



# Church of the Presentation

*Pray, serve, and give like St. Joseph.*

## Ministry Guide 2021-2022

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### Our Mission

As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards, we are all called to use our gifts for the kingdom of God.

### Pillars of Stewardship

Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and who shares these gifts out of love for God and neighbor.

### Pillar of Prayer

#### †Altar Server (*Monaguillo*)

Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass. This ministry is open to boys and girls, fifth grade through high school who have received the sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist and attend Mass regularly.

#### †Cantor

Cantors are those singers who provide leadership at liturgies.

#### †Charismatic Prayer Group

The mission of the Charismatic Prayer Group is to provide an environment in which people can pray, reflect, and share the good news of Jesus in the Holy Spirit.

#### †Children's Liturgy of the Word (*Liturgia de la Palabra de Los Niños*)

On Sundays, during the 12:15 p.m. (English) and 2:15 p.m. (Spanish) Masses, we offer Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). Just before the first reading, the children are excused to gather in one of our meeting rooms with Catechists and volunteers to hear the Sunday readings and recite prayers and songs of the faithful. The children receive an age-appropriate message on how the readings apply to them. Adults and teens are invited to volunteer in this vibrant ministry for our parish children.

### Our Vision

The Church of the Presentation is a welcoming Catholic faith family responding to the varied spiritual needs of our diverse community. Here we encounter God and challenge ourselves to be disciples and stewards of the gospel values.

#### †Contemplative Prayer Group

Contemplative prayer is a method of prayer that takes place in silence. It prepares us just to be in God's presence and rest in God. During our prayer sessions, we have some experience of contemplative prayer as well as some input through reading and/or videos on contemplative prayer.

#### †Contemporary Music Group

The Contemporary Music Group offers praise and worship music in a mix of soul, country, gospel, and soft rock styles of music for the young and young at heart. The group provides music for our 8:45 a.m. Sunday morning Masses.

#### †Extraordinary Minister of Communion (*Ministro Extraordinario de Eucaristía*)

Eucharistic Ministers give the Body and Blood of Christ to those who approach for Holy Communion. This ministry is open to those who have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation and attend Mass regularly.

#### †Family of Faith (*Familia de Fe*)

Everyone in the parish is invited to obtain these special books, which our parish will use for the next four years to help children (and adults!) to learn the catechism!

#### †Fuerza y Poder (*Hispanic Seniors*)

The Hispanic Seniors' group was founded to develop friendship, reinforce spiritual values, and to participate in charitable activities. The weekly meetings are *in Spanish*.

*To form a family is to be part of God's dream, to join him in building a world where no one will feel alone. - Pope Francis*

### †Funeral Ministry

Members of the Funeral Ministry team attend and assist with Funeral Masses at Presentation. They serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Greeters, etc., as needed.

### †Instrumentalist

Various instruments are needed during the Masses and special events to enhance the beauty of the music for the assembly.

### †Lector (*Lectore*)

Lectors proclaim the Word of God to the assembled community at all liturgies.

### †Nueva Alianza (*Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group*)

Nueva Alianza is a prayer group, *in Spanish*, that comes together to pray, praise God, and to share His word. All children are welcome. Bring your Bible.

### †Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Group

The prayer group meets weekly to pray the rosary. Special intentions and petitions are also offered.

### †Prayer Shawl Ministry

This group is dedicated to knitting/crocheting shawls and lap-throws, while praying for each person who will receive this gift. Names of persons who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl are accepted.

### †Presentation Choir

The Presentation Choir sings at our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and other liturgies. Choir members continually build their musical and vocal skills, learning from each other in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere.

### †Servants of Divine Mercy

Our mission is to spread the mercies of God by developing the gifts of the Holy Spirit, encouraging spiritual and corporal works of mercy in daily life, and supporting our parish.

### †Spanish Music Ministries (*Coros*)

The Spanish Choirs offer leadership and musical praise during the Spanish Mass and other events. The Choirs meet weekly and sing at the 2:15 p.m. Spanish Mass.

### †"That Man Is You" Men's Ministry

The Men's Faith Formation is an annual series of sessions, led by Fr. Matthew, to share faith and grow spiritually.

### †YAM FAM! (Young Adult) Participant

All young adults are invited to check out our YAM FAM! This ministry is for those looking for a place to learn, have fun, and grow in their faith.

## Pillar of Formation

### †Bible Studies

Various Bible study courses are offered throughout the year to gain an understanding of God's word.

### †Catechism Aide - High School

Assists catechism teachers with lesson and material preparation as needed.

### †Catechism Aide - K-8

A Classroom Aide is someone who assists our catechists in the classroom with crafts, copying, Bible story readings, and many other important tasks. It only requires an hour and a half a week to share with students.

### †Catechism Teacher - High School

Teachers are needed for the religious education for high school students. Curriculum is supplied.

### †Catechism Teacher - K-8

Catechists are women and men who have responded to a ministerial call that includes a willingness to give an hour and a half a week to assist with the faith formation of our parish children. Curriculum is supplied.

### †Infant Baptism Host (*Asistente de Bautismo*)

Baptism volunteers in English and Spanish act as hosts during the Sacrament of Baptism. The host is responsible to set up items required for Baptism and greet the families as they arrive, including opening and closing the Church, if necessary.

### †Infant Baptism Preparation Teacher (*Maestro de Preparación Para el Bautismo*)

Volunteers in this ministry lead sessions to prepare parents and Godparents for the Baptism of their young children. In both English and Spanish, the preparation sessions include catechesis, spiritual growth and community building.

### †Marriage Enrichment

Married couples seeking to enrich their marriage are invited to participate in the "Marriage Course." The evening begins with dinner served at tables for two to provide a "Date Night" experience. Volunteers are needed in this ministry to coordinate the program, including coordinating the dinners.

### †Religious Education Office Help - K-8

Performs various clerical tasks as needed. May include computer input, copying, filing and other tasks.

### †Religious Vocation Committee

Vocation work in the Church today is evangelization, primarily of the young, but ultimately of all Catholics. This ministry seeks to promote and support religious vocations through various activities.

*So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19)*

### †Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is a process for those seeking to receive or complete the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) in the Catholic Church. Parishioners who choose to become involved in this ministry are invited to consider:

- Becoming a sponsor for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Becoming a Catechist

### †Vacation Bible School

Our parish offers Vacation Bible School during the summer. Volunteers are needed to assist.

## Pillar of Hospitality

### †Holy Grounds

Holy Grounds Café is a non-profit venture, and earnings from the café are donated to parish ministries. Volunteers are needed to staff the café at various times.

### †Usher (*Accommodatore*)

Ushers assist in seating parishioners, gathering the weekly offering, facilitating the Communion procession, and other needs of the assembly as they arise.

### †Welcoming Ministry

Helps new parishioners complete registration forms and answer questions about our parish. We call newly-registered parishioners who indicate on their registration form that they would like a phone call.

## Pillar of Service

### †5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fund

A special collection is taken during the year when there are five Sundays in the month. These donations are set aside and used to provide parishioners who are in need of temporary emergency assistance. Requests are handled confidentially.

### †Admin / Ministry Center Help

Assists with various tasks and areas as needed at the Ministry Center (parish office).

### †Altar Linens (wash and iron linens)

Volunteers are needed to wash and iron the linens used at Mass each week.

### †Altar Society (clean church for Weekend Masses)

Meets Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings for an hour or two to assist in maintaining the beauty of our worship space by ensuring a clean environment. When requested, Altar Society members assist the Environment Ministry.

### †Catholic Youth Organization (Sports)

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), through the vehicle of sports, provides the youth of the parish with an opportunity to practice Christian attitudes and responsibilities and to become friends with other children throughout the diocese. Volunteer opportunities are available as athletic board directors, coaches, team parents, registration/eligibility coordinator, snack bar coordinator, uniform coordinator, banquets coordinator, underwriting/fund-raising coordinator, referees, scorekeeper, and timekeeper.

### †Church Environment/Decorating

Members help prepare the church environment during the liturgical year.

### †Communion to the Sick

This ministry includes bringing the Eucharist and sharing the Word, visiting, listening, and being present when someone is in need of support and comfort.

### †Daughters of Isabella

The Order of the Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on the principle of its motto: Unity, Friendship, and Charity. These women come together as a sisterhood to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church, bringing spiritual benefits to its members, and contributing to the common good of humanity.

### †Fall Fest Volunteer

Help is needed to solicit underwriting for the annual Presentation Parish School event, work in various booths (food, games, rides, etc.), set up, and clean up.

### †Food Pantry

Twice per month the Presentation Food Pantry serves needy families within our community. There are many ways to participate in this ministry, from monetary donations and food donations, to volunteering and more.

### †Italian Catholic Federation

The purpose and mission of the I.C.F., founded in 1924, is to nurture Italian culture, promote religion and charitable activities on family participation. The I.C.F. grants first, second, third, and fourth year high school scholarships to deserving Catholic students of Italian Heritage.

### †Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is an organization for Catholic men, which emphasizes strong spiritual principles. Its purpose and mission for Presentation Parish is charity, unity, fraternity, spiritual growth, and patriotism.

*Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion. It becomes an opportunity for the fulfilment not only of oneself, but also of that primary cell of society which is the family. - Pope Francis*

### †Media Ministry

The Media Ministry shares news, tells stories, and builds community for the parish through digital and print media. Our goal is to use technology for evangelization as well as to bring our parish family closer together. Volunteers work together in the areas of audiovisual, graphics, print, and social media evangelization. Whether you prefer social media, electronic communications, or traditional print materials, Presentation Parish has communications tools to help you stay connected and informed.

### †Parent-Teacher Organization Volunteer

Attend meetings and help at Presentation Parish School events.

### †Presentation Seniors

The Presentation Seniors' group (55+) is dedicated to spending time in friendship, reinforcing spiritual values, and participating in charitable activities.

### †Respect Life

Human life is sacred because from its beginning, it involves the creative action of God. God alone is the Lord of Life. Our mission is to promote Respect for Life from the beginning of life until its end.

### †School Advisory Committee Member

Serve on committee to advise principal and pastor on Presentation Parish School matters.

### †School Support

Assists with various tasks and areas as needed at Presentation Parish School.

### †Serra Club

Objectives and Purposes:

- To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church as a particular vocation to service and to support priests in their sacred ministry
- To encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church

*Saint Joseph was the just man, by his constant fidelity, an effect of justice; by his perfect discretion, a sister to prudence; by his upright conduct, a mark of strength and by his inviolable chastity, a flower of temperance. - St. Albert the Great*

### †Social Justice Ministry

The goal of the Social Justice Ministry is to promote the dignity of all human beings and encourage connections between parishioners and needs, linking interests and talents in service to others, based on Catholic Social Teaching.

### †The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is a year-round project, with four quarterly activities. Parishioners are asked to provide supplies for the clients of organizations such as St. Mary's Dining Hall and Community Services and the diocesan Community of Caring's programs for teen parents and their children. This ministry also conducts the Advent Season Angel Tree Christmas gift program for children of prison inmates.

### †The Legion of Mary

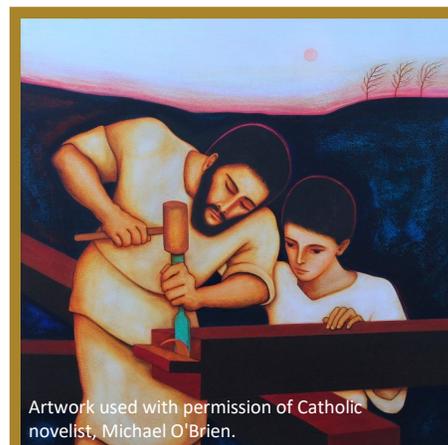
The Legion of Mary offers a balanced program that helps its members become better Christians. Members make weekly visits to care facilities for seniors, to young people at Peterson Juvenile Hall, and hospitals to deepen the spiritual life of those they visit.

### †Toddler Time

We love to have young children enjoy and participate in Sunday Mass; it is their Baptismal right, after all. We offer Toddler Time so that parents may attend Mass while their children attend our free program that offers a safe and nurturing environment for children ages 2-4 (must be potty trained) Program is offered during the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Parents are required to assist in the program every couple of months and must remain on the campus while their children are in Toddler Time.

### †Yard Therapy

Keep our parish grounds beautiful! The group meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11:00 a.m. to perform yard work as needed.



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All volunteers will be required to go through the Diocesan Safe Environment process. There are specific requirements for anyone who has direct contact with minors and vulnerable adults.

Children deserve a future of peace. As adults it is not only our duty, but it is our responsibility to protect and promote the health, happiness and joy of our children and young people. To the best of our ability, we will ensure our Church organizations create a holy space that will foster a safe environment in which our children can grow and develop. We will create an atmosphere of esteem, respect, and safety, a space where children can experience the love of God. This is the desire and goal of the Safe Environment - Child Abuse Prevention Program established for the Diocese of Stockton.