



# 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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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 29, 2019

### A Message from Fr. Mark

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! According to our Catholic tradition, Christmas lasts for eight days! This is called the Octave of Christmas. For eight days we can continue to say "Today is Christmas day! Then we continue to celebrate the joy of the Lord's coming throughout the Christmas season until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 12).

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, which is always celebrated on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. In our scripture readings for this day, we hear about the beauty of family life. In particular, we hear about the importance of a good father. We hear in the Gospel of Matthew about how St. Joseph was a faithful and provident father for the Holy Family. Saint Joseph is a "just man" who provides love and guidance and protection for the Holy Family. At the

beginning of the Gospel of Matthew, St. Joseph is visited three times by an angel who appears to him in a dream and gives him very specific instructions. Each time, St. Joseph wakes up and performs exactly the actions which were demanded of him by the angel. The same verbs that were used by the angel are also used to describe what Joseph immediately: He "took" Mary his wife into his home, and he "rose" and he "took" his wife and the newborn Christ and "fled" to Egypt. Then a few years later he again obeyed the angel and "rose" and "took" the child and his mother back to Israel. (Mt. 1:24; 2:13-14; 21-22) A good and virtuous father is a great blessing for a family. Our first reading today says that we should be grateful to our fathers and honor them, especially when they are old. Our first reading today says that our efforts to be kind to a father can serve as good penance to make up for sins. We can "offer it up" as a

sacrifice to atone for our own sins and for the sins of others. Our sacrificial acts of mercy can help pay the debt of our sins to our Heavenly Father by paying a debt of gratitude to our earthly father. This passage expresses well our Catholic belief in the doctrine of atonement and expiatory sacrifice: "God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother... My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him... kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins..." (Sirach 3:2-4, 12-14) This week we will also celebrate the feast day of a saintly mother. January 4 is the Feast of Saint Elizabeth

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Deacon

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Deacon

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Joe  
Deacon

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

**First Basket  
Weekend Collection**  
December 15, 2019  
\$19,297.59

December 22, 2019  
Not available at time of  
printing

**BMA 2019  
Update**  
Goal: \$159,416  
Donated: \$114,390  
Amount Needed: \$45,026

**2019 - 2020  
Giving Envelopes**

January 1  
Weekly Envelope

January 5  
Weekly Envelope

January 12  
Weekly Envelope  
Building & Maintenance

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 30, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Matthew - †Mayce Niemotka

### Tuesday, December 31, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Matthew - Sarah Rose

### Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - Holy Day of Obligation

9:00am Mass: Fr. Mark - †Magno Añonuevo

11:00am Mass: Fr. Mark -

†Remedios Somera - 40 day Death Anniversary

### Thursday, January 2, 2020

7:00am Mass: Fr. Joe

Jeanette Toloy

5:45pm Eucharistic Adoration: Fr. Joe

### Friday, January 3, 2020

7:00am Mass: Fr. Mark

Mel & Fe Abrigo - Wedding Anniversary

8:00pm Mass (Spanish): Fr. Mark

†Michael & †Greta O'Brien - Anniversary

### Saturday, January 4, 2020

5:00pm Mass: Fr. Joe - Terra Nicole

### Sunday, January 5, 2019

7:00am Mass: Fr. Matthew - †Eduardo Figueras -

1 year Death Anniversary

8:45am Mass: Fr. Joe - Pat Rutt - Birthday

10:30am Mass: Fr. Mark - †Shane Sarte

12:15pm Mass: Fr. Joe - †Go Ang Hua

2:15pm Mass: Fr. Mark - Pat Ahern

5:00pm Mass: Fr. Matthew - †Dominica A. Lazo

### Newly Baptized: December 14, 2019

Eli Jace Quirino Ramos  
Kamila Anayah Plata Tadeo  
Leonardo Elias Maldonado  
Lola Marie Contreras  
Osmar Ramirez  
Payton Rae Krienert



**In Remembrance of**  
Trinidad Cornelio, &  
Manuel Almendarez Jr.

## Readings for the Week

**Saturday, December 28, 2019/**

**Sunday, December 29, 2019**

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14/COL 3:12-21 OR 3:12-17/  
MT 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday, December 30, 2019**

I JN 2:12-17/LK 2:36-40

**Tuesday, December 31, 2019**

I JN 2:18-21/JN 1:1-18

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

NM 6:22-27/GAL 4:4-7/LK 2:16-21

**Thursday, January 2, 2020**

I JN 2:22-28/JN 1:19-28

**Friday, January 3, 2020**

I JN 2:29—3:6/JN 1:29-34

**Saturday, January 4, 2020/**

**Sunday, January 5, 2020**

IS 60:1-6/EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6/MT 2:1-12

## Saint of the Week

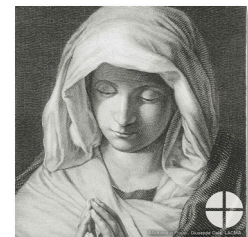
### Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

#### Feast Day: January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)

We close out the Christmas octave—the eight days following the birth of Christ—with a day honoring Mary as the Mother of God.

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

On this day, the Church focuses especially on the newborn Child, God becomes human, who embodies for us all the hope and peace we seek. Mary is the mother of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. For more than 50 years, the Church has recognized January 1 as the World Day of Peace. We are all invited to pray for peace in our communities and around the world. We also remember God's will for us, "Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Mi 6:8). "Peace, which the angels proclaimed to the shepherds on Christmas night, is a profound aspiration for everyone." —Pope Francis, World Day of Peace 2018





## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### •Sunday, December 29

7:30am: 12:30pm Holy

**Grounds Café** - St. Joseph

All Masses: KOC selling Crab Feed Dinner Tickets after Mass

Toddler Time and Children's Liturgy of the Word Cancelled Until Sunday, January 5, 2020.

In observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays, the following will be closed:

- The Ministry Center will be closed from December 24-January 1
- The Ministry Center will re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2020
- No Activities December 24-January 1
- Parish School Closed from December 19- January 3
- No Religious Education (K-8) classes from December 22-January 2
- No Religious Education (High School) classes from December 22-January 4

### •Saturday, January 4

8:00am: Food Pantry - St. Ann

9:30am: Men's Cursillo - St. Francis

### •Sunday, January 5

7:30am: 12:30pm Holy

**Grounds Café** - St. Joseph

8:45am & 10:30am: Toddler Time/Tiempo de Niño - St. Joachim

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, Pam Makelke, Janet Kavanaugh, Mary Anderson, and Dolores Chaparro

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

### A Prayer to the Holy Family, for One's Family

Dear Lord,

Bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, bless the head of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care. Mother Mary, bless the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be. Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man. Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You.

Amen

### Una Oración a la Sagrada Familia, por la Familia

Querido Señor,

Bendice a nuestra familia. Sé tan amable de darnos la unidad, la paz y el amor mutuo que encontraste en tu propia familia en el pequeño pueblo de Nazaret. San José, bendice al jefe de nuestra familia. Obtenga para él la fuerza, la sabiduría y la prudencia que necesita para apoyar y dirigir a quienes están bajo su cuidado. Madre María, bendice a la madre de nuestra familia. Ayúdala a ser pura y amable, gentil y sacrificada. Cuanto más se parezca a ti, mejor será nuestra familia. Señor Jesús, bendice a los hijos de nuestra familia. Ayúdelos a ser obedientes y dedicados a sus padres. Hazlos cada vez más como tú. Déjelos crecer, como lo hizo, en sabiduría, edad y gracia ante Dios y el hombre. Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, haz que nuestra familia y nuestro hogar se parezcan cada vez más a los tuyos, hasta que todos seamos una sola familia, felices y en paz en nuestro verdadero hogar contigo.

Amén

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## Ministry Spotlight Events

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Times for  
Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
9:00am - Church  
11:00am - Church (Spanish)

### THANK YOU, For Being a Blessing!

On behalf of the Social Justice Ministry and Angel Tree, thanks to all who purchased toys and/or clothing, wrapped gifts, helped to organize family packages and delivered to our Angel Tree families. Gratitude to all who participated in distributing gifts to our Food Pantry families. Your generosity helped to make for a happier Christmas for 404 children who received 808 gifts this Christmas. Blessings to all who took their faith out of the church and into our community to share God's love.

## SAVE THE DATE PARISH EVENTS

- **December 29**  
Coffee and Donuts after the  
8:45am & 10:30am Masses
- **January 4**  
Food Pantry
- **January 5**  
KOC Pancake Breakfast
- **January 8**  
Training for Extraordinary  
Ministers of Communion
- **January 9**  
BINGO
- **January 11**  
Knight of Columbus Crab Feed
- **January 24-March 6**  
Weekly Marriage Course  
Series
- **January 26**  
Presentation Parish School  
Open House
- **February 13**  
Italian Catholic Federation  
Polenta Dinner

## Ministry Spotlight Events

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CRAB FEED



Fill your stomach and your soul at the Knights of Columbus' Annual Crab Feed Dinner on January 11th at 6pm. Enjoy music, raffle, and a silent auction. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on December 28th-29th, and on January 4th-5th. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit [presentationknights.org](http://presentationknights.org). You may also call their hotline at 209-933-1933, Bill Nahorn at 209-474-0200, or Ken Ogella at 209-477-8006.

### REGISTER NOW, SPACE IS LIMITED!

#### Adult Confirmation

Any adult looking to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation is encouraged to sign up for this 6-week course held at UOP. Classes begin January 15, 2020.

#### Marriage Course

Enjoy dinner and a marriage course on Friday's from January 24-March 6, 2020.

To register for either course, please contact our Adult Formation Minister, Maria Chadburn, at 320-5713.

## Presentation Parish School

Presentation Parish School wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year as we enter into 2020.

"New Year's Day, brings the reminder that by Your amazing grace, each day is new, fresh and bursting with Your love, from here to eternity."

Join us in the new year for **Bingo** on January 9th. Invite your friends and join us. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Reserve your table of 8 in the school office or call us at (209) 472-2140.

If you would like to know more information about Presentation Parish School please come to our **Open House** on Sunday, January 26th after the 8:45 am Mass. You may also visit us at [www.presentationsschool.org](http://www.presentationsschool.org), on Facebook, or on Instagram. Thank you always for your continued support and prayers.

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



## Eventos Parroquiales

En celebración de las vacaciones de Navidad y Año Nuevo:

- El Centro del Ministerio estará cerrado desde 24 de Diciembre-1 de Enero
- El Centro del Ministerio volverá a abrir el Jueves, 2 de Enero de 2020
- No hay actividades 24 de Diciembre-1 de Enero
- Escuela Parroquial cerrada desde 19 de Diciembre - 3 de Enero
- No hay clases de Educación Religiosa:
  1. K-8 del 22 de Diciembre - 2 de Enero
  2. Escuela Secundaria del 2 de Diciembre - 4 de Enero

## Eventos Diocesanos

- Enero 13  
Especialización para Catequistas de Primera

Para más información sobre estos eventos:  
Diócesis de Stockton  
209-466-0636  
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## Eventos Parroquiales

### SOLICITUD MINISTERAL DEL OBISPO

Nuestra meta de BMA de la parroquia es de \$159,416. Desde el 10 de Diciembre, hemos recaudado \$114,390.

**Faltan \$45,026! Si no recaudamos nuestra meta, entonces la parroquia debe pagar el monto no cobrado.** Para hacer un regalo o promesa en línea, visite [stocktondiocese.org/BMA](http://stocktondiocese.org/BMA). Sobres de compromiso están en las bancas. Por favor haga los cheques pagaderos al Solicitud Ministeral del Obispo.

### CABALLEROS DE COLÓN Crab Feed

Llene su estómago y su alma en la Cena Anual Cangrejo de los Caballeros de Colón el 11 de Enero a las 6pm. Disfruta de música, rifas y una subasta silenciosa. Los boletos se venderán después de todas las Misas el 28 al 29 de Diciembre y el 4 al 5 de Enero. Para más información o para comprar boletos en línea, visite [presentationknights.org](http://presentationknights.org). También puede llamar a al 933-1933, Bill Nahorn al 474-0200, o Ken Ogella al 477-8006.

## Eventos Parroquiales

### AMBIENTE SEGURO

Estimados feligreses, este es un cordial recordatorio del programa Ambiente Seguro de nuestra Diócesis: los menores de edad no pueden estar sin supervisión de sus padres. En esta época de actividades parroquiales, novenas, posadas y mas es muy importante que recuerde que no debe dejar a sus hijos fuera de su vista ni salir sin supervisión a los baños ni permanecer fuera de los salones y la iglesia mientras sus padres están dentro. A todos los adultos les recordamos que los menores de edad son "individuos restringidos" por lo cual debe evitarse a toda costa cualquier interacción a solas con un menor.

\* Para una copia completa del normas de conducta para aquellos que trabajan con niños y personas jóvenes consulte página diocesana de internet: [stocktondiocese.org/safe-environment](http://stocktondiocese.org/safe-environment).

ALABADO SEA JESUCRISTO! PRAISE BE THE LORD!

## Noticias Diocesanos

### CARTA DE NAVIDAD DE BISHOP COTTA

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Les deseo a todos una feliz Navidad! Al llegar al final de 2019 y dar la bienvenida a 2020, quiero expresar mi agradecimiento y aprecio por sus oraciones y apoyo amoroso. Han sido grandes regalos para mí.

Para todos los involucrados en los ministerios diocesanos, parroquiales y escolares; aquellos que sirven en juntas, consejos y comités, junto con nuestros benefactores, estoy sinceramente agradecido por todo lo que hacen.

Como clero, religioso y laico, aprecio el espíritu de colaboración a medida que avanzamos como comunidad de fe diocesana. Trabajar "como uno" es necesario si vamos a hacer grandes progresos para vivir nuestra fe en nuestros hogares, parroquias y escuelas.

Mientras deseamos una relación más profunda con Jesucristo como Señor de nuestras vidas, que el Espíritu Santo nos guíe e inspire durante todo el Año Nuevo 2020. ¡Una bendita Navidad para todos!

Obispo Cotta

## Ministry Spotlight Events (continued from page 5)

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Here's a great opportunity for you to serve God. Training sessions for those interested in becoming volunteer ministers will begin at 5:30pm in the church.

- Wednesday, 1-8-20 - Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

These sessions are for new ministers as well as for those who would like a refresher.

Please contact the following to register:

Facilitators and EMs: Carol Quijada – [carolquijada@comcast.net](mailto:carolquijada@comcast.net), 483-3371

### BISHOP'S MINISTRY APPEAL

Our Parish BMA goal is \$159,416. As of December 10th, we have collected \$114,390. We are almost there, with only **\$45,026 to go!** Remember, if we go over our goal, we are hoping to paint our buildings which have not been repainted since they were built. **However, if we do not collect our goal, then the parish has to pay the amount not collected.** To make an online gift or pledge, please visit [stocktondiocese.org/BMA](http://stocktondiocese.org/BMA) or visit our website at

[www.presentationchurch.net/bishop-ministry-appeal.html](http://www.presentationchurch.net/bishop-ministry-appeal.html) (be sure to select "2019 Church of the Presentation-Stockton" as your parish for the donation.)

Pledge envelopes are in the pews and can be placed in the collection basket with your donation. Please make checks payable to the Bishops Ministry Appeal Trust.

## Diocesan Events

### CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM BISHOP COTTA

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

Wishing all of you a joyful Christmas!

As we come to the end of 2019 and welcome 2020, I want to express my thanks and appreciation for your prayers and loving support. They have been great gifts to me.

For all involved in diocesan, parish and school ministries; those serving on boards, councils and committees, along with our benefactors, I am sincerely grateful for all that you do.

As clergy, religious and laity, I appreciate the spirit of collaboration as we move forward as a diocesan faith community. Working "as one" is necessary if we are going to make strides to live out our faith in our homes, parishes and schools.

As we desire a more profound relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives, may the Holy Spirit guide and inspire us throughout the New Year 2020. A Blessed Christmas to all!

Bishop Cotta

### SAVE THE DATE DIOCESAN EVENTS

• **March 11**  
Reboot! Turlock  
(All Saints University)

• **March 14**  
Youth & Young Adult  
Congress

• **March 14**  
Quinceañera Retreat

For more information on these events:  
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December 29, 2019 • Hebrews 2:10-18

Those who have been made holy through God's salvation are a part of His family.

Identify each family member. Use the circled letters to find the relationship we have with God.

my brother's daughter

\_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_

my male parent

\_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_

my daughter's husband

\_\_\_\_\_ - ○ - \_\_\_\_\_

my mother's brother

\_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_

my father's mother

\_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_

my grandfather's brother

\_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_

a man's spouse

\_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_

my mother's sister

\_\_\_\_\_ ○ \_\_\_\_\_

We are God's \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### 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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Ann Seton. She was born in 1774— two years before the birth of our country in 1776! She was born into a protestant family, but converted and became the first native-born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church! She loved to go to her Anglican church. Sometimes on Sunday, she would hurry from one Protestant church to another to receive communion twice! (Later she would realize that what she was experiencing was only a faint shadow of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Catholic Eucharist!)

When she was twenty years old, Elizabeth married William Seton, a wealthy businessman, but four years later he contracted tuberculosis. The family moved to Italy for the sake of his health, to escape the severe New York weather. Nevertheless, he died soon afterward. While in Italy Elizabeth stayed with an Italian family who had a very strong Catholic faith. They even had a chapel in their house because of their great love for the Mass and the Eucharist. This made her begin to consider converting to the Catholic faith. One day from her upstairs bedroom she heard the sound of a bell ringing and looked down to see a priest walking down the street behind an altar server. Later she learned that the priest was carrying Holy Communion to a sick person. This inspired her to join the Catholic Church. When she returned home, she was disowned by her protestant relatives. She dedicated the rest of her life to establishing Catholic schools and a religious order of sisters. She died in 1821 and was canonized on September 14, 1975.

Fr. Mark