



# WEEKLY Diocesan Update



## Upcoming Events:

**October 1-December 10:**  
Adult Bible Study (St.  
Michaels)

**November 25, December 2,  
9, & 16:** Advent Retreat of  
Matthew's Gospel  
(Presentation Church)

**December 2-4:** Advent  
Mission with Iván Díaz (St.  
Stanislaus)

**December 5-7:** California  
Catholic Ministry Conference

**December 8:** 39th Annual  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Diocesan Celebration

**December 10-13:** Advent  
Mission with Fr. Wade  
Menezes

**December 12:** Las Mananitas  
(St. Michael Church)

**December 14:** Christian  
Parenting and Family Life in  
Today's World (Church of the  
Presentation)

**December 14:** Formación  
Liderazgo Pastoral

**December 14:** Tribunal Aide  
Training (St. Bernadette  
Church)

**December 16-24:** Simbang  
Gabi (Misa de Gallo) (Our  
Lady of Guadalupe Church)

## Photo of the Week:

The School of Ministry Certificate Ceremony that was held November 3, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Annunciation.

## Office of the Bishop:

**Bishop Cotta's Monthly Reflection** – Please [click here](#) to read Bishop Cotta's Monthly Reflection for the month of November. A Spanish version of the reflection will be sent out ASAP.

**Catholic Rural Life** – This month's Catholic Rural blessing is the blessing of food. Harvest festivals are an ancient practice. The great American feast of Thanksgiving follows that tradition. It reminds us that another year's work of growing food is over. We are thankful for all we can store to get us through the winter and continue to enjoy our land's abundance and variety. We also take time to remember God who has given us so much. To read the blessing for the month of November please [click here](#). For more information about Catholic Rural Life please visit our [website](#).

**U.S. bishops elect L.A.'s Archbishop José Gomez as president** – Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles was elected by an overwhelming majority November 12, 2019 to be the new president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Archbishop Gomez has served as the vice president of the bishop's conference for the past three years. He leads the largest U.S. diocese, Los Angeles, home to more than 4 million Catholics, and he has been a vocal proponent of rights for immigrants. Archbishop Gomez, born in Mexico and a naturalized U.S. citizen, is the first Latino elected to head the conference.

# Office of Development

This year, the Diocese of Stockton is partnering with #iGiveCatholic to offer this online fundraising initiative to our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. Follow us on Facebook/Twitter so you can share in the excitement of our Catholic Day of Giving and remember to "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, December 3, from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm CST. Your gift makes a difference! To make your gift in advance (now available) of December 3, please visit [iGiveCatholic.org](https://stockton.igivecatholic.org/). For more information, please visit: <https://stockton.igivecatholic.org/> or #iGiveCatholic

# Office of Hispanic Ministry

39<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage and Eucharistic Celebration honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe – On December 8, 2019, procession begins at 12 pm at St. Mary's Church, located at 203 E. Washington Street in Stockton; parishes will bring floats and Aztec dancers. Holy Mass will be presided at by Most Reverend Myron Cotta at 2:15 pm at the Stockton Sports Arena. Please join the diocesan community to give witness of faith and to pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe, especially for our brothers and sisters who suffer from the effects of poverty and violence. For more information contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 466-0636, or visit this [link](#).

Priests are invited to concelebrate the Mass. Please bring alb and white stole and vest in Hall B at the Stockton Arena, which is located to the left of the North entrance. For questions please contact Digna Ramirez-Lopez at [dramlo@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:dramlo@stocktondiocese.org)

# Safe Environment

The Diocese of Stockton is taking an active role in educating the public and parishioners in regards to everything we are doing to maintain a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults. This Month looks at how the Office of Vicar for Priests is taking an active role in contributing to a safe environment for all. Please [click here](#) to see this month's edition.

# Office of Religious Education:

The San Jose Diocese's California Catholic Ministry Conference (formerly known as Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference) is an excellent conference with over 90 speakers and specialized tracks. The ORE is on the planning committee and excited to participate. For more information go to [www.cacmc.net](http://www.cacmc.net).

# Office of Worship

Guidelines and resources for celebrating the liturgies of Advent and Christmas can be found in the [Liturgy & Worship](#) section of the diocesan website.

**December 24:** A Vigil Prelude Service for Christmas Midnight Mass (Annunciation)

**March 11:** Reboot! Turlock with Chris Stefanick

Visit our [website's calendar](#) for full details about upcoming events

**\*All events are Pastoral Center events unless specified.**