

# Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1515 West Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton, CA 95207

## Schedule of Masses

- Weekdays: 7:00am
- Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm
- Sunday: 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:30am, 12:15pm, 2:15pm (Spanish), 5:00pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Saturday: 8:30am

## Blessed Sacrament Chapel

- Weekdays: 6:00am - 7:00pm
- Weekends: During Mass

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## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### A Message from Fr. Mark

Happy Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary! This Thursday is November 21, the feast day of this parish! It is the day the church celebrates the ancient belief that Mary was presented by her parents in the temple when she was three years old. This event is not recorded in the Bible, and so people say that it did not really happen. It is only recorded in a document called the "Protoevangelium of James," which was written about 100 years after the New Testament books were written. It is a short "gospel" (the word "evangelium" means "gospel") which only describes the events of the birth of Mary and the birth of Jesus. It is only about seven pages long, and so to write this bulletin article I decided to read it myself. I found it online and read it because I wanted to find out what all the controversy was about. Most scholars say that it should not be taken seriously

because it is not a real Gospel and it was probably not written by the apostle James. They reject it along with the "Gnostic Gospels" which were written in about the year 300 by a heretical group called the Gnostics who did not believe that Jesus was both God and man. However, some Catholic scholars now say that the Protoevangelium of James SHOULD be taken seriously because it was written very early to defend our faith that Jesus is both God and man. The whole document emphasizes that Mary was a virgin and that Jesus was, therefore, the Son of God. Just like the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, it was written to combat the Ebionite heretics who claimed that Jesus was the natural son of Joseph and that he was only "adopted" by God at the time of his baptism. So I read the thing myself. It tells the same story that we know about how Jesus was

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born, but it adds details to emphasize that Mary was a virgin. For example, it says that Joseph was very old and that he had to live in a separate building and that this is the way that God would "protect" Mary. It is easy to imagine that the author may have added these details because he really wanted to "prove" that Jesus was not the son of Joseph but truly the Son of God.

What about the part about the Presentation of Mary? The Protoevangelium of James says that the parents of Mary; Joachim and Ann, were old and were very sad because they had no children. Joachim was no longer allowed to serve as a priest in the temple because his sterility rendered him ritually unclean. So he went into the desert to pray for forty days that his wife would conceive. Ann, meanwhile, also prayed and promised that if she had a child she would offer it to God in the temple: And Ann

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Deacon

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Deacon

**Thank You for  
Supporting Our  
Parish and Diocese**

**First Basket  
Weekend Collection**  
November 10, 2019  
Not available when printed

**BMA 2019  
Update**  
Goal: \$159,416  
Donated: \$111,850  
Amount Needed: \$47,566

**2019  
Giving Envelopes**  
November 17  
Weekly Envelope  
National Collection for the  
Archdiocese for the Military  
Services

November 24  
Weekly Envelope  
Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development

November 28  
Thanksgiving

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Legion of Mary      Weddings

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 18, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Matthew  
†Nieves Reyno

### Tuesday, November 19, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Matthew  
†Sandra Gulden

### Wednesday, November 20, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Mark & Dcn. Bill  
†Hermoine Molini  
7:00pm Mass - Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Fr. Joe

### Thursday, November 21, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe  
Terry Marshall  
8:30am Mass - Feast of the BVM (School): Fr. Mark  
5:45pm Eucharistic Adoration: Fr. Joe

### Friday, November 22, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe  
Thanksgiving Mass for Percy Refuerzo

### Saturday, November 23, 2019

5:00pm Mass: Fr. Joe  
†Robert Hose

### Sunday, November 24, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe - Everardo & Elsa Valdez - Anniversary  
8:45am Mass: Fr. Mark - †Elmer Molini  
10:30am Mass: Fr. Matthew - †Betty Reposa  
12:15pm Mass: Fr. Matthew & Dcn. Mike - All Souls in Purgatory  
2:15pm Mass: Fr. Mark - †Jose y María Saucedo - 9 Aniversario de Bodas  
5:00pm Mass: Fr. Mark - For Parish Families

### Newly Baptized: November 9, 2019

Ashton Jesus Baltazar Melano  
Giovanni Elias Lupercio  
Jonavan Jorge Lupercio  
Madelyna Huyen Vong  
Victoria Rosalia Garcia  
Xoey Dennise De Leon Guevarra

## Readings for the Week

### Saturday, November 16, 2019/

### Sunday, November 17, 2019

MAL 3:19-20A/2 THES 3:7-12/LK 21:5-19

### Monday, November 18, 2019

1 MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/LK 18:35-43

### Tuesday, November 19, 2019

2 MC 6:18-31/LK 19:1-10

### Wednesday, November 20, 2019

2 MC 7:1, 20-31/LK 19:11-28

### Thursday, November 21, 2019

1 MC 2:15-29/LK 19:41-44

### Friday, November 22, 2019

1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59/LK 19:45-48

### Saturday, November 23, 2019/

### Sunday, November 24, 2019

2 SM 5:1-3/COL 1:12-20/LK 23:35-43

## Saint of the Week

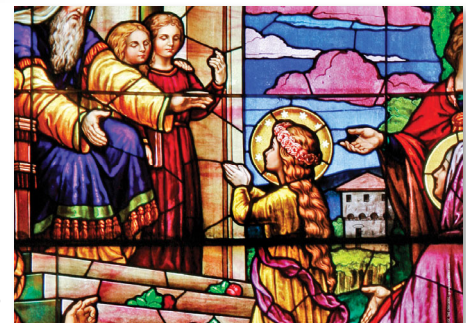
### The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day: November 21

We celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, not only as the namesake of our parish but as the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very extraordinary way.

When Mary was about three years old, she was taken by her parents, St. Ann and St. Joachim, to the temple in Jerusalem and dedicated to God. Though this physical presentation took place when Mary was a young child, the holiness bestowed on her, by God, was present at the Immaculate Conception. Further, Mary continued to dedicate her life to God through all that she did.

Mary became the metaphoric temple in that Jesus was presented to us through her.

Let this feast day be a reminder to us to live like Mary, and dedicate our lives to God. Let our lives be temples of God that show the magnificence of His love and mercy. Let us raise our children as Mary did with Jesus. Let our eyes, hearts, and works on all be on the glory, wonder, and awe of God's saving work.





## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### •Monday, November 18

7:00pm: Separated, Divorced, Widowed Support Group - St. Joachim

### •Tuesday, November 19

9:30am: Fuerza y Poder Grupo de Oración - St. Ann  
7:30pm: Charismatic Prayer Group - St. Francis

### •Wednesday, November 20

**7:30am: 10:30am Holy Grounds Café - St. Joseph**  
9:30am: Legion of Mary - St. Joachim  
7:00pm: Novena Mass - Church

### •Thursday, November 21

8:30am: Feast of the BVM Mass Church  
10:00am: Bible Study - St. Francis  
5:45pm: Eucharistic Adoration Church  
6:30pm: Respect Life - St. Francis

### •Friday, November 22

7:00pm: Nueva Alianza Grupo de Oración - St. Ann

### •Saturday, November 23

3:30pm: Prayer Shawl - St. Francis

### •Sunday, November 24

**7:30am: 12:30pm Holy Grounds Café - St. Joseph**  
8:45am & 10:30am: Toddler Time/Tiempo de Niño - Youth Center  
12:15pm: Children's Liturgy of the Word - Church  
2:15pm: La Liturgia De La Palabra de Los Niños - Iglesia

## Prayers For The Sick / Oraciones Por Los Enfermos

Quincy Vaughn, Ilene Lao Rualizo, Beatriz Gamboa, Tina Mills, Shirley Benecke, Jodi Raper, Ariel Sandoval, Jorge Fernandez, Miguel Aguilar, Kathleen Smith, Manuel Almendarez Jr., Pam Makelke, Janet Kavanaugh, and Mary Anderson

To add or remove names, please contact the Media Coordinator at 209-320-5719 or [media@presentationchurch.net](mailto:media@presentationchurch.net).

## Children's Prayer / Oración Para Niños

### Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Heavenly Father, the Blessed Virgin Mary was dedicated to You by her parents when she was three. In the temple, she joined the girls who spent their days praying, reading Scripture, and serving the temple priests. Her holiness was very evident, and the high priest thought that You probably had great plans for her. I ask Mary to pray for the plans You have for my life. Where I have strayed onto a road of my own choosing, give me her hand to guide me back to where You want me. Where I need to wait for a new plan to begin, give me the grace remain patient and say, "Your will be done." Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for me. Amen

### Presentación de la Bendita Virgen María

Padre celestial, la Santísima Virgen María fue dedicada a ti por sus padres cuando ella tenía tres años. En el templo, se unió a las chicas que pasaban sus días orando, leyendo las Escrituras y sirviendo a los sacerdotes del templo. Su santidad era muy evidente, y el sumo sacerdote pensó que probablemente tenías grandes planes para ella. Le pido a María que ore por los planes que tienes para mi vida. Donde me haya desviado por un camino de mi elección, dame su mano para guiarme de regreso a donde Tú me quieres. Donde necesito esperar a que comience un nuevo plan, dame la gracia de ser paciente y decir: "Hágase tu voluntad". Bendita Virgen María, ruega por mí. Amén

## Thanksgiving Mass Times and Office Closures

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Come for Mass and give thanks to God for all of the blessings and mercy that He has granted us.

**Mass will be at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 28, 2019.**

In observance of Thanksgiving the following will be closed:

- The Ministry Center will be closed on November 28-29th.
- No Activities on November 30th.
- No Religious Education classes from November 26th-28th.

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## Ministry Spotlight Events

### ADVENT RETREAT - MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

Join our priests as they present an Advent Retreat covering Matthew's Gospel in four weekly sessions. The first session will be on Monday, November 25th, from 6-7:30pm in Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall. Refreshments will be served.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST & CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

On Sunday, December 1, the Knights of Columbus will have their monthly Pancake Breakfast. It will be accompanied by the Daughter's of Isabella's annual Christmas boutique. Come fill your stomach and find some wonderful and unique holiday gifts.

## Ministry Spotlight Events

### A TALK BY BISHOP MYRON COTTA Christian Parenting and Family Life in Today's World

The Respect Life Ministry invites you to a morning talk given by Bishop Cotta on Christian Parenting and Family Life in the World Today, on December 14th. It will be held in Guadalupe Hall from 9:00am - 11:00am. Refreshments will be served. For information please contact our Pastoral and Social Services Minister, Susan Dobson at 320-5733.

### NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe is from December 3rd to December 11th. Join us from 7:00pm - 9:00pm (location to be determined.)

### LAS MAÑANITAS

The Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe will end with a celebration on December 12th with Mañanitas.

Though these events are in Spanish, the parish community is invited to participate in the rich culture of our Hispanic Community.

## Presentation Parish School

During **Vocations Week**, Presentation Parish School had three wonderful visitors on campus. Our very own, Fr. Matthew O'Donnell came to visit Kindergarten through 8th grade to discuss Vocations with the students. Sr. Kit Hamilton visited 3rd-5th grade and Sr. Abby Newton visited 6th-8th grade. Sr. Kit and Sr. Abby work for St. Joseph's Hospital and are part of the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael.

Presentation Parish School invites our parish community to the upcoming **Mass** in honor of The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, November 21st. The Mass will begin at 8:30am and will be hosted by the 8th Grade class.

**Bingo** continues to be a success. The nights are filled with fun and the excitement of hearing someone yell, "BINGO" from our school and parish community. Invite your friends to our next Bingo night on December 5th (doors open at 5:30pm.) We hope to continue to have a packed house. Reserve your table of 8 in the school office.

For more information see our website at [www.presentationsschool.org](http://www.presentationsschool.org), on Facebook or on Instagram. Thank you always for your continued support and prayers!

## SAVE THE DATE PARISH EVENTS

- **November 25**  
Advent Retreat - Matthew's Gospel
- **December 1**  
Pancake Breakfast & Christmas Boutique
- **December 2**  
Advent Retreat - Matthew's Gospel
- **December 3-11**  
Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe (SP)
- **December 5**  
BINGO
- **December 7**  
Food Pantry
- **December 7**  
Men's Cursillo
- **December 9**  
Advent Retreat - Matthew's Gospel
- **December 12**  
Mañanitas
- **December 14**  
Presentation on Right to Life, Christian Parenting, & Family Life (Bishop Cotta)
- **December 16**  
Advent Retreat - Matthew's Gospel
- **December 17**  
Advent Penance Service
- **December 18**  
School Christmas Program
- **December 16-23**  
Posadas (SP)

For more information on these events: Refer to page 2 of the bulletin for Ministry Contacts.



### Eventos Parroquiales

- **Noviembre 25**  
Retiro Adviento - Evangelio de Mateo
- **Diciembre 1**  
Desayuno de Panqueques y Boutique de Navidad
- **Diciembre 3-11**  
Novena para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
- **Diciembre 8**  
Misa Cancelada en Español para la Procesión Diocesano y Misa en Stockton Arena
- **Diciembre 12**  
Las Mañanitas
- **Diciembre 14**  
Una Plática de Obispo Cotta
- **Diciembre 16-23**  
Posadas

### Eventos Diocesanos

- **Noviembre 23-24**  
Curso de Formación Bíblica
- **Diciembre 8**  
Procesión Diocesana Guadalupana 2019

Para más información sobre estos eventos:  
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### Eventos Parroquiales

#### LA NOVENA A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

La Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es del 3 de Diciembre al 11 de Diciembre. Únase a nosotros desde 7 a 9:00pm en Salón San Joaquín y Santa Ana.

#### LAS MAÑANITAS

La Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe terminará con una celebración el 12 de Diciembre con Las Mañanitas.

#### RETIRO ADVIENTO - EVANGELIO DE MATEO

Únase a nuestros sacerdotes mientras presentan un Retiro de Adviento que cubre el Evangelio de Mateo en cuatro sesiones semanales. La primera sesión será el Lunes 25 de Noviembre desde 6:00 a 7:30pm en el Salón de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Se servirán refrescos.

### Eventos Parroquiales

#### DESAYUNO DE PANQUEQUES Y BOUTIQUE DE NAVIDAD

El Domingo, 1 de Diciembre, desde las 7:00am a 2:00pm, los Caballeros de Colón tendrán su Desayuno Panqueque mensual. Estará acompañado por la boutique anual de Navidad de las Hijas de Isabella. Ven a llenar tu estómago y encuentra algunos maravillosos y únicos regalos navideños.

#### UNA PLÁTICA DEL OBISPO MYRON COTTA Paternidad Cristiana y Vida Familiar en el Mundo de Hoy

El Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida lo invita a una charla matutina impartida por el Obispo Cotta sobre la Paternidad Cristiana y Vida Familiar en el Mundo de Hoy, el 14 de Diciembre. Se llevará a cabo en el salón Guadalupe desde 9:00am - 11:00am. Se servirán refrescos. Para información, contacte a nuestra Ministro Pastoral y Servicios Sociales, Susan Dobson, al 320-5733.

### Noticias Diocesanos

#### CURSO DE FORMACIÓN BÍBLICA 2019 Noviembre 23-24

Este taller es en respuesta a la petición de algunos Líderes Juveniles de la Diócesis de Stockton y del proceso del V Encuentro. Las oficinas de Pastoral Hispana y Juvenil patrocinan este curso para jóvenes y adultos que desean aprender más sobre la Biblia para su ministerio. El costo es \$25 por fin de semana. Para información, contacte José López al 209-466-0636, ext. 632.

#### PROCESIÓN DIOCESANA GUADALUPANA 2019

Te invitamos a participar en nuestra celebración diocesana anual de Adviento de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La celebración se llevará a cabo el domingo 8 de Diciembre. Por favor, únase a nosotros en la Procesión Mariana que saldrá de la Iglesia Santa María de la Asunción en Stockton y procederá al Stockton Arena donde tendrá lugar la Misa.

## Diocesan Events

### **CENTRAL VALLEY Catholic Men's Conference**

This phenomenal conference will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church on November 23rd from 9:00am - 6:30pm. Join Jesse Romero, Doug Barry, John Sablan, and several hundred of your brothers in Christ for a day to grow in faith, fellowship and holiness! Contact John Sablan at 209-874-6673 or [john@worldablaze.org](mailto:john@worldablaze.org). Register online at [catholic-men.com](http://catholic-men.com) today!

### **CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

Join over 3000 of other catechists, liturgists, and lay ministers for three days of an education, collaboration, worship, & get inspired. The conference will be from December 5-7th at the San Jose Convention Center. Register online at <https://cacmc.net/registration/>. For questions, please email Grace Garza-Ayala at [Ggayala@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:Ggayala@stocktondiocese.org).

## Diocesan Events

### **39TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Please join our community to give witness of faith, honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and ask for her intercession for all of us, especially for our brothers and sisters who suffer for the effects of poverty and violence. Parishes will bring floats, Aztec dancers and music. The procession will begin at 12 noon at St. Mary's Church. It will end at the Stockton Arena with Bishop Cotta presiding at the Holy Mass at 2:15pm. For more information, contact the Diocese of Stockton Office of Hispanic Pastoral Ministry at (209) 466-0636, extension 627 or 628.

## School of Ministry Certificate Awards

On Sunday, November 3rd, the Diocese of Stockton honored the many dedicated disciples in our diocese. Bishop Cotta spoke of the, "New Evangelization" and of the commissioning of the disciples (MT 28:16-20), which centuries later, applies to each of us.

The following awards were given to our distinguished parish community:

- Catechist Training - Carina Ayala
- Catechist Training - Kathy Chincholo
- Director of Religious Education - Nancy Gomez
- Parish Leadership/Liderazgo Parroquial - Ana Campos
- Marriage Tribunal Aide - Maria Chadburn
- Marriage Tribunal Aide - Deacon Scott Johnson

Additionally, a "Special Thanks" for the many years as Instructional Faculty for the School of Ministry was given to Deacon Bill Brennan.

Let each of us follow Jesus, his disciples, those in our parish community who follow God's calling.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

-Mt 28:19-20

## SAVE THE DATE DIOCESAN EVENTS

### •November 23

Central Valley Catholic Men's Conference (Holy Family Church, Modesto)

### •November 24

Vocations Discernment Meeting (Vianney House of Formation)

### •December 5-7

California Catholic Ministry Conference (Diocese of San Jose)

### •December 8

Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession and Mass

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