



Church of the Presentation

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Ministry Guide 2023-24

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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.

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.

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—

(Spending Time with God in Prayer)

Prayer is the beginning of stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.

†Altar Server (*Monaguillo*)

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

†Cantor

Cantors are those singers who provide leadership at liturgies.

†Carmelite Spirituality

The Carmelite Spirituality Group follows the example of the Doctors of the Church, who taught us how to pray as we are made in God's image—made to love.

†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.

†Contemporary Music Group

The Contemporary Group offers praise and worship music in a mix of soul, country, gospel, and soft rock styles for our 8:45 Sunday morning Masses every 1st & 3rd Sunday.

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion 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!

†Fatima Rosary

The members of the Fatima Rosary Group gather on the 13th of each month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, to pray a rosary for the primary intention of peace in the world.

†Funeral Ministry

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

†Grupo de Parejas (*Spanish Couples Group*)

Married couples meet twice per month to pray and discuss being united in the love of Christ.

†Instrumentalist

Various instruments are needed during the Masses, liturgies, and special events.

Formation is a formidable task, involving education for the mind and conversion of the heart. To know the stewardship way of life does not make one live a stewardship way of life. Ongoing Catholic education is important if we are to grow in our lives as stewards.

†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 that comes together to pray, praise God, and to share His Word. All children are welcome. Bring your Bible. Meetings are *in Spanish*.

†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. Mark, to share faith and grow spiritually.

†Young Adult Ministry

Young Adults, ages 18-30, are invited attend monthly meeting to learn, have fun, and grow their faith.

Pillar of Formation—(Continuous Conversion)

Being a disciple is not just something else to do, alongside many other things suitable for Christians; it is a total way of life and requires ongoing conversion.

†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

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 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.

†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

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace. - 1 Pt 4:10

†“YG 252” - Youth Group

A safe, welcoming, and fun weekly gathering for teens (between the ages of 13 and 17). Our new High School Youth Group, here at Presentation, has chosen “252” as the name for our group because of the Bible verse “Luke 2:52,” which describes the teenage years of Jesus.

Pillar of Hospitality—(Christian Kindness)

Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. - Hebrews 13:2

†Holy Grounds

The mission of Holy Grounds Café is to create a welcoming environment to strengthen our Catholic community through hospitality and fellowship. 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.

†Hospitality Ministry

Presentation Church, in its effort to be a genuine Christian community, where warmth and welcome are readily found, has a Hospitality Ministry. This ministry seeks to make that warmth and welcome a tangible reality through hosting a quarterly dinner at the parish to welcome newly registered families, taking a gift on behalf of the parish to the homes of new families, and helping to create a hospitable environment at our church through greeting people as they arrive at the doors of the church.

†Usher (Accommodatore)

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

Pillar of Service—(Love in Action)

Members of a stewardship parish are ready to minister to the varied needs of their own parish family as well as the needs of the wider community and Church.

†5th 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 and altar server albs used at Mass.

†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 & Homebound

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.

†Family Promise

Four times per year, together with our partner church, we will provide a week of hospitality, meals, set up, and tear down for two or three families experiencing homelessness. St. Andrews will provide housing for the week.

†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, and 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.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They “are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs” (USCCA). They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

†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 are charity, unity, fraternity, spiritual growth, and patriotism.

†Lourdes Refuge - Ongoing Support Group

The Lourdes Refuge is a faith-based support group for those 18 years old and over affected by emotional and mental health issues. In Lourdes Refuge one will be able to share and listen in a process called "support through shared experience."

†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 communication tools to help you stay connected and informed.

†Parent-Teacher Organization Volunteer

Attend meetings and help at Presentation Parish School events.

†Parish Outreach

Parishioners from this ministry make routine and friendly calls to other parishioners to see how they are doing.

†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 from its beginning. It involves the creative action of God, who alone is the Lord of Life. Our mission is to promote Respect for Life from the beginning of life until its natural end.

†School Advisory Committee Member

Serves 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.

God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Cor 9:7

†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

†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.

†Yard Therapy

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



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.