

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger “to prepare the way” and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple. Malachi continues by telling us the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also tempted.



Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, “a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons.” Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus “is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel.” Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.



For the Week of February 2nd through
February 8th

Sunday

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

First Friday

Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Friday

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

First Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41



The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1st

4:00 p.m. Vivian Seymour

Sunday, February 2nd

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners,
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Benson Gieser

Monday, February 3rd

8:30 a.m. Sister Mary O'Connor

Tuesday, February 4th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 5th

8:30 a.m. Dr. William C. Grant, Jr.

Saturday, February 8th

4:00 p.m. Charles Shearer

Sunday, February 9th

8:00 a.m. Charlie and Doris Moloney

10:00 a.m. Morris and Betty Davies



REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Eugenia*

Brooks, Alicia Bourne, Tom Blum, Betty Ann Strong,
and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE:

Please remember in your prayers Julie Donovan and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

NEW PARISHONERS: The following people have registered in our parish recently: Judy Tomczak of Chestertown. We pray that you will become closer to God through your participation in our Faith Community. We look forward to getting to know you. Welcome!

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Bringing the Gospel Home

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Luke 2:22-40

Reflection for Parents

As parents we can appreciate the way that Mary and Joseph honored God's law by presenting Jesus in the Temple. Most of us have presented our own children for Baptism in our own parish churches. These are important events in the journey of faith. But the very end of today's Gospel, which speaks of the return to Nazareth where the child Jesus continued to grow, reminds us that it is in the days after and in-between such events that faith is lived out, learned, and strengthened in daily family life. What we say and do in the ordinary moments of ordinary days together helps shape who our children will become.

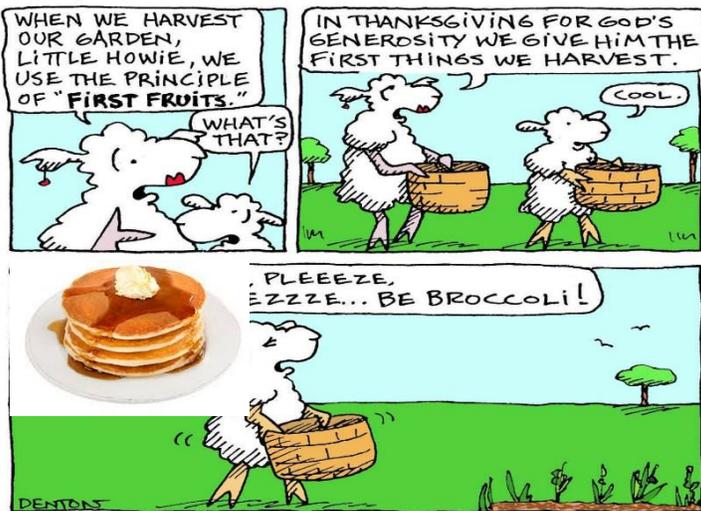
Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Recall Simeon and Anna, two elderly people of faith who are introduced in today's Gospel passage. Help your children recall the elderly members of your family and their ancestors who kept the faith throughout the ages. Show your children pictures of these faithful women and men, and share what you know about them. If you have kept a family tree in your Bible, review it with your children. As an alternative, create together a family tree that allows space for drawings, photographs, short stories, and the names of your ancestors in faith. Place this family tree in a place where all family members can see it and add to it.

Discussion Starters

In place of discussion starters today, invite your family to take part in the following suggested prayer and action.

1. **Prayer:** Make a list of all of the elderly members of your family and their ancestors whose names were mentioned today. Read the names one at a time, inviting family members to respond, "Pray for us."
2. **Action:** As a family, think about an elderly family member, neighbor, or friend in need of special help or care. Decide on an action you can take as a family to help the person who comes to mind. Make a plan to take action within the next week.



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"They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

Sheepish Question:

God dedicated his only son to our salvation— what is the most important thing that I have dedicated to God?

FEBRUARY SAINTS

FEBRUARY 1 – BRIGID OF IRELAND



Brigid and her mother were said to have been slaves in fifth-century Ireland; her father was believed to have been an Irish chieftain. As a young girl, one of Brigid's responsibilities was to care for the dairy farm on the property. After Brigid milked the cows, she gave the milk away to the poor. She gave the needy the eggs she collected from the hens and churned cream into butter to share with the hungry. When her master protested that she was giving away all his profits, Brigid reportedly replied, "Christ lives in every creature." She was telling her master that God wants us to share our blessings with others.

After many years, Brigid and her mother were given their freedom. Now Brigid had the time to devote herself entirely to serving God. Brigid established the first convent in Ireland. The convent educated women and trained them to recognize and respond to the needs of the poor. She taught her nuns this saying: "What is mine is theirs." It was meant to help them remember that God calls us to share our blessings with others.

We honor Brigid as the patron saint of scholars, people who devote themselves to studying a specific topic. She is also a patron saint of Ireland.

PANCAKE SUPPER

PANCAKE SUPPER: The Father George S. Bradford Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold



its annual Pancake Supper on **February 25, 2020 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Adults are \$9.00, children 4-12 are \$4.00, and under 4 are free. If you have any questions, please call Bill Taylor at 443-553-0700.

PARISH NEWS

LIFE LINE SCREENING

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!

- **If you are age 21-80 learn your risk for developing 6 different chronic diseases**
- **\$3 out of every \$4 spent on healthcare is for treatment of chronic disease**
- **Better lifestyle habits can help prevent 80% of heart disease and 90% of type 2 diabetes**



Offertory – Week Ending January 26th - Week 31

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John's are made possible. "Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold."

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 01/26 Wk. 31	\$6,431	\$894	\$6,635	\$690
YTD Wk. 31	\$156,878	\$53,636	\$205,685	\$5,229



"The Church's love for the poor... is a part of her constant tradition. "This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor..." Those

who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos.2444,2448)

The Economics of Poverty

Poverty thresholds are determined by the US government, and vary according to the size of a family, and the ages of its members. In 2018, the poverty threshold—also known as the poverty line—for an individual was \$12,784. For two people, the weighted average threshold was \$16,247.

Poverty Thresholds

Three people	\$19,985
Four people	\$25,701
Five people	\$30,459
Six people	\$34,533
Seven people	\$39,194
Eight people	\$43,602
Nine or more people	\$51,393

The **6 for Life Health Assessment** measures your risk of developing 6 chronic diseases, including heart disease, congestive heart failure, stroke, diabetes, COPD and lung cancer. A customized report will determine which risk factors contribute most to your disease risk and are within your control to change. Finger-stick blood tests along with biometric measurements are included with this assessment. These are separate from our vascular screenings.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on **Thursday, February 13, 2020.**

Protect your health by registering today for the 6 for Life Health Assessment for \$79. Call **1-888-653-6441** or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word **circle** to **797979** to schedule your appointment. Take control of your health, knowledge is empowering.



SAN MARCOS GUATEMALA:
From February 12 to February 19, four delegates from Sacred

Heart Parish will visit our sister diocese in San Marcos, Guatemala. Ron and Anne Basener, Anne Scott, Madelyn Reni and leader Mary Jo Frohlich will visit schools, parishes, and coffee fincas (plantations) and humble rural medical clinics in some of the poorest areas of Latin America. Additionally, they hope to meet the two students that our parish is supporting with educational scholarships. Stay tuned for more information when our parish group returns from the trip! In the meanwhile, please keep these travelers and the people of San Marcos in your prayers. Thank you.

