



“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” *Matthew 5:14-16*

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**This Weekend's Hymns**

*All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.*

Opening Hymn: #223

Communion: #259

Closing Hymn: #232

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## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2020

**Sunday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord**

8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

10:30 BW Augusta & Aloys Wedekind from the Mohr Family

12:00 BW Carol Wessel from Barbara Juengling

**Monday, February 3**

*St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr*

12:10 Michael McNelly from Bob & Kathleen Prangley

**Tuesday, February 4**

12:10 Marilyn Thurner from Patty Savage

**Wednesday, February 5**

*St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*

12:10 Purgatorial Society

**Thursday, February 6**

*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

12:10 Sam Hamilton from his Three Daughters

**Friday, February 7**

12:10 George Abraham from the Homan's

**Saturday, February 8**

12:10 Barry Savage from Barbara Juengling

7:00 BW Judy Stanley from Carol & Larry

**Sunday, February 9**

*5th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:30 BW Kevin Smullen from Grace Huddleston

10:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

12:00 BW Jack Wenstrup from Pat & Ellen Homan

### ***From the Pastor's Desk***

**David James Hermanson, Harper Marie Veatch and Josephine Louise Martino** were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism January 25-26th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the souls of **David Nauss** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

**The CMA (Catholic Ministries Appeal)** goal for St. Rose Church is **\$36,879.00**. If you would like to make a gift, we would love to meet our goal for 2020.

### **BE AWARE! PHISHING SCAM ALERT**

The Archdiocese has been informed that someone has been impersonating our local pastors and asking their staff to wire money. Please be aware that this is a scam! As a reminder, some important information to know follows:

- While the “name” on the sender’s email address or texts may match that of your pastor, the actual email address will be different than the pastor’s church email address.
- Any email message or text that asks for money in any form (including gift cards, banking information, etc.) should be verified by contacting the perceived “sender” directly, in person or by phone, before responding via email.
- Scammers sometimes try to initially engage the recipient with an email or text (without asking for the above information), trying to get them to reply.
- These scammers continue to target religious organizations because their methods work (people send them money without asking questions).

***Sunday is Candlemas Day. Candles are available in the front of church for a donation of \$3.00***

***Monday February 3rd is the feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Throats will be blessed after mass.***

**E6 Catholic Men's Conference - Saturday, February 22, 2020.**

The tri-state's largest Catholic Men's Conference for 2020 is open for Registration. Featuring Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Donald Calloway and Doug Barry. Tickets are on sale now at [www.e6catholicmensconference.com](http://www.e6catholicmensconference.com)

**The Comboni Missionaries Auxiliary** will hold its bi-monthly Rummage Sale on Friday February 7th, 9am-2pm; Comboni Mission Center, 1318 Nagel Rd. (behind post office), **\$3.00 Bag Sale**, Collectables, Furniture, clothing & Household Items.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for February 8th and 9th

7:00 Rich Crawford, M. Luehrmann, Mike Gregorio, W. Russ, L. Solimine

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Michael Alfieri, Timothy McMahon, Bob Sheil, J. Sonnefeld, Robert Bruyer

12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Shawn Gillete, Tim Tepe



### Opening Prayer

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honor you with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Today's gospel is from Luke, who gives us more stories about women than any other gospel. Ideally, we will hear the "longer" version of the gospel today to include the story of Anna. There are so few stories of women in the gospels that it does not seem right to read only a portion of the story, in effect clipping out Anna, shortening it so that we hear only about Simeon rather than Simeon and Anna.

Both Simeon and Anna are in the temple, and each encounters the child Jesus—Simeon having been there at the prompting of the Spirit, and Anna because she never left the temple. Both are prophets, though Luke properly uses the feminine form, "prophetess," of Anna. Not only does Anna give thanks to God, but she also speaks about the child to those in her midst.

The gospel story for the presentation of the Lord is rich with theological significance and meaning. Luke gives us not only the perfunctory fulfillment of Mosaic Law but also those actions accompanied by a prophet and by a prophetess.

It should go without saying that women figure prominently in some of the most remembered stories about Jesus, including his birth, death, and resurrection. And here today we have the story of his presentation, accompanied by the presence of Simeon and Anna. Many other stories about Jesus feature men so prominently that it seems only right to read today's gospel in its entirety. In so doing, we are reminded of something we know well: women speak the powerful words of God just as men do. In the Old Testament and in the New, women were prophets (prophetesses). When given the opportunity, let us showcase this too-often-neglected aspect of our rich faith. And in our own world, in our own day and age, let's listen attentively to the prophetesses in our own midst. Luke gives equal voice to the women. We would do well to follow his example.

### Closing Prayer

God of the prophets, you called those who were your own in antiquity and even up to today. Give us the grace to recognize those who speak on your behalf, so that we might have eyes to see and ears to hear. We humbly implore you. Amen.

### For Reflection:

• In Simeon and Anna we find models of faith, patience, and prophecy. How are you being called in this moment in your life to exercise the spiritual gifts of Simeon and Anna?

### Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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### Gospel Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,* and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.

This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;

and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,

"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."



There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.

And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

### Readings for the week:

Sunday Presentation of the Lord	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	5th Sunday in Ord. Time
Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Hab 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 or 22:2-32	2 Sam 15:13-14 30; 18:5-13 Ps 32:3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Mark 5:1-20	2 Sam 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-109 Ps 88:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mark 5:21-43	2 Sam 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mark 6:1-6	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 28:10, 11ab, 11cd-12a, 12bcd Mark 6:7-13	Isr 47:3-11 Ps 118:31, 47 and 50, 51 Mark 6:14-29	1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 118:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mark 6:30-34	Isa 58:7-30 Ps 112:4-5, 6, 7, 8-9 1 Cor 21:5 Matt 5:13-16