

WINTER 2016

PRESENTATION PRESS

Vision Statement

Our Lady of the Presentation is a vibrant, Eucharist-centered community offering all Catholics participation in sacraments, social action and Christian education.

Mission Statement

To share our gifts by providing opportunities for spiritual growth in worship, service, education and community activities, is our mission.

All Are Invited to Meaningful Worship At Presentation

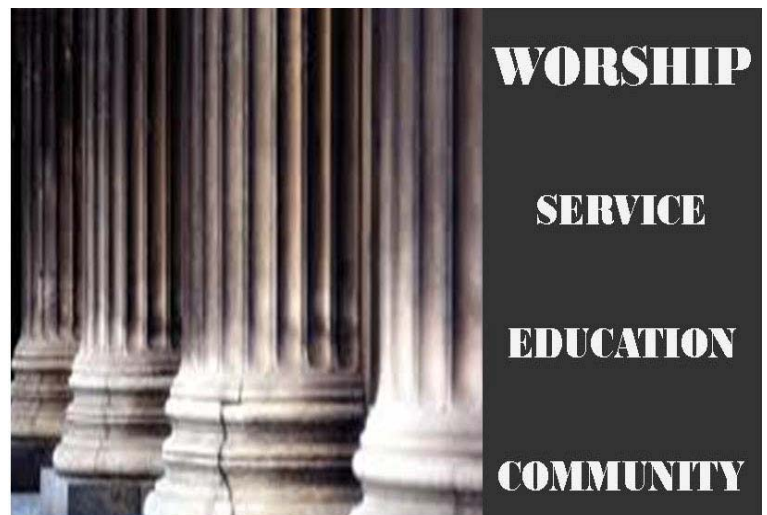
“All are invited to a meaningful and engaging experience of Worship that inspires a deepened relationship with Christ.”

This Visioning Statement for Worship invites us to a “meaningful and engaging experience” of worship and “deepened relationship” with Christ. There are many ways to engage in worship and deepen our relationship with Christ in our parish. Participating in our weekend liturgies provides the focal point for nurturing our faith.

We have six Masses, with 350+ ministers who assist at our liturgies attended by an average of 2,200 parishioners each weekend. These include our music ministers comprised of cantors, adult choir and ensembles, children’s choir (choristers) and instrumentalists; liturgical ministers comprised of Mass coordinators, greeters, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers. In addition to the weekend liturgies, all of these ministries support the special liturgies and Holy Days throughout the year.

We are grateful and blessed by their commitment and service. We have many ministers who help us worship gracefully, but there is always room for more. Perhaps God is calling you to join the choir, to become a greeter, or lector or communion minister—prayerfully consider the call to help with our worship.


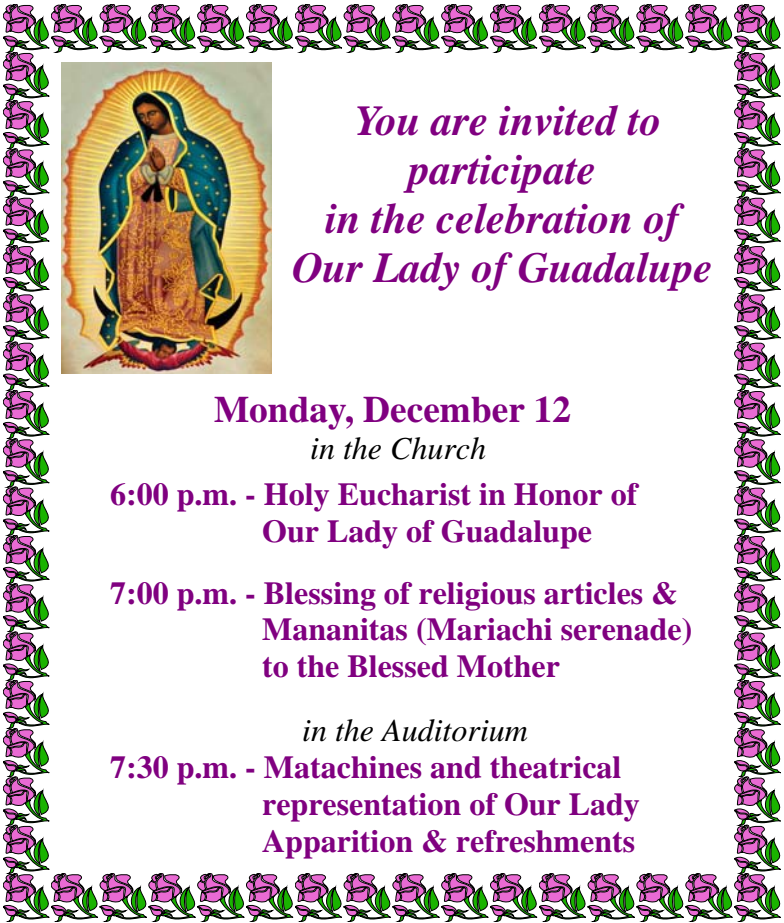
The Advent Season marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church and this Advent begins the Year of Matthew. Matthew’s focus on discipleship calls all of us to learn more about our faith. Plan now to attend a faith enrichment program “Gospel Graffiti” coming up on November 30 that will explore the Advent Gospels. We also invite you to join us Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. for an Advent Reflection Evening with Bishop



James Johnston and Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. for our Advent Reconciliation Service. Also, our Hispanic Community will host the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, December 12 with a special Mass at 6:00 p.m. and celebration afterward.

Our parish offers many opportunities for individual and communal prayer throughout the year. Each week, parishioners have the opportunity to pray in solitude during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Ann Chapel. We also offer men’s and women’s retreats in the Fall and during the Lenten season. There are also weekly adult bible studies in English and Spanish and ongoing adult faith Book Club gatherings.

At Presentation, we have made a concentrated effort to step up our adult faith formation. Take advantage of these during this year of Matthew so that you can grow as a disciple.



*You are invited to
participate
in the celebration of
Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Monday, December 12
in the Church

**6:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist in Honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**7:00 p.m. - Blessing of religious articles &
Mananitas (Mariachi serenade)
to the Blessed Mother**

in the Auditorium

**7:30 p.m. - Matachines and theatrical
representation of Our Lady
Apparition & refreshments**

Annual Advent Giving Tree Parish Wide Service Project



The Advent Giving Tree will be displayed in the Mulligan Room beginning the weekend of **November 19-20**. You and your family are invited to take a gift tag from the giving tree and donate the item listed. The white tags are gifts for senior adults and the star-shaped tags are gifts for children and teens.

Return the unwrapped item with the gift tag attached and place it back under the giving tree.

**ALL GIFTS SHOULD BE RETURNED
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

This will allow volunteers to deliver the items in time for Christmas.

Please DO NOT wrap the gifts. Gift bags are acceptable.

This is a great way for the whole family to share the spirit of Christmas and give hope to those in need! Your donations will help benefit Lee's Summit Social Services and area Center residents.

Join us for Christmas Mass at Presentation



Artwork by Caleigh Gabel, OLP Student

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE CHURCH

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses:

2:00 p.m. (Mass with Choristers)

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.,

7:30 p.m. (Spanish), 10:00 p.m.

A Carol Sing-a-long will be 30 minutes before the 2pm & 10pm Masses

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day Mass:

8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

*JKV Bus transportation provided for the 4:00pm & 10:00am Christmas Masses.
Residents must call ahead, 347-2178.*

We will continue our celebration of the Christmas season with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, at our regular weekend Masses December 31 & January 1.



Awake, Prepare, Ponder, Behold, Rejoice

Advent offerings enhance journey to Christmas

Giving Tree begins November 19

Choose a tag and purchase a gift for someone in need. Return to the Mulligan Room by December 18.

Daily Advent Reflections available on MyParishApp
Little Blue Books for Advent at Masses November 19-20

Saturday, November 26/Sunday, November 27

Blessing of Advent Wreath at all Masses

Wednesday, November 30

Gospel Graffiti, 7 p.m. in the Mulligan Room

Everyone is welcome to join in discussing the Advent Gospels

Wednesday, December 7

ADVENT REFLECTION WITH BISHOP JAMES JOHNSTON

6:30 p.m. in the Church

Hospitality afterwards hosted by our Christ Renews His Parish teams

Childcare available by reservation to mstorms@olpls.org

Thursday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation

Masses at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday, December 10 & 11

Bambenelli Sunday

Bring the Christ child figure from your nativity set to Masses for a special blessing

Sunday, December 11

Advent Reconciliation Service

7 p.m. in the Church

Several priests will be available for individual confessions

Monday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass at 6 p.m. in the Church; fiesta follows

Friday, December 16

Movie Night featuring “The Visitor”

6:30 p.m. in the Mulligan Room

Monday, December 19

A Christmas Carol

7 p.m. in the Mulligan Room

Learn what Charles Dickens teaches us about Jesus, social justice and Christmas.

Books available from Mary Pat for \$5; you do not need to read the book to attend.



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Opportunities for Worship, Service, Education and Community

December

- 5-6: *Second Sunday of Advent*
 Free Blood Pressure Checks
 LSSS Food Drive
 K of C Parish Breakfast
- 7: Advent Reflection Evening
- 8: Immaculate Conception Holy Day
 Masses: 6:30am, 8:15am & 6pm
- 11: *Third Sunday of Advent*
 Advent Reconciliation Service
- 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass &
 Celebration
- 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 24: Christmas Eve Masses:
 2pm (w/choristers), 4pm, 6pm,
 7:30pm (Spanish), 10pm
- 25: Christmas Day Mass: 8:30 & 10am

January

- 7-8: Free Blood Pressure Checks
 LSSS Food Drive
 K of C Parish Breakfast
- 17: Bishop Barron's Pivotal
 Players *(also Jan. 24 & 31)*
- 21-22: Nametag Sunday/ Ministry
 Celebration & Divine Donuts
- 26&28: First Eucharist Parent &
 Child Meeting
- 28-29: Catholic School Week
 Reception after Masses

February

- 4: K of C Vegas Night
- 4-5: LSSS Food Drive
 Free Blood Pressure Checks
 K of C Parish Breakfast
- 10: Family Game Night
- 18: Youth Ministry HS Lock-in
- 18-19: CRHP Men's Retreat
 Divine Donuts
- 23&25: First Eucharist Parent &
 Child Meeting
- 25: Hispanic Couples Retreat