



*Church of the Presentation  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
~ A Stewardship Parish ~*

**1515 W. Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton, CA 95207**  
**Website: [www.presentationchurch.net](http://www.presentationchurch.net)**

**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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Rev. Mr. Mike Navarec, Sr. . . . . Deacon  
Rev. Dr. Benjamin Joe . . . . . Deacon

**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  
*- or by appointment*

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL**

24-hour access; contact the Ministry Center

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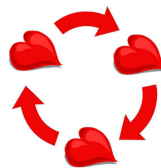
**January 10, 2016**

**“John answered them all, saying,  
‘I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming. . . .”  
Luke 3:16**

**PRESENTATION FOOD PANTRY**

**THANK YOU!**

**MANY THANKS TO ALL  
WHO HELPED TO MAKE  
2015 BRIGHTER FOR SO MANY  
FAMILIES.**



**100 FAMILIES RECEIVED THE FRUITS  
OF YOUR GENEROSITY AT CHRISTMAS  
AND 140 AT THANKSGIVING.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL  
WHO HAVE GIVEN SO GENEROUSLY TO  
THE FOOD PANTRY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

**YOUR GENEROSITY IS HELPING US  
CONTINUE TO SERVE FAMILIES IN OUR PARISH  
AND COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN GREAT NEED.**

**THOSE NEEDS ARE ONGOING,  
SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING  
NON-PERISHABLE FOODS EACH WEEK  
TO HELP WITH THIS MINISTRY.**

**A REMINDER: KEEP CHRISTMAS  
IN YOUR HEART YEAR ROUND.**



**“Like” us on Facebook at “Presentation Church.”**

## MASS SCHEDULE—Year C

### Monday, January 11

1 Sm 1:1-8, Mk 1:14-20

**7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe**

†Evangalina Escobar-death anniversary, †Danilo Quero

### Tuesday, January 12

1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28

**7:00am Mass: Msgr. Larry**

†Aldo Rossi

### Wednesday, January 13

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20, Mk 1:29-39

**7:00am Mass: Fr. Suresh & Dcn. Bill**

Orino Family

**6:30pm Reconciliation: Fr. Joe**

### Thursday, January 14

1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45

**7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe**

Helen Archibald—health

### Friday, January 15

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a, Mk 2:1-12

**7:00am Mass: Fr. Suresh**

†Daniel Garcia—birthday,

Ryan P. Gabato—birthday blessings

### Saturday, January 16

Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

**5:00pm Mass: Fr. Suresh**

Myrna Garces—birthday

**9:30am Reconciliation: Fr. Suresh**

### Sunday, January 17

Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11

**7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe**

**8:45am Mass: (signing for the deaf) Fr. Joe & Dcn. Ben**

**10:30am Mass: Fr. Suresh & Dcn. Ben**

†Paulo Rocafort, Mildred Tucker

**12:15pm Mass: Fr. Suresh**

†Elio Antonioli

**2:15 Spanish Mass: Msgr. Larry**

**5:00pm Life Teen Mass: Msgr. Larry**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, January 11

5:00pm Rosary for Vocations—Church

6:00pm Social Justice—St. Joachim

7:00pm EDGE—Guadalupe hall

7:00pm Pro Vida—St. Ann

7:00pm Bible Study-Israel's Story—St. Francis

### Tuesday, January 12

10:00am Fuerza y Poder—Sts. Ann/Joachim

6:00pm Depression Support Group—St. Ann

6:30pm Share the Word—St. Francis

7:00pm YAM—Youth Center

7:00pm Rondalla—St. Joachim

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group/Healing Service—Guadalupe Hall

### Wednesday, January 13

9:30am Legion of Mary—St. Joachim

1:00pm Bible Study-Israel's Story—St. Francis

4:00pm Ministry of Consolation—St. Ann

6:00pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Group—Guadalupe Hall

7:00pm Hispanic Youth Group—Youth Center

7:00pm Our Lady of Fatima Rosary—St. Joachim

7:00pm Knights of Columbus—St. Francis

### Thursday, January 14

10:00am S.P.M.—St. Francis

6:00pm I.C.F.—Guadalupe Hall

6:00pm Youth Choir—St. Ann

6:30pm Divine Mercy—St. Joachim

7:00pm Respect Life—St. Francis

### Friday, January 15

6:15am Adoration and Rosary—Church

6:00pm Nueva Alianza—Sts. Ann/Joachim

6:00pm Folkloric Ballet—St. Francis

### Saturday, January 16

9:00am Cursillo—St. Francis

### Sunday, January 17

8:45am RCIA—Sts. Ann/Joachim/Francis

6:30pm Adult Choir—St. Ann

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### In Remembrance

†Carolyn Desmarais

†William McCulloch

## SUNDAY WEEKLY OFFERING

**December 27**

**\$23,283.74**

**January 3**

**\$35,972.12**

## GIVING ENVELOPES

**January 17 Weekly Envelope**

**January 24 Weekly Envelope**

**January 31 Weekly Envelope  
Parish School Scholarship**

*Thank you for your generous donations.*



## THE ROSARY AND THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

In light of the terrorist attack in San Bernardino, as part of my homily on the Second Sunday of Advent, I did some research into the constricting tentacles of Muslim aggression throughout Europe and the Mediterranean in the middle of the 16th Century.

From the moment of his elevation in 1566, Pope Saint Pius V, through his experience and extraordinary vision, not only recognized the grave peril to Christendom, but also saw the solution; the Ottoman power could be broken solely by means of a crusade; and crusades are won not only on the battlefield, but also in the spiritual life, on the supernatural level.

Spain and Venice viewed the Turks as a threat to their material welfare, but only the Pope also saw them as a threat to the order that God Himself placed in the world and for that reason employed the weapons of spiritual warfare. He increasingly asked for more prayers from pious Catholics as well as monks and nuns in their cloisters. He doubled his own exercises of piety and mortification, giving special attention to the Rosary. While he was trying to organize an effective alliance against the increasing danger, another Muslim provocation (that had been going on in Christian Spain for eight centuries) illustrated the precarious situation.

During Christmas 1568, the pent-up hatred of the Moors toward Christians burst forth in all its massive cruelty. Savage tortures were employed especially against humble priests and their altar boys. If they called on Jesus or his Blessed Mother, their tongues were cut out or their mouths were loaded with gunpowder and ignited (sound familiar?). Only a saint could have assessed the seemingly insurmountable difficulties of forming an anti-Turkish league to fight the cruel indignities of the Ottomans.

### To make a long story short

In the middle of September, 1571, the largest Christian fleet sailed out of Messina, Sicily to seek out and destroy the Muslim fleet, commanded by the Sultan's brother-in-law. Pope Saint Pius V granted all members of the expedition the indulgences of crusaders. Not one of the 81,000 soldiers and sailors had failed to confess and receive Holy Communion. On October 7, 1571, Don Juan of Austria and the Holy League achieved an overwhelming victory in the largest sea battle fought up to that time.

After human agencies verified the news two weeks later, Saint Pius V added the Feast of the Holy Rosary (October 7) to the Church calendar and the invocation HELP OF CHRISTIANS to the litany of Our Lady, since he believed that the victory was due to her intercession.

My conclusion and recommendation: in light of the goal of ISIS to establish, or re-establish the CALIPHATE, perhaps it is time for this generation of Catholic Christians to pray the Rosary to combat this plague and current evil in our world.

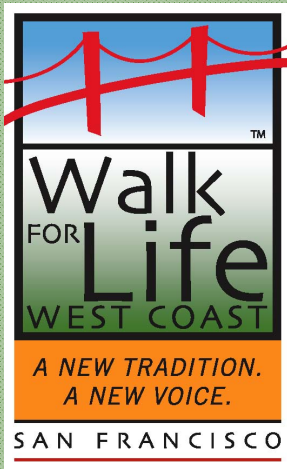
*Msgr. Larry*





## MINISTRIES, EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 12th ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE—WEST COAST



The Walk for Life in San Francisco will take place Saturday, January 23.

Presentation has a bus reserved to depart the Presentation parking lot at 7:00am.

Respect Life Ministry will have a table on Sundays, January 10 and January 17 to sell tickets after each Mass.

Bus ticket price is \$15 per person and \$25 for a family of four (children under 15 years.)

Please put the date on your calendar and sign up. For more information, call Kathy at 477-2470.

### SHOULD I CONSIDER THE PRIESTHOOD?



Many Catholic men have asked themselves this question.

You are welcome to come and learn more about this great calling by God by attending a discernment retreat at St. Patrick's Seminary & University: Friday—Sunday, January 15-17.

#### REGISTRATION

Must be a single male, 21 years or older and sponsored by a priest or recommended by Father Neal Clemens, Vocation Director or Father Sergio Lopez, Co-Vocation Director vocations@oakdiocese.org (510) 267-8356

#### For more information

discernment.retreat@stpsu.org  
www.stpsu.org (650) 325-5621  
or Facebook, Twitter, Instagram @stpatricksssem

Attendance does not imply further commitment or obligation. There is no cost to attend.



### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

#### Baptism of the Lord

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit . . . .’” (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Once we surrender ourselves to God, we will know in our hearts what God calls us to do.

### ADULT FORMATION

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**Adults:** Do you think that God was “well pleased” by your actions in recent weeks? Why?

**Children:** What good thing could you do this week that would be pleasing to God?

Evangelio: Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22

**Adultos:** ¿Crees que Dios ha estado “complacido” por tus acciones en las últimas semanas? ¿Por qué?

**Niños:** ¿Cuando me ha ayudado Dios en un momento dificultoso?

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING



Please join Deacon Bill Brennan for a Charismatic Prayer Meeting every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

A Healing Service will be held Tuesday, January 12.  
All are welcome.



### 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



## 365 Days to Mercy



Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a great, new, free app from **Our Sunday Visitor!**

The theme for the year is “be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” The app includes daily reflections on mercy, daily Scripture reflections, book excerpts, Year of Mercy resources, Pope Francis’ tweets throughout the year, Year of Mercy news stories, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena, and more. You can download the free app, “365 Days to Mercy” by going online to the *Apple App Store* or *Google Play*.

Also—Bishop Blaire will publish a short “Moment of Mercy” each week during the Year of Mercy. If you would like to sign up to receive it at your own email address, send a request to: [editor@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:editor@stocktondiocese.org).

## 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.*

## PARISH MISSION - SAVE THE DATE

Come join us on January 25, 26 & 27 from 7:00-8:00pm at Presentation Parish Church 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.

### FRIENDSHIP IN JESUS

The goal is to re-awaken our commitment as disciples of Jesus. What is emphasized is the relational aspect of our faith and practical ways that we can turn our lives more completely to the Lord, both individually and as Church.

### WHAT IS A MISSION?

A mission is a mini retreat designed for busy people; an opportunity to step back a bit, to slow down and simply reconnect our lives with God; a time of spiritual refreshment and invigoration. Something we all need!

### WHO IS A MISSION FOR?

Mission is for everyone of all ages. The mission experience is one of story, laughter, reflection and prayer. The message and delivery appeal to all ages. It is designed to draw us into a deeper relationship with Jesus and—to have a good time doing it. It is an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to know Jesus more and invigorate their faith. It is also a powerful opportunity for anyone struggling in or questioning their faith or for those who feel alienated to find healing and welcome. In other words, for anyone who desires a spiritual boost or spark—that’s just what a parish mission is all about!

### HOW LONG IS IT?

Here’s the best part—it is 50 minutes per session. We recognize that people are busy and so it won’t go on and on every evening. That is a promise. By the time you leave home for mission every evening to the time you get back it will be under an hour—a time frame that accommodates even the busiest of schedules.



## Monsignor's Corner



### Sharing Good News!

I was contacted by Nicole D. Lowery of the Pregnancy Help Center this week with an update on our parish contributions to the Fall Baby Bottle Drive. Here's what she had to say:

"... the support the Pregnancy Help Center has received from Presentation has been second to none and I cannot express my gratitude enough. . . . Our brothers and sisters in Christ at Presentation have been so blessed by the continuation of giving. At this point, we have received a total of \$10,009.81! . . . As promised, all funds collected from the Presentation's Baby Bottle Drive are designated to complete projects for our Mobile Medical Unit."



Well done!

Msgr. Larry

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR PARISH



Pray that these parishioners may find comfort and healing in Christ: Moira Nichols, Justina Gutierrez, Hilda Goyette, Alice Valverde, Rosemary Frerich, Fernanda Coronado, Simone Nguyen, Elvira Balancio, Rose Gobble, Lupe Garcia, Gerald Rooney, Patricia Mayorga and Phoung Nguyen. Please call Jenny Marquez at 320-5719 to add or remove names from this list.

### CAR FOR SALE



My "gently-used" 2009 Chevy Malibu *hybrid* (in good condition) is for sale (Kelley Blue Book suggested asking price is \$8959.00).

Great mileage in town=25mpg; 31 mpg on the freeway. Could be your economical second car. If interested, please call my desk phone 320-5709 and leave a message.

Monsignor Larry

### HOLY GROUNDS CAFÉ St. Joseph Meeting Room



Wednesdays: 7:30 to 10:30am

Sundays: 7:30am to noon and 3:00 to 4:30pm.

**Come visit with friends and make new ones!**

If you would like to use Holy Grounds for your next parish group meeting, please contact Ron Hoverstad at [rhoverstad@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhoverstad@sbcglobal.net).



**Italian Catholic Federation  
Branch 395  
Church of the Presentation  
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### Polenta ~ Chicken Cacciatore Dinner

Thursday, February 11, 2016  
Community Center  
No-Host Cocktails at 5pm  
Dinner at 6pm

Donations-Adults \$20 ~ Children 5-12 years \$10  
(Children under 5 are free.)

**Raffle and Silent Auction  
Also featuring the Live Auction of a  
Gourmet Dinner for Eight  
prepared by Msgr. Larry**

Information regarding ticket purchases will be provided in future bulletins. For more information, call Karen Rosson at 209-465-8074.

### 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](http://www.presentationchurch.net).

Please submit current Child Development Permit, application, cover letter and resume to Marijayne Patterson at [earlychild@presentationchurch.net](mailto:earlychild@presentationchurch.net) or 6715 Leesburg Place, Stockton, CA 95207.

**Open until filled.**