



WEEKLY Diocesan Update



Thank you, PARENTS, for creating a READY, SET, LEARN environment



Photo of the Week:

Online Learning is a hit! - The Catholic Schools Office would like to thank all of our students, parents, staff, teachers, and administrators for their commitment to Catholic education as we weather the current crisis. Although our campuses are closed, we are very much open for business and remain faithful to our Catholic identity, our academic standards, and our school communities. Click the photo above to see more of what our students and teachers are doing.

Office of the Bishop:

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

Priestly Ordination April Anniversaries – Bishop Cotta asks the people of our diocese to join him in prayer and gratitude for the life and service of our priests who were ordained in the month of April.

- 4/5/2005 Rev. Chandrasekar Chillian Paulraj
- 4/6/1974 Rev. Jose Maghinay
- 4/9/1973 Rev. Msgr. Agustin Gialogo
- 4/12/2011 Rev. Raju Gudimalla, HGN
- 4/12/2013 Rev. Kondayya Mocherla, HGN
- 4/19/2012 Rev. Madhu Appanapalle, HGN
- 4/19/2012 Rev. Kishor Yerpula, HGN
- 4/20/2005 Rev. John Peter Pragasam
- 4/18/1983 Rev. Editho Mascardo
- 4/21/1977 Rev Dante Dammay
- 4/28/1968 Rev. Alexandre Pacheco (Retired)
- 4/28/2011 Rev. Christhudas Varghese, HGN
- 4/29/1967 Most Rev. Stephen E. Blaire (RIP)

Special Announcement:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Following directives of the State of California, the Pastoral Center is closed and all personnel are working from home. Most personnel are available by phone and email. As the situation develops we will post the latest information and resources on our diocesan [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Prevention](#) webpage.

Please pray for those affected by COVID-19, those afflicted, their families and caregivers and all health care workers. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary, Health of the Sick, may we find protection and comfort during this time.

Life and Dignity Ministry

Walking with Moms in Need – a response to COVID-19. Find out how you can assist moms in need through your local pregnancy center. Go to the Diocese of Stockton [web page](#) to find out which pregnancy center near you can use your support! As we begin our year of service for moms in need, we can observe the 25th anniversary of the [Gospel of Life](#) by reading section 87 of this encyclical on the dignity of the human person. Through our reflections we pray that it will spark widespread zeal for serving expectant mothers facing difficult circumstances.

Liturgy and Worship:

Worship Resources – We have compiled a number of [spiritual resources for our current crisis](#), these are linked to our general covid-19 info page which also includes a link to [Diocesan Information and Guidelines](#). Holy Week information will be posted on the diocesan information page later this week.

Virtual Worship – Several parishes are already livestreaming Masses and connecting with parishioners through social media. Regardless of where you are in the efforts, here is a wonderful resource on [Live Streaming Mass on Facebook](#) with simple directions and helpful hints to make your virtual Masses the best that they can be.

Thank you for your ministry, keeping those in your community connected to the faith and spiritually close at a time when physical distance is required. For more help navigating this new media technology in streaming Masses

Marriage and Family Life Ministry

Healing & Wholeness – The Diocese of Stockton [Healing and Wholeness webpage](#) includes links to resources to assist families and individuals while navigating through challenging circumstances of their lives. Three recently added links to this section are:

- **Courage and Encourage** - Courage members are men and women who experience same-sex attractions and desire to lead chaste lives. EnCourage members are parents, spouses, sibling and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ who are looking for help to keep the faith and keep their family bonds intact.
- **Jesuit Institute for Family Counseling** – Provides Marriage Counseling, Family Therapy, Child and Adolescent Counseling, and Individual Counseling.
- **Sexual Addiction Recovery** – Reclaim Sexual Health provides an anonymous, Catholic, science-based, 100% online recovery program from all types of sexual addictions.

Safe Environment

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

Upcoming Events:

It is not known at this time what events will continue or be postponed. Please check with each parish for the latest information on parish events.

May 15-17: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

July 11: Sanctus Cup 3: Young Adult Event (St. Stanislaus)

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

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

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