Mission Statement: As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards, we are all called to use our gifts for the Kingdom of God. Como discípulos de Jesucristo y buenos corresponsales, todos somos llamados a usar nuestros dones para la obra del Reino de Dios.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Weekdays . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .  7:00am
Saturday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday . .  7:00am, 8:45am, 10:30am, 12:15pm, 2:15pm (Spanish), 5:00pm – LIFE TEEN

Toddler Time-Sunday 8:45am and 10:30am Masses.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Wednesday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6:30pm -7:30pm
Saturday . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .9:00am - 10:00am
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 6, 2015
“...The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” - Luke 3:5-6

The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, December 8
This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

On this feast, Pope Francis will inaugurate the PAPAL HOLY YEAR OF MERCY at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. More information of local diocesan events will follow in the newsletter, the parish bulletin, on our website, and the diocesan website.

ALSO
Join us for Presentation Parish’s 26th Annual Celebration
A National Night of Prayer for Life
Monday, December 7

Our service begins immediately after the 5:30pm Mass and features 2 hours of prayers in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, Pro-Life Rosaries, Litanies, Songs and Silent Prayer.

Mass schedule:
Vigil, Monday, December 7: 5:30pm (English)
Tuesday, December 8: 6:00am (English)
8:30am (School Mass)
5:30pm (Spanish)

“Like” us on Facebook at “Presentation Church.”
**MASS SCHEDULE—Year C**

**Monday, December 7**
Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26
7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe
†Ambrosia Tabulsa-birthday, †Sammy Lopez, †Cornelio Lopez, †Rolando Lopez, †Dennis S. Rojas-5th anniversary
5:30pm Vigil Mass-English: Fr. Joe

**Tuesday, December 8—Holy Day**
Gn 3:9-15, 20, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38
6:00am Mass: Fr. Suresh
†Cornelio Lopez, †Rolando Lopez
8:30am School Mass: Msgr. Larry & Den. Ben
5:30pm Mass-Spanish: Msgr. Larry

**Wednesday, December 9**
Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30
7:00am Mass: Msgr. Larry & Den. Bill
†Gregory Medeiros, †Rick Blanco, †Cornelio Lopez, †Rolando Lopez
6:30pm Reconciliation CANCELLED

**Thursday, December 10**
Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:16-19
7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe
†Cornelio Lopez, †Rolando Lopez, †Eva Medeiros
5:30pm Mass-Spanish: Msgr. Larry

**Friday, December 11**
Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19
7:00am Mass: Fr. Suresh
†Cornelio Lopez, †Rolando Lopez
6:15pm Adoration and Rosary—Church
6:00pm Nueva Alianza—Sts. Ann/Joachim
6:00pm Folkloric Ballet—St. Francis

**Saturday, December 12**
Zep 3:14-18a, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18
6:00am (OLG) Mass: Bishop Blaire & Msgr. Larry
5:00pm Mass: Fr. Suresh
9:00am Reconciliation: Fr. Suresh

**Sunday, December 13**
Zep 3:14-18a, Phil 4:4-7, Lk 3:10-18
7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe & Den. Bill
8:45am Mass: (signing for the deaf) Fr. Joe & Den. Ben
†Rosa V. Bellomo
10:30am Mass: Msgr. Larry & Den. Ben
Nena Guillem
12:15pm Mass: Msgr. Larry
†Ophelia Ramirez
2:15 Spanish Mass: Fr. Luis
†Raul Torres
5:00pm Life Teen Mass: Fr. Suresh

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**SUNDAY WEEKLY OFFERING**

**November 29, 2015**

$25,139.53

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**GIVING ENVELOPES**

December 8  Immaculate Conception
December 13  Weekly Envelope
Diocesan Quarterly Combined
Catholic Campaign for Human
Development, Retirement Fund
for Religious

Thank you for your generous donations.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I invite you to enjoy the Year of Mercy which begins on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. I urge you to welcome into your hearts the Mercy of God and to thank God in mind and spirit for His great love. When you walk through the Doors of God’s Mercy at the Cathedral in Stockton or at St. Stanislaus in Modesto or at St. Patrick’s in Sonora, do not let it be an empty gesture but rather a sign of true conversion, walking into the arms of God’s mercy. The Year of Mercy is a gift from the Church to experience a new conversion of heart and an opportunity for you to become a more merciful person to everyone who needs a word of comfort or encouragement, especially those who are hurting.

God is a God of mercy; Jesus is the face of God’s mercy; you are the Church of Christ’s mercy. Listen with an open heart to Jesus’ parables of mercy. Re-learn or learn anew the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Pray the Psalms of Mercy. Forgive those who need forgiveness. Welcome the immigrants and refugees. Restore civility and respect to our public discourse. Let the mercy of God permeate everything you do.

My brother priests, preach the gospel of mercy.
Dear Deacons, serve with a heart of mercy.
Beloved laity, in everything you do make space for our merciful God.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will know the mercy of God.”

The highlight of the Year of Mercy in our Diocese will be the regional celebrations of the Sacrament of Penance during Lent. Assisted by my brother priests, I will preside over this great Sacrament of Healing and Reconciliation in several locations in both English and Spanish. We will welcome everyone who wishes to know God’s mercy and wants to start over or advance in grace. No questions will be asked. God’s mercy will be granted in absolution no matter how great or small the sin. Confess your sins; turn back to God; change how you live.

In closing I offer you the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis: “In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the Word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love.”

May Mary, our Mother of God’s Mercy, Our Lady of Guadalupe, hold us in her mantle of love.

In God’s mercy, I humbly ask for your prayers,

+Stephen Blaire
Bishop of the Diocese of Stockton
MINISTRIES, EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTERIO EN ESPAÑOL

Segundo Domingo de Adviento
VÍSTETE DE GOZO
Hoy Baruc nos habla del esplendor que se acerca para la ciudad de Jerusalén y para todos nosotros, sea donde fuere nuestro hogar. Despójate de conflictos, nos dice, y vistete de gozo. Como una vieja coba favorita, el gozo nos queda a la medida, y qué bien nos mantiene calientes, por muy frío que sople el viento.

Pablo sabe de ese gozo cuando escribe su carta a los filipenses, orando para que crezcan en su habilidad de discernir lo que es bueno y justo. Y Lucas nos habla de Juan, el que fue anunciado por Isaías y que canta una canción parecida: “Prepáren el camino del Señor” pues la salvación está al llegar.

Hombre adelantado a su época, Baruc se pasó la vida alegremente esperando una gloria lejana. En este segundo Domingo de Adviento, Pablo y Juan saben que esta gloria se acerca.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Second Sunday of Advent

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

ADULT FORMATION

Second Sunday of Advent


Adults: In what areas of your life do you need God’s forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

Children: For what do you want to ask God to forgive you? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

Evangelio: Lucas 3:1-6

Adultos: ¿En qué áreas de tu vida necesitas el perdón de Dios en este momento? ¿Qué práctica de Adviento te ayudaría a expresar tu arrepentimiento?

Niños: ¿De qué quisieras pedirle perdón a Dios? ¿Qué puedes hacer durante el Adviento para mostrar que estás arrepentido?

35th Annual Guadalupe Procession and Eucharist Celebration

Join Bishop Blaire on Sunday, December 6, at 12:00 pm. Pilgrimage begins at St. Mary of the Assumption, Stockton, followed by Mass at 2:15 pm at the Stockton Arena. This year’s theme is Under the Merciful Mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Feed the hungry is one of the corporal works of mercy. Pilgrims are invited to bring non-perishable items to the gathering site at St. Mary’s or to the entrance doors at the Arena. Food will be distributed through Catholic Charities Food Bank. For information, contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 466-0636, ext. 627 or 628.

35ª Procesión y Celebración Eucarística Guadalupana Anual. Únase al Obispo Stephen Blaire el día 6 de Diciembre a las 12:00 p.m. La peregrinación inicia en la Iglesia Santa María, 203 E. Washington St., Stockton y la Misa a las 2:15 pm en la Arena de Stockton. El tema este año es Bajo el manto misericordioso de Santa María de Guadalupe. Dar de comer al hambriento es una de las obras de misericordia. Los peregrinos están invitados a traer comida enlatada, semillas, granos, cereales, etc. La comida se distribuirá a través del banco de comida de Cármenes Católicas. Para información comuníquese a la Oficina de Pastoral Hispana de la Diócesis de Stockton al (209) 466-0636 extensiónes 627 o 628.

Fund Raiser Dinner & Dance

Saturday, December 12
6pm no host bar—7pm dinner
Asia Palace Restaurant—Stockton

FEATURING INTERNATIONAL SINGERS

This event is to benefit Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall Evangelization Project by providing new audio-video equipment.

Tickets are available at the Ministry Center. For more information, contact Vi Gapasin @ 482-1430.

STEWARDSHIP

Don’t Forget to Turn in Your Commitment Card

We’re still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. You can turn in your Commitment Card, by mail, collection basket or at the Ministry Center. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of Church of the Presentation. Please take this opportunity to express your support for our parish with your time, talent, and treasure!
PRESENTATION SCHOOL
ANNUAL FUND DRIVE
This year Presentation Parish School is Celebrating 50 Years of Catholic Education.

Our goal for the 2015-16 Annual Fund Drive is targeted to complete the expansion of technology in the classrooms for all grades. With a focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), we are dedicated to preparing our current and future students for success, while remaining rooted in our Christian values as they face the moral and ethical challenges ahead. Your tax-deductible gift in any amount can be made at anytime. Make checks payable to Presentation Parish School. Thank you for your continued prayer and support of our parish school ministry.

PRESENTATION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL CRAB FEED
All you can eat while it lasts
Saturday, January 16
Doors open at 6pm—Dinner at 7pm
Tickets $45 each
Dennis Raio  209-609-3600
Emanuel Ponte  209-986-4658
Proceeds for the benefit of Knights of Columbus charities
No Host Bar—Raffle—Dancing

WOULD YOU LIKE TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE?
Married couples of all ages are invited to join us for the enriching seven-week “MARRIAGE COURSE” at Church of the Presentation.

Space is limited to 15 couples.
Sessions will meet on Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:30pm on the following dates: January 15, 22, 29 February 5, 12, 19, 26

(Dinner provided each evening)
Youth Center Gathering Space
1626 McClellan Way, Stockton
Pre-registration is required.
For more information about the program, or to register, contact John & Mary Regan at 951-6540.

Please note: There is a possibility of change of time, date and location depending on the needs of ministry.

PRESENTATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION
Position:  Preschool Teacher, part-time 10 month position
Responsibilities: The professional Early Childhood Educator actively engages children, works under the supervision of and in collaboration with the Site Supervisor to develop and maintain a quality program that nurtures the whole child in a faith-filled environment, sparks imagination and discovery, builds self-esteem, fosters learning through play, empowers children and encourages parent involvement.
Application: The application is available online at www.presentationchurch.net.
Please submit current Child Development Permit, application, cover letter and resume to Marijayne Patterson at earlychild@presentationchurch.net or 6715 Leesburg Place, Stockton, CA 95207.
Open until filled

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR PARISH
Pray that these parishioners may find comfort and healing in Christ: Justina Gutierrez, Moira Nichols, Hilda Goyette, Norman Desmarais, Carolyn Desmarais, Alba Klemin, Rosemary Frerich, Fernanda Coronado, Alice Valverde, Rose Gobble, Simone Nguyen, Elvira Balancio and Guadalupe Garcia.
Please call Jenny Marquez at 320-5719 to add or remove names from this list.

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**Monsignor's Corner**

When we do something well, like conclude a theatrical performance, we might be told to “take a bow.” It is a way to graciously acknowledge the applause and appreciation of others. When we come into our church, we make a similar gesture. We bow toward the altar, because the altar truly represents Christ himself, “because it is at the altar that the memorial of the Lord is celebrated and his body and blood given to the people” (Dedication of a Church and Altar, 4). A habit of reverently bowing toward the altar can remind us to acknowledge who is really present—Christ, the Anointed One, whose body became an altar for the sacrifice that brought redemption for all. So, please give a bow!

*Msgr. Larry*

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**40 Days for Life—Results Are In**

Thank you to all who participated in the 40 Days for Life Fall Prayer Vigil. Your prayers and sacrifice helped 25 women walk away from Planned Parenthood and seek help at the Pregnancy Help Center (829 Rose Marie Ln.). Out of those 25, 8 were pregnant and abortion minded. We are thrilled to report that all 8 have chosen LIFE for their child!!! May God continue to bless your church and we ask for your prayers for an end to abortion in our city and throughout our world.

Your 40 Days for Life Committee  
email: stockton40days@live.com

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**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

This prayer group, led by Deacon Bill Brennan, meets every Tuesday from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Check schedule for location. All are invited to attend.

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**PARISH MISSION - SAVE THE DATE**

Come join us on January 25, 26 and 27, 2016 for an experience you will not forget. Fr. Ron Hoye, a Vincentian priest, will provide an opportunity for people of all ages, children through seniors, to be lifted up and energized in the love of God! This mission is designed to draw us into a deeper relationship with Jesus. We hope to see you, your family and friends there. Please save these dates on your calendar.

**Watch the bulletin for more details.**

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**PRESENTATION SENIORS' GROUP MINISTRY**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

UJ’s Family Restaurant  
Friday, December 11 at 11:30am.

**Menu Choices**

1. Roast Beef with Baked Potato  
2. Chicken with Rice  
3. Salmon with Rice

**Door Prize Plus a Raffle!**

Salad—Beverage—Ice Cream (Included)

$18 per person (includes tax and gratuity)  
Make checks payable to: Presentation Seniors

Mail check to Betty Mendonca  
145 Mc Kelvey, Stockton, CA 95210

For additional information call Betty or John Mendonca at (209) 477-0743.

**RSVP by December 6.**

Please note: You don’t have to be a senior or member to attend.