



Church of the Presentation

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Religious Education

PARENT HANDBOOK 2026-2027

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.



Parents: The First Teachers of the Faith

Parents are the primary example of faith for their children. By practicing and living the Catholic faith, you provide the strongest foundation for your child's spiritual growth.

The Catholic Church calls all faithful Catholics to observe these **Precepts of the Church** (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2041–2043). As parents, you are responsible for teaching these precepts to your children and helping them understand their importance.

The Precepts of the Church

As Catholics, we are called to:

- Attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation, and refrain from work or activities that would prevent us from participating in Mass.
 - Confess our sins at least once each year.
 - Receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season. (Anyone conscious of mortal sin must first receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving Holy Communion.)
 - Observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
 - Provide for the material needs of the Church according to our abilities.
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Family Prayer

Prayer is one of God's greatest gifts and strengthens our relationship with Him throughout our lives. During times of joy, difficulty, or important decisions, many of us naturally turn to the prayers we learned as children.

Parents are encouraged to help their children learn and memorize these traditional Catholic prayers. Throughout the year, catechists will periodically assess the students' knowledge of these prayers. Your support at home is greatly appreciated.

Required Prayers

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| • Sign of the Cross | • Grace Before Meals |
| • Our Father | • Guardian Angel Prayer |
| • Hail Mary | • Apostles Creed |
| • Glory Be | • Act of Contrition |
| • Morning Prayer | • The Ten Commandments |

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.
 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
 4. Honor your father and your mother.
 5. You shall not kill.
 6. You shall not commit adultery.
 7. You shall not steal.
 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.
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Class Attendance & Safety Policy

1. Arrive on Time

- If the doors are closed, there will not be anyone available to reopen them after class dismissal.
- Students who arrive after class begins will be marked Late.

2. Building Access & Safety

- For the safety of all students, all exterior doors will remain locked during class.
- No one will be admitted once class has begun.
- Public restroom use is not permitted.

3. Parking Lot Courtesy

Please follow all designated Entrance and Exit signs when entering and leaving the parking lot.

4. Weekly Attendance

Regular attendance is expected.

Three (3) unexcused absences will result in removal from the program.

Unexcused absences include:

- Sports
- School activities
- Vacations
- Other non-emergency situations

*If a child is absent due to illness, a doctor's note must be submitted for the absence to be considered excused after **two consecutive absences**.*

Arrival Procedures

To ensure a safe and orderly arrival, please follow these procedures:

Park

- Parents or guardians **must park** their vehicle and walk their child to the entrance:
- **Please do not use curbside drop-off.**

Walk to the Gathering Space

- Parents and children should walk together to the Gathering Space to ensure each child safely arrives at the correct location.

Line Up by Class

- Students will line up with their assigned class before being escorted to their classrooms.

Student safety is our highest priority.

Dismissal Procedures

To ensure the safety of every student, please follow these dismissal procedures.

Parent Pick-Up

- Parents or authorized adults must park and walk to the Hall.
- Please form a line around the Youth Center and wait to be let into the Gathering Space to pick up your child

Student Release

- Students will remain inside until they are released to a parent or authorized adult.
- **Children and teens ARE NOT permitted to walk home unaccompanied by an adult.**

Late Pick-Up

If a student has not been picked up within **30 minutes**, local authorities may be contacted to ensure the child's safety.

Cell Phones

- Students are not permitted to use cell phones during class or dismissal. This helps ensure students remain attentive and are safely released to the appropriate adult.
- During class, all cell phones must be placed in the designated phone holder and will remain out of students' reach until dismissal.

Thank you for helping us provide a safe, respectful, and faith-filled learning environment.

Classroom Management Guidelines

Supervision

Classrooms must never be left unattended. Catechists are responsible for always maintaining supervision.

Bathroom Procedures

- Only one student may use the restroom at a time.
- Students must use the classroom bathroom pass.
- Students must sign out when leaving and sign back in upon returning.

Communication

All catechists are provided with walkie-talkies to request assistance or communicate with staff when needed.

Dismissal

At the conclusion of class, catechists will escort their students back to the Gathering Space for dismissal.

Emergency Preparedness

- Each classroom contains an emergency procedures binder.
- All catechists receive emergency preparedness training and are instructed on appropriate responses to a variety of emergencies.

Diocese of Stockton Safe Environment Requirements

To protect children and young people, the Diocese of Stockton requires all adults who work with minors to complete Safe Environment requirements established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

These requirements include:

1. Fingerprinting and background check.
2. Completion of Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS) training renewed every three years.
3. Completion of the Pastoral Code of Conduct and Standards of Conduct forms.

Mandated Reporting

All mandated reporters are legally required to report any reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect.

Mass Times

SUNDAY MASS

- 5:00 PM Saturday (Vigil in English)
- 7:00 AM
- 8:45 AM
- 10:30 AM (also Livestreamed on Facebook and Youtube)
- 12:15 PM
- 2:15 PM (Spanish, also Livestreamed on Facebook and Youtube)
- 5:00 PM

DAILY MASS

- 7:00 AM Monday-Friday
- 12:15 PM Monday-Friday (Livestreamed MWF on Facebook and Youtube)
- 8:00 AM Saturday
- 7:00 PM First Friday (Sp)

OFFICE HOURS

- Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm

WEEKDAY SPANISH MASS

- 7:00 PM First Friday of Every Month

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- 8:00-10:00 AM Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- 8:00-9:00 AM Tuesday and Thursday
- 5:30-7:30 PM Thursday

CONFESSION

- 5:00-5:45 PM Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- 9:00 AM Saturday

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Religious Ed Office

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Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment and Agreement

Catechetical Year 2026-2027

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the Religious Education Parent Handbook and Guidelines of Presentation Church.

I understand and agree to support my child's faith formation by:

- Participating in the life of the Church and encouraging regular Mass attendance.
- Assisting my child in learning the required prayers and teachings of the Catholic faith.
- Following the attendance, arrival, dismissal, and safety policies outlined in this handbook.
- Ensuring my child arrives on time and is picked up promptly after class.
- Respecting the policies and procedures established by the parish and the Diocese of Stockton.
- Partnering with catechists and parish staff to provide a safe, respectful, and faith-filled learning environment.

I understand that failure to follow these policies may result in appropriate action, including dismissal from the Religious Education program when necessary.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the policies and procedures contained in this Parent Handbook.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Staff Initials: _____

Class: _____