



WEEKLY Diocesan Update



Photo of the Week:

For those who have suffered the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion and for family and friends who have been affected. You are not alone... join us for a time of prayer and healing. Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 7:00 pm at St. George Church. Please see below for more information.

Office of the Bishop:

Bishop Cotta's Monthly Reflection – Please [click here](#) to read Bishop Cotta's Monthly Reflection for the month of September.

A letter from Bishop Cotta – Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Bishop Cotta regarding plans to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our diocese.

Office of Development and Stewardship:

We are delighted to announce that Bishop Myron Cotta has approved the Diocese of Stockton's participation in the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on Tuesday, December 3. The Office of Development is partnering with #iGiveCatholic to offer this online fundraising initiative to our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. Reminder - the first Getting Ready for #iGiveCatholic Webinar for all Participating Organizations is Tuesday, August 27 at 12:00 pm. For more information and to register for the webinar, please visit igivecatholic.org or contact the Development Office at 209-466-0636.

Upcoming Events:

September 3: Memorial Mass for the Unborn

September 7: Annual Parish Respect Life Representatives Meeting

September 7: Parish Fiesta (Annunciation)

September 7-8: Formacion Liderazgo Pastoral

September 8: Parish Festival (St. Luke's)

September 9: Scripture Institute Course

September 14: On Fire Nor-Cal Jam

September 15: Catechetical Sunday

September 15: Cathedral Concert Series (Annunciation)

September 20-22: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Spanish).

September 21: Parish Festival (All Saints)

September 21-22: Church and School Festival (St. George's)

September 28-29: Curso de Formacion Biblica 2019

September 28-29: Parish Festival (St. Michael's)

Life and Dignity Ministry:

Memorial Mass for the Unborn – September 3, 7:00 pm at St. George Church, Stockton. Please help us get the word out about this bi-lingual service for those who have suffered the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion and for family and friends who have been affected. A bilingual flyer can be downloaded [here](#). Call the Life & Dignity Ministry at 209-465-5433 with any questions.

Respect Life Representatives Meeting – September 7, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, St. Michael's Parish, Stockton. Parish Respect Life and/or Social Justice Committees, Priests and Deacons are invited to join in prayer, fellowship and inspiration. We will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Myron J. Cotta. Respect Life Month Theme is "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life." Lunch will be served. RSVP by August 28 to Kim Fuentes at 209-465-5433 or kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat – Sept. 20-22, (Spanish) & Oct. 25-27, (English). Please help us to advertise this powerful healing experience in both Spanish and English. Download the Spanish flyer [here](#) and the English flyer [here](#). Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. There is a supportive and non-judgmental environment to transform the pain of the past into love and hope. We encourage women, men and couples to attend.

School of Ministry:

School of Ministry office will be offering the Introduction to Theology for Ministry course at 3 locations and a Scripture study course:

Introduction courses:

St. Stanislaus School in Modesto on Monday Nights beginning on 9/16/19 in Spanish & English

St. Bernadette in Stockton on Tuesday Nights beginning on 9/17/19 in English

St. Anthony in Manteca on Thursday Nights beginning on 9/26/19 in Spanish

Scripture course:

Ryan Center in Stockton on Monday Nights beginning on 9/9/19 in English.

Registration will be open from July 19, 2019 through August 30, 2019. For more information contact: Isela Quezada at 209-546-7630, via email at som@stocktondiocese.org or visit our website.

September 28-29: County Fair witha Flair (St. Joachim's)

September 29: World Day of Migrants and Refugees

October: Respect Life Month

October 4: Retiro de Quinceaneras

October 5: Bishops Awards Dinner

October 12-13: Parish Festival (Holy Family)

October 12-13: Discovering Divine Mercy-God's Precious Gift (St. Michael's)

October 12-13: Formacion Liderazgo Pastoral

October 19: Curso de Formacion Biblica 2019

October 25-27: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (English)

October 28: All Clergy Day

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

Visit our website's calendar for full details about upcoming events