

Diocesan Events

1. **Pastoral Center Closed** – The Pastoral Center will be closed on Thursday, November 22 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will also be closed on Friday, November 23.
2. **Parish Offertory Program** – Thank you to everyone who attended the Parish Offertory Program Data Collection and Mailing Workshops. To access the material that was distributed, including the PowerPoint, Query Tip Sheets, Excel and Mail merge reference sheets please visit: <https://stocktondiocese.org/parish-offertory-program/> Enter the password: Offer2018

Please plan to attend Workshop #3: Tuesday, December 4, Presentation Church, Stockton (Rooms: St. Ann & St. Joachim-English; St. Francis-Spanish); Sessions: 9:30 – 11:00am, 1:30 – 3:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, December 5, St. Frances of Rome, Riverbank (Rooms: Room 8 - English; Room 7 - Spanish) Sessions: 1:30 – 3:00pm and 6:00 – 8:00pm

Thursday, December 6, St. Patrick's Church, Angels Camp (Rooms: Downstairs Hall-English; Upstairs Library-Spanish): Session: 10:00am – 12:00pm.

3. **38th Annual Diocesan Celebration honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization. Procession and Mass** – Sunday, December 9, 2018. Procession starts at 12:00 pm at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Stockton, followed by Mass at 2:15 pm at the Stockton Arena. Priests are invited to concelebrate. Please bring alb and white stole and vest in Hall A, which is located to the left as you enter the Arena through the North entrance. For information contact Digna Ramirez-Lopez at 209-546-7628.

Informational Items

We give thanks to God for the abundant blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us especially pray for all those traveling this week that God may guide them safely to their loved ones. Click below to read Bishop Cotta's Thanksgiving Message.

<https://stocktondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/English-November-19-2018.pdf>

Both letters in Spanish and English can be found here:

<https://stocktondiocese.org/bishop/homilies/>

1. **Pastoral Center Leadership Team**- The PCLT met on Wednesday November 7th. The team discussed possible replacements for our Diocesan Resource Representatives, positions that were previously held by Dyan Hollenhorst and Deacon Jose Reyes. The PCLT continues to actively search for the right person/people for the job. The team also discussed the need to review and/or develop emergency procedures at parishes in the event of a disruption during Liturgy. The next PCLT Meeting is scheduled for December 19.
2. In his letter dated November 12, 2018 Bishop Cotta encouraged the recitation of the "Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel" as a powerful prayer of protection in these difficult times. It can be recited personally or communally and can have a powerful impact upon us and the life of the Church. The recitation of this prayer is optional. If it is recited



Communally and in conjunction with daily or Sunday Masses it is to be done after the final blessing, at the conclusion of Mass.

3. **NOVEMBER 30, 2018 DEADLINE:** The Official Catholic Directory – Update your OCD 2019 Tax Record Online: We want to send you a friendly reminder to update your Official Catholic Directory (OCD) listing online.

Per OCD, it's important to update your listing:

- These OCD updates are used by the Internal Revenue Service to determine which entities fall under the Group Ruling of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for tax exempt status. That status allows people making charitable donations to Catholic entities to claim a tax deduction.
 - The OCD also allows entities to show their relationship to the Catholic Church, which is often used in fundraising, especially to foundations that want to direct funding to Catholic entities.
 - Data in the book are used for various statistical reports on Catholic life in the United States, and for planning the allocation of resources.
 - You will need to RE-REGISTER as all user accounts from last year have been cleared. To do so, please visit the OCD Online Update System at www.ocdedits.com and click the register button.
 - The Deadline for completing your updates and submitting your listing REQUIRED on or before November 30, 2018. Takes 15 minutes or less to complete. There will be no extensions to complete the online update.
 - Please email Alicia Alcantara at aalcantara@stocktondiocese.org if you have any questions.
4. **Office of Development and Stewardship** – The Diocese of Stockton is looking to hire (3) full-time temporary data entry staff to assist with the 2019 Bishop's Ministry Appeal at the Pastoral Center Office in Stockton. The ideal candidates will have high attention to detail, strong accuracy, and the ability to understand complex database operations. The data entry positions are responsible for updating and maintaining the donor database management system for the Diocese of Stockton and processing daily confidential gifts and data into the database with precision and accuracy in accordance with the Gifts Processing Procedures. Schedule is 20 - 35 hours per week. English and Bilingual (Spanish) positions available. If you are interested in paid, short-term work, please contact Martha McCoy at mmccoy@stocktondiocese.org.
 5. **USA Misal Romano** – This is a reminder that the US version of the *Misal Romano 3a edición* is mandatory for use in all Masses celebrated in Spanish as of the First Sunday of Advent, December 2nd. **No other edition of the Spanish-language Misal is approved for use in the United States.** Copies are available from Catholic Book Publishing Co., Liturgical Press, and Magnificat. The Office of Worship has some extra copies available for purchase at discount- 2 Altar and 2 Chapel editions from Liturgical Press and 2 Chapel editions from Catholic Book Publishing. Please contact Michael Schmitz at MSchmitz@stocktondiocese.org if interested.