



Parish Focus: Presentation



A Message from the Pastor



Father Mark Wagner

The Mission Statement of the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary says that “*all* called to use our gifts.” We follow the example of Mary herself, who was presented to God as the perfect gift. Two weekends ago at all Masses there was a formal presentation of the new pastor and a new associate pastor for the parish. Bishop Myron Cotta assigned me and my friend Fr. Matthew O’Donnell to serve here beginning on October 1. For me this was especially significant because October 1st is my birthday! I felt that my birthday gift from God was this new parish with its many gifted parishioners! I believe that Our Lord and Our Lady wanted me to serve here in the parish of my boyhood where I received First Communion and Confirmation and where I served as an altar boy and as a member of the Legion of Mary! I look forward to collaborating here with Fr. Matthew and Fr. Joe Maghinay, the deacons and all the lay stewards of the rich blessings of God!

A Brief History:

Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary was established in March of 1952 to serve the growing Catholic population in northwest Stockton. Our first Masses were celebrated in the old Five-Mile House, on Pacific Avenue at Rivara Road. One of our early parishioners remembers the altar consisting of a board being supported by two barrels with a sheet over it. It was not until March of the following year that we moved to our current location in what had been an alfalfa patch on Benjamin Holt Drive. It was completed at a cost of \$130,000. As the Church community outgrew the existing church building, plans were developed for an expansion of the campus as early as the 1980s. However, with a devastating total fire in November 1999, construction plans were changed. A much larger church was built on the original site and dedicated by Bishop Stephen Blaire of Stockton in November of 2001.

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Maghinay**



Share the Good News:

The Ministry Team and staff is most important. Deacons and Lay Ministers; office staff, school staff, and building and grounds staff are competent, prayerful, and committed to their areas of ministry. They are creative in the development of the different ministries that they govern and work in; they are extremely good in collaborating as a team and in understanding themselves as a Ministry community.



The parish has a good sense of the social ministry of the Church. A gem at the heart of parish life is the Food pantry which serves approximately 200 or so families twice a month with staples, fresh vegetables and fruits, and meat when available. Love Stockton is another project in which many parishioners volunteer, and our Prayer Shawl Ministry is dedicated to knitting/crocheting shawls and lap-throws, while praying for each person who will receive this gift. Respect Life Ministry is visible and active, and there are several other groups including prayer groups, Bible classes and educational opportunities for the congregation at large.

The parish school is major part of the parish life. It is a great school with a dedicated staff. Much of this is due to the excellent leadership of a wonderful principal. And, the school is distinctly Catholic. All of this, and more, demand a sensitivity to cultural differences and demands.



Presentations Upcoming Events:

November 4, 2019 at 6pm:
This Is Your Faith Series on
Uncovering Catholicism (3rd
Session)

November 4, 2019 at 7pm:
Separated, Divorced, and
Widowed Workshop

November 5, 2019 at 6pm:
To Honor America – 5th & 6th
Grade School Concert & Art
Display

November 6, 2019 at
8:30am: Presentation School
Strings Concert in Holy
Grounds

November 7, 2019 at
6:30pm: BINGO

November 10, 2019 at 6pm:
Young Adult Social and
Game Night

November 12, 2019 at 7pm:
Talk on "Standing in the
Shoes My Mother Made"

November 15, 2019 at 6pm:
Let's Celebrate Advent
Together: Create an Advent
Wreath Presented by the
School PTO

(Please visit [Presentations website](#)
for an expanded calendar)

Parish Information:

STAFF:

Rev. Dr. William Brennan- Deacon
Rev. Mr. Mike Navarec Sr. - Deacon
Norma Rodriguez- Office Manager

Juanita Diaz-Medina- Receptionist
Mark Gaff- Facility Director
Scott McCauley- Maintenance

Dr. Katherine Andrews- Minister of Liturgy
Nancy Gomez- Minister of Religious Education

Maria Chadburn- Minister of Adult Formation

Robert Hull- Minister of Music

Rev. Mr. Scott Johnson- Deacon

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Joe- Deacon

Julia Aguirre- Administrative Assistant

Eren Bongcaron- Media Coordinator

Santiago Macario- Custodian

Juan Montes- Custodian

Samantha Soto- Youth Minister

Maritza Jauregui- Religious Education Office Clerk

Susan Dobson- Minister of Pastoral & Social Services

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

MASS TIMES:

Mon-Fri: 7:00 am

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil)

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

