolanda Rodriguez



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El Santo de la Semana

Santiago Apóstol

Primer Siglo | Día de Fiesta: 25 de Julio

A Santiago Apóstol también se le llama Santiago, hijo de Zebedeo, o Santiago el Mayor para distinguirlo de los otros Santiago del grupo de los doce de Jesús. La mayor parte de lo que sabemos sobre Santiago está registrado en el Nuevo Testamento. Él y su hermano Juan fueron recogidos por Jesús junto al mar de Galilea. Mateo 4:18-22 cuenta la historia de Jesús llamando primero a Simón Pedro ya su hermano Andrés y luego a los hijos de Zebedeo. En Marcos 3:17 los hermanos reciben un apodo de Jesús quien los llama "hijos del trueno" por sus muchas reacciones extremas, como la de Lucas 9:54 cuando se ofrecen a hacer descender fuego sobre una aldea samaritana.

Santiago formó parte del círculo íntimo de Jesús, testigo de la Transfiguración, de la resurrección de la hija de Jario y de la agonía en el huerto de Getsemaní. En el año 44 d.C., Herodes Agripa mandó matar a "Santiago, el hermano de Juan, a espada". (Hechos 12:2) Es el único apóstol cuyo martirio está escrito en el Nuevo Testamento.

Según la tradición española, su cuerpo fue llevado a Santiago de Compostela, España, donde sus reliquias fueron redescubiertas en el siglo IX. Esta tradición se ha atribuido a veces a un pasaje del Cantar de Roldán que habla de la aparición de Santiago a Carlomagno en un sueño, profetizando que Carlomagno conquistaría a los moros en España. Esto fue seguido por una visión de estrellas que, de seguirse, conduciría a la tumba perdida del santo. En la Edad Media Compostela era un lugar de peregrinación muy popular. Las reliquias del santo siguen reposando en la catedral de allí y todavía se puede emprender la peregrinación.

Stewardship Reflections / Reflexiones de Corresponsabilidad

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

“Pidan, y se les dará; busquen, y encontrarán; llamen, y se les abrirá la puerta” - Lucas 11: 9

Jesús nos asegura que, si le pedimos, Dios se ocupará de nuestras necesidades. El problema es que nuestra cultura a menudo confunde lo que realmente necesitamos y lo que simplemente queremos. La verdad es que muchos de nosotros necesitamos muy poco. Sin embargo, ¡usualmente queremos mucho más! Corresponsabilidad es simplemente estar agradecido por todo lo que somos y por todo lo que se nos ha dado, y compartir generosamente con los demás todos los dones que Dios nos ha otorgado. La generosidad es un don que abre puertas a nuevas relaciones con los demás y con Dios.



FORMED NOW! Does Faith Take a Vacation?

As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives.

Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

To watch this film, visit

<https://watch.formed.org/formed-now-1/season:1/videos/formed-now-does-faith-take-a-vacation>



WELCOME, VICTOR VICTORINO The Gift of Music

If you have been to our weekend Masses in the last few weeks, you may have seen and/or heard Victor. We are elated to welcome back Victor Victorino as our Minister of Music! We have been blessed with all of the hard work that Robert Hull and Errol Respicio put forth to fulfill the duties of the position while we waited for Victor to arrive. They have been vital to the beautiful songs of faith during our liturgies.

We are thankful that they will continue on as accompanist and choir director.

Victor Victorino holds a bachelor's degree in Sacred Music and a master's degree in Church Music. He has given concerts in Asia, Europe, and the USA. Victor has had the honor of holding various positions worldwide, including here at Presentation where he was once our Director of Music Ministries!

Prior to accepting the position and returning as our Minister of Music, Victor was a faculty member of the University of Santo Tomas Conservatory of Music and of the Centro Escolar University School of Music in Manila.



Children's Prayer

(All content for Children's Prayer page provided by LPi.)

Do you know how to pray? All you need to do is talk to God. He is your loving Father. Tell him how you would like to make him happy. Ask him to give you the things you really need. Ask him to help you forgive other people, just like he forgives you. God loves you, so talk to him often.

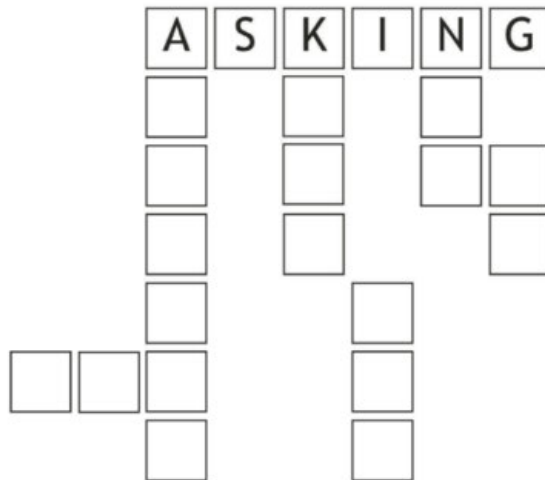


GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

You are not ashamed to keep on asking.



MISSION

Make time to pray every day this week.



Prayer

Dear God, thank you for loving me and listening to me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of your favorite place to talk to God.

Mission for the Week

Ask your family to join you in reading the Bible or praying at meal time.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP

1st & 3rd Sunday

The 8:45 am Contemporary Music Group is seeking new members! Do you sing or play an instrument? The Contemporary Music Group is inviting interested parishioners to join our group. Please come talk to us after Mass or you can contact us - Ramona Jacobs at (209) 477-5469 or Andy Jimeno at jimenzky@gmail.com.

HARMONY:

An Educational Series on Faith and Mental Health

You are invited to help us start a conversation on mental health. We'll have four Wednesday sessions, July 27 - August 17. Meet us in Guadalupe Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. For questions, email Mark Wall at LourdesRefuge@presentationchurch.net.

- Come and learn the Church's understanding of mental health in light of the Christian faith.
- Make sense of emotional and mental suffering.
- View topical videos and listen to invited speakers on a variety of aspects of mental health.
- Question and answer sessions with invited speakers.
- Help us understand how the Church can better serve those who suffer from emotional and mental health issues, including addictions.
- Learn about future parish plans to provide support for those who suffer.

JUNE 2022—GIVING TREE

Social Justice Ministry

Thank you for supporting our June 2022 Giving Tree in support of the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless! Your selflessness and generosity helped many and, without a doubt, brightened their day! You are a blessing to our parish and community in San Joaquin County.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

There is Still Time to Register!

Register your child(ren) for the Religious Education 2022-23 program before it's too late! Visit our website to register online or register in-person on Sunday, July 24 (10 am - 4 pm in the Youth Center).

LEGION OF MARY—QUEEN OF APOSTLES

Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 am

- Queen of Apostles Presidium: Wednesdays at 10:00 am. For more information, contact Mariam Akinnitire at 209-639-1504.
- Our Lady of Light Presidium: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. For information, contact Angie Delos Santos at 209-608-0163 or Alice Sepulveda Dickson at 209-603-2225.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Every Wednesday

Join us for Mass, Adoration, and prayer every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am. You are also invited to join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Space at the Youth Center for our weekly novena. Contact Mila Gotico at 209-244-8983, 702-595-9848, or mtgotico@yahoo.com.

ICF PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER:

De Vinci's Dinner to-go

Help the ICF support our parish, diocese, and community while feeding your family an incredible dinner! Each dinner includes: choice of pasta, salad, & focaccia bread. Tickets are 1 for \$20.00 or 4 for \$60.00. For tickets contact Gena at 209-470-7775.

- The ICF will also have tables set up outside of the church to sell tickets after the Masses on July 31.
- Tickets valid for use on August 14th-16th during normal business hours.
- Pick up at ANY of the 5 De Vinci's locations (Stockton-Hammer or March Lane, Linden, Lodi, & Valley Springs)

BISHOP'S DAY MASS & LUNCHEON

July 31, 2022—St. Stanislaus (Maze Blvd., Modesto)

The Italian Catholic Federation of Stockton invites you to attend the annual Bishop's Day, honoring Bishop Cotta. Mass begins at 10:00 am, followed by a social hour, luncheon at noon, and a program that includes presenting Bishop Cotta with a generous bursar for the education of our diocesan seminarians. Tickets are \$25/adult and \$12.50/children under 12 years. Contact Josephine Weber at (209) 478-1374 or Cecelia McGee at (209) 524-7866.

**PART
TIME
RECTORY
CHEF**



Are you
blessed with the love
of cooking for others?

If so, send your resume to
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JOB OPENING FOR PART-TIME RECTORY COOK

Presentation Parish seeks to hire a part-time cook, four days a week, to provide meals for our wonderful priests. Duties include grocery shopping and preparing meals in the Ministry Center kitchen. The ability to accommodate some simple dietary restrictions of the priests is necessary.

Resumes are being accepted and can be emailed to parishemployment@presentationchurch.net or mailed to Church of the Presentation, Attention: Administrator, 6715 Leesburg Place, Stockton, CA 95207.

COCINERO A MEDIO TIEMPO

Eres
Bendecido con el amor de
cocinar para los demás?

Si es así, envíe su currículum a
parishemployment@presentationchurch.net



VACANTE DE TRABAJO PARA COCINERO A MEDIO TIEMPO

La Iglesia de La Presentación busca contratar un cocinero a medio tiempo, cuatro días a la semana, para proporcionar comidas a nuestros maravillosos sacerdotes. Los deberes incluyen comprar comestibles y preparar comidas en la cocina del Centro Ministerio. Es necesaria la capacidad de adaptarse a algunas re-

stricciones dietéticas simples de los sacerdotes.

Se aceptan currículums y se pueden enviar por correo electrónico a parishemployment@presentationchurch.net o a Church of the Presentation, Atención: Administrador, 6715 Leesburg Place, Stockton, CA 95207.

REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Piense en las lecturas del domingo, luego reflexione y responda de acuerdo con su fe.

Primera lectura:

En su diálogo con el Señor, Abraham cuestiona la idea de justicia y retribución divina. ¿Qué preguntas tienes para el Señor?

Segunda lectura:

Pablo animó a los creyentes gentiles de la ciudad de Colosas a comprender que todos los que tienen fe en Jesús (tanto judíos como gentiles) comparten la muerte y resurrección de Jesús. ¿Cómo ayudas a otros cristianos que se sienten desfavorecidos?

Evangelio:

Jesús enseña a sus discípulos a ser persistentes y audaces en sus oraciones al Padre. ¿Cómo caracterizarías tu vida de oración?

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MENSAJE DE PADRE MARK

Dar Cosas Buenas a sus Hijos

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos asegura que “el Padre Celestial” sabe “dar cosas buenas” a sus hijos. Jesús nos dice que podemos osar decirle a Dios: “Padre Nuestro” y pedirle de El “nuestro pan de cada día.” En la tierra tenemos a la Iglesia Católica es una madre amorosa con enorme solicitud por sus hijos y sus derechos. Muchas doctrinas de la iglesia muestran cuanto valorizamos a los niños, por ejemplo: las prohibiciones del aborto, de los anticonceptivos y de la fertilización “in vitro.” Creemos que los niños son bendiciones de Dios y que el acto matrimonial debe tener un significado procreativo el cual no debe ser ni atacado ni bloqueado ni envenenado por medio de los anticonceptivos artificiales. Los obispos nos invitan a celebrar la “La Semana de Planificación Familiar Natural” que termina este martes que es la fiesta de los abuelos de Jesús, Santos Joaquín y Ana.

Los niños no solo tienen derecho a la vida, sino también tienen el derecho de nacer de manera natural y de formar parte de una familia con un padre y una madre unidos en santo matrimonio. La iglesia piensa en los derechos de los niños. La infertilidad es algo muy triste, y una pareja infértil siente que tiene el “derecho” de tener un hijo. Pero esto no justifica el producir un bebe en un tubo en un laboratorio. Todo bebe en la cuna tiene derecho de buruquear: “Yo soy el fruto de un acto de amor entre mi papá y mi mamá!” Es a causa de su gran solicitud en favor de los derechos de los niños que la Santa Madre Iglesia opone la fertilización “in vitro” y también el “matrimonio” entre personas que tienen atracción homosexual. Los adultos no deberían ser tan egoístas de pisotear a los derechos de los niños y de los niños potenciales por nacer. Es un pecado producir un niño por medio de la fertilización “in vitro” con la intención de después criarlo en una familia incompleta que no tenga ambos padres: un papá y una mamá. Además, no debemos dañar a nuestros de los niños con “ideologías de género” (“gender ideology”) y con “terapias hormonales.” Todo esto es abuso de niños. La iglesia ofrece otro tipo de apoyo pastoral para las personas que sienten atracción homosexual y para las personas que sufren de disforia de género.

En la primera lectura de hoy el Señor condena a las ciudades de Sodoma y Gomorra. El Señor está disgustado no solo a causa de los pecados de sodomía y lujuria, sino también a causa del egoísmo que motiva a los adultos a buscar sus propios intereses sin considerar los derechos de los más pequeños!

-Padre Mark



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MISSION APPEAL— SPECIAL COLLECTION (no envelope) Society of the Propagation of the Faith

THIS WEEKEND, July 24-25, there will be a special “2nd” collection for the Heralds of Good News St. John Paul II Province in India. Your support will allow the continuation of their missionary vocation. There aren’t envelopes for the appeal, though your compassion through your donation will be greatly appreciated as our 2nd collection for the weekend.

We have been blessed for many years by the kindness and generosity of the “St. John Paul II” Province for sending priests to minister in our diocese. Fr. Raju Gudimalla, of St. Joachim in Lockeford, is one of the blessings that we have received.

HISTORY OF THE HERALDS OF GOOD NEWS

Heralds of Good News is a Clerical Missionary Society of Apostolic life of Pontifical Right. Always conscious of the shortage of priestly vocations all over the world, a priest of the diocese of Eluru, Rev.Fr. Dr. Jose Kaimlett believed that a Clerical Missionary Society of Apostolic Life could help the Universal Church in its felt need of the time. So, he founded the Society on 14th October 1984 in the diocese of Eluru, India. Since then, the Society of Heralds of Good News spread far and wide with its missions and institutions around the globe.

From a mere five priests and two brothers 37 years ago, the Society has grown to have more than 500 priests and 400 Seminarians. The members are divided into 5 Provinces, who are ministering in 12 Nations, 130 Dioceses. Our missionaries are working in India, Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, USA, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

Seminary and Formation

In keeping with its specific aim, the Society has been very much involved in the Promotion of vocations and in the formation of seminarians. It has more than 300 seminarians at different stages of formation. The Society has five minor seminaries, one Spiritual Orientation Centre and one Major Seminary (Both for Philosophy and Theology). At present St. John Paul II Province has 83 priests and 95 seminarians at different stages of formation.

Other Charitable Activities

In addition to the formation of the future priests, the Society is also deeply involved in the upliftment of the poor and needy of the rural areas and runs several **Schools and Orphanages**. “God loves the cheerful giver” (2 Cor: 9:7).

SYNOD UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE

The Diocesan Synthesis Report was completed by the Synod Planning Committee and approved for submittal by Bishop Cotta. It was transmitted to the United States Conference of [Catholic] Bishops (USCCB) and the regional representative on June 30, 2022. The report will now be included in a national synthesis process before a consolidated United States report is submitted to the Vatican for the October 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome. It will be published on the Diocesan website as soon as it has been translated into Spanish.

Thank you to [the] parishes that hosted listening sessions and to every individual who participated or submitted [an] individual survey. Every comment was read and contributed to the final report. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guides the Synod.



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