



# Presentation *of the* Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Deacons—Lawrence Klimecki  
& David Leatherby**

### Our Mission Statement

To bring souls to the salvation which  
Jesus Christ has won for us, by our  
proclamation of and witnessing to the  
splendor, beauty and fullness  
of the Catholic Faith.

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## March 5, 2017

## First Sunday *of* Lent

### **Mass Times:**

#### **Saturday**

8:30am | Vigil • 5:30pm

#### **Sunday**

8:00am | Family • 10:30am | Youth • 4:30pm

Healing Mass (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month) • 1:00pm

#### **Weekdays**

6:30am | 8:00am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Friday | Saturday

6:00pm | 4:00pm

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Monday-Friday | 24 Hours A Day



*“The Lord, your God, shall you  
worship and him alone shall you serve.”*



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## Deacon Lawrence Klimecki



Have you ever thought of yourself as the hero of your own story? Many of our most popular stories, told through the medium of film, follow a similar pattern. A hero is called, he may or may not at first reject the call. Eventually he takes up the call, crosses a threshold into a new world of awe and wonder, and begins his quest for the prize. Along the way he is harassed by the villain, tested, tried, and usually sorely tempted to give up his quest.

This pattern has been called the Hero's journey and we see it repeated over and over again in our books and movies. It speaks to us at a deep level because it is the pattern of our lives. We frequently see our own lives up on the big screen dressed up in all sorts of interesting ways.

So where does temptation figure into all this?

Let's take the Lord of the Rings for example. The hero, Frodo, has to take a ring, which represents evil, deep into the domain of evil and throw it into a volcano in order to destroy the ring and save his world.

Early on Frodo is tempted to give the task over to someone else, someone stronger and tougher, who is up to the job. You see, Frodo is a hobbit. Hobbits are quiet, simple people, hardly the stuff of which heroes are made. So Frodo offers the ring to Gandalf the wizard, Frodo is tempted to take the easy way out, go home to a life of comfort and ease, and forget about the peril the rest of the world faces.

Gandalf, to whom Frodo offers the ring, has his own hero's story arc. He is tempted to take the ring, abandon the long way, and take a shortcut to defeating evil by using its own power against it. The danger is that the ring was created by a satanic type figure, the embodiment of evil, the ring is powerful but it is a power that corrupts anyone who tries to use it. Frodo and Gandalf are both tempted to think of themselves and abandon the world that is counting on their success.

Each of us is on our own hero's journey. We are all on a quest to find God, we face trials and challenges along the way and we have a villain who is constantly trying to trip us up.

The devil would like nothing more than to see us fail. Because the last thing he wants is for us to be re-united with God. So the devil sends us temptations, designed to draw us away from the path, give up, go home, and take it easy.

Jesus came to us with His own quest, to establish the Kingdom of God here on earth. And the devil took advantage of every possible weakness in an attempt to convince Jesus to betray His mission.

Similarly the devil hounds each one of us, offering us quick, albeit morally questionable, solutions, easy money, and a life of comfort. He does this in an effort to make us forsake the path and give up on God, betraying our trust in our heavenly Father, and preferring instead to trust in ourselves.

But if we do this, if we take the easy path, we abandon the world that is counting on our success. The prize we seek is not a personal one, it is an elixir of everlasting life, meant for all mankind. We each have a part in this epic quest, and if we abandon it there is no way to know how many souls will be lost.

God, on the other hand send us challenges to overcome, challenges that will prepare us, and strengthen us for what lies ahead. Because after all obtaining the prize is only half the story. Our true quest is then to return to where we started and help others in their own journey.

Trials and temptations, one comes from God, the other comes from the evil one. But we have help, we have a mentor (a figure that also shows up in our movies) who helps us along the way, someone who has been on their own journey and come back to show us the way.

We may have many mentors in our lives but the one true mentor, the one we are all called to follow by example is Jesus, the Messiah, the anointed one.

And Jesus shows us how to deal with the temptations of the evil one, by absolute, complete faith and trust in God. As we begin our Lenten journey, let us resolve to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

**Pax vobiscum**

### Pray for the sick in our community, especially:

Jan Almay, Anthony Androozzi, Sue Ashby, Shaun Banagan, Patricia Becker, Pat Botelho, Mary Carter, Adolf Cascardo, Eleanor Cates, Chris Cetti, Bill Dunphy, Elsie Farmer, Leilani Fitzgerald, Owen Foley, Patti Fox, Marcy French, Vienna Golsong, Lynn Hauf, Jonathan Hunt, Pat Ingram, Ed Jackson, Dorris John, Robert Johnson, Kimberly Kaufman, Devonne Keevers, June Kertes, John & Rosemary Lally, Mary Largent, Shirley Lauwers, Nilda Medina, Michael Mejia, Lucille Moessinger, Sandy Murphy, Kathy Pfeifer, Randy Qualls, Alex Quiroz, Maryanne Redmond, Pat Riecks, Bridget Ruiz, Mark Skvarla, Reese Sunseri, Marilyn VanAlstyn, Nic Windeshausen, Brenda Winn, Felino Yanesa and Elizabeth & Grecielia Zuranich.

**5 Sunday** † **Mass Intentions** †  
 (Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11)  
**8:00am**  
 † In Reparation to His Eucharistic Heart  
**10:30am**  
 † Happy Birthday Tim Cocker...Frech Family  
**4:30pm**  
 † Special Intention...

**6 Monday** (Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46)  
**6:30am**  
 † Mary E. Bishop (D) Barbara Fay  
**8:00am**  
 † Risse-Vincent Family (L&D)  
 † Celia Gonzales (D) Frech Family

**7 Tuesday** (Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15)  
**6:30am**  
 † Fr. Leatherby (L)  
**8:00am**  
 † Samantha Munoz (L) Frech Family  
 † Arlene Rienker (D) Jungk Family

**8 Wednesday** (Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32)  
**6:30am**  
 † Frances Kotos (D) Scott Family  
**8:00am**  
 † Genevieve Durant (L) Family  
 † Jun Jun & Delma Goles (L)

**9 Thursday** (Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12)  
**6:30am**  
 † Laura Wilder (D) Therese Obagi  
**8:00am**  
 † All Priests (L&D) Bradshaw Family

**10 Friday** (Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26)  
**6:30am**  
 † Robert Williams (D) Family  
**8:00am**  
 † Sr. Maria Rose (L)

**11 Saturday** (Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48)  
**8:30am**  
 † Steve Jones (D) Linda Fedler  
**5:30pm · Vigil**  
 † Steve Jones (D) DiCapo Family  
 † Brandy Spencer (D) Jack & Karren Kocunik

**12 Sunday** (Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9)  
**8:00am**  
 † For the Priesthood  
**10:30am**  
 † Patricia Deragisch (D) Matt Deragisch  
 † Gottlieb Baer (D) Family  
**4:30pm**  
 † Hazel Cole (D) Barbara Fay

**Religious Education News**

Contact Sidney Curry | DRE | 482.8883

**~Adult Faith Formation~**

Come and see! Are you searching for a Church to call your own?

Do you struggle with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God?

Sessions exploring these and other issues in relation to our Catholic faith are being held!

Ask about inquiry meetings by contacting Sid—482.8883

**REMINDERS**

**Confirmation Holy Hour & Rehearsal**

March 13 | 6pm | In the church

**Confirmation** | March 14 | 6pm

**Collections**

February 25 & 26—\$9,389.00

Thank you for your contributions!  
 Please consider *FaithDirect* as a GREEN alternative to envelopes!

Call Barbara to inquire | 481.7441

**Youth Ministry News**



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**High School Youth**

**EVERY SUNDAY**

After 4:30pm Mass until 7:30pm.

Our dinner each week for Lifeteen is donated by generous parents, parishioners, or parish organizations. If you would be willing to donate a dinner for 25 people on Sunday nights, please contact Jamie. Thank you for your consideration!

**Middle School Youth**

**EVERY TUESDAY**

6:30pm-8pm  
 In the Immaculata



Jamie Leatherby

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**Other PBVM Parish Phone Numbers**



**St. Vincent de Paul**  
 916.485.3482 · T/Th/F: 9-11am  
 916.477.6115 · Voice or Text



**Scrip** | Diana Jimenez  
 916.402.1028



**Divine Mercy Prayer Line**  
 Maureen Bradshaw  
 916.487.9620



**Music Ministry** | Becky Poncini  
 916.541.5805  
 becky@presentationparish.org



**Legion Of Mary**  
 Patricia Jackson  
 916.973.8537



**Altar Society**  
 Diana Jimenez  
 916.402.1028



**Knights of Columbus**  
 Richard Westerfeld · Jordan Ruiz  
 529.5358 807.4218  
 kofc15693.org



**Right-To-Life  
Sacramento**



## Presentation Parish

is holding a prayer vigil **every Saturday from 10:30am-12pm** in front of the abortion mill on Butano Drive. Please join us in our critical, life-saving vigil!

Join us at these other times as well:

### This week's abortion schedule:

Tues – 3/7 | Wed – 3/8  
Thur - 3/9 | Fri – 3/10(7:30am – 3pm)  
Sat-3/11(10:30am-12pm)

[www.presentation-r2l.org](http://www.presentation-r2l.org)

R2L Meetings every 3rd Monday at 6:30pm.

Next Meeting: March 20



*40 Days for Life began March 1st!  
Sign-ups this weekend after Masses  
To find out more about schedules  
and times, go to:*

[40daysforlife.com/Sacramento](http://40daysforlife.com/Sacramento)

DROP IN to pray at the sidewalk—  
1442 Ethan Way | Sacramento  
Monday—Friday | 7am-7pm

**Families welcome!**

**Immaculate Heart Radio  
needs your help!**

**Spring Pledge Drive  
March 6th-10th**

Please prayerfully consider  
volunteering a few hours to answer  
phones during our spring  
Pledge Drive! Meet staff, enjoy food,  
fun & fellowship!

Contact Nicole: [volunteers@ihradio.org](mailto:volunteers@ihradio.org)

**800.887.7120**

## FLU SEASON IS HERE!

...If you are sick, or think you might be sick, or are concerned about contracting an illness, you should refrain from receiving the **Blood of Christ**. Everyone should be assured that “since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, Communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace.”  
[Catechism, 1390]



The 2017  
Annual  
Catholic Appeal

Thank you to those who have already made a one-time or an ongoing donation to the 2017 Catholic Appeal.

**Your gift will make a difference in someone's life.**

If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Envelopes are still available in the church or in the parish office. Don't forget...25% of what you give is returned to our parish to assist people in our community who need help.

## THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Are you the person you want to be?  
Are you happy & fulfilled?

**DISCOVER  
Theology of the Body**

Monday | March 6  
6:30pm

Sacred Heart Church

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Mike | 831-212-5816

[Facebook.com/groups/tobsacredheart/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/tobsacredheart/)

## St. Vincent de Paul

invites you to enjoy a hot meal on Saturdays, here at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. You are welcome to tell friends and neighbors about our meals, whether you are or aren't a member of our parish.

*All God's children are welcome  
and it is FREE to all participants!*

**Every Saturday  
10:30am-11:30am**

## Father Son Program 2016-17

Explore God's gift of human sexuality and the wonder of becoming a man—

**March 11 | 10am-2pm**

PBVM School

Ages 12-15

[www.fathersonprogram.com](http://www.fathersonprogram.com)

Steve Patton | 916.733-0133



PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOPS  
A New Evangelization

Learn to pray to  
learn to live

**It's NOT too late  
to sign up!**

*~Do you want a deeper  
relationship with our Lord?*

*~Do distractions interrupt your  
prayer life?*

*~Do you want to experience the  
possibility of a conversion of heart?*

**Beginning March 2 | 9am-11am**

**Every Thursday for 15 weeks  
Presentation Parish—Immaculata**

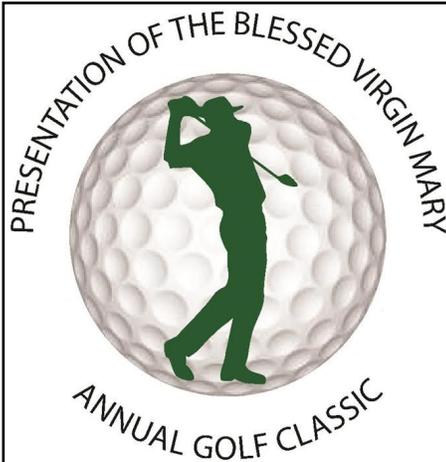
**By means of a woven pattern of meditations on the Word, intensive prayer, community reflection and silencing exercises, the participants slowly become filled with a peace that surpasses all understanding. We become more like Jesus, sensitive and merciful, unconcerned with himself and concerned about others.**

It is a humble service that teaches to pray and live a Christian life.

**Eileen Beresford | 916-806-7980**

[ \$12 fee for materials ]

# News & Events at Presentation Parish!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**MAY 5, 2017**

**REGISTER ONLINE!**

[BIRDEASEPRO.COM/PBVMGOLF](http://BIRDEASEPRO.COM/PBVMGOLF)

Join Mothers for Mary for a Divine Mercy Retreat!



Journey into the heart of St. Therese's *Little Way* with the *33 Days to Merciful Love* Group Retreat.

This 6-week parish retreat, facilitated by Therese Obagi, includes workbooks, group discussion and talks on DVD by renowned speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. *Culminates in a consecration to Divine Mercy.*



**Thursday Evenings Begins March 9 Ends April 20 6:30pm Immaculata**

For questions, email [themarottis@gmail.com](mailto:themarottis@gmail.com) or [tezobagi@gmail.com](mailto:tezobagi@gmail.com)

**Nursing infants welcome.**



## Stations of the Cross

**Fridays during Lent 6:00pm | in the church**

**Join us for Soup & Bread**

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
After Stations of the Cross |  
*In the Immaculata*

*Join us every Friday thereafter for soup & bread after Stations of the Cross*

### SENIOR JOY NEWS...

**TOUR of the CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT followed by lunch downtown —MARCH 15—**

Meet at 11:30am at PBVM  
We will drive to Light Rail from PBVM  
RSVP to Fran...359-8263



### Congratulations Rose DiCapo!

**PBVM's 2016 Woman of the Year!**

**Saturday—March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**The Dante Club**

*11am Cocktails*

*12pm—Lunch*

*For tickets | Sidney | 916.481.7441*

### ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS!

If you have recently moved or changed phone numbers, please contact the parish office to update your information in our parish database.

Please contact Amy at [office@presentationparish.org](mailto:office@presentationparish.org) or call 916.481.7441

*Thank you!*

### Large Palms needed for Palm Sunday

If you have large Palm fronds to donate, please call 916-482-8883



*Thank you to all who came to support our parish and school for our annual*

**Crab Feed!**

# PRESENTATION PARISH EVENTS MARCH 5—APRIL 1

5 CFF 9-10:15am Lifeteen 4:30-7:30	6 Legion of Mary 9:15am Charismatic 6:30pm RCIA - 6pm	7 Knitting 10:30am EDGE 6:30pm	8 Senior Joy Book Club 12pm	9 SVdP Mtg 11am Mothers for Mary 6:30pm	10 Confession 6pm Stations of the Cross & Soup 6pm	11 Feed the Hungry 10am
12 CFF 9-10:15am Lifeteen 4:30-7:30	13 Legion of Mary 9:15am Charismatic 6:30pm RCIA - 6pm	14 Knitting 10:30am KofC-7pm Confirma- tion	15 Senior Joy Field Trip to Cathedral	16 Mothers for Mary 6:30pm	17 Confession 6pm Stations of the Cross & Soup 6pm	18 Feed the Hungry 10am
19 CFF 9-10:15am Healing Mass-1pm Lifeteen 4:30-7:30	20 Legion of Mary 9:15am Charismatic 6:30pm RCIA - 6pm R2L Mtg 6:30pm	21 Knitting 10:30am EDGE 6:30pm	22	23 Mothers for Mary 6:30pm	24 Confession 6pm Stations of the Cross & Soup 6pm	25 Feed the Hungry 10am
26 CFF 9-10:15am Lifeteen 4:30-7:30	27 Legion of Mary 9:15am Charismatic 6:30pm RCIA - 6pm	28 EDGE 6:30pm	29	30 Mothers for Mary 6:30pm	31 Confession 6pm Stations of the Cross & Fish Fry 6pm	1 <i>April</i> Feed the Hungry 10am

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Mar 6-10**—IHR Spring Pledge Drive  
**Mar 11**—Vocation Awareness Day  
**Mar 11**—Woman of the Year Luncheon  
**Mar 11**—Father Son Program | PBVM  
**Apr 8**—Mother Daughter Program | PBVM  
**Apr 22**—PBVM Ladies Luncheon  
**May 5**—PBVM Golf Tournament  
**May 7**—World Day of Prayer for Vocations

From gas cards, to  
 restaurants,  
 to grocery  
 stores...  
 you're  
 covered!

Available  
 after most  
 Sunday  
 Masses  
 and in the school office.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Thank you to all who spend time in the Blessed Sacrament in

*Our Lady, Gate of Heaven Chapel*

### AVAILABLE HOLY HOURS:

Mondays | 10:30am-11:30am  
 Tuesdays | 1:30am-2:30am  
 Tuesdays | 2:30am-3:30am  
 Tuesdays | 9:30am-10:30am  
 Fridays | 4:30pm-5:30pm

Nicole Resch Sperber | 916.396.1341

[pbvmadoration@gmail.com](mailto:pbvmadoration@gmail.com)

## ~IMMACULATA~ MINISTRY & USAGE INFORMATION

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## Publishing Deadlines:

March 12 Bulletin—  
 Due March 6  
 By 12pm | Amy Glaser  
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If you are a new parishioner, or need to update your parishioner information, please call the rectory.