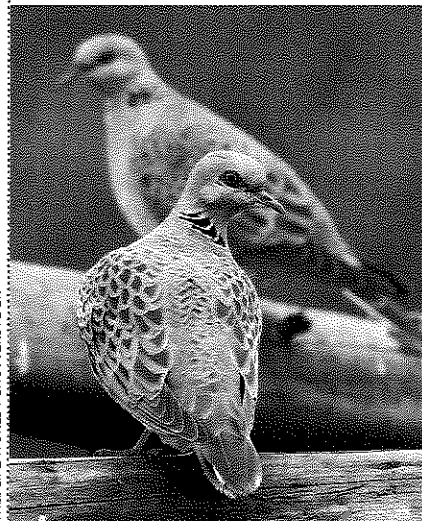


Dear Padre,

A guided meditation on the rosary's fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions "our Blessed Mother's purification." What does that mean?

According to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1-8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn't afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary's offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).



Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. "The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb...whether of human being or beast, belongs to me'" (Exodus 13:1-2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to

Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn't afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation."

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In the Temple...Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God, learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting two older people [Simeon and Anna], thus find themselves.

—FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,
FEBRUARY 2, 2018



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Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 3
Weekday
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;
16:5-13
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 4
Weekday
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,
24-25a, 30-19:3
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 5
St. Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday
FEBRUARY 6
St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
Mk 6:7-13

Friday
FEBRUARY 7
Weekday
Sir 47:2-11
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday
FEBRUARY 8
Weekday
1 Kgs 3:4-13
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday
FEBRUARY 9
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

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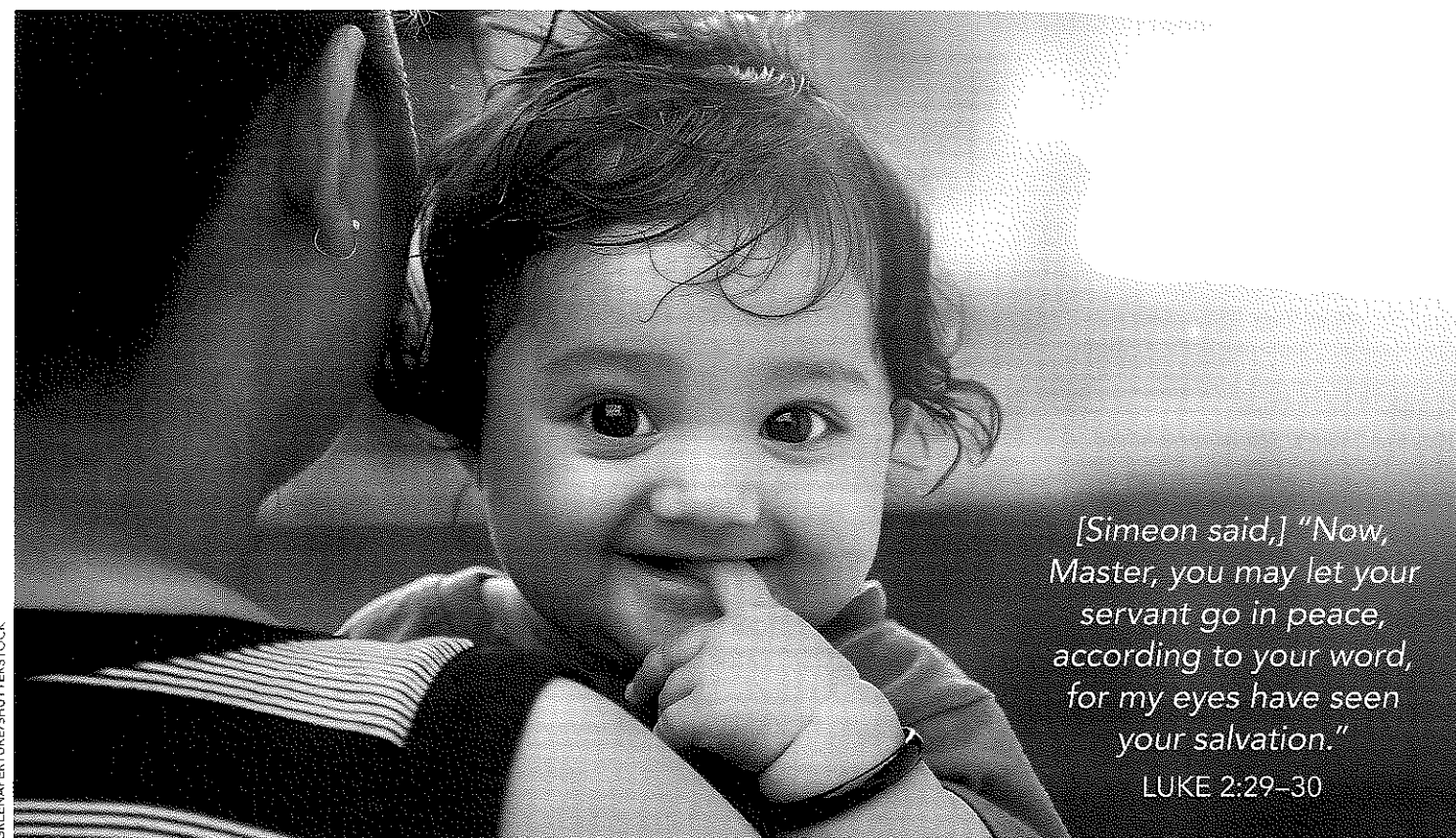
February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord (A)

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



[Simeon said,] "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation."

LUKE 2:29-30

We Belong to God

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound

meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * Do we really cherish every child as belonging to God?
- * How have you made your world better?

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Horas De Oficina

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm
Friday 9:00am-2:00pm
 Cyndi in office Tues & Friday
10-2pm & by appointments.
 Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2
 Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6
Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm
Confessions: in GS Lometa
 Sunday 7:30-7:55am
Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina:
 Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am
Food Pantry/Despensa de Comida:
 Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am
Shared Blessing:
 Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm
Baptismal Class
 Call the office for date.
Clase de Bautismo
 Llamar la oficina para la fecha.
Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am
 Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour
 after the 6pm Spanish Mass.
Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de
la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los
jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday/Lunes, February 3
8:00am: Communion Service
Tuesday/Martes, February 4
8:00am: Communion Service
Wednesday/Miércoles, February 5
8:00am: Communion Service
6:00 (GS) No Mass
Thursday/Jueves, February 6
6:00pm: No Misa
Friday/Viernes, February 7
8:00am: Communion
Saturday/Sábado, February 8
5:30pm: †Father Angelo Barteni
Sunday/Domingo, February 9
8:00am: (GS) †Father Angelo Barteni
10:00am: †Mario Gill
12:15pm: †Antonio Lope Villanueva

Sacrificial Giving: January 25/26

1st Collection: \$5042.00
Children's Collection: \$32.00
Poor and Needy: \$108.00

Counters: February 4
George Gondorchin/Alex Gill

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Janie Ovalle, Pauline Swift, Joshua DeZarn & Family, Teri Clayton, Felix DeLeon, Father Jim Robertson, John Michael Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorothy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,
Prayer: All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

LECTORS February 1/2

Sat 5:30pm: Jonathan Marks
Sun 10:00am: Tony/Clara Gamez
Dom 12:15pm: Eduardo y Rosa Arevalo
Lectors February 8/9
Sat 5:30pm: Andrea Cardon
Sun 10:00am: KOC
Dom 12:15pm: Estela Montiel Kika Romero

EMHC February 1/2

Sun 5:30pm: Carmen Coonrod
 Andrea Cardon
Sun 10:00am: Donna Caughron Lily Olivarez
Dom 12:15pm: Edwin Rivas, Nancy Miranda y Bernarda Abreu
EMHC February 8/9
5:30 Sat 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros
 Carmen Coonrod
Sun 10:00am: KOC
Dom 12:15pm: Edwin Rivas, Eduardo y Rosa Arevalo

Those Who Serve Our Country

Angelica Sanchez, Aaron Ripley Kiser, Jarren Morua, Anthony Morua, Mark Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia, Trenton Cavness, Dyan Self, Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-Miranda

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Announcements

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS: Meets second Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm in the KOC hall
GUADALUPANAS SOCIETY: Meets every first Saturday of the month @ 11:30am, starting with Rosary, Divine Mercy, Mass and ending with Meeting.
GRUPO SAN BENITO: Ven a sentir el abrazo de Jesús, nos reunimos en los Lunes 7:00pm en el pasilo arriba de la cafeteria.
MENS PRAYER GROUP: Men's prayer group, meets every Thursday morning @ 6:00am in the upstairs hall.
ROSARY CRUSADE: Every Wednesday @ 6:00pm, call Vicki Franco 512-540-1199 for more info
CRUZADA DEL ROSARIO: Cada Miercoles, las 6:00pm. Por favor no dude en unirse con nosotros
RCIA CLASS: Mondays @ 7:00pm
CONFIRMATION CLASS: Meets Sundays @ 9:00am in upper hall
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: Meets Mondays @ 6pm in cafeteria

SECOND SUNDAY MOVIE NIGHT: Showing "THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*", Sunday February 9th @ 5:00pm.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, February 11 @ 6:00pm.

REUNION DEL CONSEJO PARROQUIAL: Martes, el 11 de Febrero a las 6:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY: February/ 26 @6:30am and 7:30pm (No CCE on this day)

MIERCOLES DE CENIZA: Febrero 26 at 6:30am and 7:30pm (No hay CCE en este dia).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: On Fridays, beginning, February 28 @ 6:00pm

VIACRUCIS: En los Viernes, comenzando, Febrero 28 a las 6:00pm

Good Shepherd Announcements

FLOWERS: Rebecca Britton

ALTAR: Linda Klose

LECTOR: Missy Buckley

EMHC: Nelda DeRiso, Edna Torres & Adelaida Martinez

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: Please join us Thursdays @ 4:15 in the Family Life Center.

WEEKDAY MASS: NO MASS on Wednesday
SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Please join us for some breakfast and fellowship after Mass, Sunday, February 9th

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, February 19 @ 6:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Beginning every Friday during Lent beginning February 28 @ 6:00pm

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: January 26
 Weekly Offering: \$327.00

St. Mary/Good Shepherd Announcements:

SUBSCRIBE TO PARISH UPDATE:

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EIM WORKSHOP NEWS:

Schedule for February:

St Eugene/McGregor (English) 2/8-9:00am
 St John /Marble Falls (English) 2/8-10:00am
 St Ann/Somerville (English) 2/8/2020-10:00am
 Holy Cross/Austin (English) 2/9-12:00pm
 St John Neumann/Austin (English) 2/13-7:00pm
 University Catholic Center/Austin (English) 2/18-7:00pm
 St Martin de Porres/Dripping Springs (English) 2/20-10:00am
 St Thomas Aquinas/College Station (English) 2/20-6:30pm
 St Mary Catholic School/West (English) 2/20-6:30pm
 St William/Round Rock (English) 2/22-9:00am
 St William/Round Rock (Spanish) 2/22-5:00pm
 St John/Marble Falls (English) 2/22-2:00pm
 Sacred Heart/La Grange (English) 2/23-2:00pm
 St Paul Chong Hasang/Harker Heights (English) 2/29-9:00am
 Our Lady of San Juan/Moody (Spanish) 2/29-3:00pm

The EIM Office annually requests membership lists for all persons in ministries/groups/organizations which require compliance with EIM policies (visit austindiocese.org/eim-policies). Please send your membership list to your parish EIM site administrator. Please include last name, first name, other last names used, nick names or other names known as at the parish, their email address and mailing address. All lists should be provided to **Carol Boberg**, your site administrator, by Friday March 6th. Thank you for your assistance. The EIM Office is in the process of helping all applicants update their email address in their EIM account in order to improve communication regarding EIM compliance matters. Please login to your EIM account at eappsdb.com/austin to update your email address (in Main Application section). If you are not able to login, email the parish EIM site administrator **Carol Boberg** at smccltx3@gmail.com with your full name, your nickname or name known as at the parish, and your correct email address. Thank you for your help.

NO GREATER LOVE: During Lent at *Good Shepherd* on Thursdays, beginning March 5th @ 7:00pm. While taking this study class, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love---drawing closer to Jesus than ever have before.