



# WEEKLY Diocesan Update



## Photo of the Week:

Before the church doors were reopened, and in our current reality of social distancing, many parishioners of All Saints University Parish gathered for Drive Up Eucharistic Adoration.

## Office of the Bishop:

**Pastoral Letter Against Racism** – “We are broken-hearted, sickened, and outraged to watch another video of an African American man being killed before our very eyes.” Read the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops [statement in the wake of the death of Mr. George Floyd](#) and the protests which have broken out in Minneapolis and in other cities in the United States. [Read, too, USCCB President, Archbishop José H. Gomez’ statement on the killing of George Floyd and the Protests in American Cities.](#)

**Religious Freedom Week 2020: For the Good of All** – Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. Join us, June 22 - June 29, as we pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. [Access resources](#) (English and Spanish) including graphics, social media posts, bulletin inserts and lectionary notes.

**Catholic Rural Life** – Land and life go hand in hand. Our daily bread comes from land as well as much else that sustains us. The land is beautiful for its mountains and plains; its beauty resounds in the canyons and draws. Its goodness thrives in the forests and fields; every plant emerges from it. See the [Blessing of the Land](#) here.

## Catholic Social Teaching:

**Catholic Charities Expanded Services Available** – During this Covid-19 health and economic crisis Catholic Charities has expanded its services. Access this [one page information sheet](#) to be used, in whole or in part, in your media to highlight

## Anniversaries

Please join Bishop Cotta in prayer and gratitude for the life and service of our vowed religious, priests, and deacons who celebrate anniversaries in the month of June.

### VOWED RELIGIOUS

- 6/01/62 Sr. Paula-Jean  
Despathy DHS  
6/09/04 Sr. Kayla Tran OCIST  
6/13/69 Sr. Wanda Billion MSC  
6/16/01 Sr. Rosa Nhiem OCIST  
6/22/97 Sr. Catherine Diaz EFMS  
9/29/92 Sr. Irma Cruz MCS

### PRIESTS

- 6/02/90 Rev. Gustavo  
Martagon, SDB  
6/04/11 Rev. Jeff Wilson  
6/05/65 Rev. Msgr. Robert Silva  
6/06/81 Rev. Jorge Roman del Real  
6/06/15 Rev. Cesar Martinez  
6/07/03 Rev. Delfin Tumaca  
6/08/68 Rev. Msgr. Liam Moore  
6/09/62 Rev. Robert Pereira  
6/09/73 Rev. Msgr. Richard  
Ryan, JCD  
6/09/01 Rev. Michael Brady  
6/10/95 Rev. Matthew O’Donnell  
6/10/00 Rev. Hamilton Suarez  
6/11/94 Rev. Khoi Pham  
6/12/93 Rev. Rex Hays, CM  
6/13/80 Rev. Manuel Sousa  
6/14/14 Rev. David Gentry-Akin  
6/21/98 Rev. Luis Cordeiro  
6/24/89 Rev. Bill McDonald  
6/25/05 Rev. Fernando Barrera  
6/29/02 Rev. Alvaro Delgado  
6/29/91 Rev. John Foster, JCD  
6/29/91 Rev. Joseph Illo  
6/30/07 Rev. Benjamin Puente

### DEACONS

- 6/05/04 Rev. William Warren  
6/06/81 Rev. William Brennan  
6/12/99 Rev. Francisco Lopez

the expanded services. If you know of people whom we could help, especially those without documents, veterans, and those without basic resources, please let us know. We have funds specifically set aside for people referred by parishes!

## Evangelization and Faith Formation:

**St. Pius X Awards** – Every year all those dedicated to teaching the faith in catechetical ministries are honored at an awards banquet. Due to our current circumstances we will not gather for the awards banquet instead, we will honor awardees in a very special way on our diocesan website. You are cordially invited to visit the St. Pius X webpage and see this year’s honorees who are receiving awards for 5 to 45 years of teaching the faith! The celebration begins soon. On June 4, [simply click here](#).

## Hispanic Ministry:

**Leadership Certificate** – Boston College School of Theology and Ministry offers a training program for leaders in Hispanic church communities. Training is in Spanish and online. It begins on June 7, 2020. For more information and to register, please visit Boston College website at: <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/formacion-continua/certificado-en-liderazgo-hispano.html>

They are offering other shorter courses as well.

**Coronavirus(COVID19) Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants** – In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, California is providing one-time state-funded disaster relief assistance to undocumented adults who are ineligible for other forms of assistance, including assistance under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and pandemic unemployment benefits, because of their immigration status. This state funding is expected to reach about 150,000 undocumented adults. [Click here to learn how to apply](#) in each California County.

## Human Resources:

We are very happy to announce the hiring of a new Coordinator of Media and Communications. Chandler Marquez joins the Diocese of Stockton from the city of Fresno CA. He has recently obtained his bachelor's degree in Media, Communications and Journalism from California State University, Fresno. Chandler’s experience includes being the Media and Communications Specialist for San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno and serving on the KNXT-TV advisory board for the Diocese of Fresno. Chandler is pleased to be a new parishioner at St. Anne’s in Lodi and is excited to serve the Diocese of Stockton. Please join us in welcoming Chandler to our team.

## Life and Dignity Ministry:

**Respect Life Father's Day Action Guide** – Father’s Day is June 21 and the USCCB has different type of “tools” just for dads this holiday. You can check out these tools and resources by clicking on the topic links below and use them for newsletters, bulletins and on parish websites and social media (also available in Spanish). -[Full Father’s Day Action Guide](#) includes simple steps, sample intercessions, homily reflection points, an activity, graphics, and sample announcements Other resources for Father’s Day include this article: [Fathers’ Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life](#) and this Father's Day Activity ([A Spiritual Bouquet with St. Joseph, Patron of Fathers](#)).

## Prayer & Reflection

### ***Pentecost Blessing*** ***by Jan Richardson***

On the day  
when you are wearing  
your certainty  
like a cloak  
and your sureness  
goes before you  
like a shield  
or like a sword,  
  
may the sound  
of God’s name  
spill from your lips  
as you have never  
heard it before.

May your knowing  
be undone.  
May mystery  
confound your  
understanding.

May the Divine  
rain down  
in strange syllables  
yet with  
an ancient familiarity,  
a knowing borne  
in the blood,  
the ear,  
the tongue,  
bringing the clarity  
that comes  
not in stone  
or in steel  
but in fire,  
in flame.

May there come  
one searing word:  
enough to bare you  
to the bone,  
enough to set  
your heart ablaze,  
enough to make you  
whole again.

**Restorative Justice** – How do Catholics respond to any injustices that occur in society? Answer: A restorative approach. Restorative justice focuses on how to repair the harm that wrongful behavior does—to the other, to the self, and to the fabric of the community. Learn six core questions that characterize restorative justice in response to any injustice and see how Catholic social tradition principles are evident in each of them. [Click here.](#)

**Word of & Prayer for Life: June 2020** – [Click here for resources](#) from the USCCB that may be useful and adaptable for digital purposes in newsletters or social media. Included are “ideas” for use of intercessory prayers, bulletin quotes, art and more.

## Marriage and Family Life Ministry:

**Family Resources** – “God doesn’t love us because of our mess: He actually loves us because of our mess!” says Alicia Herson. Through their ministry “the messy family project” Alicia and her husband, Mike, work to fulfill their mission to empower parents, strengthen marriage and bring families to Christ. Great resources for navigating the challenges of family and faith are available at <https://www.messyfamilyproject.org/>.

## School of Ministry:

The School of Ministry continues to offer courses through online learning amid the Covid-19 pandemic. For more information visit <https://stocktondiocese.org/online-learning>



### **Pentecost**

*by William Blake (1757-1827)*

Unless the eye catch fire,  
The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire  
The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire  
The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire,  
The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire,  
The God will not be known.

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*Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.*



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